



## Splendor of North & South India

February 4-18, 2022 (15 Days)

Delhi- Agra- Jaipur- Udaipur- Madurai- Thekkedy- Mararikulam - Kochi

### Tour Highlights

- Carefully selected UNESCO sites & cities
- Visit Mahatma Gandhi memorial
- Taj Mahal at Sunset
- Stepwell Architecture
- Enjoy palace style accommodation
- City walk with rescued children of the slum
- Block printing & Silk saree weaving
- Rickshaw ride in Chandni Chawk Old Delhi
- Cultural music and dance show
- Culinary art session with local family
- Boat ride in Periyar National park
- Cruising on Houseboat
- Spice Garden Exploration
- Witness oldest martial arts of south India
- Sustainable Tourism village walk
- Meet an Ayurveda expert





## Day 1: New Delhi – (Hotel Le Meridian New Delhi OR Similar)

Welcome to **New Delhi, India!**

Late night arrival. Our representative will greet you at the airport and assist with hotel transfer. Relax and get acclimated to the new time zone.

*(Check-in time is between 1200-1400 hrs., early check-in is subject to availability).*

**Overnight at the hotel**

## Day 2: – Explore New & Old Delhi

Breakfast at the hotel.

After breakfast depart for full day sightseeing of the capital of India. Drive through **Parliament house, India gate**. Visit Rajghat Mahatma Gandhi's final resting place. Drive to Chandni Chawk, Jama Masjid in Old Delhi. Experience famous **Rickshaw ride**. Take a culinary wal of Old Delhi. Visit the **Bangla Saheb Gurudwara** Community Kitchen at a Sikh temple

**Dinner & Overnight at the hotel.**

*Excursion: Street food walk Old Delhi \$40*



## Day 3: Agra – (ITC Mughal Hotel OR Similar)

After breakfast, drive to Agra (235 kms/5 hrs. drive approx.)

Morning, take a walk with **Rescued children of the slums**. In the afternoon depart for Agra. **visit iconic Taj Mahal** and its picturesque beauty at sunset. A mausoleum built as a symbol of love

**Dinner & Overnight at the hotel.**

## Day 4: – Wonders of Agra

Breakfast at hotel.

Sightseeing at **Agra Fort**, another UNESCO heritage site built and added between the 16th and 17th centuries by successive rulers of the Mughal Dynasty. Proceed for a **Marble art workshop** and get hands on experience at the workshop

**Dinner & overnight stay at hotel.**

*Excursion: Private Sunrise yoga session \$40*



### Day 5: Jaipur – (Jai Mahal Palace Hotel OR Similar)

After breakfast, drive to Jaipur (260 kms/5 hrs. drive approx.)

Enroute to Jaipur visit Chand Baori famous for its **Stepwell architecture**. Late afternoon arrival at Jaipur. Check in at the hotel. Afternoon at leisure.

**Overnight stay at hotel**

### Day 6: – Enjoy Royal Rajasthan in Jaipur

Breakfast at the hotel

Visit UNESCO site of **Amber Fort** Built in 18<sup>th</sup> century over 150 years. This fort is a jewel of both Rajput and Mughal architecture. Sightseeing tour of Jaipur to **City palace**, 16th century **Observatory Jantar Mantar** and a **Temple Prayer Ritual**. Visit to an **Elephant village**. Afternoon visit to shopping experience with **Block printing and carpet weaving demonstration**  
*Evening dinner and Cooking Demo & Dinner with local family (Included)*

**Overnight stay at hotel**





### Day 7: Udaipur – (Hotel Leela Palace OR Similar)

Breakfast at the hotel

In the morning transfer to the airport to connect with your **Flight to Udaipur**. Upon arrival, meet & at leisure. Explore old city market at leisure. Evening **Boat Ride at Lake Pichola**

**Overnight stay at hotel.**



### Day 8: Romantic Udaipur

Breakfast at the hotel

City tour of Udaipur. Visit City Palace, Jagdish temple dedicated to lord Vishnu with beautiful garden and fountains. Explore Saheliyon Ki Bari

**Overnight stay at hotel.**

*Excursion: Udaipur on Bicycle: \$50*

### Day 9: Madurai – (Heritage Madurai OR Similar)

Breakfast at the hotel.

In time you will be transferred to airport to board flight for **Madurai via Mumbai**. Upon arrival check in at the hotel. It is the oldest city of State of Tamil Nadu and famous for Mahalaxmi temple.

**Overnight stay at hotel.**





### Day 10: Magic of Madurai

Breakfast at the hotel.

Today you will visit **Meenakshi Temple**; this time you will listen to the story, architecture and history of this temple. This temple is nearly 2000 years old a splendid example of Dravidian architecture.

Later in the day visit **Silk weaver's colony**. Visit **Thirumalay Nayak Place** with unique architecture.

**Overnight stay at hotel.**

### Day 11: Thekkedy- (Spice Village Hotel OR Similar)

Breakfast at the hotel.

Morning drive to Periyar with breath taking beauty of luscious green landscape of southern India.

Check in at the hotel up on arrival. Witness **Kakariapattu an ancient martial art** of India.

**Overnight stay at hotel.**



### Day 12: -- Beauty of Periyar

Breakfast at the hotel.

Early morning **boat ride to Periyar National park**, South India's most popular wildlife sanctuary. See the wildlife while cruising in the small boat around the lake. You will spot Elephants, langur, Bison, wild boar and other animals.

***Spice Plantation exploration with lunch made with fresh of the day ingredients (Included)***

**Overnight stay at hotel.**

### Day 13: Mararikulam (Mararikulam Beach Resort OR Similar)

Breakfast at the hotel.

Drive to Alleppey. Approximately 4 hours. Embark on a small houseboat, a slow moving exotic barge used for the leisure trips. Enjoy relaxing ride as you observe daily life in the fishing villages.

***Enjoy traditional Kerala lunch on the houseboat (Included)***

**Overnight stay at hotel.**



## Day 14: -- Rest & Relaxation

Breakfast at the hotel.

Day at leisure to enjoy the **resort and the beach**. Meet an **Ayurveda expert** to learn more about the ancient healing art and science. Take advantage of the **Ayurvedic Therapies** on direct payment basis.

**Overnight stay at hotel.**



## Day 15: Kochi and Journey Home

Breakfast at the hotel.

Check out of the hotel and drive to Kochi. Visit **Jewish Synagogue**. Taste Snacks of Kerala at a local joint. Later visit **Dutch Palace**. See **Chinese Fishing nets**. End your tour with an enchanting **performance of Kathakali dance** ancient art form of 'Storytelling'.

***Farewell Dinner (Included)***

**Transfer to Kochi International airport to board flight for onward destination.**





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**Entry from New Delhi- Exit from Kochi**

DESTINATION	NIGHTS		Luxury 5* Hotels
Delhi	02		<a href="#">Le Meridian New Delhi</a>
Agra	02		<a href="#">ITC Mughal Hotel</a>
Jaipur	02		<a href="#">Jai Mahal Palace</a>
Udaipur	02		<a href="#">Hotel Leela Palace</a>
Madurai	02		<a href="#">Heritage Madurai</a>
Thekkedy	02		<a href="#">Spice Village Hotel</a>
Mararikulam	02		<a href="#">Mararikulam Beach Resort</a>

**INCLUSIONS:**

- Accommodation on double occupancy (on sharing basis)
- On arrival meeting & assistance by our welcome representative.
- All Breakfasts
- 2 Dinners and 2 Lunches
- All transfers, excursions and sightseeing tours will be by using air-conditioned vehicle.
- One internal flight from Jaipur - Mumbai
- Daily sightseeing as per the itinerary.
- Monument entrances
- Service of English - speaking Accompanying tour guide till departure.
- Driver allowances, Petrol/Gas cost, Toll Tax, Parking, and Vehicle Insurance
- All presently applicable taxes.

**EXCLUSIONS:**

- Air transportation to and from India
- Daily Lunch and Dinner (*unless otherwise specified in the itinerary*)

- Tips and Gratuity
- Visa Processing fees
- Travel insurance **(Required)**
- Vaccination charges
- Airline reservation outside of the pkg dates
- Optional activities/ excursions/ transport
- All expenses of personal nature
- Anything that is not mentioned in the itinerary

### Additional Information:

- Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult traveler
- Physical activity level – moderate. Walking, climbing and full day sightseeing is normal part of the itinerary
- Limited wheel chair accessibility at many tourist spots
- Some flexibility is required for meal timing

### Cancellation provisions during a pandemic

- We offer full refund up to 60 days prior to tour start date
- Cancel between 60-45 days: Refund 75% of total package price minus any domestic airline charges (approximately \$150)
- Rebook any aaRna journeys tour up to end of 2022 without any penalty
- Cancellation between 45- 30 days prior to tour start date: No refunds. As much as we would love to refund your cost. However, our suppliers will have been paid and a change in group numbers will affect others.
- aaRna journeys reserves the right to cancel any trip in the event that count is not met. In which case, a full refund will be issued to the customer.

