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THE KERALA BACKWATERS - INDIA RIVER CRUISE

Launching in October 2025, the ten cabin Kochi Pandaw has been specially designed for this routing, whilst maintaining the much-loved classic Pandaw cabin and wrap round promenade decks. This will be Pandaw's fourth ship in India and reflects the increasing demand for river cruises in India. 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 legendary 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

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DAY 5 KAVALAM

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.

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 Allappuzha (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 Kalluorkad 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

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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

Disembarkation and transfers to the Cochi International Airport.

Please note:

Itineraries are subject to change.



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YOUR SHIP: KOCHI PANDAW

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VESSEL TYPE:	Small Ship River Cruise
LENGTH:	
PASSENGER CAPACITY:	10
BUILT/REFURBISHED:	

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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

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Upper Deck Twin Sharing	£4839 GBP pp

30-Sep-2025 to 07-Oct-2025

Main Deck Twin Sharing	£3871 GBP pp
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	£4839 GBP pp

08-Oct-2025 to 15-Oct-2025

Main Deck Twin Sharing	£3871 GBP pp
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	£4839 GBP pp

15-Oct-2025 to 22-Oct-2025

Main Deck Twin Sharing	£3871 GBP pp
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	£4839 GBP pp

23-Oct-2025 to 30-Oct-2025

Main Deck Twin Sharing	£5161 GBP pp
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	£6452 GBP pp

31-Oct-2025 to 07-Nov-2025

Main Deck Twin Sharing	£4731 GBP pp
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	£5914 GBP pp

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Main Deck Twin Sharing	£4301 GBP pp
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	£5376 GBP pp

01-Dec-2025 to 08-Dec-2025

Main Deck Twin Sharing	£4301 GBP pp
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	£5376 GBP pp

14-Jan-2026 to 21-Jan-2026

Main Deck Twin Sharing	£4301 GBP pp
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	£5376 GBP pp

21-Jan-2026 to 28-Jan-2026

Main Deck Twin Sharing	£4731 GBP pp
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29-Jan-2026 to 05-Feb-2026

Main Deck Twin Sharing	£4301 GBP pp
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05-Feb-2026 to 12-Feb-2026

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22-Sep-2026 to 29-Sep-2026

Main Deck Twin Sharing	£4731 GBP pp
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29-Sep-2026 to 06-Oct-2026

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12-Feb-2027 to 19-Feb-2027

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Port Taxes 65 USD pp