

# Keralan Backwaters



Kerala's Backwaters are a **paradise** of mangrove forests, emerald green paddy fields and coconut groves, interspersed with **enchanting waterways** adorned with water hyacinths. Formerly trade routes along which barges brought rice and spices to **Cochin**, they are now an enchanting and tranquil water-world. This unforgettable journey will transport you in **leisurely comfort** through this idyllic environment.

## The VESSEL:

### The Oberoi MV Vrinda

The Oberoi MV Vrinda is a superb cruiser, from which the magic of Kerala can be experienced in luxurious comfort and elegant style. Eight tastefully appointed luxury cabins have king size beds, large picture windows, timber floors and en-suite bathroom. Delicious international and South Indian cuisines are served, with each meal prepared to suit your taste.

### Day 1 Arrive Cochin

Arrive Cochin. Transfer to Kumarakom and board the MV Vrinda. Cross Vembanad Lake to enter the Alleppey canal and cruise the scenic waterways, returning for sunset and evening "Kathakali" dance performance. Overnight on-board Vrinda. (B, L, D)

### Day 2 Cruising on Vrinda and Rice boat excursion

Scenic backwaters reveal village and rural life. From Kanjippadam a rice boat takes you along narrow channels to see the statue of Lord Buddha at Karumadi and a traditional Kerala tharavad (home). Return to Vrinda and lunch en-route to Alleppey. Overnight on-board Vrinda. (B, L, D)

### Day 3 Cruising on Vrinda and Rice boat excursion

Sail to Chambakulam and join a rice boat. Visit St. Mary's



Church, Sree Bhagavathy Kshetram (Hindu Temple) and explore Chambakulam "snake" boat yard, where racing "snake" boats are built. Return on Vrinda to Vembanad Lake and a Mohiniatta recital (Classical Kerala dance). Overnight on-board Vrinda. (B, L, D)

### Day 4 Departure

Breakfast while cruising on Vembanad Lake. Disembark and transfer to the airport or onward travel arrangements.

