

21 day Tour to Delhi, Agra, Ranthambhore, Jaipur, Mumbai, Kollam, Backwater Cruise, Thekkady, Munnar & Cochin

After exploring the sights of old and New Delhi as well as the spectacular Taj Mahal, journey through the princely state of Rajasthan to take a closer look at the region's magnificent forts and explore cities that are full of atmosphere and character, set against stunning desert scenery; you then explore the financial city of Mumbai before continue your travel back in time in the spicetrading port of Cochin, with impressive cultural influences, lulled by the serene beauty of Kerala's backwaters and thrilled by the game-spotting in the jungles of Periyar, the fragrant of tea plantations and hill forests of Munnar are sure to captivate you as you discover the Spice of Kerala.



Day 1 Australia 🛧 Delhi

Fly from Australia to Delhi, the capital of India. Upon arrival at Indira Gandhi International Airport you are met and transferred to your hotel. The remainder of the day is at leisure. Stay in Delhi for 2 nights.

Day 2 Delhi

Meal: B/D

After breakfast meet your tour manager at the hotel lobby for a short briefing, followed by guided sightseeing tour of Old & New Delhi. Visit Jama Masjid the largest mosque in India built of red sandstone. Explore Chandni Chowk one of the oldest market in Asia on a cycle rickshaw. An afternoon drive past New Delhi, which will include photo opportunities of the Parliament House, India Gate and the President of India's residence. Lastly visit the Qutub Minar, an UNESCO Site with 234-step red sand stone and marble minaret.

Day 3 Delhi Agra (4 hrs) Meal: B/D After breakfast travel to Agra, the city that thrived under Mughals, home to the world famous Taj Mahal. Upon arrival check into your hotel for one night. We then visit the UNESCO Site of Agra Fort, a mixture of the Islamic and Hindu styles of architecture, then go to Itmad-ud-Daula Tomb nicknamed baby Taj.

Day 4 Agra 🛱 Ranthambhore (6 hrs) Meal: B/D

An early morning visit to the famous Taj Mahal, built from white Marble, precious and semi-precious stones. This magnificent monument reflects the influence of Persian architectural style. Return to the hotel for breakfast. Later we checkout and travel to Ranthambhore, visiting Fatehpur Sikri a UNESCO Site. On arrival check into your hotel for two nights.

Day 5 Ranthambhore (Morning & Afternoon Jeep Safari)

Meal: B/L/D

Today we can enjoy morning and afternoon game drives in the Ranthambhore National Park famous for its tigers and is one of the best locations in India to see the majestic predators in their natural habitat amongst many other reptiles, birds and wild animals. Stay overnight in Ranthambhore.

Day 6 Ranthambhore 🛱 Jaipur (3 hrs) Meal: B/D

After breakfast drive to Jaipur. Upon arrival check-in for two nights. The remainder of the day is at leisure for you to explore the Jaipur Bazaar. Besides shopping you can also watch the skilful artisans at work and witness the cultural heritage of the city unfolding a legacy of the royal past.

Day 7 Jaipur Meal: B/D After breakfast enjoy the guided city tour





of Jaipur, with a photo stop at Hawa Mahal (Wind Palace). Later continue with the Amber Fort excursion, the ancient capital of Rajasthan and the majestic palace complex built in 17th century. Later visit the City Palace Museum and Jantar Mantar one of the famed observatories complex of astronomical instruments. Overnight at Jaipur.

Day 8 Jaipur ★ Mumbai Meal: B/D Today you fly to Mumbai. Upon arrival transferred to hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure. Stay overnight in Mumbai.

Day 9 Mumbai

Meal: B/D

Morning enjoy city tour of Mumbai, touch, feel and experience the , a bubble gum glamour of Bollywood cinema, shopping malls full of designer labels, promenading families eating Bhelpuri on the beach at Chowpatty and red double-decker buses queuing in grinding traffic jams. This pungent drama is played out against a Victorian townscape more reminiscent of a prosperous 19th century English industrial city than anything you'd expect to find on



the edge of the Arabian Sea. It's a city with vibrant street life, India's best nightlife, and a wealth of bazaars; visit Prince of Wales Museum, Gateway of India, Hanging Garden, Dhobi Ghat. Afternoon visit Elephanta caves by boat (Boats are subject to operate on particular day & weather conditions). Stay overnight in Mumbai.

Day 10 Mumbai 🛧 Trivandrum Meal: B

Fly from Mumbai to Trivandrum. Upon arrival you are met and transferred to your hotel. Rest of the day is at leisure or for your own activity. Stay overnight in Trivandrum.

Day 11 Trivandrum 🛱 Kollam (2.5 hrs) Meal: B/D

After breakfast travel to Kollam, the centre of the country's cashew trading and processing industry. The Malayalam Era is based on the founding of Kollam in the 9th century and being one of the oldest ports of the Malabar Coast. The industrial centre is well known for its titanium, mineral sands and china clay and is also the birth place of the legendary art form of 'Ramanattam Kathakali'. The historical importance of the place also stems from the fact that the township was designed and built by Syrians, an instance of foreign influence on Kerala. Arrive Kollam and check in at hotel. Overnight at Kollam.

Day 12 Kollam

Meal: B/D

After breakfast explore the small village, interact with locals and experience their day to day life. Kollam is blessed with all unique features, sea, lakes, mountains, plains, streams, rivers, backwaters, forests, vast green fields and tropical crop of every variety. The sight of white egrets dipping into the clear waters of the Ashtamudi Lake on a moonlit night is simply stunning. At the many temples, mosques, churches of this town, one can meet people eager to share their stories and monuments. The rest of the day is free to enjoy the backwater recreation club. Overnight at Kollam.

Day 13 Alleppey Private Backwater Cruise Meal: B/L/D

After breakfast drive down to Alleppey to board your houseboat, the backwaters in Kerala are a world of serenity and wonderment. Over 900 km of the Kerala backwaters are navigable and have been used for centuries by the local people for transportation. This large aquatic area is a vast network of lagoons, lakes, rivers and canals, and the people who live here have created their own distinct lifestyles. Witness the peaceful way of life on these amazing waterways with lunch, dinner and overnight stay on board. This will be a real highlight of your holiday.

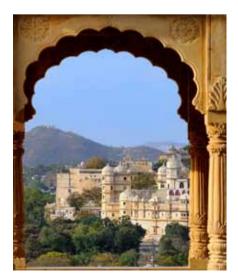
Day 14 Kollam 🛱 Thekkady Meal: B/D

After breakfast disembark from the houseboat and travel to Thekkady well known for Periyar, South India's most popular wildlife sanctuary. The sanctuary spread over 777 sq. km, it has a rich wildlife and is home to bison, wild elephant, boar, langoor, the great Indian tiger and many more wildlife species. It has an artificial lake formed by the Mullaperiyar Dam, built across the Periyar River. On arrival check in at your hotel, and after some relaxation proceed for a boat cruise along the Lake. Evergreen moist deciduous forests and savannah grass lands characterises Periyar. Overnight at Periyar.

Day 15 Thekkady

Meal: B/D

After a leisurely breakfast proceed to visit a spice plantation growing cardamom, pepper and coffee, and tea estate. Walk amidst the palette displaying variant shades of green, neatly arranged into terrace farms,



the symmetry broken only by the sudden appearance of a gurgling stream. It is believed that the spice trade dates back three thousand years in Kerala and many spices find their home here. The slanting slopes caress a variety of cinnamon, clove, nutmeg, ginger, turmeric and curry leaves. On the way back, stop by the local market to purchase some fresh fragrant spices. Overnight at Periyar.

Day 16 Thekkady 🛱 Munnar (4hrs) Meal: B/D

After breakfast travel to Munnar, the scenic beauty and marvellous waterfalls, high mountains with the low flying clouds passing by will win your heart and admiration. The town stands at a confluence of three mountain streams – Mudrapuzha, Nallathanni and Kundala. The name Munnar reflects this very fact, since in Tamil moon aar literally implies three rivers. At an altitude of 6000 feet, Munnar has been the favoured summer resort since the time of the erstwhile British rulers in the colonial days. On arrival check in at your hotel, and the rest of the day is free for your own activities. Overnight at Munnar.

Day 17 Munnar

After a leisurely breakfast proceed on a sightseeing tour of the town. Witness tea gardens spread like green carpet over hundreds of Acers, lush green hills, far from pollution, munnar is encircled by wooded hills of the Annamalai Ranges, with the towering bulk of Anamudi, which is peninsular India's highest peak at about 2695m. Sprawling tea plantations, picture perfect town, winding roads, exotic flora and fauna in its forests and grasslands, make Munnar an appealing hill station. Overnight at Munnar.

Day 18 Munnar 🛱 Cochin (4.5 hrs) Meal: B/D

After breakfast travel to Cochin, a vibrant and culturally rich, most flourishing and popular city of Kerala. Its strategic importance over the centuries is underlined by the nickname Queen of the Arabian Sea. The history of this city began when a major flood in AD 1341 threw open the estuary at Cochin, till then a land locked region, turning it into one of the finest natural harbours in the world. Cochin became the first European town-ship in India when the Portuguese settled here in the 15th century. On arrival check into your hotel and the rest of the evening is free for last minute shopping. Overnight at Cochin.

Day 19 Cochin

Meal: B/D

After breakfast proceed on a sightseeing tour of the city where the Arabs, British, Chinese, Dutch, and Portuguese left indelible marks on the history and development of Cochin. Visit Cochin Harbour terminus where the Chinese fishing net presents a wonderful sight, Mattancherry Dutch Palace and St. Francis church. This evening we witness the cultural dance show called 'Kathakali'. This dance is characterized by artistic gesticulations, amazing costumes and very extensive make-up. Overnight at Cochin.

Day 20 Cochin 🖈 Australia 👘 Meal: B

After a leisurely breakfast check out and transfer to the airport for your overnight flight bound for Australia.

Day 21 Australia

Arrive in Australia this morning.



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India Panorama Tour Dates & Prices

Meal B/D

* This tour is a guaranteed departure based on a minimum of 2 people. Full package prices above include airport taxes and fuel surcharges. * Please refer to Page 7 for <u>Tour Inclusions</u> and <u>Extending Your Holiday</u> details. * Land only price: Tour starts from <u>Arrival transfer in Delhi to Departure transfer in Cochin;</u> including Jaipur - Mumbai - Trivandrum domestic air travel but excluding any international air tickets. * Camera / video fees may apply in some sightseeing places (at your own expenses). * India visa extra see page 8 for details # Package prices of Singapore Airlines are for departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth. Any cost including hotel or meals incurred due to the connecting flight in Singapore will be at your own expenses. Stopover in Singapore permitted if flying with Singapore Airlines; extra airport taxes apply. Land arrangement in Singapore can be arranged at additional cost. Hotels used for this tour: 4* Delhi ITC Dwarka; 4* Agra Man Singh Palace; 4* Ranthambhore Shergarh Resort; 4* Jaipur Hotel Man Singh Tower, Mumbai Hotel Comfort Inn; 4* Trivandrum Uday Suit; 4* Kollam Hotel Fragment Nature; Alleppey deluxe house boat; 4* Thekkady Hotel Greenwoods; 4* Munnar Tall Trees Hotel; 4* Cochin Trident Hotel or similar. Pre / Post Stay: \$150(Delhi) / \$168 (Cochin) per room per night with breakfast