

January 22, 2013

Dear Joe,

Thank you for choosing Explorient. We are delighted to serve you on your trip to India. Below please find the summary of services for your review. All services have been confirmed at this time.

**TOUR SUMMARY:**

**11 day / 10 night Private Custom South India Package – Land Only**

- Economy Class airfares within India per itinerary
- 1 night at Kohinoor Continental in Mumbai (Superior Room)
- 1 night at Rama International in Aurangabad (Corporate Floor)
- 1 night at Royal Orchid Central in Bangalore (Club Room)
- 1 night at Taj Savoy in Ooty (Standard Room)
- 1 night at Grand Residencia in Cochin (Boutique Room)
- 1 night on board the House Boat in Alleppey (A/C Cabin)
- 1 night at Back Water Ripples in Kumbarkom (Lake View Room)
- 1 night at Eco Lodge in Periyar (Bamboo Hut)
- 1 night at GRT Residency in Madurai (Luxury Room)
- 1 night at Grand Gardenia in Trichy (Suite)
- Hotel Breakfasts Daily
- Private Tour throughout: All airport transfers and sightseeing provided by private vehicle, driver and professional English-speaking guides

**TOUR OUTLINE**

Day	Activity Summary
Feb. 22	<b>Arrive Mumbai:</b> Upon arrival at Mumbai Airport, be met and transferred to Kohinoor Continental Hotel for your overnight accommodations.
Feb. 23	<b>Mumbai / Aurangabad:</b> Transfer to the airport for your early morning flight to Aurangabad. Upon arrival in Aurangabad, commence a full day excursion to Ajanta and Ellora caves. Ajanta offers a rich tapestry of images that speak of places, royalty, culture and tales of everyday life of ancient India. Many of the Ajanta caves hold panels that illustrate stories from the Jatakas – a large repertoire of tales of incarnations of the Buddha to nymphs and princesses and various other characters. Other attractions include the Vishvakarma Cave, the Rameswara Cave and Cave 32. Transfer to Rama International Hotel for your overnight accommodations. (B)
Feb. 24	<b>Aurangabad / Bangalore:</b> Enjoy a morning tour of the city of Aurangabad. Aurangabad is a regal city that was once an imperial capital. The tour will include visits to Dalatabad fort and Biwi Ka Maqbara mausoleum, a beautiful structure built by Emperor Aurangzeb for his wife. It is known as the "Taj Deccan" as it was inspired by the world famous Taj Mahal. Afternoon flight for Bangalore, connecting in Mumbai. Upon evening arrival, be met and transferred to Royal Orchid Central Hotel for your overnight accommodations. (B)

Feb. 25	<b>Bangalore / Ooty:</b> After breakfast, travel by car for Ooty, a 5 to 6-hour ride to the leading hill resort of South India. Situated between India's "Blue Mountains," Ooty's picturesque landscape can be easily from a relaxed view. Other sites include the splendid downs, which resemble those of Sussex, England and the terraced Botanical Gardens, a landmark in Ooty. Some agrarian features include tea and coffee plantations as well as tea estates. Upon arrival in Ooty, enjoy sightseeing of the Botanical Garden and Ooty Lake before transferring to Taj Savoy Hotel for your overnight accommodations. (B)
Feb. 26	<b>Ooty / Coonor:</b> After breakfast at the hotel, board a scenic 1.5 hour train for Coonor. Upon arrival, proceed by road for Cochin. Sightseeing includes Botanical Garden and Lord Murugan's birth place, Lady Canning's Seat, Sim's Park, Pasteur Institute, Tiger Hill, Walker Hill and Love Dale and Lamb's Rock. Overnight at Grand Residencia. (B)
Feb. 27	<b>Cochin / Allepy:</b> Enjoy a morning tour of Cochin visiting the Mattancherry Dutch Palace, a Jewish Synagogue and St. Francis Church. See the Chinese Fishing Nets, along the tip of Fort Cochin unique to this part of Kerala and living symbols of a centuries-old Chinese influence on this coast. In the afternoon, enjoy a scenic drive to Allepey. Board the Traditional House Boat for a cruise through the famous backwaters of Kerala towards Cochin. Boat will be anchored in the backwaters along paddy field for your overnight stay on board. (B)
Feb. 28	<b>Allepy / Kumarakom:</b> After breakfast on board, disembark cruise and proceed to Kumarakom by road. Kumarakom lies in a world of timeless and quaint area in the backwaters of Kerala. It is also a bird sanctuary. Waterfowl, cuckoo and wild duck can be seen in abundance. Check-in at the Back Water Ripples and enjoy the balance of the day afternoon at leisure. (B)
Mar. 01	<b>Kumarakom / Periyar:</b> Morning departure by road (4-5 hours) for Periyar. Upon arrival, check-in to Eco Lodge. The Bamboo Grove package consists of an orientation program, a visit to a tribal colony, wildlife film shows, bird watching, trekking and a boat ride on the famous Periyar Lake. Lunch and dinner are provided at Eco Lodge. (B,L,D) ***Note: basic accommodations at Eco Lodge***
Mar. 02	<b>Periyar / Madurai:</b> After breakfast, travel by road (approx. 3-4 hours) for Madurai. Upon arrival, commence sightseeing of Madurai. Known as the City of Festivals, Madurai is the most ancient home of culture and the first Tamil Academy was founded here by scholars and pious kings. The town has developed encircling the famous Meenakshi Temple built in the Dravidian style. Once inside, observe a kaleidoscopic view of the court of a thousand pillars and an adornment of beautiful sculptures of Shiva. Outside are the Musical Piillars and Vasanth Mandapam. Later in the afternoon, enjoy a Aarti Ceremony at Meenakshi Temple. Overnight at GRT Residency. (B)
Mar. 03	<b>Madurai / Chettinad / Trichy:</b> Morning drive to Trichy, visiting Chettinad en-route. Chettinad was inhabited by the Nattukottai Chettiars, a prosperous banking community that owned these must-see homes. Other attractions include antique shops, village markets, a number of temples, visits to craftsmen and delectable cuisine. Upon arrival in Trichy, check-in at Grand Gardenia Hotel for your overnight accommodations. (B)
Mar. 04	<b>Trichy / Mumbia:</b> After breakfast, enjoy a morning tour of the city of Trichy. Trichy is a historical town and was once a capital of the Chola rulers. Attractions include the Rock Fort, the Kaveri River and the island of Srirangam, The temple here is practically a town in itself with several residential streets within its 1 sq. mile together with a number of shopping streets. Transfer to the airport for your flight to Mumbai, connecting in Chennai. (B) ****Note: Meet & Greet Service will be provided in Mumbai Airport to assist passenger with connecting flight onwards.***** (B)  ****END OF PROGRAM****

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Please review the trip information above for accuracy and feel free to contact us with any questions. We appreciate your business and look forward to having you on board with us!

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