



Small Group Departure - Affordable India

Highlights of Rajasthan & Kerala

20 days / 19 nights
from **\$5319***
per person twin share

**Includes
Airfares
ex Australia
& 32 meals**

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**Delhi – Jaipur – Ranthambhore – Agra – Cochin – Munnar
Thekkady – Kumarakom – Alleppey - Kovalam**

Explore the best of Rajasthan and Kerala on this incredible tour. A great introduction to India for the first time traveller to India who wants to see a broad range of the best that India has to offer. Featuring breathtaking landscapes, spectacular cultural sites, luxurious hotels, one of India's most interesting game reserves and two dynamic cities. A highlight of the South is an overnight cruise on the scenic backwaters of Kerala, giving you the opportunity to observe the local life along the waterways.

Itinerary

- Day 1: Depart Australia.** Fly from Australia to Delhi via Singapore.
- Day 2: Arrive Delhi.** Arrive Delhi, met and transferred to the hotel for 2 nights accommodation.
Accommodation: Royal Plaza Hotel, Delhi (or similar) - 2 nights
- Day 3: Delhi.** Travel by coach to Old Delhi. Pass the Red Fort along the way before stopping in Chandni Chowk. Indulge yourself in a Rickshaw ride and view the famous Jama Masjid perhaps the largest Muslim mosque in India. Visit the famous Lakshmi Narayan temple also known as the 'Birla Mandir'. Later in the afternoon take a photo stop at the famous India Gate and also visit the Gandhi Smriti (the burial place of Mahatma Gandhi). Also visit the famous Qutab Minar. (B,D)
- Day 4: Delhi - Jaipur.** Travel to Jaipur also known as the Pink City. Explore the market and witness local men wearing colourful bright turbans describing their clan and watch women in their beautiful mirror jaded colourful clothes. (B,D)
Accommodation: Park Prime Hotel, Jaipur (or similar) - 2 nights
- Day 5: Jaipur.** A full day city sightseeing tour of Jaipur. Visit Amber Fort on the back of an elephant. Visit the City Palace and the observatory taking a photo stop at Hawa Mahal, also known as the wind palace build in the 17th century. Mesmerise yourself as you drive past the old part of Jaipur city. (B,D)
- Day 6: Ranthambhore National Park.** Travel to Ranthambhore. Ranthambhore National Park is one of the biggest and most renowned National Parks in Northern India. The Ranthambhore National Park terrain is a major wildlife tourist attraction spot that has pulled the attention of many wildlife photographers and lovers to this destination. Enjoy a village tour and stay for two nights at the resort. (B,L,D)
Accommodation: Ranthambhore Regency Hotel, Ranthambhore (or similar) -2 nights
- Day 7: Ranthambhore.** Enjoy a morning and an afternoon game viewing by canter around this amazing reserve. The park is famous for its tigers and is one of the best locations in India to see the majestic predators in its natural habitat. The tigers can be easily spotted even during the day time busy at their ordinary quest - hunting and taking proper care of their young ones. A visit to Ranthambore National Park is a treat for every wildlife and nature lover. (B,L,D)
- Day 8: Ranthambhore - Agra.** Travel to the City of Taj the most enduring monument of love to the world. En-route visit the deserted city of Mughals- Fatehpur Sikri. The city was abandoned after 15 years due to shortage of water and is also termed as a ghost town. Arrive late afternoon in Agra and remaining day is at leisure. (B,D)
Accommodation: Hotel Utkarsh Vilas, Agra (or similar) - 2 nights



Akshardham Temple, New Delhi
Red Fort, Delhi

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- Price Includes:**
- Return Economy class airfares from Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane & Adelaide via Singapore with Singapore Airlines.
 - Accommodation, tours, meals and transfers as indicated in the itinerary.
 - Services of local English speaking tour guide.
 - All entry fees to monument.
 - Airfare from Delhi to Cochin in economy class.
 - Overnight Backwater Cruise, elephant ride in Jaipur, one Basic Ayurveda Massage, Kathakali Dance show, Wildlife safari in Periyar, Spice plantation visit.
 - All collectable taxes.
 - *Pre- paid Airport taxes. Subject to alteration until final payment has been received by our office.
- Note:**
- Single supplement available on application. Ask about our companion register.
 - *Prices are correct at time of printing but are subject to availability, currency fluctuations, surcharges and are only guaranteed when paid in full.
 - Minimum of 2 passengers required for tour to be guaranteed.

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Day 9: Agra. A sunrise visit to the Taj Mahal built by Emperor ShahJahan for his beloved wife Mumtaz Mahal. After breakfast visit the famous Agra Fort followed by a visit to the Tomb of Itimad-ud-Daulah also termed as the mini Taj Mahal. (B,D)

Day 10: Agra - Cochin. Travel back to Delhi to board the flight to Cochin. In the evening explore the capital of Kerala also known as 'God's own Country'. (B,D)
Accommodation: Casino Hote, Cochin (or similar) - 1 night

Day 11: Cochin - Munnar. Travel to Munnar, famous for its tea gardens. Munnar is one of the most popular hill-resort towns in Kerala and in southern India. Munnar is located on the Western Ghats. (B,D)
Accommodation: Hotel Copper Castle Hill Resort, Munnar (or similar) - 2 nights

Day 12: Munnar. Walk through the enchanting tea estates enjoying the tranquillity it provides while watching women plucking tea leaves at the tea estate. With its unending expanse of tea plantations, pristine valleys and mountains, exotic species of flora and fauna in its wild sanctuaries and forests, aroma of spice scented cool air, Munnar is a place you will never want to leave. (B,D)

Day 13: Munnar - Thekkady. Travel to yet another enchanting destination, Thekkady. Travel to the valley of spices and see the spice plantation gardens. Thekkady in Kerala State has India's largest wildlife sanctuary and is a dream destination for any tourist visiting India. Thekkady, with its bountiful treasures of tropical flora and fauna is the ultimate reservoir of many endangered species and a rich tribal culture. (B,D)
Accommodation: Hotel Tree Top, Thekkady (or similar) - 2 nights

Day 14: Thekkady. Visit the Periyar national reserve to enjoy a nature walk. In the afternoon visit the spice plantation garden and explore the local bazaar and shop for your favourite spices from cinnamon to cloves to black pepper. Enjoy a Kathakali dance show before dinner. (B,D)

Day 15: Backwater Cruise. Today travel to Kumarakom to enjoy a backwater cruise through the mystic canals and lakes. Witness the daily life of the locals and their lifestyle as we cruise slowly down the canals. The backwater houses a variety of species of both flora and fauna. It's rich in marine life and is renowned for its mangrove shores and the bird sanctuary. The adventurous could indulge in water sports such as wind sailing and water skiing. (B,L,D)
Accommodation: Deluxe House Boat (or similar) - 1 night

Day 16-18: Alleppey - Kovalam. Disembark and travel to Kovalam to enjoy an Ayurveda massage and relax at the beach. Kovalam beach is known as the "Paradise of the South". "Kovalam" means a grove of coconut trees and true to its name the village offers an endless sight of coconut trees. This beach paradise creates a unique aquarelle on moonlit nights. (B,D)
Accommodation: Uday Samudra Beach Resort, Kovalam (or similar) - 3 nights

Day 19: Trivandrum - Australia. Met and transferred to Trivandrum Airport for the flight back home to Australia, via Singapore. (B)

Day 20: Arrive Australia



Bengal Tiger cubs resting, Ranthambore National Park, India



Munnar Tea Garden



Spice Markets, Cochin



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