



Kettuvallams, Kerala

kerala & the southern highlights 18 days

FROM \$4,936 PER PERSON TWIN SHARE - 18 DAYS - FULLY INCLUSIVE FROM AUSTRALIA

From price includes: Tour Cost \$4,480, Airline Fuel Surcharge \$356 and Tipping \$100 (subject to change)

From the moment you set foot in southern India you will be transported to another time and place.

Southern India is very different from the north, both culturally and geographically. This amazing tour commences in the colonial city of Chennai. A journey on the Shatabdi Express train to Bangalore will delight any train enthusiast, as will the 'Toy Train' ride to Ooty, taking you through pine forests, offering the most breathtaking views. Learn about the timeless cultivation of tea as you visit a tea plantation. Look out for elephants at Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary in Thekkady and enjoy serenity as you cruise the backwaters of Kerala.

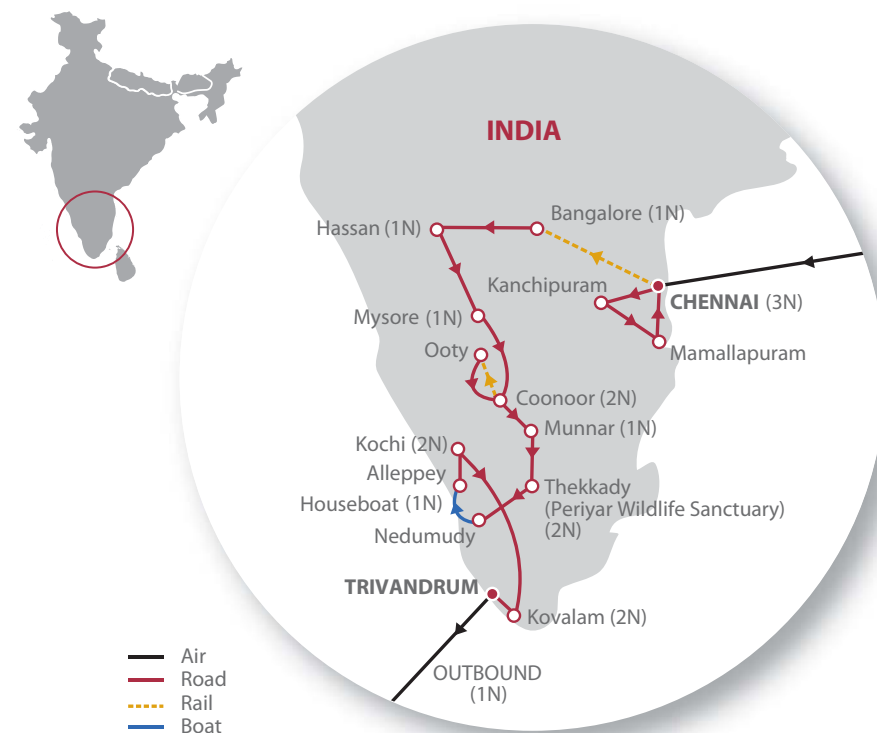
This fascinating tour is set to entice even the most widely travelled individual. Your journey will take you to one of the world's most desirable destinations, a land that will most definitely leave an impression.

inclusions

International airfares, all transportation in India, accommodation, all meals, entrance fees, guides and daily tours, taxes and charges, Australia and India departure taxes and visas for Australian passport holders

price guide

- ✈ 18 Days, Fully Inclusive Twin Share
From \$4,936 per person - Departing Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide and Perth with Singapore Airlines
- 🏠 Single Hotel Supplement - From \$1,215
- 🚗 Land Only (Chennai to Trivandrum) - From \$3,880 (includes tipping)
- ★★ Medium Paced Tour (see pages 8-9)



DAY 1: AUSTRALIA TO CHENNAI

Fly with Singapore Airlines to Chennai for a three-night stay.

DAY 2: CHENNAI

Today we enjoy a city tour. See Marina Beach, the second longest beach in the world. We then visit Fort St. George and St. Mary's Church before continuing to the Shiva Kapaleeswarar Temple in Mylapore, dedicated to Lord Shiva.

DAY 3: CHENNAI - KANCHIPURAM AND MAMALLAPURAM

This morning we drive south to Kanchipuram, where we visit the Shreenivas Silk House, before we drive to the rock carvings of Mamallapuram.

DAY 4: CHENNAI TO BANGALORE

We rise early this morning and catch the Shatabdi Express train to Bangalore. Enjoy a tour of the city including a visit to the Bull Temple and Vidhana Soudha.

DAY 5: BANGALORE TO HASSAN

Head west to Hassan and visit the Sravanabelagola Temple, where we climb to the top. Later we visit the famous temples of Belur and Halebid.

DAY 6: HASSAN TO MYSORE

We drive south to Mysore visiting Srirangapatnam Fort en route. Later we visit the Maharaja's Palace, drive up to Chamundi Hill to see the Sri Chamundeshwari Temple and visit the Nandi Bull statue.

DAY 7: MYSORE TO COONOOR

Today we head to the hills and drive to Coonoor. Enjoy the evening at leisure.

DAY 8: COONOOR - OOTY

This morning we take the 'Toy Train' to the hill station of Ooty. Visit the botanical gardens and take an optional walk uphill to the local village where we gain an insight into the lives of the local people. This afternoon we return to Coonoor by coach.

DAY 9: COONOOR TO MUNNAR

Today we continue our descent from the highlands with a full day of driving to Munnar.

DAY 10: MUNNAR TO THEKKADY

Visit a local tea plantation and the Tata Tea Museum. Later drive to Thekkady (Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary), southern India's most popular wildlife sanctuary.

DAY 11: THEKKADY - PERIYAR WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

Enjoy a walk through the park this morning before visiting a local spice village and market. Enjoy a Kalaripayattu show this evening, a traditional form of martial arts.

DAY 12: THEKKADY TO NEDUMUDY

This morning we drive to Nedumudy to board our overnight houseboats to Alleppey. The houseboats are known as 'kettuvallams', converted from traditional rice barges.

DAY 13: ALLEPPEY TO KOCHI

We disembark from our boats in Alleppey this morning and drive to Kochi. En route we visit a local market in Alleppey, a coir factory and the Kokothamangalam Church. Later this evening enjoy a Kathakali dance show.

DAY 14: KOCHI

Enjoy a tour of Kochi including a visit to St. Francis Church and the Santa Cruz Basilica. We also visit the Jewish synagogue, stroll through the markets and witness the unique cantilevered Chinese fishing nets nearby.

DAY 15: KOCHI TO KOVALAM

We drive to Kovalam Beach this morning and enjoy the afternoon at your leisure.

DAY 16: KOVALAM - TRIVANDRUM

Enjoy a tour around Trivandrum. Visit the Sri Padmanabhaswamy Temple, the Zoological Gardens and Museums where we visit the Napier Museum with its bronze collection and the Sri Chitra Art Gallery. Later we visit Kanakakunnu Palace, the Observatory, and Sree Moolamthirunal Shastri Purthi Memorial.

DAY 17: DEPART KOVALAM

Spend the morning at leisure. After a late check-out we transfer to Trivandrum airport to board our overnight flight to Australia.

DAY 18: ARRIVE AUSTRALIA

Arrive home this morning.



departures

TOUR CODE	DEPART AUSTRALIA	ARRIVE AUSTRALIA	TWIN SHARE PRICE
2011			
IKS1102	03 Feb	20 Feb	\$4,936
IKS1104	24 Feb	13 Mar	\$4,936
IKS1106	06 Oct	23 Oct	\$5,036
IKS1108	10 Nov	27 Nov	\$5,036

2012			
IKS1202	02 Feb	19 Feb	\$5,036
IKS1204#	23 Feb	11 Mar	\$5,036

Important note: Above prices include airline fuel surcharge and tipping of \$456 (correct as at 30 July 2010 and subject to change). Please note the tipping amount of US\$90 (AU\$100) is payable on arrival in India.

Departure coincides with Holi Festival celebrations and sightseeing may be affected.

MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR HOLIDAY
Singapore Hotels and Touring (see page 49)



Tea Plantation, Nedumudy