

Private Tour of Southern India from £3069 per person

Inspired by Joanna Lumley's *India*, the 'If Only...' 14 day/13 night Indian Discovery tour journeys through Cochin, Valparai, Madurai, Hyderabad, Aurangabad, Kolkata and Gangtok.

Day 1

On arrival in Cochin, be met by an If Only... representative. Private transfer to The Frances Residence at Fort Cochin for a two night stay in a luxury room.

Day 2 Cochin

Half day sightseeing tour of Cochin. In the evening enjoy a Kathakali show - the traditional dance drama of Kerala with its elaborate, colourful costumes



Chinese Fishing Nets, Cochin

Day 3 Cochin - Valparai

After breakfast drive to Valparai (approximately 4 hours) for an overnight stay at Briar Tea Bungalows in a Bungalow. In the afternoon, visit the Nature Conservation Foundation.



Tea Plantation

Day 4 Valparai - Madurai

Drive to Madurai (approximately 6 hours) and check in to Heritage Madurai for a two night stay in a luxury villa. Spend the rest of the day at leisure in the resort.

Day 5 Madurai

After breakfast at the hotel, enjoy a half day sightseeing tour of Madurai including the Temple of Lord Shiva and Goddess Parvati which dates back to 2,500AD. The wonderful architecture of the temple incorporates great works of art into its structure. Visit Thirumalai Nayak Palace, the Gandhi Museum and the local market.

Day 6 Madurai - Hyderabad

After breakfast, transfer to Madurai Airport for the flight to Hyderabad 'The Pearl City'. Be met and transferred to the elegant Taj Deccan hotel for two nights in a Superior Room.

Day 7 Hyderabad

After breakfast at the hotel, enjoy a full day tour at Ramoji Film City, one of the largest and most glamorous film studios in the world.

Day 8 Hyderabad - Aurangabad

After breakfast enjoy a sightseeing tour of Hyderabad including the Golconda Fort. Late afternoon, transfer to Hyderabad Airport for the flight to Aurangabad. Be met and transferred to the Vivanta by Taj Hotel for check in and a two night stay in a Premiere Indulgence Room.

Day 9 Aurangabad

After breakfast at the hotel, enjoy a full day excursion to the World Heritage Site Ellora Caves, the pinnacle of Indian rock-cut architecture built between the 5th and the 10th Century.



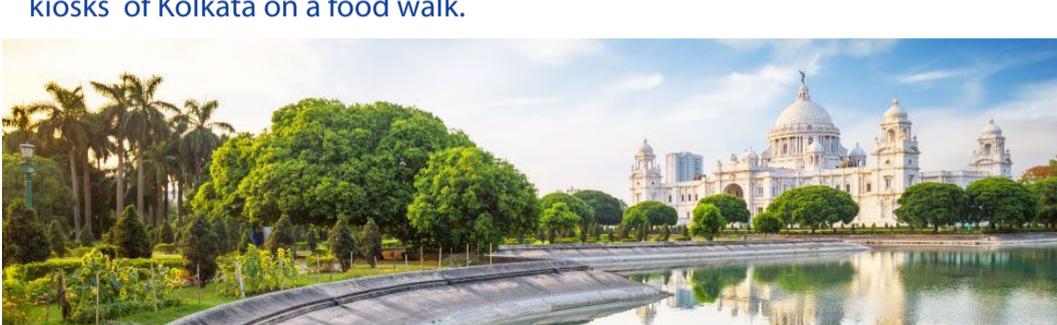
The Ellora Caves, Aurangabad

Day 10 Aurangabad - Kolkata

Transfer early morning to the airport for a flight to Kolkata, once the capital of the British Raj. Be met and transferred to The Corner Courtyard for a two night stay in a Standard Room. Spend the rest of the day at leisure.

Day 11 Kolkata

After breakfast at the hotel, enjoy a half day sightseeing tour of Kolkata, including Dalhousie Square, the flower market, Howrah Bridge, St. Paul's Cathedral, Victoria Memorial and more. Later, explore the famous street food kiosks of Kolkata on a food walk.



The Victoria Monument, Kolkata

Day 12 Kolkata - Bagdogra - Gangtok

After breakfast transfer to the airport for a flight to Bagdogra. Be met and transferred to Gangtok (approximately 5 hours) to The Elgin Nor-Khill, Gangtok for a two night stay in a Deluxe Room. Surrounded by monasteries and orchids, Gangtok is truly a travellers delight. Spend the rest of the day at leisure.

Day 13 Gangtok

After breakfast enjoy an excursion to Rumtek Monastery. Later, visit Do Drul Chorten (stupa), Namgyal Institute of Tibetology, Enchey Monastery and Project Denjong.

Day 14 Gangtok - Kolkata

Transfer to Bagdogra Airport (approximately 5 hours) for the flight to Kolkata. On arrival in Kolkata connect with return flight to the UK.

Prices include flights from Newcastle, London, Birmingham or Manchester (Newcastle price shown), accommodation and breakfast each day, entrance fees, all transfers and English speaking guides for sightseeing in each destination as well as full programme as specified including internal flights and ground transportation in private chauffeur driven air conditioned vehicle.

Travelling times, mode of transport and visits to attractions may be subject to change depending on opening times and local conditions. Prices are per person and based on 2 adults sharing.

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