

JOURNEY ON WHEELS

Discover Southern India

This is a unique journey never before offered to the discerning professional sports bike rider. It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see, off-the-beaten-track, the scenic beauty of Southern India.

Starting in Chennai (Madras) and ending in Goa, the old Portuguese colony, with return flights ex Mumbai (Bombay), it will take you to all the following places in between: Chennai, Bangalore, Mysore, Coorg, Ooty, Wayand, Guruvayoor, Munnar, Thekkady, Kumarakom, Tallichevy, Bokal, Kasargod, Gokarna, Goa, Mumbai.

Flights are via Bangkok in both directions, with arrival Chennai and departure Mumbai, flying Thai International, a Star Alliance carrier.

What's special about this journey is not only will you ride through Southern India, but you do it on a Royal Enfield 500cc, with all the back-up required: mechanic with side-kick van, Aussie Ride Manager (David Reeves), a long-time rider and Travel Manager, staying in good quality, tourist class style hotels. Ride numbers are limited to a maximum of sixteen (16) including our Ride Manager David Reeves.

Ride cost will be based on a Sydney-Sydney per person costing inclusive of airfare, associated taxes & fuel surcharges. There will also be a cost available for a single bike rider travelling with a pillion. Cost will be offered on a share twin basis with a single room supplement. Costs will also be available ex other Australian home ports on application.

Come ride with us through "Incredible India"

Begins: 31st March 2012
Ends: 23rd April 2010
Duration: 24 Days
Cost: TBA*

**This is an expression on interest flyer, a full daily itinerary for the 2012 ride is available on request. As a guide please note that the 2011 Ride was AU\$9,392.00 per person*



Royal Enfield

- Engine 499cc air-cooled
- Transmission 5-speed manual
- Bore 84mmx90mm
- Fuel system Electronic fuel injected
- Power 27.5bhp @ 5,250rpm
- Torque 41.3Nm @ 2,000rpm
- Weight 187kg
- Length 2130mm
- Height 1050mm
- Ground Clearance 140mm
- Wheelbase 1370mm
- Fuel capacity 13.5 litres
- Top speed 124.64 kmp
- Fuel Efficiency 47.78 kmpl

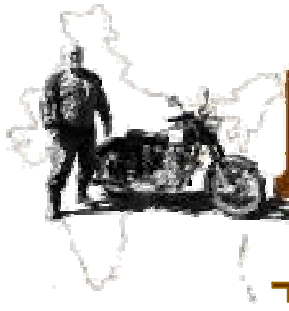
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MOTORCYCLE SAFARI THROUGH SOUTHERN INDIA

CHENNAI-BANGALORE-MYSORE-COORG (MEDIKERI)-WAYANAD-OOTY-GURUVAYOOR-MUNNAR—PERIYAR-
BACKWATER-TELICHERRY- BEKAL OR KASARGOD-NEELESHWAR-GOPKARNA-GOA

Day 01 – Arrive Chennai

Upon arrival in Chennai, transfer to the hotel.

Day 02 – In Chennai

After breakfast a half day tour of the Chennai city visiting its famous sights and we will talk about the Indian traffic. Later proceed to the Enfield Bullet Factory for a tour. Overnight at the hotel in Chennai.

Day 03 – Chennai to Bangalore. Train

Early morning transfer to the Chennai Central Train Station to board express Train to Bangalore. Arrive in Bangalore and transfer to the hotel where your Enfield Motorbike would be waiting. Rest of the day practice runs on the motorbike and talk about the traffic and safety on road.

Day 04 – Bangalore to Mysore. Ride

Arrive in Mysore and, if time permits, then visit the Mysore Palace and the famous Temple of Chamundeshwari. Overnight at the hotel in Mysore. Visit the palace of the Maharaja built in 1911-12 - the palace is of harmonious syntheses of the Hindu and saracenic styles of architecture with archways, domes, and turrets, colonnades and sculptures that are magnificent. Visit the Art Gallery, drive up to Chamundi hill to see Chamundeshwari Temple and a panoramic view of Mysore. On the way back, see the Nandi Bull.

Day 05 – Mysore to Coorg

After breakfast drive to Medikeri in Coorg . a very scenic drive all the way to Coorg. Coorg is the anglicised name of Kodagu district of Karnataka state. It is located on the western ghats, right on the border with Kerala. Coorg is a district of Karnataka state. The lowest elevation in Coorg is 900 metres above sea level. Madikeri, which is the headquarters of the district is a popular hill station. In general, Coorg district is heavily forested which makes a stay here in any season very pleasant.

Day 06 – In Coorg. Explore surroundings

A coffee plantation walk, visit the waterfall and the Medikeri town. Overnight at a resort in Coorg.

Day 07 – Coorg to Ooty

A scenic and beautiful ride to the famous hill station of Ooty. Upon arrival here ride to your beautiful hotel.

Day 08 – In Ooty

Ooty also known as Udhagamandalam is the "**Queen of hill stations**" and the capital of Nilgiris district. It is one of the most popular tourist resorts in India. Nilgiris means "**Blue Mountains**". It is a land of picturesque picnic spots. Used to be a popular summer and weekend getaway for the British during the colonial days. It is situated at an altitude of 2,240 metres above sea level. An added attraction for the tourists to Udagamandalam is the mountain train journey on a ratchet and pinion track which commences from Kallar, near Mettupalayam and wends its way through many hair-raising curves and fearful tunnels and chugs along beside deep ravines full of verdant vegetation, gurgling streams and tea gardens.

OOTY: *Historically, this is the area of the Toda, the tribal peoples whose belief systems and practices centre on the buffalo. Today only about 1500 Toda remain, their cone-shaped shrines prominent throughout the hills. In the early 19th century, the British established Ooty to serve as the summer headquarters of the Madras (now Chennai) government. Until about two decades ago, Ooty (altitude 2240m) resembled an unlikely combination of southern England and Australia: single-storey stone cottages, bijou-fenced flower garden, leafy winding lanes, and tall eucalyptus stands. Other reminders of the British period include the stone churches, private schools, the Ooty Club, and the terraced botanical gardens. Maharaja summer palaces hark back to yet another time.*

Day 09 – Ooty to Wayanad

A very scenic ride to one of the most beautiful part of Kerala . The Wayanad District. **Wayanad** the green paradise is nestled among the mountains of the Western Ghats, forming the border world of the greener part of Kerala. Clean and pristine, enchanting and hypnotizing, this land is filled with history and culture. Located at a distance of 76 km. from the sea shores of Kozhikode

Day 10 – In Wayanad

Explore the beautiful surroundings of Wayanad which is unique in that it is situated in an elevated picturesque mountainous plateau in the Western Ghats. The vast stretches of mist-capped mountains, green meadows of valleys, white water springs, blue water lakes and wild forests express the splendid natural beauty of Wayanad. Its pretty image notwithstanding, perhaps what the visitor finds most endearing about this quaint little hill station is its large tribal population of about fifty-strong tribes and their fascinating lifestyle.

Day 11 – Wayanad to Guruvayoor

Another scenic ride to the holy city of Guruvayur. the abode of Lord Sree Guruvayurappan, located 29 kms north west to the cultural capital of the 'God's own country', Kerala. This narrow coastline strip of land on the south western edge of Indian subcontinent is one of the 10 paradises in the world. The geographical and bio-diversity of Kerala with the coastline beaches and stretches of backwaters lined with the swaying coconut palms on one side and evergreen forests of the western ghats with very rich wildlife on the other side makes it a real paradise. Natural beauty in abundance all along. In the evening we will try and arrange for a Classical dance Performance here as Guruvayur is the headquarters of some of the oldest dance forms of Kerala and vocal music forms.

Day 12 – Guruvayoor to Munnar

Another beautiful ride to Munnar. Set at an altitude of 6000 ft in Idukki district of Kerala, Munnar was the favored summer resort of the erstwhile British rulers in the colonial days. Unending expanse of tea plantations - pristine valleys and mountains- exotic species of flora and fauna in its wild sanctuaries and forests - aroma of spice scented cool air - yes! Munnar has all these and more.

Day 13 – In Munnar

Day to explore the beautiful surroundings of Munnar.

Day 14 – Munnar to Thekkady (Periyar Wildlife Reserve)

A beautiful ride all the way to Periyar.

Day 15 – In Thekkady

After breakfast visit the Tiger Reserve and enjoy a boat ride. Later visit a spice Plantation with a guide and learn about various spices grown in Kerala. Late in the day one can enjoy an ayurveda massage at various centres in Thekkady. Periyar Tiger Reserve: The construction of the Mullaperiyar Dam across the Periyar river at Thekkady, in 1895, submerged large tracts of land and created a huge lake, covering an area of 26 sq km (10 sq miles). Years later, in 1935, the then maharaja of Travancore declared 600 sq km (232 sq miles) of forest surrounding the lake a wildlife sanctuary. The Periyar Lake now forms the nucleus of the ecosystem of the sanctuary which, over the years, has been expanded to 777 sq km (300 sq miles). Declared a Tiger Reserve in 1978, the sanctuary is a rare example of human interference having enhanced rather than damaged an ecosystem.

Day 16 – Thekkady to Kumarakom.

Enjoy the famous backwater cruise and stay overnight on the boat. The enchanting backwater destination of Kumarakom is a small village that is a cluster of little islands on the Vembanad Lake in Kerala. Kumarakom strengthens Kerala's reputation for being God's own country with its unbelievably beautiful mangrove forests, coconut groves and emerald green paddy fields interspersed with enchanting waterways and canals adorned with white lilies. It is part of the Kuttanad region, and the bird sanctuary here spread across 14 acres of any ornithologist's paradise. The best way to watch the birds of the Kumarakom sanctuary is a boat trip round the islands, as hundreds of swaying verdant coconut palms lining the rivers lean to brush the tops of your heads. Kumarakom is an example of nature at her bountiful best in the fragrant flowers, the riot of multi-coloured birds, the surrounding greenery and the clear waters.

Day 17 – Disembark and Ride to Tellicherry

A long day 300+ KM and an early start will get us there in good time. A very scenic and interesting ride all along. Tellicherry is famous for its natural beauty and black pepper corn - Tellicherry whole black peppercorns are left on the vine longer so they develop a deep, rich flavour. Considered the finest pepper in the world, these extra-large berries come from the Malabar coast of India.

Day 18 – Telicherry to Bekal or Kasargod

Stay the night at one of the finest beach resorts here. An easy day's ride under 175 KM - a very scenic ride yet again.

Day 19 – Bekal or Kasargod to Gokarna

Yet another beautiful ride today to reach the famous Aum Beach and stay at a fine hotel here - the Gokarna Beach Resort.

Day 20 – Gokarna to Goa

After breakfast ride to the famous beach destination of Goa - an easy day's ride.

Day 21 – In Goa

This tiny State, along the Konkan Coast, covers 3,702 sq km and consists of just two districts, North and South Goa. Goa's distinct culture is a legacy of its colonial past. In 1510, Alfonso de Albuquerque established a small but powerful Portuguese enclave here.

Though Goa became a part of the Indian Union in 1961, evidence of the 400- odd years of Portuguese rule is still apparent in the people's dress, language, religion, and cuisine, and in their music, a fusion of the plaintive *fado* with the lilting rhythms of local Konkani folk songs. Today, Goa is one of India's most popular holiday destinations, with its idyllic beaches, lush paddy fields, coconut plantations, and villages dotted with pretty white-washed churches and grand mansions. Its other attractions include the Hindu temples around Ponda, built between the 15th and 18th centuries, and the magnificent cathedrals of Old Goa. Goa's friendly, easy-going people go out of their way to make visitors feel at home.

Sightseeing of Old Goa.

Day 22 – Goa to Mumbai Train or flight.

Upon arrival in Mumbai transfer to the hotel. Half day city tour of Mumbai. One can also fly out this evening.

Day 23 – Fly Out.

In time departure transfer to the international airport to board flight for onward destination.

NOTES

The above tour is a special-interest tour especially designed for motorbike enthusiasts. It is a unique tour with a combination of some of the most beautiful places to visit in south India. Hills, Beaches, Wildlife Sanctuary, Backwater Cruise, Ayurveda, Boat Cruise on Periyar Lake, Spice Plantation Visit, Kathakali dance show apart from riding a 50-year-old, brand new Enfield Bullet Motorbike and Cultural Highlights and much more.

- Motorbike riding holiday is potentially a dangerous activity and anyone undertaking this tour must have a valid driver's licence and a proper insurance policy which must cover riding a motorbike in India of 500 CC Capacity
- Proper riding gear is must for all riders.
- Riders must be flexible for a few long day rides and early starts. The rides will be rewarding with its scenery and the destinations will be waiting with good hotels.
- The motorbikes will be trucked from Delhi to Bangalore and they can be then shipped out from Mumbai. We will arrange for them to be trucked from Goa to Mumbai.
- It is possible to ride from Goa to Mumbai in two days. If the time permits, this will be offered as an optional extension.
- Our land arrangement cost depends upon the number of participants in the tour. To make it easy on cost a minimum of at least 14 participants are required. Our maximum participant is sixteen (16) riders including the Ride Manager.
- This will be a fully supported operation with support van carrying luggage, A Tour Escort/Guide, all spare parts in case of need and professionally trained mechanics to keep the bikes running in their best condition.
- We can either provide brand new bikes. in the case riders want to ship them back or we can provide rental bikes for the tour.
- The cost for such tours is based upon half board basis. Breakfast + one other meal per day, usually dinner at the end of the day. Lunch is at the riders expense along the ride path on the day. With local assistance with selection.
- The ride will be on a Royal Enfield Classic 500cc+bikes. There is an option to ride as a pillion or a seat in chase vehicle, such cost on application.

What's included:

- Economy class airfare SYD-BKK-MAD + BOM-BKK-SYD flying Thai International + all current port taxes and fuel surcharges
- Accommodation on a share twin basis in good, 4-star, or similar standard, Indian hotels on a half board basis. this covers breakfast and dinner daily from breakfast Day 2 in Chennai (Madras) to breakfast on Day 22 in Mumbai (Bombay)
- Arrival and departure transfers with airport meet & greets+
- One Enfield Bullet 500CC motor cycle for each rider
- Australian (Ride Manager) escort from Day 1 to Day 24
- Petrol for ride which is expected to cover approximately 2,000 kms.
- Back-up van with mechanic and spares as required. van will also carry baggage for riders and pillions

- One small lead van as guide vehicle
- Train from Chennai (Madras) to Bangalore in Chair Car, 1st Class, air-conditioned grade on Day 3 to commence ride and save the hassle to ride out of Chennai
- Overnight stay on houseboat at Kerala on a full board (all meals) basis
- Trained mechanic and assistant for the entire ride . spare parts are chargeable to the rider if and as required for your bike
- Sightseeing as detailed in programme inclusive of all entry fees
- Transportation of Royal Enfields from Delhi to Chennai/Bangalore + Goa to Delhi at end of ride

Items not included:

- Gratuities to local staff, i.e. guides, mechanics etc.
- Items of a personal nature . laundry, room service, telephone etc.
- Comprehensive Travel Insurance & cover to ride in India
- Lunches throughout the ride . stops will be made for lunch breaks at your cost
- **Notes:**
 - a) Spare parts and service of bikes will be provided. If any internal damage takes place, it will be the rider's responsibility to repair same. But if such items are damaged and need replacement - such as clutch plate, throttle, clutch cable faults, rear sprocket and brake shoe/pads . such cost is the rider's account
 - b) External damage of the bike by it being dropped or hitting another vehicle or object will be chargeable to the rider
 - c) Bikes are Third Party insured, but any damage done to a third party will be settled directly by the rider(s) with the assistance of the accompanying guide. This will involve any crash settlement. Our Indian office will apply for the claim with the Insurer and when received will be settled (refund) with the bike rider concerned. Such settlements in India, though, can take up to six months
 - d) In case of any accident, charges will be the responsibility of the rider and claimable on their personal comprehensive travel insurance.
Our India office will facilitate treatment (if and as required) and/or rescue procedures. Any charges involved in treatment/rescue will be by the individual rider and his/her insurance company. We can assist with QBE comprehensive travel insurance or, if you have your own specific favourite, that's fine, but before travel each participant must show proof of any such comprehensive travel insurance, or sign an indemnity releasing this licensed travel company of any liability.
- At some sites or monuments, the Indian authorities apply camera (still) and video charges . any such charges are the personal expense of the participants
- Any items not mentioned as being specifically included in this programme.



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