





LAKES & LAGOONS
Backwater experiences



Take a detour from life
The complete backwater experience from
Lakes & Lagoons





Leave your world behind.
And embark on a new journey
with Lakes & Lagoons to
another delightful world.
Where life ebbs and flows to a
rhythm all its own. And each
moment is a celebration of the
simple joys of nature.

Leading the way

Based in Alappuzha, Lakes & Lagoons is the first and only ISO 9001:2000 certified houseboat operator in Kerala. Winner of the Kerala State Tourism Award for the best houseboat operator in 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04, the houseboats of Lakes & Lagoons have been certified under the Gold & Silver category by the Department of Tourism, Government of Kerala.

A delightful range to choose from

Lakes & Lagoons has 20 houseboats including ■ One, two and three bedroom deluxe houseboats - A/c & non-A/c ■ Lake Royale - Premium houseboats

Royal outing

The Lake Royale houseboats of Lakes & Lagoons come with one, two, three and four bedrooms and an upper deck - just perfect for a magical honeymoon.

A great beginning

Your journey will start in green and serene Alappuzha, the amazing waterways of which lend the land its fame as the 'Venice of the East'. Apart from houseboat cruises, Alappuzha is renowned for snakeboat races - the largest teamsport in the world with over 100 people in each team.



A long, winding maze of emerald waterways. Flanked by vast expanses of paddy fields and neat tiny hamlets. And embroidered by a green



lace of coconut palms that stand tall and slender against the azure sky.
Come, it's a new world.



Like the name suggests, Lakes & Lagoons offers you the quintessence of the backwaters. Thanks to the company's remarkable knowledge of this unique waterworld and its deep understanding of the customers' needs.

The complete backwater experience

The houseboats of Lakes & Lagoons are fully equipped to give you the best experience of the backwaters. For instance, all bedrooms come with double bed and a wide window that allows you to take in the spectacular views of the beautiful waterways. A spick and span micro-kitchen with all modern facilities and a separate dining room where you can sit down and enjoy the delicacies conjured up in the kitchen are other add-ons.

Comfort zone

A well-experienced crew including a captain, engine driver and a cook, makes sure that every holiday with Lakes & Lagoons is truly memorable. With all the members being natives of the region, their knowledge of the land comes to good use in ensuring that the travellers have an enjoyable time. A special guide service (French, German, Italian & Spanish) is available for those who are not familiar with English. A backup office further ensures that the guests are well taken care of.

Your floating holiday home

About 80 to 100 feet in length, with a width of around 15 feet in the middle, the houseboats of Lakes & Lagoons, like the traditional houseboats of Kerala, are remarkable specimens of workmanship. Constructed using the ancient principles of boat building, the materials that go into its making are local and eco-friendly. Making it a holiday home that blends perfectly with nature.



A kingfisher muses on a branch before darting down into the waters for a fresh catch. A flock of birds fly past, speckling the cloudless sky with bright colours. And in the serene waters, pink, white and yellow water lilies join in the merry dance of the ripples.

Wake up, it's a new day.



Lakes & Lagoons opens up the backwaters like never before. Our houseboat cruises give you a chance to savour not just the beauty of this land, but also a rich sampling of the deliciously slow pace of life.

Refreshing holiday options

Go on a day cruise. Opt for an overnight stay. Plan a special wedding on board. Or enjoy a magical honeymoon. A wide variety of holiday and tour options awaits you at Lakes & Lagoons. You may also choose from our pre-designed tour packages. Whatever your choice may be, an out-of-this-world experience is assured.

Simply divine cuisine

Kerala's backwater cuisine is famed the world over and Lakes & Lagoons offers the very best of it. In fact, food will be a highlight of your backwater odyssey with the menu including steaming freshly cooked rice, curries with locally grown vegetables, the celebrated Pearl Spot (Karimeen) fry, the starchy tapioca and fish curry - a feast for your palate. Our Chef will also be delighted to dish out North Indian and Continental cuisine - but do let him know your preference beforehand.

Delightful stopovers

Gliding along the canals, your houseboat will stop at regular intervals for you to discover the many delights of this magical world, like Kuttanad - the rice bowl of Kerala, Champakulam - the snakeboat maker's village and of course, those fabled Chinese fishing nets introduced by traders from the court of Kublai Khan.



Little children splash and play gleefully in the water. Fishermen cast new nets of hope. A vendor, his skiff loaded with fresh vegetables row past. Flotillas of ducks glide by, followed by boats full of happy kids in their school uniform.

Delish, it's a new life.





With Lakes & Lagoons, care has been taken to ensure that you have a beautiful experience. Nothing breaks the perfect peace and every detail adds to the whole experience.

Balancing nature

It's not just guests who get to enjoy the special care from the members of Lakes & Lagoons. Nature and the environment is equally cared for, with several measures taken for its conservation and preservation. From the use of inboard engines in all houseboats to the use of eco-friendly materials in its construction, from solar panels for electricity to bio-toilets... we ensure that the delicate ecosystem of the backwaters is left undisturbed.

In safe hands

With Lakes & Lagoons, safety comes first. Which is why, our houseboats are equipped with emergency speedboat backup, in addition to the mandatory life jackets, lifebuoys and fire buckets. Mobile connectivity in all boats further makes sure that you are always secure, wherever you are.

Every journey matters

Ever since inception, ours has been a journey towards excellence. It is this focus on excellence that has inspired us to explore new horizons - to constantly strive to achieve the highest standards in the quality of goods and services we provide. And today, the wide clientele we have, including the world's rich and famous, is proof of it.



The swish of oars. The occasional 'plop' of a fish. The rustle of palm fronds in the breeze. And the gentle rocking of your floating home. A resounding quietude that envelops you in a strange peace.





HOUSEBOAT CRUISE ROUTES

Alappuzha – Kumarakom: 1 Night

Start cruise at 12 noon from Lakes & Lagoons (L & L) Jetty to reach Meenapally Kayal. Anchor. After lunch, proceed to reach Rani Kayal by 6 p.m. Anchor for the night and have dinner. Next day after breakfast, reach Kumarakom by 9.30 a.m for check-out.

Alappuzha Round Cruise: 1 Night

Board from L & L Jetty by 12 noon. After an introduction of the crew, cruise starts. Reach ‘C’ Block Kayal and anchor. After lunch, proceed to Champakulam. See Champakulam snakeboat, church, village market etc. Proceed to Kanjipadam for overnight stay. Next morning after breakfast, cruise back to Alappuzha. Reach L & L Jetty by 9.30 a.m for check-out.

Alappuzha Round Cruise: 2 Nights

Day 1: Board at 12 noon from L & L Jetty. After an introduction of the crew, cruise starts. Proceed to ‘C’ Block Kayal. Anchor for lunch. Proceed to Mancombu. Enjoy a village walk. Reach Onnam Kara for night stay.

Day 2: Cruise starts after breakfast. Proceed to Champakulam to see the snakeboat, church and the village market. After sightseeing, cruise through Thakazhy and Thottappally to reach Karumadi. After a visit to Karumadi Kuttan, cruise resumes. Anchor for the night.

Day 3: Cruise starts after breakfast to reach Alappuzha for check-out at 9.30 a.m.

Alumkadavu – Alappuzha: 2 Nights

Day 1: Start cruise by 12 noon from Alumkadavu to reach Kayamkulam Kayal. Anchor and have lunch. Proceed to Thrikkunnapuzha for a visit to the coir village. Cruise to Thottappally. Anchor for night stay.

Day 2: Cruise starts after breakfast to reach Karumadi. Visit Karumadi Kuttan and Ambalappuzha Temple, 3 km west of Karumadi by road. Cruise resumes to reach Kanjipadam. Anchor for lunch. Cruise to Champakulam. Stop over to see the snakeboat, church and village market. Cruise restarts to reach Cherukayal for night stay.

Day 3: After breakfast, cruise starts at 8.30 a.m to reach Alappuzha for check-out at 9.30 a.m.

Featured here are the cruise routes, the stopovers, the check-in & check-out points, the cuisine and the schedule of activities.

Lakes & Lagoons ~ The Cruise



SERVICE SPECIFICATION

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES I 1 night/1st night

Activity	Scheduled time	Location/status of houseboat
Check-in & commence cruise	12.00 hrs.	L & L Jetty (if not specified otherwise)
Lunch service	13.00 - 14.00 hrs.	Anchored
Cruise + tea service	14.00 - 16.00 hrs.	As per route
Onshore sightseeing	16.00 - 17.00 hrs.	Stopover at places of interest
Move to anchor	17.00 - 18.00 hrs.	Cruise
Night anchor	18.00 hrs.	Anchored
Dinner service	20.00 - 21.00 hrs.	Anchored
Bedtime	22.30 - 06.00 hrs. next day	Anchored

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES II Check-out day schedule

Activity	Scheduled time	Location/status of houseboat
Coffee service	06.30 - 07.30 hrs.	Anchored
Breakfast service	08.00 - 08.30 hrs.	Anchored
Return cruise	08.30 - 09.30 hrs.	Cruise
Check-out	09.30 hrs.	L & L Jetty (if not specified otherwise)

Check-in at 12.00 hrs. Cruise routes subject to normal weather conditions. There may be variations in time subject to the check-in and check-out points.

Other check-in points:
Kumarakom ■ Thottappally ■ Nedumudi ■ Alumnkadavu
Check-in: 12.30 hrs. Check-out: 09.30 hrs

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES III 2nd night schedule - applicable for 2 night stays

Activity	Scheduled time	Location/status of houseboat
Coffee service	06.30 - 07.30 hrs.	Anchored
Breakfast service	08.30 - 09.00 hrs.	Anchored
Cruise starts	09.00 - 11.00 hrs.	Cruise
Onshore sightseeing	11.00 - 12.00 hrs.	Stopover at places of interest
Cruise	12.00 - 13.00 hrs.	Cruise
Lunch service	13.00 - 14.00 hrs.	Anchored
Cruise + tea service	14.00 - 16.00 hrs.	Cruise
Onshore sightseeing	16.00 - 17.00 hrs.	Stopover at places of interest
Move to anchor	17.00 - 18.00 hrs.	Cruise
Night anchor	18.00 hrs.	Anchored
Dinner service	20.00 - 21.00 hrs.	Anchored
Bedtime	22.30 - 06.00 hrs. next day	Anchored

- 1 night/2 days operation includes Schedule of Activities I & II
 - 2 nights/3 days operation includes Schedule of Activities I, III & II
- Note : Management is not responsible for late arrivals and check-out time will be strictly followed as per the schedule.



MENU

Lunch

Boiled rice/raw rice, sambar, veg. thoran, vegetable fry, fish fry/vegetable dish for vegetarians, salad, curd, pickle, papad, payasam, fruits

Dinner

Chappati, chicken curry/fry/vegetable dish for vegetarians, boiled rice/raw rice, veg. curry/salad, vegetable fry, fruits

Tea Time

Tea, snacks

Breakfast

Bread + butter + jam, eggs to order, coffee, tea, fruits

Water

1 bottle (1 litre) mineral water per guest/day
Soft drinks/other beverages/additional bottle of mineral water will be charged extra

Note

- Kerala breakfast/anything additional can be arranged on prior request (at least 24 hrs. in advance).
- Minor changes - borne by L & L.
- Major changes - chargeable to customer.
- Arrival of extra person should be informed in advance.
- Any extra item should be informed while booking is done or at least 24 hrs. in advance.
- Use of fans should be restricted to nights as they are solar powered. Use during day may exhaust the power supply.
- Air-conditioner in the bedrooms will be switched on only from 9 p.m to 7 a.m. In case of breakdown, non A/c deluxe tariff will be applicable.
- Canoe rides will be at additional costs.
- Lake Royale cruises enjoy extra benefits.





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