



Houseboat cruising the backwaters of Kerala © Shutterstock

TIGERS & SOUTHERN DELIGHTS - ESCORTED TOUR

DURATION

18 days/17 nights (1 inflight)

DEPARTS

Ex Mel, Syd, Bne, Adl or Per
Monday 21 Oct 2019

PRICES FROM

\$13,045 per person twin See p11

ESCORTED GROUP TOUR

- ✓ Escorted ex Delhi by Anne-Marie Zambelli
- ✓ Min: 8 Max: 14

HIGHLIGHTS

- Total of 5 guided tiger safaris in Ranthambore
- Historic Jaipur, with its impressive hilltop fort
- 4 jungle excursions in Nagarhole National Park
- The enchanting southern capital of Mysore
- Cruise along idyllic Keralan backwaters and delicious local cuisine
- Accompanying naturalist and an Australian escort



Kabini Wildlife Sanctuary © Orange County Resorts and Hotels



Traditional South Indian cuisine © Shutterstock



Mysore Palace illumination © Shutterstock

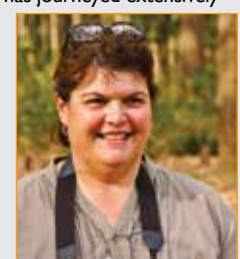


INTRODUCTION

Discover India's most impressive wildlife reserves, travelling from Delhi to the historic port city of Kochi on India's sultry southwestern coast. Search for magnificent Bengal tigers in Ranthambore and explore lush Nagarhole National Park. On your journey from north to south, travel by rail across the scenic Indian countryside, cruise along lush, sleepy backwater canals on a classic houseboat, take in a performance of an expressive Kathakali dance, learn to cook traditional Keralan cuisine and embark on exciting safaris.

YOUR ESCORT

Anne-Marie (Annie) Zambelli
Anne-Marie Zambelli has a travel diary that reads like a year's subscription to National Geographic magazine. With over 30 years' experience in the industry, Annie has led countless tours to Canada, Africa, Antarctica, and has journeyed extensively throughout India searching for endangered rhinos, tracking tigers and leading many group tours. Her knowledge, enthusiasm and experience of the sub-continent is unrivalled.





Tiger posing on fortress ruins, Ranthambore © Aditya Singh

ITINERARY

Day 1 21 Oct Delhi
Depart Australia on Singapore Airlines to Delhi. Overnight at Le Meridien.

Days 2-4 22-24 Oct Ranthambore
Journey by air-conditioned train to Sawai Madhopur, the gateway to Ranthambore, India's most famous tiger reserve. Accommodation at Dev Vilas. BLD

Days 5/6 25/26 Oct Jaipur
Following a final morning safari, travel by road to Jaipur with a packed lunch. Check into your hotel, the fabulous Trident Jaipur, for overnight. Next morning, tour Amber Fort and India's "Pink City" with lunch at a local restaurant. BLD

Days 7/8 27/28 Oct Mysore
Early flight to Bangalore. Lunch at the impressive Taj Bangalore and transfer to your Mysore hotel. Conclude the day with an evening visit to the magnificently illuminated Mysore Palace. On Day 8, explore this enchanting city and the ancient ruins at Somnathpur. Overnight Royal Orchid The Metropole. BLD

Days 9/10 29/30 Oct Nagarhole National Park
Continue by road through lush rural countryside to The Serai, a beautiful resort in Kabini which will be your base for exploring Nagarhole. This national park is renowned for its density of wildlife including leopard, and boasts over 300 avian species. Safaris are by cantor or boat. BLD

Days 11/12 31 Oct/01 Nov Coorg
Morning excursion before departing for Evolve Back Chikkana Halli Estate set amongst a lush 300-acre plantation paradise. Whilst at this tranquil resort, explore the picturesque landscape with a guide and enjoy the property's great facilities which include a pool and Ayurveda wellness centre. BLD

Days 13/14 02/03 Nov Kochi
Transfer to Calicut station for train to Kochi and check in to your hotel, the Taj Malabar, for overnight. Next morning, embark on a heritage walk and in the evening, take in a classical Kathakali dance performance. BLD

Day 15/16 04/05 Nov Kumarakom
Navigate the narrow, palm-fringed canals of Alleppey by traditional houseboat with lunch on board. Disembark and transfer to Kumarakom, where the idyllic Coconut Lagoon resort at the edge of Vembanad Lake awaits. The following day is entirely yours to enjoy the history, culture, cuisine and iconic languid canals of Kerala. BLD

Day 17 06 Nov Kochi/Inflight to Australia
Day at leisure (with day use of your room) before evening transfer to the airport to board your return flight to Australia with Singapore Airlines. BL

Day 18 07 Nov Tour ends Australia
Arrive Australia where the tour ends.

PRICING

EX MEL
\$13,200
per person twin share

EX SYD
\$13,216
per person twin share

EX BNE
\$13,223
per person twin share

EX ADL
\$13,203
per person twin share

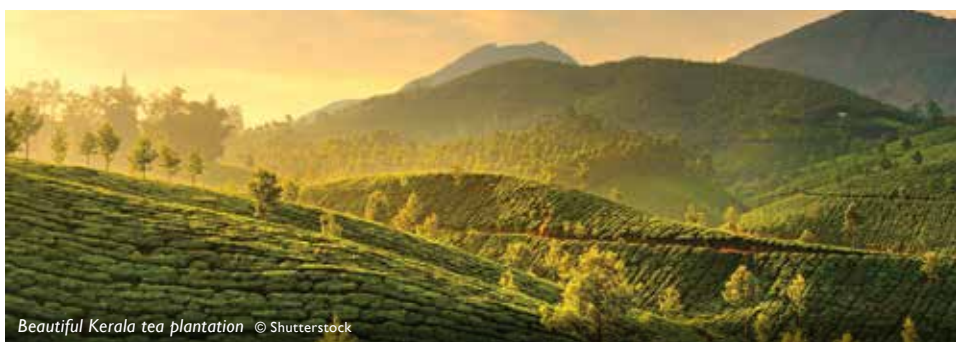
EX PER
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Single supplement: \$3,676. We can try to arrange shared accommodation on request.

Price per person includes: Economy class airfare (strictly subject to availability) with Singapore Airlines for a maximum of 35 days, internal airfares, all current passenger departure taxes and levies, accommodation inclusive of taxes and meals as per itinerary, train fare Delhi-Swai Madhopur in air conditioned char car, transfers by air conditioned vehicle, city tours and excursions as per the itinerary, jungle excursions by jeep, special cantor & boat, services of a local English speaking naturalist, 1 bottle of water per person per day for all surface travel and at meal times, standard still camera fees and gratuities.

(Clients joining from Adelaide will require a short stay in Singapore or overnight on the return journey (additional cost) as the flight from Singapore to Adelaide does not connect on the 7th November. Please contact us for details.)

Price excludes: Items of a personal nature.



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