Beyond Borders



Tours outside Sudan

from the company you can trust





The Italian Tourism Company is the largest destination management company in Northern Sudan specialized in cultural and archaeological tours, MICE and business travel; it has an operational office in Khartoum and representative office in Italy, where also its sister company is based.

The Italian Tourism Co. is a fully registered Sudanese Company, but as the name might suggest, its origins come from Italy. The founders are an Italian couple Elena Valdata and Maurizio Levi who travelled extensively through Africa with a special interest in the desert areas. They started travelling in Sudan in the '80ies. In the year 2000, they founded the Italian Tourism Co. and built two unique properties, the Nubian Rest House in Karima and Meroe Camp near the Meroe Pyramids. In July 2012 they created also an Italian NGO called Amici del Sudan – cultura e ambiente (Friends of Sudan – culture and environment) to support social projects in Sudan. Since its establishment the Italian Tourism Co. provides high-quality tourism services across Northern Sudan offering fascinating cultural tours, knowledgeable guides and unforgettable stays in its unique properties.

Now, after about thirteen years from its birth, the Italian Tourism Co. decided to open a new department, an outgoing travel agency, to offer our clients the possibility to travel beyond the borders of Sudan and to discover new fascinating destinations, carefully selected.

Each tour has been carefully selected to encompass new wonderful experiences from extraordinary landscapes, wildlife encounters and learning about new cultures and history. The wealth of knowledge and experience of our sister company in Italy, I Viaggi di Maurizio Levi, that since the 80ies offers tours all over the world, will ensure every trip is unforgettable!

The Italian Tourism Co. will be your gateway to escape from the local routine.



Our travel philosophy



The aim of our tours is to allow you to get deep inside the culture of these countries. You will visit villages and meet their inhabitants, attend local ceremonies and traditions, taste local cuisine, walk among wonderful landscapes looking out for amazing wildlife, cross forests, dunes and mountains. We focus on local culture respecting the diversity and the environment. Leave behind only footprints; bring home with you amazing memories.

The itineraries that we offer usually cover wild territories, far away from mass tourism. Our local guides deeply respect their environment, few simple rules will help travellers to respect the local environment:

- Preserve the planet and its diversity
- We do not take or buy illegal products from the land or that belong to the historical heritage of the country (antique objects, fossils, minerals, shells, corals, exotic plants or flowers and so on)
- Learn and try to use some local words especially 'Please' and 'Thanks'
- Take pictures of people only after asking for permission
- We do not leave any kind of rubbish behind

Preserving the environment we improve our life and we guarantee the next generations the right to experience and enjoy the natural treasures in the world as we did.

ETHIOPIA

The Historic Route 6 days

A cultural trip to discover the land that is considered the cradle of humankind. Following the historic route you will admire extraordinary landscapes, amazing rock-hewn churches and ancient ruins, getting a glimpse of the strong and deep religiousness which permeates the daily life of local people.





Day 1 / Khartoum - Addis Ababa: flight to Addis Ababa, transfer to your hotel and time at leisure. Overnight stay at the hotel.

Day 2 / Addis Ababa - Bahar Dar - Nile waterfalls and Lake Tana: flight to Bahar Dar and upon arrival you will proceed for a pleasant excursion to the Blue Nile waterfalls. In the afternoon, cruise on Lake Tana. During the excursion visit some interesting monasteries, dated back around 14th century, which are hidden among the vegetation along the banks of the lake and on the islands. Return to Bahar Dar, dinner and overnight stay.

Day 3 / Bahar Dar - Gondar: half day sightseeing. Departure to Gondar along an interesting route that crosses picturesque villages and breathtaking landscapes. Gondar was the capital of the Ethiopian empire in XVII-XVIII centuries; it preserves the splendour of these ancient time thanks to ruins of the antique imperial castles and the remains of some of the 44 ancient churches.

Day 4 / Gondar - Lalibela: today you will visit Lalibela. Following the local tradition, the well known monolithic churches have been built by King Lalibela, emperor of the Zaguè dynasty. This unique church complex is protected by UNESCO.

Day 5 / Lalibela - Addis Ababa - city tour: flight to Addis Ababa and later in the morning sightseeing of

capital city of Ethiopia. Visit the National and Ethnographic Museum that among several interesting rests hosts the skeleton of Lucy the *Austrolopitecus Afarensis* discovered in the Awash Valley in 1974.

Day 6 / Addis Ababa - Khartoum: time at leisure. Transfer to the airport and boarding your flight back to Khartoum.

Best time to go: October to April
Visa on arrival
Private departures with English speaking guide
Suggested departures during the religious
celebrations of Timkat (19 Jan) or Fasika (Easter)

ERITREA

and its Italian colonial architecture 4 days

A cultural trip following the steps of the old Italian colonists.

The timeless atmosphere of Asmara, its old fashioned Italian cafés, the port of Massawa and Dahlak Islands, one of the most beautiful and untouched coral reefs in the world.

So much diversity in a small country.



Day 1 / Khartoum - Asmara: from Khartoum airport board your flight to Asmara, transfer to the hotel and time at leisure. Overnight stay at the hotel.

Day 2 / Asmara - town tour: today you will proceed with the visit of the most distinctive monuments of Asmara: St Mary Roman Catholic Cathedral in northern Italian style (1922); Enda Mariam Coptic Cathedral (1920); Kulafa Al Rashidin mosque (1937). You will then visit the silversmiths' street and the old caravansary, an ancient area recently restored.

Day 3 / Asmara - Massawa: you will drive along a nice road admiring beautiful large valleys at the foot of Asmara. Along the borders of the road, on the last

part of the slope, it is possible to see fields and the rests of old mango and guava plantations destroyed during the war. Arrival at Massawa, an extraordinary and fascinating city and an important harbour with its unique Arab- African style. Walking among the old alleys it is possible to admire the Moorish architecture, the governor palace and the old *Banca d'Italia*.

Day 4 / Massawa - Asmara - flight to Khartoum: today you will drive back to Asmara (4 hrs.) and then fly back to Khartoum.



Optional extensions:

- **1 day:** excursion to Dahlak islands (fast boat cruise, bath and relax).
- **2 days:** excursion to Dahlak islands and overnight stay in wild camps on the beach at Dessei island, a mountainous island well protected from wind and humidity. This is the only island with a rock formation which are probably the results of volcanic activity.

Best time togo: October toApril
Visa to be arraged before departure
Private departures with English speaking guide

UGANDA

The land of Gorillas

The perfect trip for nature-lovers following gorillas tracks deep into the forest and enjoying savannah extraordinary landscapes. No other African destination offers such a variety of primates with easy access. Uganda is also the finest bird watching pardise in the whole of Africa.





Best time to go: all year except March to June when rains are abundant Visa on arrival Private departures with English speaking guide

The permits for the gorilla tracking are very limited. Please book well in advance.

Day 1 / Khartoum - Kampala: departure from Khartoum, arrival at the airport and transfer to Kampala. Arrival at the hotel and free time to relax.

Day 2 / Kampala - Queen Elizabeth Park: departure towards the Queen Elizabeth Park. Accommodation in a nice lodge.

Day 3 / Queen Elizabeth National Park: today you visit Queen Elizabeth N. P. to spot animals, especially chimpanzees in extraordinary forests and savannah landscapes. Pleasant cruise along Kazinga Channel to observe large herds of buffalos, hippos and crocodiles, elephants and birds.

Day 4 / Queen Elizabeth car safari - Bwindi **Impenetrable National Park:** a nice car safari in the morning in George Lake area, where in the vast prairies it is possible to spot herds of Kob antelope. elephants, some giraffes and predators. Later you will reach the region where the mountain gorillas live, crossing picturesque villages and lush bananas plantations.

Day 5 / Discovering the mountain gorilla: early morning departure towards Bwindi Impenetrable N. P. where the gorillas family tracking will take place. You will trek among the forest following experienced rangers to meet these remarkable primates. Return to the lodge, lunch and afternoon at leisure.

Day 6 / Bwindi-Lake Mburu: departure towards Lake Mburu crossing green hills, nice villages and green pastures.

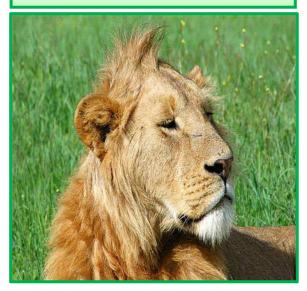
Day 7 / Lake Mburu National Park- Kampala: departure to Kampala and small detour for our last safari in Lake Mburo N. P. Arrival in Kampala and visit the African Craft Village: a handicraft market with beautiful wood sculptures, masks, jewels and fabrics. Afternoon at leisure.

Day 8 / Kampala - Khartoum: Transfer to Entebbe airport and boarding your flight back to Khartoum.

KENYA

Kenya is the Africa you always dreamed of. It is the lone acacia silhouetted against a horizon stretching into eternity. A trip to discover beautiful landscapes, abundant wildlife and picturesque Masai tribes. Kenya national parks are world well known and they offer a large choice of exclusive lodges or safari camps.

Masai Mara Safari – 4 days



Day 1 / Khartoum - Nairobi - Masai Mara Reserve: flight from Khartoum and arrival at Nairobi airport. Meet and greet with your local guide and transfer to Masai Mara Reserve. In the afternoon you will enjoy your first short safari.

Day 2 – Day 3 / Masai Mara Reserve: full days safari in the Masai Mara Reserve. A vast hilled savannah, which is the habitat of a huge number of animals. Here you will have the possibility to see very large herds of zebras and wildebeests; indeed more than one million and a half animals transit here during the big annual migration. Few places on earth support such a high concentrations of animals!

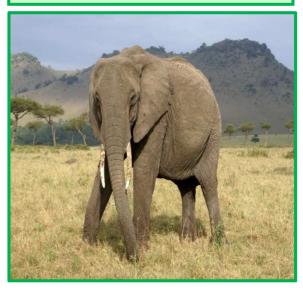
Day 4 / Masai Mara - Nairobi - Khartoum: in the morning, transfer to Nairobi and flight back to Khartoum.

Day 1 / Khartoum - Nairobi - Amboseli Park: flight from Khartoum and arrival at Nairobi airport. Meet and greet with your local guide and transfer to Amboseli Park. Upon arrival, safari in the Park.

Day 2 / Amboseli Park: the Amboseli National Park features many different habitats: very dusty and endless plains, lava rocky formations covered by thorny shrubs, some acacias forests, palm groves, lakes and swamps. The Park is well known thanks to the large quantity of elephants living here and many other animals such as lions, cheetahs, hyenas, buffalos, Masai giraffes, gazelles and zebras.

Day 3 / Half day Safari - Nairobi - Khartoum: in the morning you will enjoy your last safari in this amazing park and in the afternoon transfer to Nairobi airport to board your flight back to Khartoum.

Amboseli Safari – 3 days



Best time to go: July to October and December to February
Migration Period: August to October
Visa on arrival
Private departures with English speaking guide

OMAN The Land of Sultans 5 days

A beautiful cultural trip to discover the enchanting land of sultans crossing historical cities such as Muscat, described as the 'Jewel of Arabia', and Nizwa, one of the oldest cities of the Sultanate. It was once a centre of education and arts.

Plunge your mind in a dreaming atmosphere!





Day 1 / Khartoum - Muscat: departure from Khartoum airport to Muscat, transfer to the hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

Day 2 / Muscat - Nizwa: visit to the Qaboos mosque, a majestic white marble building with arches and minarets built in 2001. Later in the morning transfer by car to Nizwa, following a nice mountain track.

Day 3 / Nizwa - sightseeing: today you will visit the interesting city of Nizwa. We begin with the fort, that was once the palace of Sultan Bin Said, who defeated the Portuguese, and the colourful and lively souk. In the afternoon visit Jabrin Fort, old seat of the Ibaditi Imam, built in 1671, recently restored. This is a good example of defence architecture. Later on visit the picturesque village of Misfah, in the surrounding mountains, with narrow alleys and nice palm groves.

Day 4 / Nizwa - Ras El Hadd: you leave Nizwa to reach Ras El Hadd, the most easterly promontory of the Arabic Peninsula. Not far from here there is the Green Turtle natural reserve of Ras Al Jins. Your accommodation will be in a simple but comfortable resort with straw bungalows right on the beach. After dinner you will visit the beach of the national park where the turtles regularly come to lay their eggs. Turtles visit the beach all year round with the highest concentration between August and November.

Day 5 / Ras El Hadd- Muscat - Khartoum: drive back to Muscat along a nice coastal road. Transfer to Muscat airport and flight to Khartoum.

Best time to go: October to April
Visa on arrival
Private departures with English speaking guide

ISTANBUL

the ancient Constantinople 4 days



Day 1 / Khartoum - Istanbul: flight to Istanbul, meeting with your local guide and transfer to your hotel. Breakfast and city tour. You will discover the treasures of this amazing city, gateway to the Western and Eastern world. You will visit the Basilica Cistern, Hagia Sophia basilica, Topkapi Palace and the marvellous Blue Mosque.

Day 2 / Istanbul- City tour and Bosphorus ferry trip: in the morning visit to the New Mosque, the Spice Bazaar, the Rüstem Paşa Mosque and you will enjoy a small walk across the Galata Bridge. After lunch, wonderful cruise on the Bosphorus (2 hours).

Day 3 / Kariye Museum - Golden Horn - Fener,

Balat, Eyup – Pierre Loti hill: following the ancient Constantinople walls you reach the Kariye Museum (Chora Church) and then the Golden Horn and you will follow its banks till Fener and Balat districts, which are today the most authentic part of the European city side. Later on visit of Eyup, the most faithful district in Istanbul and then enjoy a wonderful sunset up on the Pierre Loti hill.

Day 4 / Ali Paşa mosque – Istanbul Modern – Dolmabahce palace – Taksim Square – Istiklal Caddesi - flight back to Khartoum: in the morning visit of Beyoglu, the most lively district in the European city side, and its Kilic Ali Paşa mosque. You reach then the modern art museum: Istanbul Modern. After that visit Dolmabahce Palace, the last Sultan residence, and Ortakoy district. From Taksim Square you will cross the pedestrian Istiklal Caddesi, beating heart of the European Istanbul. In the evening transfer to the airport and flight back to Khartoum.

Optional Extensions: one day trip discovering the Princes' Islands enjoying a pleasant ferry cruise or two days trip to Cappadocia

In an extraordinary meeting of nature's artistic splendor and humankind's resourcefulness, Cappadocia is one of those rare places that must be experienced at least once in a lifetime. With soaring rock formations, uniquely-rippled landscapes, splendid walking trails, mysterious underground cities and rock-cut churches, Cappadocia is the must-see destination in Turkey.

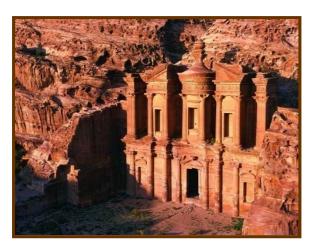


Best time to go: all year round No visa for Europeans traveller Private departures with English speaking guide

JORDAN

The gem of the Middle East 5 days

An ancient country, crossroads of nomads and great cultures. In ancient times the Nabataeans, who for centuries controlled the Incense Route across the Arabian peninsula, have left in Petra the most beautiful ruins of ancient necropolises in the Mediterranean basin. They bewitched also the legendary Lawrence of Arabia who wrote: 'you will never know what Petra is like, unless you come out here. You cannot imagine how beautiful a place can be'.





Best time to go: October to May Visa on arrival Private departures with English speaking guide **Day 1 / Khartoum - Amman:** arrival in Amman, meet and greet with your guide, transfer to the hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

Day 2 / Amman -Umm Qays - Jerash - Amman: after breakfast, visit of Umm Qays, the ancient Gadara, perched on a splendid hilltop overlooking the Jordan Valley and the Sea of Galilee, and boasts an impressive colonnaded street, a vaulted terrace, and the ruins of two theatres. You then continue southwards to Jerash, which boasts an unbroken chain of human occupation dating back more than 6,500 years. Jerash lies on a plain surrounded by hilly wooded areas and fertile basins. Conquered by General Pompey in 63 BC, it came under Roman rule and was one of the ten great Roman cities of the Decapolis League. The city's golden age came under Roman rule, during which time it was known as Gerasa, and the site is now generally acknowledged to be one of the best-preserved Roman provincial towns in the world. In the evening, return in Amman and overnight stay.

Day 3 / Amman - Mount Nebo - Madaba - Karak - Petra: morning visit of Mount Nebo, mentioned in the Bible as the place where Moses was granted a view of the Promised Land. Later visit of Madaba, also called 'City of Mosaics'. Best known for its spectacular Byzantine and Umayyad mosaics, Madaba is home to the famous 6th century Mosaic Map of Jerusalem and the Holy Land. You reach then Karak, glorious fortified town. In the evening, arrival to Petra.

Day 4 / Petra: full day visit of the city, a real gem of a glorious past. The giant red mountains and vast mausoleums are one of the greatest wonders ever

wrought by nature and man. Petra, is Jordan's most valuable treasure. It is a vast, unique city, carved into the sheer rock face by the Nabataeans, an industrious Arab people who settled here more than 2000 years ago, turning it into an important junction for the silk, spice and other trade routes that linked China, India and southern Arabia with Egypt, Syria, Greece and Rome.

Day 5 / Little Petra – Amman – Khartoum: in the morning short visit of Little Petra, nestled in a slot canyon with similar structures carved out of the cliff as Petra, but on a much smaller, and more approachable scale. Later you move to Amman airport to board your flight back to Khartoum.

NEPAL

the Kathmandu valley

6 days

A country with a rich and ancient culture that preserves the oldest Hindu and Buddhist traditions. Here there are among the world highest peaks surrounded by tropical forests and cultivated plains. The whiteness of the snow contrasts with the emerald green of paddy fields. Wonderful temples and beautiful landscapes are the highlights of this amazing trip in the Kathmandu valley. A step back in time in an extremely spiritual atmosphere.





Best time to go: October to April Visa on arrival Private departures with English speaking guide

Day 1 / Khartoum - Kathmandu: arrival at the airport, meet and greet with your guide and transfer to Nagarkot Mountain Resort, check-in and afternoon walk around the Nagarkot village, enjoying, weather permitting, a beautiful sunset view with glowing Himalaya. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

Day 2 / Nagarkot - Bhaktapur: early morning wake up to enjoy the sunrise over Himalaya: you will have 360° panoramic view of majestic Himalayan ranges. Short walk or drive to Changu Narayan, the oldest Hindu temple and visit to Bhaktapur Durbar Square, the Golden Gate, Palace of 55 windows, Lions Gate, Nyatapola Temple square, Bhairab Temple, ceramicpottery square and Dattatreya Temple.

Day 3 / Swoyambhunath, Kathmandu & Patan: visit Swoyambhunath Stupa with its 2,500 year history. Later visit to Kathmandu Durbar Square, Hanuman Dhoka, the ancient royal residence, Kasthamandap, Mahadev and Parvati Temple, Kumari palace sacred for Buddhists and Hindus and bazaars. In the afternoon, visit Patan Durbar Square, the old Newar City with the Golden Gate, the Temple of Taleju, Golden Temple and surrounding beautiful monument.

Day 4 / Sankhu, Boudhanath and Pashupatinath: drive to Sankhu village and visit to Bajra Jogini, a

typical Newari village. On the way back, visit to Boudhanath, Buddhist shrine surrounded by many typical houses and monastery of the Tibetan refuge; later visit to Pashupatinath, the most sacred Hindu temple of Shiva, at the bank of the river Bagamati.

Day 5 / Dakshinkali, Pharping and Kirtipur: tour to Dakshinkali to see the Hindu rituals; on the way back visit Pharping, and Kirtipur, one of the oldest Newar medieval settlements. Dakshinkali, 22 Km outside of valley, is one of the main temples of Nepal dedicated to the goddess Kali, where on Saturday and Tuesday you can see the Hindu rituals, with animal sacrifices.

Day 6 / Khathmandu - Khartoum: transfer to the airport and flight back to Khartoum.

MOROCCO

Imperial cities 6 days

A fascinating trip discovering the majestic Imperial Cities of Morocco: Rabat, designated as an Imperial city by the Alaouite sultan Muhammad Ibn Abdallah in the 18th century; Meknes, founded by the Alaouite sultan Ismail Ibn Sharif, who built its walls and made it his capital; Fez, founded by Idris I between 789 and 808, and several times designated as capital city and the legendary Marrakech, considered a symbol of Morocco and the power of the Almoravid and Almohad dynasties. Founded in 1071 and capital for the two following centuries.





Day 1 / Khartoum - Casablanca: flight to Casablanca, meet and greet with your guide, panoramic tour along the seaside, the harbour area, onto the city centre. Afternoon at leisure, transfer to your hotel, dinner and overnight.

Day 2 / Casablanca - Rabat - Meknes - Fez: visit of Casablanca, with its central market, the Habous district, the Royal Palace, the Mohamed V square, the residential area of Anfa, then you reach Rabat, the capital of the kingdom and one of the Imperial cities of Morocco. Visit to the Royal Palace, Mechouar, the Mausoleum of late King Mohamed V, the Oudaia Kasbah overlooking the mouth of the Bou Regreg River, the Hassan Tower, and the Necropolis of Chellah, Volubilis. Afternoon journey to Meknes and visit of the old Medina, Bab El Mansour as well as the modern part of the city. Arrival at Fez, dinner and overnight at the hotel.

Day 3 / Fez: a full day devoted to the visit of the spiritual and cultural capital of the Kingdom. You have the possibility to appreciate Moroccan traditional art such as crafts, embroidery and weaving. Lunch in a Moroccan traditional restaurant and afternoon for visits.

Day 4 / Fez - Benimellal - Marrakech: journey to Marrakech, passing through Immouzer Kandar and

Azrou, a Berber village known for its agricultural cooperative. After crossing forest and mountain areas, lunch in Beni-Mellal, and afternoon drive till Marrakech.

Day 5 / Marrakech: a full day to discover the charm of this amazing Imperial City. Morning devoted to the historical monuments: the gardens and the orchard basin of the Menara, the Koutoubia Mosque, the saadian Tombs and the Museum Dar Si Said or the Bahia Palace. In the afternoon discover the labyrinthine souks with their numerous tiny little shops bustling of activity, and Djemaa El Fna square with its medieval open air entertainment.

Day 6 / Marrakech - Khartoum: morning transfer to the airport and flight back to Khartoum.

Best time to go: October to May No visa for Europeans travellers Private departures with English speaking guide

INDIA

The golden triangle 5 days

This triangle has been dubbed "golden" for the extraordinary wealth of cultural and historical splendour on offer in each of the three cities; Jaipur, capital of the largely desert state of Rajasthan, is home to some of Asia's best bazaars; Delhi, the sprawling, fascinating Indian capital, and Agra, once the heart of the Moghul empire, with the unparalleled beauty of the Taj Mahal, which adorns the banks of the Yamuna river.





Day 1 / Khartoum - New Delhi: departure from Khartoum airport to New Delhi, transfer to the hotel and afternoon visit of the India's capital. Dinner and overnight stay at the hotel.

Day 2 / Delhi - Agra: transfer to Agra by surface and upon arrival, check-in at the hotel. Afternoon sightseeing of Agra with its majestic Taj Mahal and Agra fort. The Taj Mahal, a spectacle in white marble, shows the grandeur and opulence of that era. The awesome structure, the monument of love that Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan gave to the world, stands as a testimony of his intense love for his wife Mumtaz Mahal. Taj Mahal means "Crown Palace" and is in fact the most well preserved and architecturally beautiful tomb in the world. The English poet, Sir Edwin Arnold has described the Taj as 'not a piece of architecture, as other buildings are, but the proud passions of an emperor's love wrought in living stones'.

Day 3 / Agra – Jaipur: drive to Jaipur en-route visiting Fatehpur Sikri, the deserted red sandstone city, built by the Great Mughal Emperor Akbar as his capital and palace in the late 16th century. Arrival in Jaipur, check-in, dinner and overnight.

Day 4 / Jaipur: after breakfast, enjoy an excursion to Amber Fort, riding an elephant. Afternoon visit to the City Palace, which is an overwhelming complex of exquisite palaces, gardens and courtyards, decorative

art and carved doorways. The palace museum houses collections of rare manuscripts, armory, costumes, carpets and miniature paintings. Visit of the Jaipur's Jantar Mantar, the most famous of five observatories built by Sawai Jai Singh in India.

Day 5 / Jaipur - Delhi - Khartoum: after a leisurely morning, you will be transferred to Delhi by surface. Upon arrival, transfer to the hotel for a shower and later, transfer to the airport to board your international flight to Khartoum.

Best time to go: November to March
Visa to be arranged before departure
Private departures with English speaking guide

INDIA: Kerala

the backwaters

6 days

Resembling a massive triangle penetrating into the Indian Ocean, South India features fertile plains bounded by a beautiful coastline and pleasant great hills. An enchanting trip sailing in complete luxury among the picturesque Backwaters surrounding by a magical relaxing atmosphere. Discover the daily life of the small villages and enjoy unique overnight stays on the water, under a wonderful starry sky: a real paradise on earth.





Best time to go: November to April Visa to be arranged before departure Private departures with English speaking guide

Day 1 / Khartoum - Cochin: arrival in Cochin, transfer to the hotel, check-in and overnight stay.

Day 2 / Cochin: enjoyable city tour visiting the Dutch Palace, built by the Portuguese and presented to the Raja of Cochin in 1555 AD and the oldest Jewish Synagogue in India, built in 1568 and then destroyed by the Portuguese and rebuilt by the Dutch a century later. You then continue your drive to the Chinese fishing nets reaching St. Francis Church, the first church in the new European influenced tradition. In the late afternoon you will enjoy the Kathakali dance show at a local theatre.

Day 3 / Cochin - Alleppey: morning at leisure and transfer to Alleppey jetty to embark the houseboat. The cruise starts and proceeds to C' Block Kayal. Anchor for lunch and later the cruise proceeds to Mancombu, where you will enjoy a pleasant walk in a village and the visit of Mancombu Sree Bhagavathy Temple. Overnight stay on the houseboat.

Day 4 / Alleppey and sorroundings: today you enjoy a pleasant cruise through the backwaters, visiting Champkkulam Chundan (snake boat), St. Mary's Ferona Church, the oldest Syrian Church of this region and the village market. After lunch, cruise through Thakazhy and Thottappally, reaching Karumadi and visiting the Karumadi Kuttan, an 11th Century Statue of Sri Budha.

Day 5 / Alleppey - Kovalam: after breakfast you disembark the houseboat and then land transfer to Kovalam.

Day 6 / Kovalam - Trivandrum - Khartoum: you will be transferred to the airport for flight to Khartoum.