

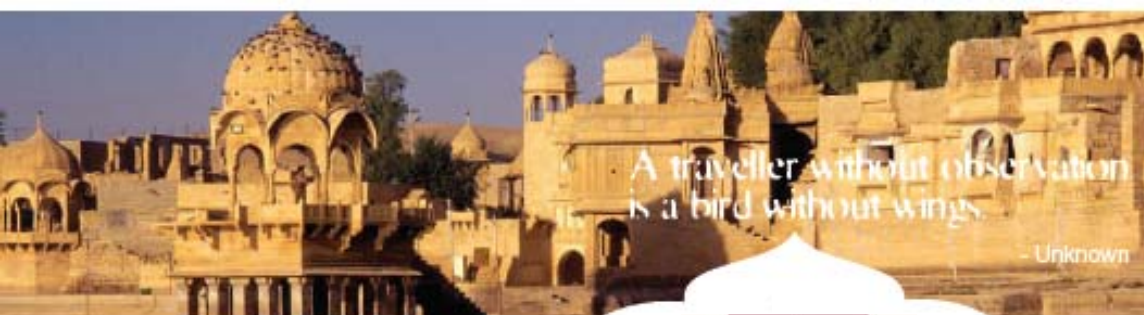
India's Wild South

Uncover the secrets of India's Kerala State with us on this **touring style** journey to explore the natural and cultural heritage of this fascinating region. We get out and about around the Western Ghats to experience the rich biodiversity, vibrant culture and serene landscapes of enchanting Kerala's less well known destinations.

Visit Bangalore, Mangalore, Thalassery, Calicut, Kochi, Kumarakom, Periyar National Park, Eravikulam National Park, Ootacamund, Nagarhole National Park, Mysore.



Length of trip	17 days.
Accommodation	Hotels
Meals included	Yes
Travel Style	Tour Coach
Sightseeing and entry fees	Included
Maximum group	12
Escort	SRA tour leader for more than 6 travellers. Local English speaking escort for 6 or less travellers.
Commences	Bangalore 28th September 2012
Concludes	Bangalore 14th October 2012
COST	NZ\$6,900 based on twin share. Single Rm Sup NZ\$615 <i>(prices subject to change)</i>



Itinerary at a Glance :

Fri, 28 September 2012 Arrive Bangalore

Met by our representative on arrival and transfer to the Hotel.

Sat, 29 September 2012 To Mangalore

To day set out for the drive across the Deccan Plateau to descend the spectacularly scenic Western Ghats. There will be plenty of stops along the way as we make our way down onto the coast to tropical Mangalore.

Sun, 30 September 2012 To Thalassery

This morning we plan to visit the old port, stop at the Sultan's battery and Kadri Temple before driving south along the coast to historic Thalassery.

Mon, 01 October 2012 To Calikut

Time this morning to look around this 'Indian Heritage' designated city. There is plenty to see before moving further down the coast to Calikut, site of Vasco da Gama's landfall on the subcontinent in 1498.

Tues, 02 October 2012 To Kochi

We are off south along the coast today to Historic Kochi (Cochin). We break the trip at Thrissur and expect to arrive in this famous colonial era centre late PM.

Wed, 03 October 2012 Kochi

Today we have time to explore and relax in Kochi. This morning we will get out and about sightseeing and free afternoon to enjoy this Colonial era heritage city at your own pace.

Thur, 04 October 2012 To Kumarakom

This morning at leisure in Kochi then transfer to the inland waterway centre of Kumarakom.

Fri, 05 October 2012 Kumarakom

Today we board our houseboat for an extended overnight exploration of the waterways by houseboat.

Sat, 06 October 2012 To Periyar NP

Conclude the Houseboat cruise this morning and transfer across the picturesque Cardamon Hills to Thekkady the tea plantation hill station adjacent to Periyar National Park and Tiger Reserve.

Sun, 07 October 2012 Periyar NP

Today we have a full day for wildlife watching at Periyar National Park

Mon, 08 October 2012 To Eravikulam NP

This morning we have an early morning wildlife watching opportunity then its off by road for the 135km transfer to Munnar centre of Kerala's tea industry.

Tues, 09 October 2012 Eravikulam NP

Our destination today is Indira Gandhi National Park. Commonly known by the British colonial name 'Top Slip' Where we have a full day nature watching in the National Park, home to the Nilgiri Thar and many other species of India's iconic fauna.

Wed, 10 October 2012 To Ootacamund

We have an early morning nature hike before heading off across country to Ootacamund. Expect to arrive late PM.

Thur, 11 October 2012 To Nagarhole NP

We move on to Nagarhole Reserve today. This is the habitat of India's largest population of wild Elephants. Nagarhole biodiversity is legendary and this will be a highlight of the tour.

Fri, 12 October 2012 Nagarhole NP

We are out and about in the National Park today.

Sat, 13 October 2012 To Mysore

Today after a final nature trek we are off for the 140km drive to Mysore .

Sun, 14 October 2012 To Bangalore conclude

This morning explore Mysore and PM transfer to Bangalore for departure.

Link to : HEARTLAND RAJASTHAN

CONCLUDE *India's Wild South* itinerary on **14th October** and JOIN *Heartland Rajasthan* in Deli on **15th October**

Get a rewarding insight into India's 'Land of Palaces and Princes' on this *touring style* journey that highlights Rajasthan's opulent palaces and imposing forts, natural diversity and fascinating culture . Colourful bazaars, pink palaces, glistening marble mausoleums and the diverse wildlife at India's best known tiger

reserve, Ranthambore National Park, are combined to make this short journey into Rajasthan's 'golden triangle' a memorable experience.

Visit : Delhi, Agra, Ranthambore, Jaipur, Jhodpur, Udaipur, Jaisalmer.

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