



# BIKE & EXPERIENCE KOCHI

**Her History  
Backwater Islands  
& Charming life**

Kochi is aptly called the Queen of Arabian sea. Not many port towns in the world can boast about being influenced by so many different cultures from all parts of the world. Kochi is made up of many islands and is blessed abundantly with so much nature around. Add to it the charm of Kerala's life and you have a treat waiting for you. What better way to explore Kochi than by bikes!

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# Bike and explore Kerala's backwater village life

Hope on a bike and ride through the backwaters, explore village life, enjoy the beautiful nature and finally chill out on a serene beach.

You bike through endless stream of villages, the borders of which are not visible at all. So much of life, all around, with people from all walks of life going about their daily chores just by your side. Behind all those green forests, which one might easily mistake to be a continuous stretch of coconut palms, tropical trees and what not, you will



see house after house, from palatial villas to quite small ones; You would also notice that Hindu temples, Churches and Mosques, all amicably co-existing within few meters from each other, as they do so since 1st century AD. You will discover a typical backwater village, checkered with lagoons, fish farms, paddy fields, lakes and mangrove forests. You will

take a break by the side of the lake and enjoy a pleasant and peaceful short hike through a tiny strip of land between the lake and the shrimp farms.

A few more kilometers and you would reach a serene non touristic beach area, harbouring backwater lagoons on one side. Enjoy a swim in the calm and warm waters of the Arabian sea before you bike back towards Cochin. Say good bye to your bikes, and after a short public ferry ride, you will board the tuk - tuk (Auto Rickshaw ) and will be transferred to your ship.

Price INR 4000.00 per person (7 to 10 pax rate).

Total Biking distance, one way - 25 Kms .

Total duration - Approximately 5 hours including breaks.

Terrain - Plain, on inland state & village roads (No National highways);

Inclusions - An English speaking escort;

Snacks made of fresh fruit provided;

Other - 2 bottles of mineral water



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# Bike into Historic Kochi, a real cultural hotchpotch

The ancient port of Muziris was wiped out by floods in 1341, but it opened up a new harbour a bit south of it, resulting in the rise of Kochi. A tiny fishing hamlet till then, Kochi became world famous as the most important city in the Malabar Coast. The king of Cochin ruled from Trippunithura, a village quite away in the mainland, and permitted the Portuguese to build a fort in the early 16th Century. The Dutch occupied the fort in 1663 followed by the British in 1795. What is interesting is that the Chinese, the Arabs, the Jews were all here even much before the Colonialists. Fort Cochin now has something left from all these cultures, irrespective of why they were here, for trade, religion or occupation. Fort Cochin is



perhaps the only fort city in the world which can claim the history of three European colonial settlements in succession. All of them have influenced the growth of the region and the culture here. Not to mention about other communities from North India like the Gujaratis, Punjabis, Konkani Brahmins and so on. There is no fort remaining in Fort Cochin though.

Enjoy some local snacks and tea in a restaurant before you bike back to your start point, and will be transferred back to your ship by tuk tuk.

Rate: INR 3000 per person on a minimum of 7 persons

Total Biking distance, one way, 12 - 14 Kms

Total duration – Approximately 4 hours, including breaks.

Terrain - Plain, on inland Municipal roads (No National highways)

Inclusions - An English speaking escort

Other - 2 bottles of mineral water, tea and snacks in a local restaurant

Tuk Tuk ride.

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# RENT A BIKE & EXPLORE WILLINGDON ISLAND

Willingdon Island, the largest manmade island in India, a significant portion of this charming little Island was claimed from the Kochi lake. The idea of developing a new port in Kochi was first felt by Sir Robert Bristow, who



was appointed by Lord Willingdon, the then Governor of Madras Presidency. Willingdon Island was a major military base during the Second World War and is currently the base of the Southern Naval Command of India. Immerse yourself in a day of charm, from the majesty of the rugged coast, to the coolness of the myriad parks and lakes. You bike along sleepy, quiet roads. This tour is suitable for all ages and is a quiet and peaceful ride. This could be done on your own, even without a guide.

## BIKE RENT CHARGES

INR. 750.00 - 1 hour

INR. 1250.00 - 2 hours

## ESCORTED TOUR

INR. 1300.00 per person, on a minimum of 5 persons for 1 hour

INR. 1750.00 per person, on a minimum of 5 persons for 2 hours



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