

SOUTHERN INDIA TOUR

9th January, 2020 – 29th January, 2020 (Approx)

- 9th January. Arrive Delhi. O/Night **Florence Inn, Karol Bagh**
- 10th January Ashok Pillar & Minor Rock edict. National Gandhi Museum. O/Night
- 11th January Early morning flight (6 pax) to Trivandrum. City Tour on arrival and transfer to Kovalam Beach. O/Night **Soma Palm Shore**
- 12th January Kovalam – Early lunch overlooking sea and early afternoon travel to Elephant sanctuary to see 3.00pm bathing and feeding. O/Night
- 13th January Kovalam. Half day excursion bird sanctuary. O/Night
- 14th January Travel to Kanniya Kumari (Meeting of the seas) and Padmanabhapuram Palace. O/Night **Sparsa Resort**
- 15th January Travel to Madurai. Afternoon/evening visit to Meenakshi Temple complex (closed between 12.30pm – 4.00pm) O/Night **Germanus**
- 16th January Travel to Kumily, Theddaky. Afternoon Visit Organic Spice Farm. O/Night **Spice Village**
- 17th January Afternoon visit to **National Park and cruise Lake Periyar**. Possible wildlife sightings. Visit Elephant Junction. Optional Activities. O/Night
- 18th January 'Backwaters' cruise and o/night house boat Kollum/Aleppy
- 19th January Travel to Kochi. Beach walk etc. 5.30pm Optional Make-up/Kathak Dance performance. O/Night **Fort Kochi**
- 20th January City tour Kochi. Kathak make-up/performance. If missed yesterday. Local Shopping O/Night.
- 21st January Morning flight (6 pax) to Mumbai. City tour including Gateway of India & Dhobi Ghats. O/Night **Shalimar**
- 22nd January Early morning flight (6 pax) to Aurangabad. Full Day excursion to Buddhist Caves of Ajanta dating from 200BCE to 650 AD. World Heritage Site.
Return to Aurangabad. O/Night **Aures by Keyes**
- 23rd January Early morning Flight to Udaipur via Mumbai./Delhi Late afternoon cruise Lake Pichola O/N **Karohi Haveli**
- 24th January Day excursion to Chittaurgarh O/Night
- 25th January City Palace Museum, afternoon excursion to Jain Temple at Ranekpur (closed until 12.00 noon). O/Night
- 26th January Travel to Jaipur O/Night **Carolyn's Taj Palace**
- 27th January Jaipur – Textiles/Shopping O/Night
- 28th January: Travel to Delhi O/N **Ibis Aero City**
- 29th January: Flights home
- or 29th,30th,31st January: 4 days excursion via Ranthambore Wildlife sanctuary (1 night 29th) and Agra/Taj Mahal. (2 nights 30th,31st) Delhi (1 night 1st February)
- 2nd February: Flights Home

Notes: Recommended Dress: Cover legs to below knees at least – leggings are good. Shoe string strap tops should be covered by a light top with longer sleeves. Short sleeve T-shirts OK. You will have to take your shoes off from time to time – something you can slip in and out of is advisable. A pair of sensible walking shoes also. You may need to cover your head from time to time. Temperatures will range between 14 – 28 degrees.

Options: Bring a 'universal plug' for the hand basin, as some hotels do not have them; a face cloth, hand sanitiser, coffee sachets/tea bags are good to have if you have a particular preference. Most hotel rooms will have electric jugs for boiling water. Snack bars/museli bars, biscuits. Your own medical kit comprising aspirin/pandol, immodium or lomolil, gastrolites, band aids, wipes, etc.

Additional costs: Return International airfare, tourist visa, travel insurance, any additional spending money and tips (mainly safari guides/drivers). Credit cards can be used in most places and ATM's are relatively frequently found in the larger centres but not always working. 'Cash' is preferred where ever possible!

25,000 Indian rupees cash can be taken in by each person. You can also take up to the equivalent of \$US 5,000 in foreign currency which does not have to be declared. We can exchange in Delhi/Jaipur at a good rate.

Internal Air Travel India: There are strict weight restrictions on these flights - **usually a total of 20kgs which includes hand luggage** is all that is allowed. **However our Jet Airways tickets specify 25kgs.** Excess baggage charges will be applied – **particularly to us, as we are tourists and are therefore perceived as 'rich'.**

With the exception of Spice Jet, all flights are 'full service'.