



INDIA: SPLENDORS OF THE SOUTH

January 22-February 6, 2019

16 days for \$5,674 total price from San Francisco
(\$4,795 air & land inclusive plus \$879 airline taxes and fees)



**An Exclusive Small Group Tour for
the Commonwealth Club**



Dear Club Travelers,

Home to the ancient Indus Valley Civilization and a region of historic trade routes and vast empires, the Indian subcontinent was identified with its commercial and cultural wealth for much of its long history. Today India is the most populous democracy in the world and a leader in technology development. It offers remarkable perspectives on where the modern world intersects with life as it has been lived for centuries.

The journey starts in dynamic Mumbai. Here, visit the revered Mani Bhawan, Mahatma Gandhi's headquarters; tour the acclaimed Prince of Wales Museum; and make a rewarding excursion to the slum of Dharavi. Traveling south to Mysore, stop in the key cultural town of Srirangapatna and visit Mysore Palace. Stay at an estate on a working coffee and spice plantation in Coorg. Journey next to Nagarhole National Park to enjoy boat and vehicle safaris in search of wildlife. Continue on to Calicut, "City of Spices," then a leisurely houseboat cruise through Kerala's canals showcases Indian life up close. The tour concludes in culturally rich Kochi, "Queen of the Arabian Sea." A 5-day/4-night pre-tour option in Delhi and Agra and a 5-day/4-night post-tour extension in Sri Lanka are also available.

With space for only 24 guests in total, we expect this tour to fill quickly. Book today and secure your place on this memorable tour of India!

Sincerely,

Kristina Nemeth

Kristina Nemeth, Director of Travel

COMMONWEALTH CLUB RESERVATION FORM – INDIA: SPLENDORS OF THE SOUTH

Enclosed is my/our deposit for \$ _____ (\$500 per person) for _____ person(s) on **India: Splendors of the South** departing **January 22, 2019**. I/We understand the final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, VISA, or personal check. **Please make check payable to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. and send, with completed registration form, to: The Commonwealth Club, 110 The Embarcadero, San Francisco, CA 94105. For reservations and information, please call (415) 597-6720, fax (415) 597-6729, or e-mail travel@commonwealthclub.org.**

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Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Home Phone (_____) _____ Cell Phone (_____) _____

E-mail(s) _____ Badge Name(s) _____

Please book my/our air from _____ I/We request a Business Class upgrade

I will share a room with _____ I request a single room (limited availability)

Please sign me/us up: **Pre-Tour "Delhi & Agra" Option** ; **Post-Tour "Sri Lanka" Extension**

Please Note: The undersigned has read the schedule of activities for **India: Splendors of the South, January 22-February 6, 2019**, and agrees that their signature below represents their acceptance of the General Terms & Conditions.

Signature(s) _____ Date _____

We require membership in the Commonwealth Club to travel with us. Please check one of the following options:

- I am a current member of the Commonwealth Club.
- Please use the credit card information below to sign me up or renew my membership.
- I will visit commonwealthclub.org/membership to sign up for a membership.

Method of Payment Check American Express Discover MasterCard VISA

Account # _____ Security Code _____ Exp. Date _____

Name of Cardholder _____

Signature _____

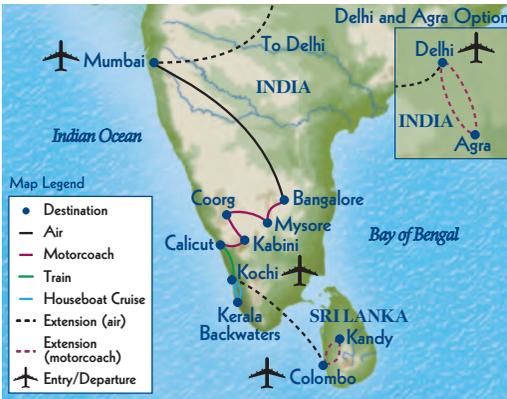
Final invoicing will be sent by our tour operator, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. The balance of the program price must be paid to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. Final payment is due 95 days prior to departure and is payable by check or credit card.

Tour membership limited to 24 guests

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Experience India off the beaten tourist path – and in excellent accommodations – on this distinctive small group journey from Mumbai south to cultured Mysore and the wildlife haven of Nagarhole; to tranquil resorts and working farms; to cosmopolitan Kochi and the canals of Kerala, where we enjoy a houseboat cruise.



Avg. High (°F)	Jan	Feb
Mumbai	87	88
Mysore	82	88
Kochi	87	88

Tuesday, January 22: Depart U.S. for Mumbai, India

Wednesday, January 23: Mumbai Upon arrival, we transfer directly to our hotel.

Thursday, January 24: Mumbai Today we encounter India's most populous city, as well as its commercial and entertainment capital. We begin at the Gateway of India monument then visit the revered Mani Bhawan, Mahatma Gandhi's headquarters here from 1917–1934. This afternoon we tour the acclaimed Prince of Wales Museum; tonight we enjoy a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. *B,L,D*

Friday, January 25: Mumbai We embark on an unusual yet rewarding excursion this morning to Dharavi, Mumbai's giant slum considered a "city within a city." We learn about the resilience and resourcefulness of the residents here. After lunch at a local restaurant, we visit Crawford Market, the huge Raj-era arcade selling everything from produce to pets. Schedules permitting, meet with foreign service staff at the U.S. Embassy before dinner on your own tonight. *B,L*

Saturday, January 26: Mumbai/Bangalore/Mysore Early this morning we transfer to the airport for the flight to Bangalore. Upon arrival we board a coach for the journey to Mysore, stopping en route for lunch. Then we continue on to Mysore and our hotel, where we dine tonight. *B,L,D*

Sunday, January 27: Mysore Today we travel to the Chamundi Hills, site of Chamundeshwari Temple with 1,008 ancient steps leading to the summit. We continue on to the key religious town of Srirangapatna. Here we visit Sri Ranganathaswamy Temple, built in the 9th century to honor the Hindu god Ranganatha and an important pilgrimage site. Next we visit Mysore Palace, the Indo-Saracenic blend of Hindu, Muslim, Rajput, and Gothic styles that remains the home of the Maharajahs of Mysore. *B,D*

Monday, January 28: Mysore/Coorg We travel today to Coorg (also known as Kodagu) and our

Small Group Tour Highlights

Unique small group itinerary • Mumbai touring • Dharavi slum visit • Wildlife safaris in Nagarhole National Park • 9th-century Ranganatha Temple in Srirangapatna • Mysore touring • Two-night houseboat cruise on Kerala's canals • Outstanding accommodations, including resort set on working plantation (Coorg) and riverfront eco-lodge (Kabini) • Visit U.S. Embassy in Mumbai

Day	Itinerary	Hotel	Rating
1	Depart U.S. for Mumbai		
2-4	Mumbai	Taj Mahal Palace	Deluxe
5-6	Mysore	Hotel Radisson Blu	Sup. First Class
7-8	Coorg	Evolve Back Chikkana Halli Estate, Coorg	Deluxe
9-10	Kabini	Evolve Back Kuruba Safari Lodge, Kabini	Deluxe
11	Calicut	Taj Gateway	Sup. First Class
12-13	Kerala cruise	Houseboat	Not rated
14-15	Kochi	Taj Malabar Resort & Spa, Kochi	Deluxe
16	Depart Kochi for U.S.		

Ratings are based on the Hotel & Travel Index, the travel industry standard reference. Unrated hotels may be too small, too new, or too remote to be listed.

Cover photo: We spend two days cruising Kerala's scenic backwater canals



A common sight in Kochi: fixed “Chinese” nets operated by as many as six fishermen.

accommodations at the Evolve Back Estate, set on a 300-acre working coffee and spice plantation. After lunch here, we take a guided walk of the extensive grounds with the resort’s resident naturalist. Later we enjoy a cultural dance performance. *B,L,D*

Tuesday, January 29: Coorg We encounter everyday life up close on this morning’s visit to a nearby village, as we wander the narrow lanes, see a traditional

coffee pour, and experience the round “coracle” boats used by local fishermen. Back at our lodgings this afternoon, we learn about the coffee grown here on a walking tour of the plantation. *B,L,D*

Wednesday, January 30: Coorg/Kabini After an early morning birdwatching walk, we leave Coorg for Nagarhole National Park, whose abundant wildlife,

Pre-Tour Option

January 18-23, 2019
DELHI & AGRA
 5 days/4 nights
 for \$1,195 total price
 Single Supplement: \$345

Experience two of India’s iconic cities of the north and the magnificent Taj Mahal.

Your Tour Price Includes

- Air transportation Delhi/Mumbai, inclusive of airline taxes and fees
- 4 nights’ accommodations: 2 nights Delhi at ITC Sheraton (Deluxe); 2 nights Agra at ITC Mughal (Superior First Class)
- 9 meals: 4 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 2 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing: Old/New Delhi, Chandni Chowk Bazaar, Taj Mahal visits (including sunrise), Agra Fort
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited representative
- Private motorcoach transportation
- Gratuities for dining room servers and airport and hotel porters

Post-Tour Extension

February 6-10, 2019
SRI LANKA
 5 days/4 nights
 for \$1,145 total price
 Single Supplement: \$395

Diverse cultures, ancient sites, and tropical scenery highlight Southeast Asia’s oldest democracy.

Your Tour Price Includes

- Air transportation Kochi/Colombo, Sri Lanka, inclusive of airline taxes and fees
- 4 nights’ accommodations: 3 nights Kandy at Cinnamon Citadel (Deluxe); 1 night Colombo at Cinnamon Grand (Deluxe)
- 9 meals: 4 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 4 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing: UNESCO town of Kandy, tea plantation, Hindu (Embekke) and Buddhist (Tooth Relic) temples, elephant sanctuary, Peradeniya Gardens, Colombo city tour
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited representative
- Private motorcoach transportation
- Gratuities for dining room servers and airport and hotel porters

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IN THE PERSON WHO DOES
NOT TRAVEL”

– BRAHMAN

including Bengal tiger, Asian elephant, Indian bison, wild dog, deer, antelope, and hyena, make it one of India's finest preserves. We enjoy lunch at our safari lodge, named one of *National Geographic Traveler's* 25 “world's best” eco-lodges, then set out on a boat safari. *B,L,D*

Thursday, January 31: Kabini This morning we embark on a safari by vehicle or boat through Nagarhole in search of wildlife, including the elusive Bengal tiger. We return to the lodge for lunch and time to relax. Later we visit with a local family in their home in the village of Gundathur. *B,L,D*

Friday, February 1: Kabini/Calicut This morning we set out on the five-hour drive to Calicut, known as the Kerala region's “City of Spices” for its role in the spice trade, stopping for lunch along the way. Upon arrival in Calicut, we have the remainder of the afternoon at leisure. Dinner tonight is on our own. *B,L*

Saturday, February 2: Calicut/Alleppy/Houseboat Cruise We board an early morning train for the journey to Kerala's backwaters then travel by coach to our well-appointed houseboat. Later today we begin our leisurely cruise along the palm-fringed canals of the Arabian Sea. *B,L,D*

Sunday, February 3: Houseboat Cruise Today we see Indian life up close as we slowly cruise past small farms and villages, and old temples and churches, stopping on occasion to go ashore. *B,L,D*

Monday, February 4: Kochi We disembark and return to Kochi, “Queen of the Arabian Sea,” where this afternoon we take a walking tour of Fort Kochi, with its mix of Portuguese, Dutch, and British

Your Tour Price Includes

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities; all flights within itinerary
- 14 nights' accommodations: 12 nights in Deluxe and Superior First Class hotels; 2 nights in privately chartered houseboat
- 34 meals: 13 breakfasts, 11 lunches, 10 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Educational lecture program/study leader with a minimum of 15 guests
- Additional Commonwealth Club representative at 20 guests
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers



We visit Mysore Palace on January 27.

colonial houses and other historic buildings. Then we attend a performance of traditional Kathakali dance. Tonight we celebrate our journey at a farewell dinner at our hotel. *B,D*

Tuesday, February 5: Kochi This morning's walking tour reveals Kochi's multi-layered past, a rich brew of Arab, Portuguese, British, and Dutch influences. After lunch together we are free to explore Kochi's Old Town as we wish. Tonight we enjoy a sunset harbor cruise before dinner on our own. *B,L*

Wednesday, February 6: Depart for U.S. Very early this morning we depart for the airport and our return flight to the U.S., where we connect with our flights home.

Tour Departs: January 22, 2019

Prices include int'l airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees.

Los Angeles, San Francisco, Seattle	\$5,674
Boston, New York, Washington, DC	\$5,474
Phoenix, Portland (OR), Denver	\$5,974
Land Only (transfers not included)	\$4,295

Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of \$879, which are subject to change until final payment is made.

Single travelers please add \$1,595. All tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

Business Class upgrade on round-trip Trans-Atlantic flight: \$4,995 per person in addition to the above costs (upgrade is subject to availability and pricing is subject to change).

Please note: This trip involves considerable walking, as well as some lengthy coach rides. You should be in good physical condition to enjoy the tour to its fullest.

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GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Please read this information carefully, as payment of a \$500 deposit per person represents your acceptance of the following Terms and Conditions.

Not Included in Tour Price

Airfare when purchasing a Land Only package; costs of passports and visas; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; airport transfers when purchasing a Land Only package; communication charges; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities: \$10-\$15 per traveler, per day); optional sightseeing; and travel protection insurance. Additional baggage fees may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline(s) prior to departure.

Cancellations, Refunds, and Changes

If you must cancel your trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.'s receipt of your written notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges: **cancel 95 days or more before departure: \$200 charge, cancel 94-65 days before departure: 25% of tour price; cancel 64-45 days before departure: 50% of tour price; cancel 44-30 days before departure: 75% of tour price; cancel 29-0 days before departure: no refund.** If you make any changes to your reservation from 94 to 30 days prior to departure, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. will apply a \$100 per person administrative fee, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by third parties. Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason, you will be charged the single supplement. **No changes are allowed within 30 days of departure. Upon reservation, you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport, as well as your date of birth and gender. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket's reissue.**

Eligibility

We require membership in the Commonwealth Club to travel with us. People who live outside of the Bay Area may purchase a national membership. To learn about membership types and to purchase a membership, visit commonwealthclub.org/membership or call (415) 597-6720.

Insurance

We strongly recommend the purchase of trip cancellation insurance, which is available for coverage of expenses in conjunction with cancellation due to illness or accident. Baggage insurance is also recommended. In the event you must cancel your participation in the travel program, trip cancellation insurance may be your only source of reimbursement. You will be sent information about insurance upon registration.

Responsibility

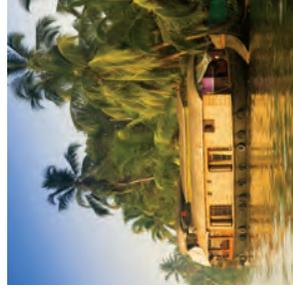
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Health and Medical Issues

We request that you be in good health to participate in this tour. There is a considerable amount of walking as well as some lengthy coach rides, and you must be able to get on and off motorcoaches and boats on your own. We regret that we cannot offer individual assistance; in such cases you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. Please note that many of our tour itineraries, for reasons beyond our control, do not accommodate wheelchairs. Please call or e-mail us to inquire and we will do our best to answer any questions you may have. We reserve the right to remove anyone whose physical or mental condition, in our opinion, compromises the operation of the tour or detracts from the enjoyment or safety of the other passengers. In that event, the Commonwealth Club and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour.

Air Transportation – Important Information

Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. includes in its tour price round-trip economy air from designated gateway cities as shown, and contracts with those airlines they feel provide the level of service, routings, and value necessary for your entire trip. While another airline may offer a more direct connection, it may be at a price unavailable at the lower group rates. You will receive your preliminary air schedule approximately 2½ months prior to departure. **Please note that seat assignment on your international flight is usually done at airport check-in. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. is unable to guarantee any seat assignments.** Due to the nature of our operator tickets, other restrictions apply, including, but not limited to, frequent flyer mileage accrual, stopovers, alternate travel dates, upgrades, and airline taxes and fees, if you prefer to make your own travel arrangements. Land Only is available on most tours. **Since international and domestic air schedules are subject to change at any time, we recommend that if you choose to make your own airline reservations, you do not purchase non-refundable tickets or those with high penalties for changes. If you choose to make your own air arrangements, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour.**



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