

# TRAVEL PLAN TO KOCHI

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KOCHI—WHERE RICH HERITAGE, VIBRANT CULTURE AND SERENE BACKWATERS COME TOGETHER.....



# KOCHI

Kochi (formerly Cochin) is a vibrant coastal city in Kerala, India, known as the "Queen of the Arabian Sea". It serves as the state's commercial capital, blending deep rooted history colonial Portuguese, Dutch and British influences with modern urban life. Known for its backwaters, spice trade and landmarks like Fort Kochi's Chinese fishing nets, it is a major tourist and economic hub.



# VISIT PLACES IN KOCHI

## HISTORICAL & CULTURAL LANDMARKS :-

- FORT KOCHI BEACH & CHINESE FISHING NETS
- ST. FRANCIS CHURCH
- MATTANCHERRY PALACE (DUTCH PALACE)
- PARADESI SYNAGOGUE
- SANTA CRUZ BASILICA
- KERALA FOLKLORE MUSEUM

## LEISURE & SIGHTSEEING :-

- MARINE DRIVE
- JEW TOWN & PRINCESS STREET
- BOLGATTY PALACE
- CHERAI BEACH
- KOCHI WATER METRO

## UNIQUE EXPERIENCES :-

- CAFE HOPPING
- BACKWATER CRUISE
- KATHAKALI PERFORMANCE
- KUMBALANGI VILLAGE TOUR





## FORT KOCHI BEACH & CHINESE FISHING NETS

Fort Kochi Beach and its iconic Chinese Fishing Nets (Cheena Vala) are the most photographed symbols of Kerala's coastal heritage. Located along the promenade of Fort Kochi, these massive cantilevered structures represent centuries of maritime trade and cultural exchange between India and China.



## ST. FRANCIS CHURCH

St. Francis Church in Fort Kochi, Kerala is one of the oldest European built churches in India, originating in 1503. Famous as the original burial site of explorer Vasco da Gama, it reflects Portuguese, Dutch and British colonial history through its architecture and is now a protected monument under the Church of South India.





## MATTANCHERRY PALACE (DUTCH PALACE)

Mattancherry Palace also known as the Dutch Palace is a 16th-century (circa 1545) palace in Kochi, Kerala, featuring traditional Nalukettu architecture with European influences. Built by the Portuguese and renovated by the Dutch, it houses remarkable Hindu mural paintings, royal portraits and artifacts. It is a protected monument showcasing colonial era history.



## PARADESI SYNAGOGUE

The Paradesi Synagogue built in 1568 in Mattancherry, Kochi is the oldest active synagogue in the Commonwealth. Situated in "Jew Town" near the Mattancherry Palace, it was founded by Sephardic Jewish traders Samuel Castiel, David Belila and Joseph Levi on land granted by the Raja of Kochi.

## SANTA CRUZ BASILICA

The Santa Cruz Cathedral Basilica in Fort Kochi, Kerala is one of India's eight basilicas and a premier heritage site. Originally built by the Portuguese in 1505 and later rebuilt in 1905, it serves as the cathedral of the Diocese of Cochin. It is renowned for its stunning Gothic architecture, two lofty spires and vibrant interior murals and paintings.

## KERALA FOLKLORE MUSEUM

The Kerala Folklore Museum in Kochi, also known as the Temple of Art is a private, family-run cultural hub that showcases the rich heritage of South India. Opened in 2009 by George Thaliath, it is an architectural masterpiece constructed from salvaged remains of over 25 ancient traditional structures.



## MARINE DRIVE

Marine Drive in Kochi is a scenic 3 km long, vehicle free promenade facing the backwaters, serving as a popular hangout hub in Ernakulam. Known for its iconic Rainbow Bridge and Chinese Fishing Net Bridge, it features shopping malls, food joints and boat rides, operating 24/7 with no entry fee.



## JEW TOWN & PRINCESS STREET

Jew Town and Princess Street are iconic, historic areas in Kochi, Kerala showcasing a blend of colonial architecture, cultural heritage and antique commerce. Jew Town (Mattancherry) is famous for its 450 year old Paradesi Synagogue, spice markets and antique shops, while Princess Street (Fort Kochi) features charming European style homes and cafes.



## BOLGATTY PALACE

Bolgatty Palace built in 1744 by Dutch traders is the oldest Dutch-style palace outside of Holland, located on Bolgatty Island in Kochi, Kerala. It served as the Dutch Governor's residence and later a British residence before becoming a KTDC hotel. The heritage resort features landscaped gardens, a 9-hole golf course, a marina and backwater views.

## CHERAI BEACH

Cherai Beach, known as the "Princess of the Arabian Sea" is a premier, clean and shallow beach located on Vypin Island in Kochi, Kerala. Famous for its 10-km stretch of golden sand, scenic backwater-sea confluence and occasional dolphin sightings, it is ideal for swimming, sunbathing and watersports like surfing and speedboating.





## KOCHI WATER METRO

The Kochi Water Metro is India's first and the world's largest, integrated water transport system, connecting 10 island communities to the Kochi mainland using 23 battery powered electric boats across 15 routes. It offers a sustainable, eco-friendly and scenic transport option, featuring 38 terminals, rapid charging and integration with the Kochi Metro Rail.

## CAFE HOPPING



## BACKWATER CRUISE



## KATHAKALI PERFORMANCE



## KUMBALANGI VILLAGE TOUR



KOCHI: WHERE CULTURES MEET THE SEA.....

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