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DISCOVER SOUTH & NORTH INDIA TOUR WITH HALFBOARD MEALS

Chennai*Velankanni*Madurai*Alleppey*Kochi*Ooty*
Bangalore*Delhi*Agra*Jaipur*Delhi
Departing 26TH Jan 2020
PACKAGE PRICE: \$3,990/- TWIN \$4,910/- SINGLE

26TH JAN 20: DAY 1 MELBOURNE/SINGAPORE/CHENNAI

Depart Melbourne by flight SQ218 at 0105 hrs to arrive Singapore at 0545 hrs and connect to flight MI436 at 0700 hrs to arrive Chennai at 0845 hrs. On arrival, our Representative will meet you in the arrival Hall, he will greet you with a Mouli Ritual. Later transfer to your Hotel. (Standard check-in time is 12noon)



Chennai is located on the south-eastern coast of

India, and has an interesting architectural mix reflecting different cultural influences. The origin of Chennai is still a mystery with very little historical background. Various historians have different views on its origin.

Overnight stay and dinner at Hotel JP Hotel

27TH JAN 20: DAY 2 CHENNAI CITY TOUR

Morning breakfast at hotel. Chennai guided tour of the well-preserved architectural legacy of the colonial period in Chennai including Fort St. George, St. Andrew's Kirk and The Church of St Mary, the first Anglican Church in Asia.

Later take a tour of Mylapore markets as your guide peels off the layers of dust into a living history, museum and a repository of the culture and heritage of Mylapore. Visit the famous 9th



century Kapaleeshwar temple and its beautiful tank monuments. If you and not too tired you can make a stop at Marina beach and enjoy a stroll.

Overnight stay and dinner at Hotel JP Hotel

28TH JAN 20: DAY 3 EXCURSION TO MAHABALIPURAM (By Surface)

Morning breakfast at hotel. Later proceed driving for day excursion to Mahabalipuram for its UNESCO group of monuments i.e. Five Rathas & Sea shore temple.

Overnight stay and dinner at Hotel JP Hotel

29TH JAN 20: DAY 4 DRIVE FOR VELANKANNI (320 KMS/8-9 HRS)

Morning breakfast at hotel. Later proceed driving for Velankanni.

Overnight stay and dinner at Hotel MGM Vailankanni Residency

30TH JAN 20: DAY 5 VELANKANNI

Morning breakfast at hotel. Velankanni, a hamlet on the sandy shores of the Bay of Bengal on the Coramandal coast. Tradition recounts that Mother Mary appeared with the Infant Jesus in this small hamlet at the end of the 16th or in the early 17th century. Full day dedicated for on arrival proceed to the Shrine Basilica, comprising of three Churches, Our Lady's Tank, Priests' Residence & Shrine Mega Mahal..



Overnight stay and dinner at Hotel MGM Vailankanni Residency

31ST JAN 20: DAY 6 DRIVE FOR MADURAI

(250 KMS/6-7 HRS)

Morning breakfast at hotel.

Later proceed driving for Madurai and check-in at the hotel. Afternoon sightseeing tour of Madurai visiting the Meenakshi temple and Tirumala Nayak Palace. Overnight stay and dinner at Hotel Royal Court

01ST FEB 20: DAY 8 DRIVE FOR KOCHI

(280 KMS/8 HRS)

Later proceed driving for Kochi and check-in at the hotel. Rest of the day free.

Overnight stay and dinner at Hotel The Dunes Cochin

02nd FEB 20: DAY 9 IN KOCHI

(By Surface)

Morning breakfast at Hotel. City tour of Kochi including Jewish Synagogue & Matancherry Museum.

Overnight stay and dinner at Hotel The Dunes Cochin

03rd FEB 20: DAY 7 DRIVE FOR ALLEPPEY

(280 KMS/8 HRS)

Morning breakfast at Hotel.

Later proceed for Alleppey and check-in at the Deluxe Houseboat. Lunch on boat and continue with sailing through the backwaters looking at the routine life of the habitants living on island/shore.

Overnight stay and dinner at **Deluxe House boat**

04th FEB 20: DAY 10 DRIVE FOR OOTY

(300 KMS/8-9 HRS)

Post breakfast, proceed driving for Coonor by road covering distance of aprox 280 km, which will roughly take 6-7 hrs. After reaching Coonor visit the railway station experience Nilgiri the Mountain Railway also known Tov Train as introduced in 1899. Board the train and continue towards Ootv. Accorded with a Heritage UNESCO World tag,



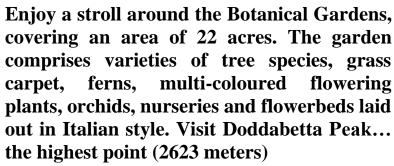
leisurely train journey meanders along 208 curves, charming valleys, hills, tunnels and viaducts. The train ride is just one among the thousands of things you can do here, in the Blue Mountains.

On arrival in Ooty you will de-board the train and continue journey towards your hotel.

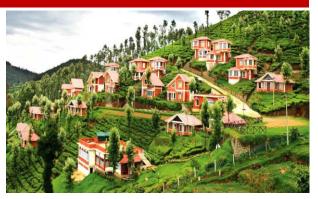
Overnight stay and dinner at Hotel **Gem Park Ooty**.

05th FEB 20: DAY 11 IN OOTY

Today post breakfast proceed for sightseeing tour of Ooty, known as the 'Queen of Hill Stations'. Nestled in the Nilgiri Hills, Ooty is a feast for the eyes, with its lofty, eucalyptus covered mountains, dense forests, and acres and acres of tea estates.



in the Nilgiris, at the junction of the Western and Eastern Ghats. The top of the peak offers beautiful vistas of the Nilgiri Hills. To conclude your tour, explore Raj Bhavan. Built in 1877 by the Duke of Buckingham, Government House or Raj Bhavan is a





sprawling, cream-coloured mansion, overlooking the Botanical Gardens.

Overnight stay and dinner at Hotel **Gem Park Ooty**.

06th FEB 20: DAY 12 DRIVE FOR BANGALORE (280 KMS/8 HRS)

After breakfast leave for Mysore and visit the famed Mysore Palace and also try out the famous dessert of Mysore the Mysore Pak. Then continue for Srirangapatna where you visit the Shrine of Tippu Sultan, the Muslim king who opposed the British rule. After a quick stopover continue for Bangalore by road, which is around 280 km which will take approx 9-11 hrs of driving time.







07th FEB 20: DAY 13 BANGALORE CITY TOUR & DINNER WITH A LOCAL MUSLIM FAMILY

Morning breakfast at hotel. Later enjoy sightseeing tour of Bangalore, also known as 'The Garden City'. Visit Cubbon Park, the 120-hectare park located near the Vidhan Soudha a lush, grassy expanse of rolling lawns with colourful flowerbeds. Take a tour of the Vidhana Soudha ...one of the most imposing buildings Bangalore. Built in the Neo-Dravidian style, it houses the Legislative

Chambers of the state government. Also visit the Lal Bagh Botanical Gardens. Next, proceed to the famous Bull Temple, dedicated to Nandi Bull. Built in the Dravidian style, the temple houses a huge monolithic idol of Nandi. Conclude you tour with a visit to Tipu Sultan's Fort, the summer residence of Tipu Sultan. The Palace inside the Fort is a two storied wooden structure, carved out of teakwood with decorated pillars, concave arches and balconies.

Evening visit the shopping heaven of Commercial Street where you will be left by yourself for 2 hours to meet your shopping requirements.







After your shopping, you will then be taken to a local family's house for dinner where you will have home cooked Muslim cuisine consisting of Biryani, Phal, Paratha & dessert.

Overnight stay and dinner at Hotel Vividus

08TH FEB 20: DAY 14 BANGALORE - DELHI

Morning breakfast at Hotel. In time transfer to airport to board flight for the capital city of India "Delhi". On arrival your will be transferred to your Hotel. Later proceed for a half-day tour of Delhi. This fascinating city has been in existence since the 6th century BC and has seen ups and downs from the rule of the Pandavas right up to the British Raj. Visit Jama Masjid, which is the





largest mosque in India, commissioned by Emperor Shah Jahan. The courtyard of the mosque can hold about 25,000 worshippers. Enjoy a rickshaw ride in Chandni Chowk, the busiest market in Old Delhi...noisy, chaotic and uniquely Indian. Drive past Red Fort, President House, India Gate and several other government buildings in Edwin Lutyen's modern Delhi before you head to Rajghat, the memorial to Mahatma Gandhi that marks the spot where Mahatma Gandhi was cremated in 1948.

Overnight stay and dinner at Hotel Piccadily Janak Puri

09TH FEB 20: DAY 15 IN DELHI

Morning breakfast at hotel.

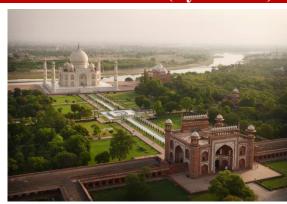
Later proceed for sightseeing visit of Qutub Minar, which is the tallest brick minaret in the world; it was commissioned by Qutbuddin Aibak, the first Muslim ruler of Delhi. Afternoon visit to the Tomb of Mughal Emperor Humayun, commissioned by his wife Hamida Banu Begum in 1562. It was the first garden tomb built in the Indian sub-continent where the Persian architect used red sandstone on a large scale.

Overnight stay and dinner at Hotel Piccadily Janak Puri

10TH FEB 20: DAY 16 DRIVE FOR AGRA

(By Surface)

Morning breakfast at hotel. Later depart for Agra en route visit to Itmad Ud Daula also called as baby Taj for its inlay work. On arrival check inn to hotel. Later visit Taj Mahal (closed on Fridays), which took 22 years and 20,000 men to build, the white marble was quarried 200 miles away and was transported to the site by a fleet of 1000 elephants. Built by the Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan as an expression of his love for his

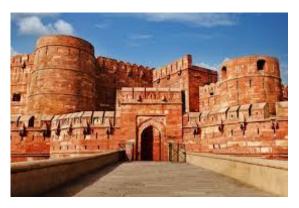


wife Mumtaz Mahal, in mid 17th century, the Taj Mahal is truly one of the wonders of the world. Though the Taj appears to be amazingly perfect from almost any

angle, it is the close-up marble inlay work, which is really astounding.

You will have ample time to view and be mesmerized by this outstanding piece of architecture.

Later visit to Agra Fort - an outstanding example of Mughal architecture. Agra Fort - the seat and the stronghold of the Mughal Empire under successive generations. This was the seat of Mughal rule and administration and the present structure owes its origins to Akbar who erected the walls and gates and the first buildings on the eastern banks of Yamuna River. Shah Jahan added the impressive



quarters and the mosque while Aurangzeb added the outer ramparts. Visit its Hall of Public Audience and its Royal Pavilions.

Overnight stay and dinner at Hotel Radisson Agra

11TH FEB 20: DAY 17 DRIVE FOR JAIPUR

(By Surface)

After breakfast, depart to Jaipur enroute visiting Fatehpur Sikri. The deserted, red Sandstone City, Emperor Akbar built that as his capital and palace in the late 16th century is an exhilarating experience. It a veritable fairytale city and its "ruins" are in pristine condition ... it's not hard to imagine what the court life must have been like in the days of

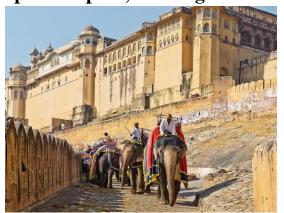


its grandeur. Also visit the Bulund Darwaza, the largest gateway in the world. Overnight stay and dinner at Hotel Lemon Tree Premier

12TH FEB 20: DAY 18 JAIPUR CITY TOUR

Today, enjoy a full-day sightseeing trip of Jaipur, also known as the 'Pink City'. The city of Jaipur is capital to the state of Rajasthan, famous for its colorful culture, forts, palaces, and lakes. Jaipur owes its name to the founder of the city, warrior king Sawai Jai Singh II. The old city of Jaipur is painted pink, which gives it a

magical glow in the evenings. Visit the Amber Fort, bordering the Maota Lake; this beautiful citadel is a fascinating blend of Hindu and Mughal architecture. The best way to explore the fort is to ride up to it on elephant back. Prominent structures inside the fort are the Diwan-i-Aam, adorned with latticed galleries, the Ganesh Pol, with a beautiful painted image of Ganesh, and the stunning Sheesh Mahal, a hall decorated with



thousands of tiny mirrors. Later stop to photograph the beautiful Hawa Mahal,

also known as the "Palace of the Winds." This beautiful façade with its ornately carved latticework windows was designed so the ladies of the palace could look out onto the streets unobserved.77 Post lunch you will visit the City Palace... again, a synthesis of Rajasthani and Mughal styles. The museums here showcase rare and ancient manuscripts, arms dating back to the 15th century, and costumes of erstwhile royalty. Later, visit the Jantar Mantar Observatory,



comprising geometric devices for measuring time, and tracking stars in their orbits. You will also visit the Albert Hall, which was modeled on the Victoria and Albert Museum in London and is a fine example of Indo-Saracenic style of architecture. Overnight stay and dinner at Hotel Lemon Tree Premier

13th FEB 20: DAY 19 FLY JAIPUR TO DELHI / SINGAPORE / MELBOURNE

Morning breakfast at hotel. In time transfer to airport to board flight for Delhi. On arrival in Delhi, you will check-in for Singapore Airlines flight to Melbourne via Singapore (flight details to be advised)

END OF SERVICES

Package Inclusions:

- Return flights with Singapore Airlines
- Domestic flights with Indian domestic Airlines
- Taxes & Fuel Surcharges
- Meet and Greet Representation at the Airports
- Deluxe category Hotels throughout the tour
- Daily breakfast & dinner throughout the tour
- Sightseeing tour in a A/C Minibus for all tours
- Services of a professional tour guide during sightseeing tours

Package Exclusions:

- Indian Tourist Visa (Cost: \$90-120 approx for non-OCI Card holders)
- Personal Insurance, we strongly suggest that you take Travel Insurance before departing from Australia
- Lunch, drinks with dinner or the items kept in mini bar provide in room.
- Items of a personal nature
- Driver and guide gratuities
- Porterage at hotels and airports

Terms & Conditions

- The check-in time is 1430 hrs and check out time is 1030 hrs. Early check-in or a late checkout is not guaranteed and is only on request.
- Any unutilised entrances/sightseeing is non-refundable.
- Prices are subject to availability of seats on the flights for which names should be advised before 1st Sep and for a minimum of 20 persons travelling together.

Travel insurance is strongly recommended.

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