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Beypore Uru

Beypore, Kerala

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Origin & Legacy: A 2,000-year-old maritime tradition linked to ancient trade routes with Mesopotamia, the Arab world, China, and Europe.

Design & Construction: Built entirely out of heavy timber without physical blueprints; the design, proportions, and structural calculations live entirely in the memories of master shipbuilders (Odayis or Maesthiris).

Materials: Historically built using sturdy Nilambur teak, modern vessels often incorporate imported timbers like Malaysian Kwila and teak, joined with wooden dowels and metal fastenings, and sealed using Kalpath coking (a waterproof mix of oil-infused cotton and frankincense resin).

The Beypore Uru is a centuries-old tradition of handcrafted wooden shipbuilding originating from Beypore, an ancient port town at the mouth of the Chaliyar River in Kozhikode, Kerala.



Pradeep Kumar

Pradeep is involved in the promotion and administration of the Beypore Uru (traditional wooden dhows) and tourism initiatives in Kozhikode, Kerala.

He serves as a Director with the District Tourism Promotion Council (DTPC), working alongside state tourism ministers and local artisans to preserve Beypore's 2,000-year-old maritime shipbuilding legacy shipbuilding legacy.