

## Southern Spice



<b>Day 1</b>	Company representatives will receive you on arrival at the international airport in Delhi and take you to your hotel.
<b>Day 2</b>	We take you from Delhi to Cochin in the state of Kerala by Air. Travelers say that you can smell spices in the Cochin air. We explore the city and find out if it's really true.
<b>Day 3</b>	We take you to the spice markets of Cochin all the while tasting local favorites. We also visit the Cochin port which has been the center of exchange owing to the spice trade since the 15 <sup>th</sup> century. Cochin was known to the Greeks, Romans, Arabs, Jews and Chinese since ancient times.
<b>Day 4</b>	We travel from Cochin for about 2 hours by road to reach the city of Alleppey nestled in the backwaters also called the "Venice of the east" by Marco Polo in 1292. We spend the evening relaxing and visiting the city center followed by a night on a small houseboat.
<b>Day 5</b>	We spend a day on a houseboat gently swaying on the still waters of the backwaters while your own cook on board serves you local delicacies. Sea food is the way to go here.
<b>Day 6</b>	We travel by road from Alleppey to Munnar. The 4 hour journey takes us from the sandy beaches of Cochi and Alleppey to the city of Munnar which at a height of 6000 feet is at the center of one of the largest tea growing regions of India. We spend the evening visiting the town center and visiting the Munnar High Range club which exclusively caters to the local officials involved with the tea estates.
<b>Day 7</b>	We visit one of the many tea gardens in and around the city of Munnar as well as a tea factory where you get to see how tea is made all along enjoying breathtaking scenery.
<b>Day 8</b>	We take a short 3 hour road trip to the Periyar Wildlife sanctuary where we stay the night in a forest guest house enjoying freshly cooked local delicacies.
<b>Day 9</b>	We take a 3 hour drive back to Munnar by road, visit Top Station which at a height of 1700 meters is the highest point in this area and offers breathtaking panoramic views. We enjoy a serene walk around the tea gardens to end our day.
<b>Day 10</b>	We travel 6 hours by road leaving the state of Kerala to briefly enter the state of Tamil Nadu to go to the city of Ooty nestled in the hills. We spend the night in the middle of tea and coffee plantations.
<b>Day 11</b>	We spend a day wandering through the many tea and coffee plantations and visit one of the Coffee factories to see how the bean makes it to our cup. We visit the Ooty Rose Garden with over 17,000 varieties of roses, the Ooty botanical Garden and the famous Ooty lake to end our day. You can also sample some local coffee along the way and also buy souvenirs.

<b>Day 12</b>	We leave the state of Tamil Nadu and take a 4 hour drive to reach the majestic city of Mysore in Karnataka. We spend the evening roaming through the city streets as we experience the city lights, sights and sounds.
<b>Day 13</b>	Mysore is famous for its festivals, temples and silk. We take a day tour through the old and new part of city sampling local food in the city streets.
<b>Day 14</b>	We take a 4 hour road trip to reach Bangalore which is also called the Silicon valley of India owing to a large number of IT companies opened in this city since the late nineties. We travel to MG Road, a landmark in Bangalore also famous for its shopping and night life.
<b>Day 15</b>	Bangalore is also called the “pub city” of India and we spend the day sampling local food with some draught. While we do this, you have options of visiting the various art and handicraft outlets in Bangalore where you can buy souvenirs.
<b>Day 16</b>	From Bangalore, we travel 4 hours by road, east towards Kanchipuram which is also called the silk capital of India. Here you will get a chance to see the entire process of silk weaving. We spend the evening walking through the city and experiencing the rich culture which surrounds this old city.
<b>Day 17</b>	We travel from Kanchipuram in Tamil Nadu to Chennai, the state capital which boasts amongst other things, the factory of the Royal Enfield brand of motorcycles making dreams on two wheels since 1956. The Royal Enfield brand has a history which surpasses the Harley Davidson motorcycles making it the oldest producers of motorcycles in the world.
<b>Day 18</b>	We spend a day in Chennai sampling the traditional cuisine from snacks like Idli, dosas and wadas, to a complete south India meal served on a banana leaf in traditional style. We spend the evenings visiting handicraft and silk emporiums offering you a wide choice of traditional souvenirs.
<b>Day 19</b>	We take a scenic 3 hour road trip from Chennai to Pondicherry with the sea on the left and palm trees lining the road on other side. While the name Pondicherry, or as the locals rightly call it “puducherry” actually means “new village”, the history of Pondicherry can be traced back to the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Century. We spend the evening lounging on the beach or walking through the city streets sampling local cuisine.
<b>Day 20</b>	We visit the French quarters in this unique city where Tamil and French are still the 2 main official languages and drive back to Chennai.
<b>Day 21</b>	We take a flight from Chennai to Delhi. As an alternate, you can also book a flight back home from the Chennai international airport

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