

# THE KERALA BACKWATERS - INDIA RIVER CRUISE

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The Kochi Pandaw will operate weekly an eight-day circular itinerary from Kochi port visiting the main towns and remoter areas of the backwaters with its 900km of waterways that connect rivers with lakes. There will be exciting visits to ancient churches, Hindu temples, artisan villages and the legendry beaches of the Malabar coast.

Cochin International Airport has flights connecting to Europe with the Middle Eastern airlines and direct flights to most South-East Asian cities in addition to domestic flights connecting to most major Indian cities.



#### **ITINERARY**

DAY 1 ARRIVE KOCHI

Meet your guide and transfer to Maradu Port to board the RV Kochi Pandaw. After lunch, set off for an orientation tour of Kochi, the exotic capital of Kerala state on the Malabar Coast.

DAY 2 KOCHI





Visit Fort Kochi, St Louis's church and Jew Town with its old Paradesi synagogue, museums, the Shiva temple, markets and much else. Afternoon sail to a village of coir weavers/shell harvesters and see many indigenous techniques of local fishing by small scale Chinese nets and fish traps.

#### DAY 3 THE THANNERMEKKOM BUND

The Syrian Village in Kerala showcases a unique blend of traditional Syrian Christian culture and heritage. Explore its distinctive architecture, historic churches, and local customs. This village offers a glimpse into the rich, diverse cultural tapestry of Kerala's Syrian Christian community.

In the afternoon visit Kumarakom Bird Sanctuary followed by the Craft Museum, showcasing Kerala's rich artisanal heritage. Explore traditional crafts, including intricate wood carvings, handwoven textiles, and vibrant pottery. This museum offers a unique glimpse into the region's cultural craftsmanship and artistic traditions.

#### DAY 4 NATTAKAM

The Munroe lighthouse for panoramic views of the Kerala coastline. This historic lighthouse, built in 1885, guides ships with its striking beacon. Explore its rich maritime history and enjoy breathtaking vistas of the Arabian Sea and surrounding landscapes.

#### DAY 5 KAVALAM

At this fishing village canals meet and here experience traditional Kerala life. Explore the picturesque waterways, bustling fishing activities, and authentic village charm

On to Kettuvalom to visit a boat yard where traditional methods of wooden boat building by joining wooden planks using coir, cotton and natural resin.

After lunch, explore Allapphuza (Alleppey) Harbour on foot, a bustling hub of Kerala's backwater network with traditional houseboats and vibrant fishing activities. This lively port offers a glimpse into the local maritime culture and the scenic beauty of the region's interconnected waterways.

#### DAY 6 ALLAPUZHA - THOTTAPALLI

Sail the Pampa River and visit ancestral home of Kuriakose Elias Chavara, the birthplace of this revered saint and social reformer, and gain insights into his life, contributions, and Kerala's Christian heritage.

Sail on to Champakulam, and the Kalloorkad St. Mary's Basilica founded in AD427 and is one of the oldest churches in India. Renowned for its impressive Gothic architecture, the basilica features intricate stained-glass windows, soaring spires, and detailed frescoes. The basilica is a major pilgrimage site, drawing visitors for its annual feast of the Virgin Mary. Nearby, is the Karumadi Kuttan, a monumental black stone Buddha that dates to the 9th century, reflecting the region's ancient Buddhist influences.

Evening moor in Thottapalli where it is a short stroll to the glistening white beaches.

#### DAY 7 PERUMPALAM

After a morning walk on the beach at Thottapalli return up the Pampa River to re-enter the Venband Lake and on to Perumpalam Bhagavathy Temple, a notable temple with female priests it is renowned for its unique practice of women priests. Then visit the ancient village of Mannar, known for its metal work. Watch the casting of traditional lamps, ornate locks, bells, cauldrons, and various vessels used in temples.

#### DAY 8 RETURN - KOCHI FOR DISEMBARKATION

Dissembarkation and transfers to the Cochi International Airport.

#### Please note:

Itineraries are subject to change.





# YOUR SHIP: KOCHI PANDAW

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**VESSEL TYPE:** Small Ship River Cruise

LENGTH:

PASSENGER CAPACITY: 10

**BUILT/REFURBISHED:** 

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#### **ACCOMMODATION**

4 upper deck staterooms and 6 main deck staterooms

Staterooms are 170 square feet (16sqm), finished in teak and brass

Panoramic French window

Kimonos and slippers

Spa-branded amenities

Unlimited mineral water

Electric mini safe

Imported quality linens with duvet and two kind of pillows

Premium mattresses

Convertible bed configuration

Welcome flower arrangement and welcome gift

Make-up mirror

Multi-configuration plugs

Generous closet space and under-bed storage

Hair dryer

Nightly turndown service

24hr laundry service

Complimentary evening canapes

Yoga mats in all cabins

WINING & DINING

Local master chef heading an experienced international culinary

team

Personalized meal services

Daily lean & light menu options

Complimentary local mineral water, jugged coffee, teas &

tisanes

Extensive wine list with premium wines

Welcome Drink on arrival

Welcome cocktail

**Farewell Reception** 

Theme- and gala dinners

Open air lounge and bar

Al fresco bistro style dining

ON EXCURSIONS

Admissions

Shoe cleaning after excursions

Bottled drinking water

We give away aluminium water bottles

Cold towel service after excursions

Refreshing drink following excursions

1st aid trained assistant guide to follow all tours and excursions





#### **SAFETY & SECURITY**

All onboard crew is trained and certified as per international marine standards

Fire alarm system in all cabins, public areas and back areas Fire fighting system in all ship areas

Expert marine superintendant

24 hour watch on duty

ONBOARD STAFF

Captain

**River Pilot** 

First Officer

**Chief Engineer** 

1st Engineer

Electrician

Bosun & nautical crew

Ship manager

Housekeeping

**Dining** 

Bar keeper

Chefs

Local tour guides

**PUBLIC SPACES** 

Guest relation deck

Library with contemporary and classic literature

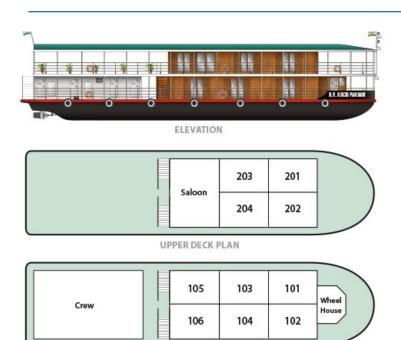


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# **INSIDE YOUR SHIP**



Main Deck Twin Sharing



Upper Deck Twin Sharing





23-Sep-2025 to 30-Sep-2025		
Main Deck Twin Single Use	7595 AUD pp	
Main Deck Twin Sharing	7595 AUD pp	
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	9494 AUD pp	
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	9494 AUD pp	
30-Sep-2025 to 07-Oct-2025		
Main Deck Twin Single Use	7644 AUD pp	
Main Deck Twin Sharing	7644 AUD pp	
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	9555 AUD pp	
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	9555 AUD pp	
08-0ct-2025 to 15-0ct-2025		
Main Deck Twin Sharing	7644 AUD pp	
Main Deck Twin Single Use	9173 AUD pp	
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	9555 AUD pp	
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	11467 AUD pp	
15-Oct-2025 to 22-Oct-2025		
Main Deck Twin Sharing	9343 AUD pp	
Main Deck Twin Single Use	11212 AUD pp	
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	11679 AUD pp	

Main Deck Twin Single Use	7693 AUD pp
Main Deck Twin Sharing	7693 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	9617 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	9617 AUD pp
31-0ct-2025 to 07-Nov-2025	
Main Deck Twin Sharing	10193 AUD pp
Main Deck Twin Single Use	12231 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	12741 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	15289 AUD pp
08-Nov-2025 to 15-Nov-2025	
Main Deck Twin Sharing	10258 AUD pp
Main Deck Twin Single Use	12310 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	12822 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	15387 AUD pp
15-Nov-2025 to 22-Nov-2025	
Main Deck Twin Sharing	9343 AUD pp
Main Deck Twin Single Use	11212 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	11679 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	14015 AUD pp
23-Nov-2025 to 30-Nov-2025	
Main Deck Twin Single Use	9343 AUD pp
Main Deck Twin Sharing	9343 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	11679 AUD pp

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23-0ct-2025 to 30-0ct-2025

**Upper Deck Twin Sharing** 



01-Dec-2025 to 08-Dec-2025		
Main Deck Twin Sharing	10193 AUD pp	
Main Deck Twin Single Use	12231 AUD pp	
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	12741 AUD pp	
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	15289 AUD pp	
14-Jan-2026 to 21-Jan-2026		
Main Deck Twin Sharing	10193 AUD pp	
Main Deck Twin Single Use	12231 AUD pp	
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	12741 AUD pp	
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	15289 AUD pp	
21-Jan-2026 to 28-Jan-2026		
Main Deck Twin Sharing	9343 AUD pp	
Main Deck Twin Single Use	11212 AUD pp	
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	11679 AUD pp	
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	14015 AUD pp	
29-Jan-2026 to 05-Feb-2026		
Main Deck Twin Sharing	9343 AUD pp	
Main Deck Twin Single Use	11212 AUD pp	
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	11679 AUD pp	
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	14015 AUD pp	

05-Feb-2026 to 12-Feb-	-2026
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Main Deck Twin Sharing	10193 AUD pp	
Main Deck Twin Single Use	12231 AUD pp	
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	12741 AUD pp	
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	15289 AUD pp	
13-Feb-2026 to 20-Feb-2026		
Main Deck Twin Sharing	10258 AUD pp	
Main Deck Twin Single Use	12310 AUD pp	
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	12822 AUD pp	
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	15387 AUD pp	

21-Feb-2026 to 28-Feb-2026	
Main Deck Twin Sharing	8494 AUD pp
Main Deck Twin Single Use	10193 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	10617 AUD pp

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Main Deck Twin Sharing	9343 AUD pp
Main Deck Twin Single Use	11212 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	11679 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	14015 AUD pp

08-Mar-2026 to 15-Mar-2026	
Main Deck Twin Single Use	8494 AUD pp
Main Deck Twin Sharing	8494 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	10617 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	10617 AUD pp



28-Feb-2026 to 07-Mar-2026



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Main Deck Twin Sharing	9343 AUD pp
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Upper Deck Twin Single Use	14015 AUD pp

## 22-Sep-2026 to 29-Sep-2026

Main Deck Twin Sharing	9343 AUD pp
Main Deck Twin Single Use	9343 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	11679 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	11679 AUD pp

#### 29-Sep-2026 to 06-Oct-2026

Main Deck Twin Sharing	9343 AUD pp
Main Deck Twin Single Use	11212 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	11679 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	14016 AUD pp

07-0ct-2026 to 14-0ct-2026

Main Deck Twin Sharing	9343 AUD pp
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Upper Deck Twin Sharing	11679 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	14016 AUD pp

#### 14-0ct-2026 to 21-0ct-2026

Main Deck Twin Sharing	9343 AUD pp
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Upper Deck Twin Sharing	11679 AUD pp
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20-Jan-2027 to 27-Jan-2027

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Upper Deck Twin Sharing	11679 AUD pp
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## 28-Jan-2027 to 04-Feb-2027

Main Deck Twin Sharing	9463 AUD pp
Main Deck Twin Single Use	11356 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	11829 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	14195 AUD pp

## 04-Feb-2027 to 11-Feb-2027

Main Deck Twin Sharing	9343 AUD pp
Main Deck Twin Single Use	11212 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	11679 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	14016 AUD pp

## 12-Feb-2027 to 19-Feb-2027

Main Deck Twin Sharing	9523 AUD pp
Main Deck Twin Single Use	11427 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	11904 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	14285 AUD pp

#### 20-Feb-2027 to 27-Feb-2027

Main Deck Twin Sharing	9343 AUD pp
Main Deck Twin Single Use	11212 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	11679 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	14016 AUD pp





#### 27-Feb-2027 to 06-Mar-2027

Main Deck Twin Sharing	11284 AUD pp
Main Deck Twin Single Use	13541 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	14105 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	16927 AUD pp

#### 07-Mar-2027 to 14-Mar-2027

Main Deck Twin Single Use	9343 AUD pp
Main Deck Twin Sharing	9343 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	11679 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	11679 AUD pp

#### 15-Mar-2027 to 22-Mar-2027

Main Deck Twin Sharing	9343 AUD pp
Main Deck Twin Single Use	11212 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	11679 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	14016 AUD pp

## 22-Mar-2027 to 29-Mar-2027

Main Deck Twin Sharing	9463 AUD pp
Main Deck Twin Single Use	11356 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	11829 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	14195 AUD pp

ADDITIONAL CHARGES: Port Taxes 65 USD pp

