

# ***INDIA NORTH & SOUTH TOUR***



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## India North & South Small Group Tour with Flights

Duration: 12 days

Stay: 10 nights hotels, 1 night houseboat cabin

Travel style: Escorted tour with international & domestic flights

Booking code: INDNSV12M

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# 12 Days India Small Group Tour & Flights

## About the holiday

Experience India's delightful diversity, stunning historic sights and cultural highlights on an intimate small group tour.

With its bursting population, vast history and authentic lifestyle, India provides an unforgettable experience and many fascinating sights. Incredible sightseeing includes Old and New Delhi, the unforgettable UNESCO-listed Taj Mahal, awe-inspiring Amber Fort, charming Fort Kochi, tea and spice plantations of Thekkady and experience the romance of cruising the Kerala backwaters

Travel the famous Golden Triangle to Delhi, Agra and Jaipur, the capital of India's Rajasthan state. Then fly south to Kochi, Thekkady and Kumarakom, before driving to Alleppey, where you'll board your houseboat and sail the exotic backwaters in a wonderful traditional rice boat.

## Why you'll love this trip...

This small group tour has a minimum of 2 & maximum of 16 travellers.

Enjoy the comforts of many nights in 5-star or 4-star hotels.

Escorted by a professional English-speaking guide throughout.

Sightseeing is included in luxury air-conditioned vehicles

This special deal includes domestic flights & international flights from Australia!

## Travel Date:

2024 - Depart Australia on select dates from July to December

*Departure is subject to confirmation and prices may vary depending on the travel dates.*

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for current rates & tour details



### Small group tour includes:

- International Flights** - Return economy airfares to Delhi & from Kochi  
Fly from Australia capital cities (*surcharges may apply to some cities*)  
Airfare includes airline taxes & fees
- Domestic Flight** - One-way economy airfare from Jaipur to Kochi
- Transfers** - Arrival & departure airport transfers
- Accommodation** - 10 nights in 5-star to 3-star hotels, standard rooms  
1 night in a deluxe backwaters houseboat
- Meals** - Daily breakfast, 1 lunch & 1 dinner
- Transportation** - travel by luxury air-conditioned vehicles as per itinerary
- Escorted tour** - Small Group Tour with no more than 16 people  
Services of professional English-speaking guide throughout
- Sightseeing** - all entrance fees as per the itinerary

### Package excludes:

- Visa fees
- Meals & sightseeing not specified in the inclusions or itinerary
- Video & camera permit fees at monuments
- Optional activities
- Personal items, such as drinks, snacks, laundry, WiFi access etc.
- Gratuities for tour managers & drivers
- Travel insurance is essential - contact us for a quote
- Prices are based on twin share, single supplement applies for sole use of rooms

***Subject to confirmation by airlines, hotels, tour company & local operators.  
Booking fees & cancellation conditions apply.***

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## Tour highlights:

- Enjoy a city tour in Old and New Delhi
- Walk through the bustling bylanes of Chandni Chowk
- Visit the UNESCO listed Humayun's Tomb in Delhi
- Witness the world's most revered monument of love, the Taj Mahal
- Admire the Jaipur's hilltop citadel - Amber Fort and Palace of Winds
- Visit the spectacular step well in Abhaneri
- Enjoy a walk through the heritage area of Fort Kochi
- Witness the Kathakali dance show in Cochin & Kalaripayattu show in Thekkady.
- Walk through the spice market in Thekkady
- Visit the bird sanctuary in Kumarakom
- Experience the scenic beauty and magic of Kerala's backwaters.

## Itinerary:

### Day 1 - Fly from Australia to Delhi, India

Welcome to Delhi. Following customs, immigration formalities and baggage collection, our representative will meet you as you exit the arrivals terminal building, after which you will be transferred to your hotel. Check-in time is 1500 hours. Rest of the day is at leisure to unwind and relax in the comforts of your hotel.

*Note: Some flights may depart the night before, to arrive on Day 1.*

**Hotel** - Hyatt Centric Janakpuri or Similar (5-star)

### Day 2 - Delhi

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast and proceed on a guided tour of Old and New Delhi. Arriving in Old Delhi, drive past the Red Fort; visit Raj Ghat, the simple but moving memorial to Mahatma Gandhi. A short walk in the narrow bylanes is full of legends and unfolds many historic tales of Shahjahanabad. Visit quaint shops with incredible wares from food stalls to jewellery.

Later in the afternoon, get ready to explore imperial Delhi. Drive past the imposing India Gate (War Memorial Arch), Parliament buildings and Rashtrapati Bhawan (the President's residence). End the tour with a visit to the UNESCO World Heritage listed tomb of Emperor Humayun. The tomb was the first garden tomb in the Indian subcontinent, a wonderful example of early Mughal architecture.

**Hotel** - Hyatt Centric Janakpuri or Similar (5-star)

**Meals** - Breakfast

### Day 3 - Delhi to Agra

After breakfast, drive to the Mughal city of Agra (205 Kms / approx. 5 hours). On arrival in Agra, check into your hotel to freshen up before enjoying a guided tour of Agra. No visit is complete without the Taj Mahal (closed on Friday), built by Emperor Shah Jahan in the 17th century as a mausoleum for his wife Mumtaz Mahal, a masterpiece in marble and one of the world's most famous landmarks.

**Hotel** - Clarks Shiraz or Similar (5-star)

**Meals** - Breakfast

### Day 4 - Agra - Abhaneri - Jaipur

Enjoy a buffet breakfast and proceed to the royal city of Jaipur (260 Kms / approx. 7 hours). En- route stop at the ancient town of Abhaneri to visit a spectacular step-well and take a short walk around the village before you continue your drive to Jaipur. On arrival in Jaipur, check into the hotel for 2 nights. This evening is free for individual activities and further exploration of Jaipur.

**Hotel** - The Fern Ecotel or Similar (5-star)

**Meals** - Breakfast

### **Day 5 - Jaipur**

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel. This morning: Excursion to the fabulous hilltop citadel of Amber Fort, en-route halt for a photo stop at the intriguing red sandstone Hawa Mahal (Palace of Winds) - a five-storied wonder with an incredible pyramidal façade, overhanging windows with lattice screens, domes and spires. Crowning the crest of a hill, the Fort offers a view of Maota Lake and the historic old town located at the base of the hill, which formed the early seat of the Amber kings before the fort was made their capital.

Following your sightseeing tour, return back to the hotel where the rest of the afternoon is at leisure.

**Hotel** - The Fern Ecotel or Similar (5-star)

**Meals** - Breakfast

### **Day 6 - Jaipur to Kochi**

After a leisurely breakfast, check-out of the hotel before proceeding to Jaipur airport for the flight to Kochi. Upon arrival, our representative will meet you as you exit the arrival terminal building, after which you will be transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure to unwind and relax in the comforts of this lovely little city.

**Hotel** - Hotel Casino Kochi or Similar (4-star)

**Meals** - Breakfast

### **Day 7 - Kochi**

Enjoy breakfast then proceed on a guided tour of Cochin. Visit Portuguese-built Mattancherry Dutch Palace and Fort Cochin area. Later visit, St Francis Church, which holds the palm-leafed title deed that the Raja handed to the occupying Portuguese in 1503. Also marvel at the intricate beauty of Cochins legendary Chinese fishing nets, unique to this part of Kerala and the testament to the Oriental influences that infuse this spice-trading coastline. En-route try your luck by helping the fisherman pull the catch of the day at Chinese fishing net.

Following the sightseeing tour, return back to hotel. This evening, witness Kathakali classical dance performance at a local theatre. Kathakali represents a synthesis of all that is best in dance, drama and music and has been recognized by connoisseurs of art, the world over as a 'total art form of immense sophistication and power'. It is the impression created by make-up and the costumes that make Kathakali a visual par excellence.

**Hotel** - Hotel Casino Kochi or Similar (4-star)

**Meals** - Breakfast

### **Day 8 - Kochi to Thekkady**

Buffet breakfast at the hotel before embarking to the green forests of Periyar in the Thekkady region (approx 160 Kms / 4 hrs). Thekkady - The heart of God's own country!

Thekkady is located about 4 km from Kumili in Idukki district. The very sound of the name conjures up images of elephants, unending chains of hills and spice scented plantations.

Later this afternoon, witness a Kalaripayattu Performance at a local theatre. It is believed to be perhaps the most ancient martial art form and is derived from the words Kalari which means "place, threshing floor, or battlefield" and payattu which means to "exercise in arms, or practice.

**Hotel** - Abad Green Forest or Similar (3-star)

**Meals** - Breakfast

### **Day 9 - Thekkady**

After a delicious buffet breakfast, enjoy a walking tour of a local plantation, allowing you to gain a first hand experience of the cultivation, growth and processing of spices. To witness the region's pivotal role in the global spice market, one must get a glimpse of the Kumily spice market of Thekkady. This afternoon enjoy a Green Walk (subject to weather conditions.) with a forest guide exploring the flora and fauna of this region. With many species of birds spotted here, the region is also an ornithologist's favourite.

**Hotel** - Abad Green Forest or Similar (3-star)

**Meals** - Breakfast

### **Day 10 - Thekkady to Kumarakom**

This morning continue the drive to mesmerizing Kumarakom (approx 140 Kms / 4 hrs). Kumarakom is a stunning paradise. The blue backwaters and a surface of Vembanad Lake reflect the azure sky. The amazing shades of green of the vegetation that include mangroves, coconut palms and paddy fields cover the verdant countryside. This afternoon, proceed on a guided tour of the Kumarakom bird sanctuary, home to numerous species of migrating and local birds. In the evening, embark on a leisure walk to explore town or visit the local market to get your hands on some wonderful handicrafts.

**Hotel** - Abad Whispering Palm or Similar (4-star)

**Meals** - Breakfast

### **Day 11 - Kumarakom to Alleppey**

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast and drive to Alleppey. Upon arrival, board your houseboat for the night. While cruising, observe and experience local villagers' lifestyles and the slower pace of this part of India. Sail through the exotic backwaters on a traditional rice boat.

This evening, enjoy a tasty dinner prepared by your private chef onboard.

**Cruise** - Deluxe Houseboat or Similar

**Meals** - Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## Day 12 - Alleppey to Kochi

After a delicious breakfast overlooking the backwaters, disembark at Alleppey jetty. Then proceed on your drive to Kochi (60 Kms / approx. 1 1/2 hours). Upon arrival in Kochi you will be transferred to the airport for your return flights to Australia that will have you home the following day.

**Meals - Breakfast**

**Please note: The day-by-day descriptions are intended as an indicative guide only. Flight schedules are subject to change without notice and hotels may be changed at the discretion of the tour operator. Travel by nature is unpredictable. Weather patterns, road conditions, public holidays, travel restrictions and many other factors may necessitate itinerary changes that are ultimately for the client's benefit. It is essential that clients are flexible in this regard.**

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