

We offer you remarkable travel experiences that are engaging, insightful and memorable, within a genuinely small group.

This is Remarkable East.



All Inclusive

With Remarkable East, everything is taken care of. We take care of all the details, big and small, before you go and when you are on tour. We ensure you are comfortable and supported while you are travelling with us.

Remarkable East tours include:

- Return international flights
- Remarkable accommodation
- Fully escorted tours by an Australian host and English-speaking national guide
- Most meals
- Travel visas, insurance and tips
- All transport
- All activities and entrance fees
- Round-the-clock access to Australian hosts while on tour

Each tour limited to 12 passengers

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Contemporary Travel

Evolving Destinations

Our tours are designed to allow you authentic experiences within a comfortable and supported group environment. We'll take you to see and experience destinations first hand, not from a bus window, led by an accompanying Australian host. We want you to be comfortable while you travel.

We believe 'small group' travel should be just that: small. Our tours take 12 passengers or less. This gives us real access to people, places and experiences unavailable to larger groups.

Remarkable East tours are refined year to year.

Our itineraries are contemporary, and designed on current, first-hand knowledge – knowledge gathered when we visit each destination several times a year. Our frequent travel allows us to uncover new experiences and hotels – to discover restaurants just opened, to test activities first-hand, and to check we have the best local guides. This ensures our tours are innovative and current. We offer unique itineraries each year, and every part of your itinerary is tried and tested by our team.

We take pride in what we do, our tours are considered, and every detail is important.

Remarkable East won't show you the ordinary, only the remarkable.

Experience-based Travel

From Lincoln Harris, Founder, Remarkable East

The five remarkable journeys offered to you in this brochure are tours for travellers, designed by travellers.

When I travel personally, I want to explore each location in depth. To see key attractions, but also uncover the lesser-known destinations. I love to engage with interesting guides and local characters along the way. I seek new experiences, enjoy the simple pleasures of everyday life in another country, but also enjoy stylish accommodation.

Whether it's riding commuter trains in Mumbai, sipping arrack at a local bar in Colombo, talking cricket with a tea seller in rural India, staying at a suite in Umaid Bhawan Palace in Jodhpur or being served high tea by the butlers at Tea Trails in Sri Lanka, my personal travels are a mix of the things I love about the countries I visit. And that's what I want to share with you.

Remarkable East tours aren't developed sitting around a table in an office. Each tour evolves from extensive travel – whether it's personal travel, reconnaissance or leading tours. When we are developing a tour we visit every location and hotel. We test every activity. Importantly, we know what works because we see the response of our travellers first-hand when we are on tour.

The tours of Remarkable East are a reflection of the way we like to travel, refined after 20 years traversing Asia. We've distilled all that we have learnt and discovered from travelling – the places, the people, the experiences – and have personally crafted these remarkable tours.

I present to you *Splendour in Sri Lanka, Insights of Sri Lanka, Myanmar Revealed, India In Style and Secret South India.*

This is Remarkable East. I invite you to experience it with us.

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Our Team

Remarkable East is led by a team of Australian tour planners and hosts, backed by local expertise on the ground. Between us, our travel experience spans many decades. We are curious, passionate about what we do and eager to share our knowledge with you.

Lincoln Harris

Senior tour planner and host, *Remarkable East*

Part traveller, part explorer, Lincoln has been traversing India and neighbouring countries for more than 20 years, seeking new destinations and authentic experiences to share with other travellers. Lincoln has planned and led small group tours over 15 years, lived and worked in Mumbai, and cultivated a deep knowledge of Asia built on personal experience and reconnaissance. Based in Melbourne, Australia, he runs travel company India Unbound, which specialises in custom made journeys for individuals. Each year Lincoln devotes months to travel – personally researching and appraising hotels, activities and hosts – to create contemporary, authentic travel for others. Lincoln founded Remarkable East to personally introduce travellers to these incredible destinations and to share his knowledge with them first-hand, through small group tours.

Madelene Pearson

Contemporary Experiences Researcher, *Remarkable East*

A journalist and keen traveller, Madelene first visited India more than 15 years ago. She lived in Asia for five years and her travel takes her to India and Sri Lanka each year. With a strong affection for high tea, champagne and fine accommodation, she is Remarkable East's in-house food and lifestyle connoisseur. On the road, she likes to discover great places to eat, drink and shop; to take time to enjoy the finer things in life and to explore a city with local guides and walking tours. From sampling high tea in a palace in India, to searching for new boutiques in Colombo and compiling city shopping guides, her discoveries lend a contemporary twist to our itineraries.

Maggie Rando

Itinerary Specialist, *Remarkable East*

With a passion for the colours of Rajasthan that spills over into her daily life, Maggie has an incredible knowledge of Indian literature and culture. Her research and writing helps to bring to life the destinations we take you to. Her next adventure takes her to Sri Lanka to sample Ceylon's best cups of tea and to bring back new perspective for our itineraries.

Kanwaljit Singh

Destination Specialist, India

Based in New Delhi, Kanwal forms part of our team developing activities and hunting down the best local guides in India. With more than 15 years of experience in travel in India, he ensures our tours run smoothly day-by-day. His personal adventures have taken him into the tribal belt of Assam, over the Himalayas by motorbike, into the small toddy shops in Kerala's backwaters and everywhere in between.

Mahiru Fernando

Destination Specialist, Sri Lanka

Based in Colombo, Mahiru is symbolic of tourism in Sri Lanka: young and dynamic. He coordinates the logistics of *Remarkable East* tours in Sri Lanka. Passionate about his home country, Mahiru is keen to introduce people to more than just Sri Lanka's highlights. From his favourite luxury hotel, Ulagalla, to a small village near Kandy where he enjoys trekking and a simple eco lodge, his experience covers all aspects of Sri Lanka.



Remarkable Styles

For more than two decades we have personally crafted travel experiences. We know first hand that there are different types of travellers.

Understanding this, we have created two distinct styles of Remarkable East small group tours: *Insights* and *In Style*.

In this brochure you will find two *In Style* tours: *Splendour in Sri Lanka* and *India In Style*. You will also find three *Insights* tours: *Secret South India*, *Myanmar Revealed* and *Insights of Sri Lanka*.

To help you decide which tour and style is best for you, here's how we've defined the two styles:



In Style

For travellers who want to see and experience a country, but also have time to relax and enjoy their holiday.

Central to these tours is the accommodation. *In Style* tours by Remarkable East feature the best accommodation a country has to offer: hotels that are destinations themselves. These are properties that people aspire to visit – hotels renowned for their service, location, restaurants, historical legacy or their architecture. These remarkable places are destinations that travellers dream of.

These tours are crafted to include ample time to enjoy your accommodation. On a day-to-day level, this means the itinerary will mostly feature one activity each day, either in the morning or the afternoon, with a balance of leisure time. The pace of the tours is leisurely.

In Style is for travellers who appreciate elegant surroundings, outstanding service and fine dining. The tours are sophisticated, with a touch of the contemporary. We have refined the tours to reveal to you only the best a country has to offer. The itineraries feature only select activities and sights. These activities are carefully chosen and engaging, but the days aren't crowded, leaving you time to relax and enjoy your holiday and your accommodation.

While our *In Style* tours have a strong focus on the accommodation, they may also include lesser-known destinations, interesting people and unique experiences, based on our first-hand knowledge and years of reconnaissance.

These are once-in-a-lifetime tours.

Insights

For curious-minded travellers who want to delve deeper into a country and engage with the people who live there.

The tours are defined by experiences – by meeting interesting individuals we know and interacting with them, and by activities that will give a greater depth of understanding about the places we are visiting. On a day-to-day level this means getting out and about, seeing and doing things, and often for the whole day. The pace of the tours is active.

Insights tours by Remarkable East are likely to feature uncommon destinations and experiences. The tours will reveal to you places most travellers won't see, and will give you the opportunity to connect with the country in a way that other travellers don't get to experience. We know these destinations are worth taking you to, because we've travelled them ourselves. Designing the tours based on personal experience and research, these tours can't be replicated by other travel companies.

Insights are for travellers who are taken with subjects such as history, architecture, art and archaeology, who want to immerse themselves in a place and come away knowing something new. These tours suit travellers who appreciate the chance to sit and chat with locals, participating in the small and large experiences of the journey.

The accommodation within our *Insights* tours still maintains our high standard, but will be more varied and interesting and, because the trips go to lesser-known places, it's diverse. You may stay in a small wildlife lodge, a lovely B&B, or a restored haveli where the hosts themselves and the knowledge they have are the reason to stay there. Travellers who look for authenticity, who enjoy engaging with local personalities but still look for comfort, will appreciate the accommodation within the *Insights* tours.

This style of tour is designed to give a greater insight into your destination.



Tour Highlights



Insights of Sri Lanka
Limited to 12 passengers
An Insights Tour

14 Days
March 2019

Insights of Sri Lanka is for travellers who want to gain a deeper understanding of the culture, history and people of Sri Lanka. The tour has evolved from years of personal travel and exploration, distilled into a two-week journey that features insightful and engaging activities. An active-paced tour that covers lesser-visited destinations, with a focus on interacting with local people and obtaining an insight into the country from the experiences shared along the way. The itinerary includes walking tours, conversations with locals and a diverse range of accommodation.

- Travel to Delft Island, the remotest part of Sri Lanka
- Ride the Queen of Jaffna express train to far north Sri Lanka
- Explore Jaffna's temples and backstreets with a resident Tamil guide
- Visit the sacred Bodhi tree in the ancient capital of Anuradhapura
- Discover the ruins of Kaludiya and Ritigala with an expert archaeologist
- Search for wild elephant herds and crocodiles with a boat safari and picnic breakfast at Gal Oya National Park
- Take a forest walk with an indigenous Vedda Chief at Gal Oya
- Stay at Galle Face Hotel, a landmark of Colombo
- Experience contemporary Sri Lankan cuisine with dinner at Rare in Colombo
- An active-paced tour

(see pages 16–26 for details)



India In Style
Limited to 12 passengers
An In Style Tour

13 Days
September 2018

India In Style is a once-in-a-lifetime tour. Stay in India's most remarkable luxury accommodation – grand palaces and heritage hotels – and see the country's most memorable and significant sights. Travelling to fewer places with longer stays at each location, and plenty of time to enjoy the outstanding accommodation, this tour has a leisurely pace. Featuring easy sightseeing, space for shopping and relaxing, and some of India's best contemporary restaurants and boutiques. Discover an India you will never forget.

- Experience a 3-night stay at the magnificent Umaid Bhawan Palace, Jodhpur
- See first-hand the world-renowned Taj Mahal
- Stay at The Oberoi Amarvilās, Agra, with views of the Taj Mahal from every room
- Enjoy 3 nights at The Imperial in Delhi, one of India's most significant historic hotels
- Stay with the descendants of Indian royalty in Rajasthan's countryside
- Play golf at Delhi Golf Club or enjoy an Indian cooking class and lunch in a private home
- Take a champagne heritage tour at Umaid Bhawan Palace
- Experience contemporary Indian cuisine with dinner at Masala Library
- Indulge with High Tea and a palm reading in Jaipur
- Explore Mehrangarh Fort in the blue city of Jodhpur
- A leisurely paced tour

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Myanmar Revealed
Limited to 12 passengers
An Insights Tour

15 Days
August 2018

Myanmar Revealed introduces you to the living cultural traditions and everyday life of the many different ethnic groups that together constitute the Union of Myanmar. Discover ancient pagodas and spectacular scenery, taste local food in family homes, and witness traditional ways of life in places largely untouched by the outside world. Covering well-known locations in the north and uncovering the lesser-explored south, this two-week journey is the most active of the Remarkable East tours.

- Discover Yangon's local markets, colonial buildings and monks on a guided city walk
- Visit Shwedagon Pagoda with its impressive golden spire in Yangon
- Take a scenic rail journey over Gokteik Viaduct, once the world's second-highest railway bridge
- Walk to a Palaung village, where the lifestyle remains completely traditional
- Visit Shan Palace and meet a relative of the last prince of Hsipaw
- Cruise the Ayerawady River on a privately chartered vessel for 2 nights
- Wander through some of the thousands of ancient pagodas of Bagan
- Join pilgrims at Golden Rock, one of the most sacred Buddhist sites
- Enjoy lush scenery and quiet surroundings at the elegant Sanctum Inle Resort
- Take a lake cruise and cooking class at Inle Lake
- Travel by foot and local Kayak to explore the villages of the Kayin people
- An active-paced tour

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Splendour in Sri Lanka
Limited to 12 passengers
An In Style Tour

14 Days
June 2018

Splendour in Sri Lanka is for travellers who want to experience Sri Lanka's renowned luxury accommodation along with a selection of its most significant historical and cultural sights. A lightly active program that includes easy walking tours, gently immersive activities and the company of like-minded travellers. With sophisticated dining and optional curated shopping at Sri Lanka's finest venues, this tour incorporates contemporary themes rarely experienced by visitors. The tour includes simply the best accommodation in the land and ample leisure time to enjoy it.

- Experience a 3-night stay at the renowned luxury plantation resort Tea Trails
- Fly over central and southern Sri Lanka in a private charter plane
- Enjoy 2 nights at the iconic Galle Face Hotel in Junior Suites with access to the exclusive Long Room
- Search for leopards at Yala National Park with jeep safaris led by expert naturalists and receive priority park access
- Climb Sigiriya Rock Fortress
- Discover the history of tea and the art of tasting during *The Tea Experience*
- Take a scenic rail journey in Sri Lanka's hill country
- Pamper yourself with a massage at Chena Huts
- Uncover the secrets of Sri Lankan cuisine during a cooking class
- Enjoy all-inclusive stays (including drinks) at Tea Trails and Chena Huts
- A leisurely paced tour

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Secret South India
Limited to 10 passengers
An Insights Tour

14 Days
February 2019

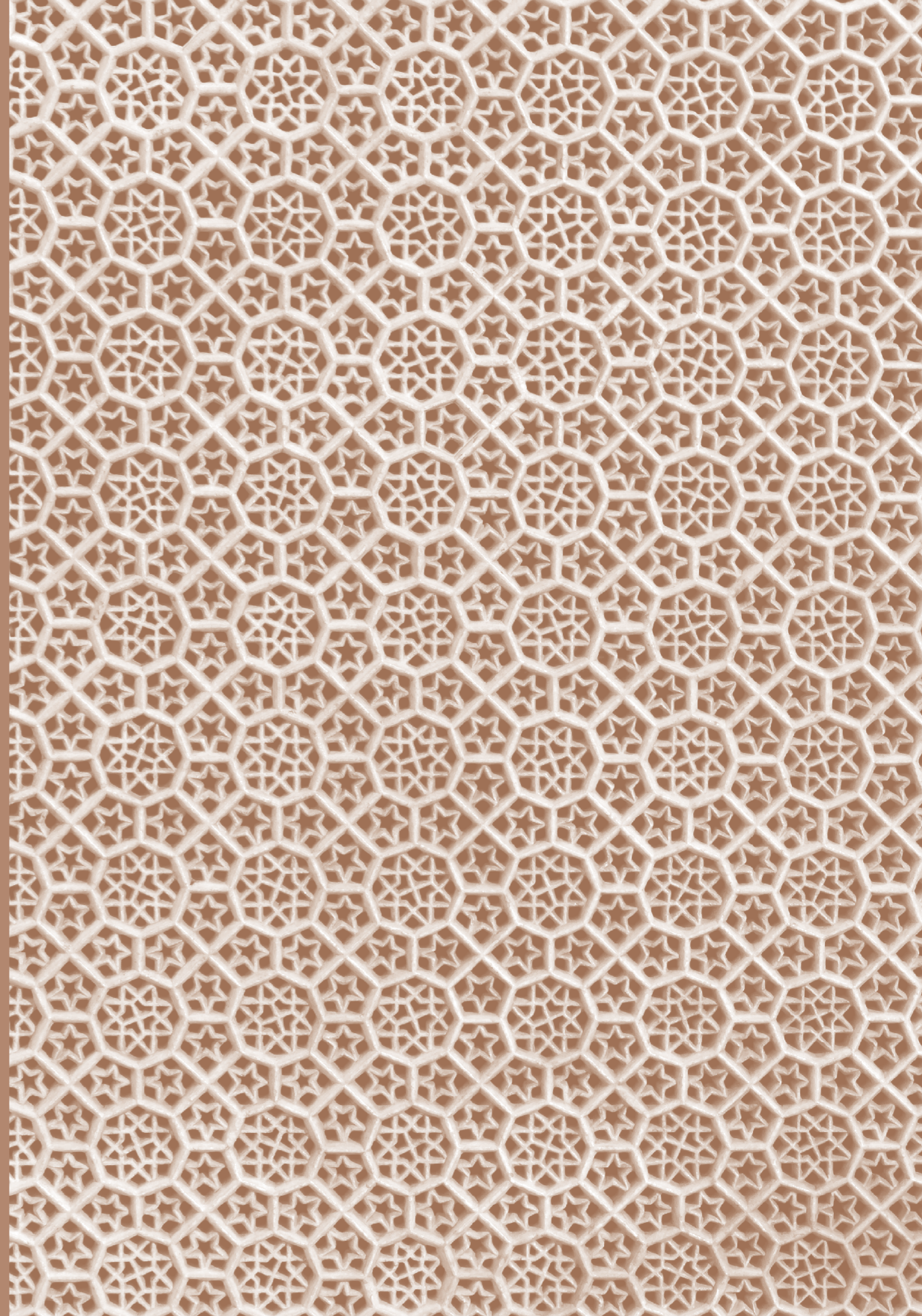
Secret South India will reveal to you the remarkable people and places of India's three southern-most states: Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Karnataka. Highlighting themes of architecture, art, religious ritual, food and history, this two-week journey is the result of our years of reconnaissance and in-depth travel in the south of India. Largely avoiding conventional sights and activities, this active-paced tour focuses on the finer details of places, and on the people who call those locations home.

- Visit Meenakshi Temple in Madurai, one of India's largest temples
- Witness the spectacular classical dance-drama of Kathakali in its original setting
- Uncover the secrets of Mappila cuisine with a market visit and cooking class
- Discover the distinct spiced cuisine and 18th century mansions of Chettinad
- Experience a 2-night stay at a colonial coffee plantation bungalow in Coorg
- Observe traditional temple rituals performed in a family temple in Kerala
- Be mesmerised by Theyyam, a colourful religious ceremony
- Marvel as almost 100,000 lights illuminate Mysore Palace at night
- Experience traditional home-cooked meals and meet the wonderful hosts who prepare them
- An active-paced tour

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Map
Unfold the cover of this brochure for a detailed map of the five Remarkable East tours.

Only the Remarkable





Insights of Sri Lanka



14 Days
18 – 31 March 2019
Limited to 12 passengers
Part of Remarkable East's
Insight Series

When travel takes a route less explored, there's a freshness to our journey — something new and something special for everyone involved — from the driver to the local guides and our travelling companions. We are all discovering something together.

Insights of Sri Lanka will take you to a collection of places most travellers never get to see. We've taken the time to find them, revealing interesting things to do and fascinating locals to meet who can offer an insight into this incredible country, so that together we may gain a deeper understanding of Sri Lanka, her people and her history.

DAY 1

Colombo Airport – Horathapola

You'll be met upon arrival and transferred to your hotel, Horathapola Estate. Set on 50 acres of land, this colonial bungalow is surrounded by lush gardens, coconut trees and paddy fields, as well as organic fruit and vegetable gardens. In the heart of the garden sits a 200-year-old frangipani tree. Your stay here is a snapshot of an idyllic rural Sri Lanka.

> Overnight Horathapola Estate, Horathapola

DAY 3

Anuradhapura – Kaludiya Pokuna – Ritigala – Anuradhapura

Discover the lesser-known archaeological ruins of the Cultural Triangle guided by a resident practicing archaeologist. Explore Kaludiya Pokuna with its nearby residing monks and the meditational jungle pathways of Ritigala – an ancient monastic complex with an intriguing layout.

> Overnight The Sanctuary, Anuradhapura

DAY 4

Anuradhapura – Jaffna

Travel on the Queen of Jaffna express into Tamil heartland in the country's very far north, passing barren landscapes and occasional villages on this comfortable local train. As we explore northern Sri Lanka, we will hear about the country's civil war from the Tamil perspective. This afternoon, discover bullet-ravaged buildings, fishing villages and the city library on a rickshaw tour of Jaffna with our local Tamil guide Mohan. Don't miss the Rio Special – ice cream, fruit salad, jelly, topped with cashews and a wafer – when we stop at the city's most-loved ice cream parlour.

> Overnight Jetwing Jaffna, Jaffna

It's not its beauty or its sights that draws visitors; rather it is the story of Jaffna itself that lures people to the very north of Sri Lanka. Cut off from the rest of the country for nearly three decades during Sri Lanka's bloody domestic conflict, Jaffna's isolation and seeming remoteness creates a sense of intrigue around this town. Located just 400 kilometres from Colombo, the contrasts of the two places couldn't be greater. In Jaffna, time has stood still for decades, while Colombo is rapidly changing and modernising.

With its majority Tamil population, landscapes dotted with temples and churches, scars of war and a cuisine that's heavily spiced and draws upon the catches of the surrounding sea, you will discover a place like no other in Sri Lanka. Locals are still pleasantly surprised to see foreign visitors (for the time being), vintage Morris Minors are parked here and there on the streets, and traffic lights were only added in recent years. You will discover that it's the everyday nature of the city, and the sense that time stopped here for three decades, which is the appeal of Jaffna.



DAY 2

Horathapola – Anuradhapura

Stroll the organic farm and rural village surrounding Horathapola with a guided walk this morning. Afterwards, drive to Anuradhapura – the ancient capital and an active religious site that draws Buddhist pilgrims from across the globe – and visit the main stupa. In Anuradhapura we stay within its sacred city, allowing us the opportunity this afternoon to walk to the much-revered Bodhi tree.

> Overnight The Sanctuary, Anuradhapura





DAY 5

Jaffna – Delft – Jaffna

Join local residents on the ferry to Delft Island, the remotest part of Sri Lanka. A barren and nondescript island with modest sights, we travel to Delft to discover its strategic importance and see the wild horses left by the Portuguese 400 years ago. Enjoy a home-cooked lunch, freshly prepared by a local family on Delft. In the afternoon, we return to Jaffna by private boat.

> Overnight Jetwing Jaffna, Jaffna

DAY 6

Jaffna

Visit Nallur Temple, the largest Hindu temple in Sri Lanka, adorned with 108 paintings of Lord Shiva dancing. Join bare-chested men and shoe-less pilgrims inside the temple, surrounded by the sounds and energy of morning prayers. Later, drive to the fishing village of Point Pedro and sample Jaffna prawn curry during lunch in a family home.

> Overnight Jetwing Jaffna, Jaffna

Many of the places in this tour are unaffected by tourism, so local people are going about their day-to-day lives as they would ordinarily. For some of the Sri Lankans we'll encounter along the way, it's still a novelty to see foreigners in their hometown, so the curiosity we are feeling for Sri Lanka is reciprocated by locals who are also curious about us. It's warm and charming, and a two-way exchange of discovery. It's what justifies doing something a little bit different.

DAY 7

Jaffna – Kuchchaveli

After breakfast, depart for Sri Lanka's east coast and a beach stay. For the next two nights enjoy the lush surroundings of our accommodation Jungle Beach, where private villas are nestled in the jungle and the beach is at our doorstep. A chance to pause and relax. Afternoon at leisure.

> Overnight Jungle Beach, Kuchchaveli

DAY 8

Kuchchaveli – Trincomalee – Kuchchaveli

Like other days on this tour, today is about discovering the modest everyday life that's little changed in Sri Lanka. Visit Fort Frederic and see the small shops and old-fashioned businesses with a walking tour of Trincomalee. *Haircuts, Spices and Hindu Gods* will introduce you to the former bodybuilder turned barber who can cut your hair, and you will see spices freshly ground and mixed at Ruben's spice store. Afternoon at leisure.

> Overnight Jungle Beach, Kuchchaveli

DAY 9

Kuchchaveli – Batticaloa – Gal Oya

Drive to Batticaloa and meet our local host, Mala, who will reveal the lingering reminders of the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami, and who will serve us lunch under the fruit trees in her garden. Later, continue to Gal Oya National Park, Sri Lanka's least-visited park. For the next two nights stay within the park at Gal Oya Lodge where wildlife research and protection is as much a focus as wildlife viewing.

> Overnight Gal Oya Lodge, Gal Oya

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There's so much to love about Gal Oya Lodge. There's the sense of remoteness – with not another single lodge near the park and no internet, televisions, or phones. There's Phil the eager biologist and Damien the barefooted head naturalist cum jungle man, who are passionate about wildlife, the environment, and the fascinating research they are doing at Gal Oya. They are thrilled to share it all with you. There's the gentle morning bird walks and sipping hot brewed tea in the middle of your boat safari that the lodge has so thoughtfully packed. There's the pool with the magnificent mountain backdrop and the delicious meals like chilled beetroot soup, Sri Lankan rice and curry and who could forget the chilli, cardamom and chocolate cake with vanilla ice cream? Leave the crowds to Sri Lanka's other national parks and enjoy this unexplored treasure.

**DAY 10
Gal Oya**

Observe crocodiles, elephants and monkeys in their natural habitat in Gal Oya National Park on a boat safari, and stop for a picnic breakfast. Gal Oya is the country's only national park where you can safari by boat. In the afternoon, head into the forest for a guided walk with a local Vedda chief. The Vedda are the original Indigenous community of Sri Lanka, though their traditional culture and way of life is being severely impacted by Sri Lanka's rapidly modernising economy.

> Overnight Gal Oya Lodge, Gal Oya



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**DAY 11
Gal Oya – Kandy**

Rise early for a gentle bird watching walk led by one of the lodge's naturalists. Feel the forest and countryside come to life as the day wakes. Later, drive to Kandy. Witness the prayers and rituals at the World Heritage-listed Buddhist 'Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic' in Kandy in the late afternoon.

> Overnight Kandyan Manor, Kandy

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**DAY 12
Kandy**

Uncover the secrets of Sri Lankan recipes today with a hands-on cooking demonstration by our host Suzy. In her kitchen you'll find an ancient stone grinder used for pounding spices, traditional Sri Lankan clay pots for cooking and an old-fashioned wood-fueled stove. Visit the local market to shop for ingredients before spending the morning in the kitchen.

> Overnight Kandyan Manor, Kandy

**DAY 13
Kandy – Colombo**

Drive to Kandy railway station and board a train to Colombo. Transfer to the Galle Face Hotel upon arrival, a 150-year restored heritage hotel that is a landmark of Sri Lanka's capital. At dusk, join locals for an evening stroll on Galle Face Green before enjoying a final dinner of contemporary Sri Lankan cuisine at *Rare*.

> Overnight Galle Face Hotel, Colombo

**DAY 14
Colombo – Airport**

Immerse yourself in Colombo's history with a city walk led by expert resident guide Mark Forbes. See the architecture of the Dutch and the British, enjoy a drink at an historic hotel and hear the anecdotes and tales of this city from a passionate local guide. In the afternoon, there is the option to visit some of the Colombo boutiques and cafes we frequent ourselves for last-minute gifts and mementoes. Freshen up at the hotel before transferring to the airport for departing flights. Farewell the people and places you have discovered in *Insights of Sri Lanka*.



Insights of Sri Lanka

\$8,985 per person twin share

\$2,145 single supplement

14 Days

18 – 31 March 2019

Included:

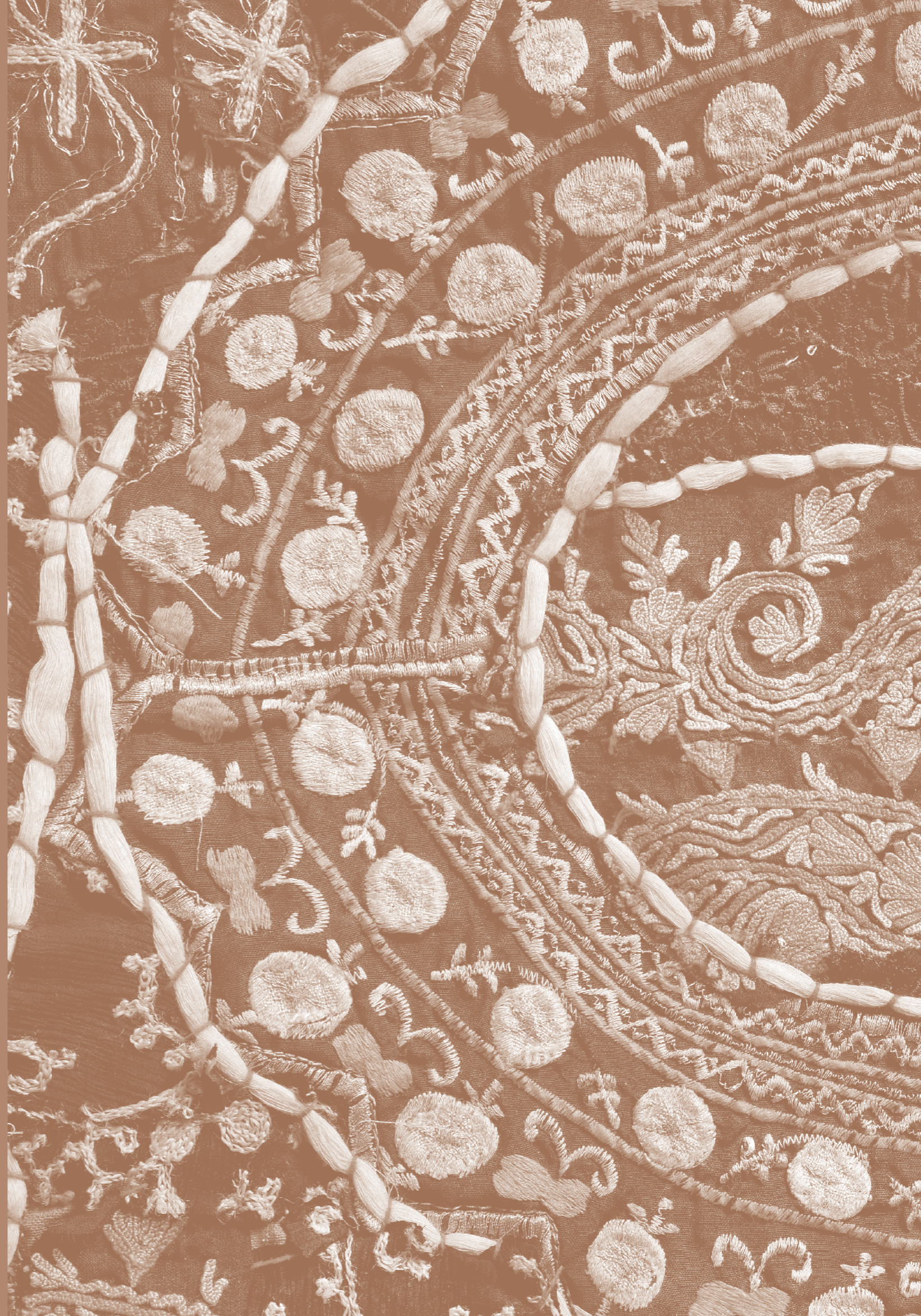
- Fully escorted from Horathapola by Lincoln Harris
- Return economy class international flights[^]
- 13 nights' accommodation
- All breakfasts and dinners, 5 x lunches
- Transport by air-conditioned mini coach for all transfers, sightseeing and touring as per the itinerary
- English-speaking Sri Lankan guide throughout
- All activities including entrance fees
- Train tickets: Anuradhapura to Jaffna, Kandy to Colombo
- Gal Oya: 01 boat safari, hikes and walks through local area, 01 Vedda chief walk
- Kandyan Manor: cooking demonstration and dinner
- In Colombo: guided walking tour with Mark Forbes/team
- Government taxes
- Sri Lankan Electronic Travel Authorisation (visa)
- Tips
- Standard travel insurance*

Not included:

- Lunches – except as listed
- Any expenses of a personal nature e.g. laundry, drinks, telephone calls, excess baggage
- Any other expense which is not mentioned as included

[^]Upgrade to business class from \$3,750 per person

*Our travel insurance provider may levy a surcharge based on age and/or pre-existing medical conditions. Further terms and conditions apply.





India In Style



13 Days
16 – 28 September 2018
Limited to 12 passengers
Part of Remarkable East's
In Style Series



India In Style is a contemporary tour mixed with a touch of India's royal past and snapshots of its mighty empires. Stay in grand hotels that have witnessed the shaping of India's independence, and in palaces where its last maharajas resided. A luxurious holiday featuring the country's best accommodation and time to enjoy it, with select sightseeing and activities. Including massages, champagne heritage tours, casual cooking classes, a round of golf, jeep safaris with afternoon tea in the countryside, palm readings, high tea, antique shopping and the Taj Mahal – this is a once-in-a-lifetime tour of India that will make you the envy of others.

**DAY 1
Delhi**

You will be met upon arrival and transferred to your hotel, The Imperial. This elegantly restored Art Deco heritage hotel was designed to be one of the grand monuments of New Delhi. Today, it's one of the nation's finest heritage hotels and one of our favourite places to stay in all of India.

> Overnight at The Imperial, Delhi

**DAY 2
Delhi**

Enjoy breakfast on the light-filled verandah at The Imperial before exploring Delhi's known and lesser-known parts. Lose yourself in the chanted prayers at a Sikh temple and be amazed at the workings of the kitchen preparing meals for devotees. Visit Jama Masjid and discover Old Delhi by rickshaw and on foot with an expert local guide. Afternoon at leisure to enjoy the beautiful facilities at your hotel.

> Overnight at The Imperial, Delhi

**DAY 3
Delhi**

Play golf at one of India's championship courses today, or discover the secrets of Indian cuisine with a private cooking class. Delhi Golf Club is set on grounds that also feature 16th century monuments and peacocks that freely roam the greens. Alternatively, be hosted for a cooking demonstration and lunch by a well-to-do family in a private home. In the afternoon visit Khan Market, a shopping precinct popular for its small boutiques and trendy stores. Experience contemporary India tonight with a three-course dinner at *Masala Library*.

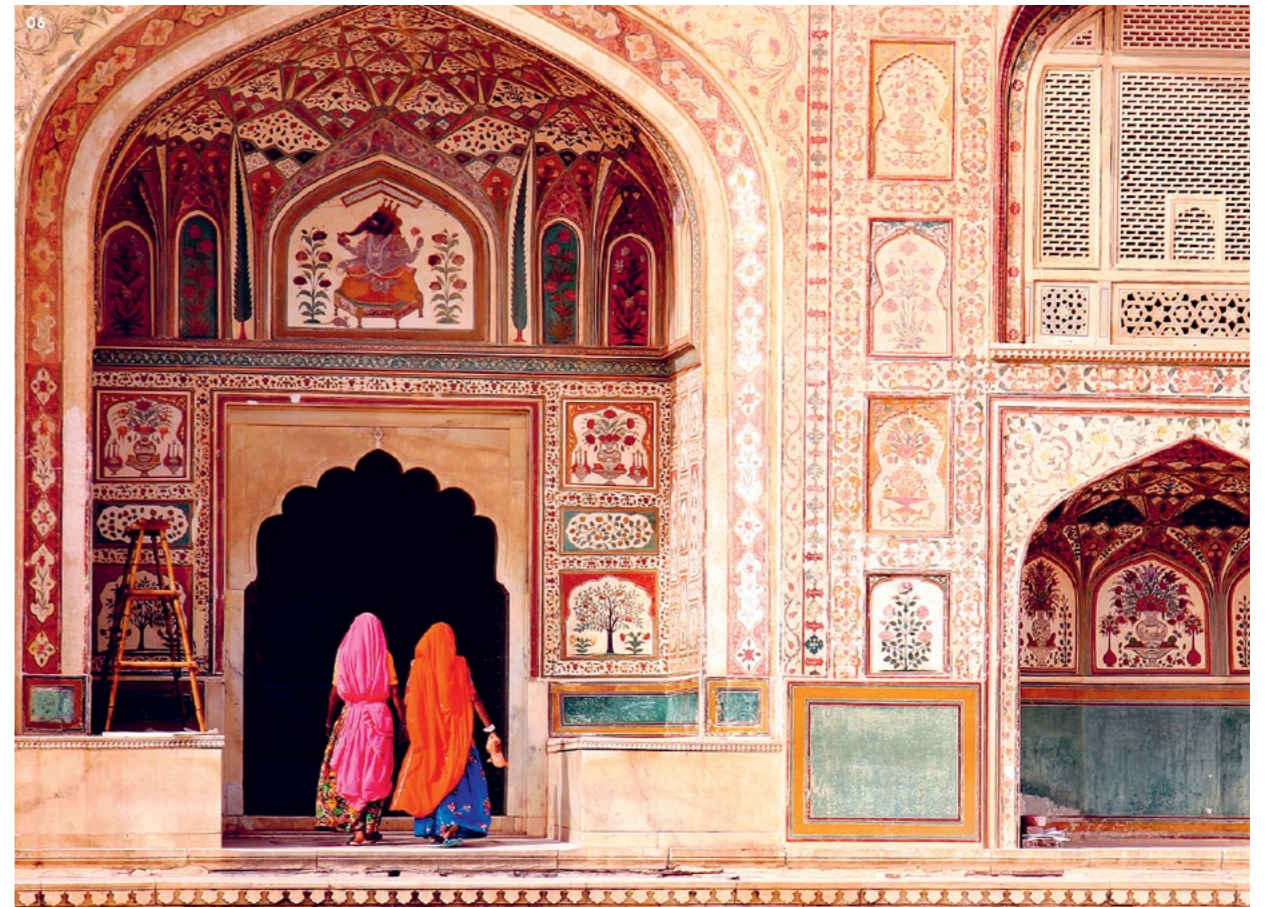
> Overnight at The Imperial, Delhi

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DAY 4

Delhi – Agra

Travel by train to Agra, the seat of power of the Mughal Empire under three of its great emperors. Visit Agra Fort, an impenetrable red sandstone fortress and World Heritage-listed monument. Our luxury hotel here is The Oberoi Amarvilās, Agra, and its rooms with a view you are unlikely to forget. Located just 600 metres from the Taj Mahal, every room has uninterrupted Taj Mahal views. Afternoon at leisure to enjoy this stunning hotel and soak up the view.

> Overnight at The Oberoi Amarvilās, Agra

Despite its global fame, countless depictions in films and photographs, and the high expectations people carry, the Taj Mahal never seems to disappoint visitors. We've seen it in people's smiles as they pose for their very own photograph in front of the Taj. Its more than just a trip highlight for people; its one of the great experiences worth travelling for, and a memory of a lifetime.

DAY 5

Agra – Jaipur

Visit the world's greatest monument to love, the iconic Taj Mahal, as the sun rises, and hear the heart-breaking tales of its construction. Enjoy a leisurely breakfast at The Oberoi Amarvilās, before continuing to Jaipur by vehicle. The capital of Rajasthan and India's pink city, Jaipur is steeped in royal history and legend.

> Overnight at The Oberoi Rajvilās, Jaipur

DAY 6

Jaipur

Discover Jaipur's ancient craftsmen and its contemporary boutiques today. A walking tour through the vibrant central market will reveal artisans and traditional craftsmen whose patrons were Jaipur's royal rulers. Alternatively, you can choose to visit Amber Fort. Later, relax and enjoy your hotel facilities, or visit some of Jaipur's modern boutiques and stores with optional curated shopping. The city is known for its textiles, jewellery and crafts. Tonight we experience more of the contemporary side of Jaipur with dinner at Bar Palladio, a place where Jaipur's modern and affluent come for tapas-style meals and cocktails.

> Overnight at The Oberoi Rajvilās, Jaipur

DAY 7

Jaipur

Linger over breakfast this morning, before exploring select Jaipur sights. Visit Jantar Mantar, the ancient astronomical observatory and marvel at its towering yellow concrete instruments, see the City Palace and Hawa Mahal. In the afternoon, cakes, sweets and savoury delicacies will be served for us during an exclusive high tea at our hotel. One of Jaipur's renowned palm readers will divine your future this evening, with a magical and light-hearted palm reading at our hotel before dinner.

> Overnight at The Oberoi Rajvilās, Jaipur

DAY 8

Jaipur – Deogarh

Journey by vehicle to Deogarh and for the next two nights stay with the descendants of Indian royalty in Rajasthan's countryside. Dev Shree is a new boutique property with wide verandahs, marble floors and pretty courtyards of Rajput architecture and influence. Our hosts at Dev Shree, Shatrunjai and Bhavna, will welcome us to their property and introduce us to their community, providing us with a more personal experience of India. Afternoon at leisure.

> Overnight at Dev Shree, Deogarh

India's countryside and rural areas are as central to her identity as are the historic cities and bustling metropolises. At Deogarh, you will discover the rugged beauty of rural Rajasthan and the traditional lifestyles that continue to exist outside of the cities. See the small villages, semi-nomadic tribal groups, and shepherds with their flocks. It's a change of pace and scenery during our tour and a perspective of India that few have the chance to see.

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DAY 9

Deogarh

A full day to relax or to discover the surrounding area. There's the option of yoga on the verandah, guided by a local instructor, for those who wish to gently stretch, and the nearby village and artisans to discover on foot. In the afternoon, venture into the surrounding countryside on a jeep safari and stop en route for afternoon tea at sunset.

> Overnight at Dev Shree, Deogarh

DAY 10

Deogarh – Jodhpur

Drive to Jodhpur, the blue city of Rajasthan. For the next three nights luxuriate at Umaid Bhawan Palace, repeatedly crowned the world's best hotel. Be showered with rose petals as horns sound upon your arrival. Ascend the lush, red-carpeted stairs of this grand palace and pause for a moment to gather your first impressions. Palace butlers will serve you sparkling wine. Settle in upon arrival. Later, a champagne heritage tour will reveal the history of the palace and the stories of its residents.

> Overnight at Umaid Bhawan Palace, Jodhpur

The last great palace to be built before India's independence, a stay at Umaid Bhawan Palace is reason enough to visit Jodhpur. Considered and contemporary, this ultra-luxurious hotel reflects the art deco styling and colours of its era. India's youngest palace is elegant, with service that's unsurpassed. Impressive hotel grounds feature perfectly manicured lawns, cascading bougainvillea and roaming peacocks. Beside the pool, expect picnic hampers of snacks, cool drinks and magazines (plus ice cream cones and sparkling wine if you desire); on the tennis court there's a staff member ready to play and another to collect the balls; and inside the palace there is an army of butlers waiting with a smile to serve. You will leave feeling like royalty.

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DAY 11

Jodhpur

Visit Jodhpur's striking Mehrangarh Fort – one of India's largest forts, unsurpassed in beauty and grandeur. Later explore the old city and its lively bazaars with a stroll around the central clock tower. Antique warehouses are waiting to be explored for those looking for treasures, or simply return to the hotel for an afternoon at leisure. Our party will surely linger over dinner tonight on the rooftop terrace at Raas, with its remarkable fort views.

Experience the Jodhpur Martini, a traditional martini with an infusion of chilli, and Umaid Bhawan's signature cocktail, when our group meets for pre-dinner drinks tonight at the exclusive Trophy Bar, only open for palace guests. The Maharaja of Jodhpur himself has been served this martini.

> Overnight at Umaid Bhawan Palace, Jodhpur

DAY 12

Jodhpur

Delve deeper into the blue-hued city this morning, with a guided walking tour of Jodhpur's residential heart. Visit ancient temples, discover step wells and hear the local legends that form part of this city's inner workings. Later, return to your palace and be pampered with an included massage at the hotel's spa. Celebrate our final evening with a gala dinner.

> Overnight at Umaid Bhawan Palace, Jodhpur

DAY 13

Jodhpur – Delhi – Onward destination

Your journey through *India In Style* concludes today. Savour a final breakfast at Umaid Bhawan Palace, before transferring to the airport for a domestic flight to Delhi and connecting international flight.

India In Style

\$13,385 per person twin share

\$4,780 single supplement

13 Days

16 – 28 September 2018

Included:

- Fully escorted from Delhi by Lincoln Harris
- Return economy class international flights ^
- Internal flight: Jodhpur – Delhi
- 12 nights' accommodation
- 12 breakfasts and dinners including: 01 set menu dinner at Masala Library, Delhi; 01 dinner at Raas, Jodhpur
- All meals at Dev Shree
- High Tea and palm reading at Rajvilās, Jaipur
- Transport by air-conditioned mini coach for all transfers, sightseeing and touring
- Train ticket: Delhi – Agra
- English-speaking Indian guide from Sep 17 until final departure
- All activities including entrance fees
- In Delhi: rickshaw ride, green fees including kit and caddy at Delhi Golf Club (or alternative club) or 01 cooking class
- In Jaipur: guided city walk or Amber Fort visit with jeep ride
- In Jodhpur: guided city walk, heritage walk with sparkling wine at Umaid Bhawan Palace, 01 martini or equivalent per person, 01 massage per person
- At Dev Shree: local activities and jeep safari
- Government taxes
- Tips
- Indian e-tourist visa
- Standard travel insurance*

Not included:

- Lunches – except where specified as included
- Activities at the hotels other than those specifically mentioned as included
- Any expense of personal nature e.g. laundry, telephone calls, drinks, excess luggage
- Any other expense which is not specifically mentioned as included

^Upgrade to business class from \$3,750 per person

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Myanmar Revealed



15 Days
17 – 31 August 2018
Limited to 12 passengers
Part of Remarkable East's
Insight Series

Myanmar is more than just temples and a single group of people. It is a union of varied ethnic groups and communities who share the one fascinating country, each standing in contrast to the other though joined by strong historical and cultural threads. Expect direct engagement with Myanmar during our journey: walking tours, mingling with locals and being out and about during the day. Come with us and meet the people of Myanmar — so warm, gentle, and unguarded. Along the way, discover ancient temples, natural beauty, daily life and unaffected villages.



DAY 1

Yangon

You will be met upon arrival and transferred to your hotel. Later, a guided sunset walk will introduce you to Myanmar's commercial capital, Yangon, providing the chance to observe the city and its people at the end of the day. See Shwedagon Pagoda and its golden spire, visit a local teashop and walk through the open-air night market – stopping for a cold drink and bowl of noodles where residents gather after work.

> Overnight Chatrium Hotel, Yangon

DAY 3

Hsipaw

Explore a part of the world still relatively untouched and inaccessible to most, where electricity and running water has yet to arrive. Walk to a Palaung village – home to a Buddhist ethnic group whose ancestors are central to their faith. Morning glory, root vegetables and corn are among dishes served in a village home during a simple lunch. Afterwards, visit Shan Palace and meet Mrs Fern, a relative of the last prince of this region. A full day of activities and walking.

> Overnight Tai House, Hsipaw

DAY 2

Yangon – Lashio – Hsipaw

Rise early to explore Yangon as the city begins to stir. Discover the mark left by the British in the colonial buildings visible throughout the city, visit bustling fish and vegetable markets, and sample a local breakfast dish of fish soup with noodles and crackers, before stopping to donate alms to Buddhist monks. Later, travel to Hsipaw by plane and vehicle, entering the northern Shan state with its unique ethnic group and abundant corn crops.

> Overnight Tai House, Hsipaw



Travelling in Myanmar often means a more adventurous approach to meals. Expect a cuisine with distinctive flavours, unlike food you may have tasted elsewhere on your travels. The food varies from region to region in the country. At Hsipaw, the home-cooked lunch is surprising in its simplicity. Expect to be served vegetables, peanuts and tea grown on the family farm – simple, cooked vegetable dishes like the family would eat. An open mind and willingness to try new dishes will be assets during this journey.

DAY 4

Hsipaw – Pyin Oo Lwin

Enjoy a scenic rail journey through the Shan mountains and across the Gokteik Viaduct. Once the world's second-highest railway-bridge, travelling over the viaduct is a highlight for most. Observe small villages, beautiful farming land and mountain scenery from the open train windows and hold your breath as the train crosses Gokteik Viaduct, with an incredible drop below.

> Overnight Hotel Pyin Oo Lwin, Pyin Oo Lwin

DAY 5

Pyin Oo Lwin – Mandalay – Ayerarwady River Cruise

Drive to the storied city of Mandalay, a place whose name alone conjures the exotic. Board our private river vessel upon arrival and for the next two nights cruise the Ayerarwady River, the lifeblood of this country. Our boutique riverboat features private cabins with ensembles, dining room and spacious sundeck, shared only with the boat's staff and our group. Discover Myanmar at a slower pace, observing daily life along this crucial waterway and enjoy the chance to relax on board.

> Overnight Amara Cruise vessel



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DAY 6

Ayerarwady River Cruise

Cruise downstream toward Bagan today. Along the way, stop to visit the small rural village of Yandabo, where the British and Burmese signed a peace treaty in 1826 and terracotta pots are still made by hand using traditional methods. Continue on to Mt. Tantgyi and visit the pagoda atop the mountain, with views over Bagan. Return to the vessel for dinner.

> Overnight Amara Cruise vessel

DAY 7

Bagan

Disembark after breakfast at Bagan. Known for the thousands of pagodas dotted around this ancient city, for the next two days we will explore a select number of them. Visit the most impressive of Bagan's well-known pagodas and venture further afield to discover its lesser-known ones.

> Overnight Bagan Lodge, Bagan

DAY 8

Bagan

Visit the ancient temple ruins of Minnanthu, a beautiful temple area that attracts fewer visitors. In the afternoon, enjoy sundowners at one of Bagan's picturesque locations and watch as the light fades over the temples in the distance.

> Overnight Bagan Lodge, Bagan



Mixing famous sights with lesser-known destinations, this tour stands apart for the unusual route it takes, deliberately avoiding the circuit most-followed in tours of Myanmar. *Myanmar Revealed* will take you to parts of the country's north and south, concluding in the south at the border with Thailand. By exiting from southern Myanmar, we cover more territory than other tours and explore parts many visitors don't have the chance to see.

DAY 9

Bagan – He Hoe – Inle Lake

Travel by plane and vehicle to reach Inle Lake and our accommodation here, Sanctum Inle Resort. For the next three nights stay at this elegant and contemporary resort featuring wide arches and cloistered spaces, broad wooden decks and lake views. You'll be drawn by the hotel's pool, quiet atmosphere and surrounding natural beauty. Visit the crumbling ancient pagoda ruins on the south of the lake this afternoon.

> Overnight Sanctum Inle Resort, Inle Lake



DAY 10

Inle Lake

Discover Inle Lake by boat. See the traditional stilted houses of the Intha people, the one-legged fisherman and floating gardens that live or depend on the lake. Later, discover the ingredients and flavours of traditional Shan recipes with a cooking class in a family home on the lake.

> Overnight Sanctum Inle Resort, Inle Lake

DAY 11

Inle Lake

Visit Aythaya market this morning and try your hand at bartering for local snacks, before stopping to enjoy tea at a Pa O village, another of Myanmar's tribal groups. A short walk will take us to a local winery where we stop for lunch and the opportunity to try several of the local wines that come from the winery. Afternoon at leisure to enjoy the resort.

> Overnight Sanctum Inle Resort, Inle Lake

DAY 12

Inle Lake – Yangon – Kyaiktiyo

Leaving Inle Lake, journey south today. Fly to Yangon and continue by vehicle to Kyaiktiyo, one of the country's most important sites for Buddhist pilgrims. A full day of travel.

> Overnight at Golden Sunrise Hotel, Kyaiktiyo

DAY 13

Kyaiktiyo – Hpa An

Visit Kyaiktiyo Pagoda, or Golden Rock, and join Buddhist pilgrims on their journey to this revered site where a giant rock seemingly defies gravity. Later, drive to Hpa An – a down-to-earth area blessed with stunning scenery and a wonderful lodge from which to enjoy it. Stay in individual villas with light-filled wooden interiors set against a mountain backdrop. Expect surprisingly good European options for dinner tonight, thanks to the lodge's French owners.

> Overnight at Hpa An Lodge, Hpa An

DAY 14

Hpa An

Discover the villages and people of Myanmar's Kayin ethnic group – walk through forest and travel on small local kayaks through shallow waters and paddy fields, and visit several Kayin villages. Enjoy lunch in a local home and continue by vehicle to visit Saddar cave – an impressive series of huge cavities dotted with images of the Buddha.

> Overnight at Hpa An Lodge, Hpa An

DAY 15

Hpa An – Mae Sot (Thailand) – Departure

Having revealed some of the remarkable people and places of Myanmar, our tour concludes today. Transfer to the Thai border and connect to our departing flight to Bangkok and onward international destination.



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Myanmar Revealed

\$9,930 per person twin share

\$1,850 single supplement

15 Days

17–31 August 2018

Included:

- Fully escorted from Yangon by Lincoln Harris
- Return economy class international flights ^
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- All breakfasts and dinners, 10 x lunches
- Transport by air-conditioned mini coach for all transfers, sightseeing and touring as per itinerary
- English-speak Myanmarese guide throughout
- Internal flights: Yangon – Lashio; Bagan – He Hoe; He Hoe – Yangon; Mae Sot – Bangkok
- All activities including entrance fees
- 2-night Ayeyarwady River cruise
- Train ride: Hsipaw – Naung Cho
- Government taxes
- Tips
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- Standard travel insurance*

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Splendour in Sri Lanka



14 Days
7 - 20 June 2018
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Part of Remarkable East's
In Style Series

With its sumptuous rolling green hills bountiful with tea plantations, a tropical climate and world renowned sights, Sri Lanka enchants its visitors with these known attractions. But it's often the unexpected discoveries that stay with people after they return home. Sri Lanka will surprise you with its sophistication — with a contemporary side that people don't expect to find in a country so relatively new to tourism — and with the genuine warmth of Sri Lankans that touches you every day of your journey. From the people making your cup of tea to the chef at your hotel and all those you meet in between — the genuine friendliness of Sri Lankans also surprises so many. Amid the luxury of Splendour in Sri Lanka, discover the country's surprises with us.

DAY 1

Colombo

You will be met upon arrival and accompanied to the iconic Galle Face Hotel, a majestic 150-year-old heritage property that is a landmark of the city. Discover the work of Sri Lanka's renowned architect Geoffrey Bawa and his influential movement 'Tropical Modernism' with a short tour of his Colombo residence in the afternoon. Experience contemporary dining tonight with a three-course welcome dinner at *Rare*.

> Overnight at the Galle Face Hotel, Colombo

Colombo is changing rapidly, and the city is fast developing a cosmopolitan dining scene. Dinner at *Rare* offers the finest contemporary dining in the capital; expect to be served dishes like Waldorf salad with blue cheese ice cream and octopus served with avocado, spicy carrot puree and lychee Campari.

DAY 2

Colombo

Immerse yourself in the history of Colombo with a city walk led by resident guide Mark Forbes. A gentle walking tour that will reveal the city's landmark buildings takes you into the bustling local market of Pettah and includes a cheeky gin and tonic at the Grand Oriental Hotel. Later, you may wish to visit the boutiques and stores we know in the city with optional shopping, or relax at your hotel.

> Overnight at the Galle Face Hotel, Colombo

From the outset of this tour, it will be clear that the accommodation is a highlight of the journey. Each of the remarkable places in which we stay has its own unique 'something extra'. At Galle Face Hotel in Colombo there's access to the exclusive Long Room. At Taru Villas, we have elegantly restored heritage villas inside Galle Fort all to ourselves. And at Tea Trails, every moment of your day is a Relais & Chateaux experience, and it's all included. These are remarkable places that you'll never forget.

DAY 3

Colombo — Dambulla — Thirappane

Drive to Sri Lanka's cultural triangle, visiting the Dambulla Cave Temples en route. Marvel at age-old rock paintings and cave temples at this World-Heritage site — often an unexpected highlight. Afterwards, proceed to Ulagalla Resort. As you arrive, your eyes are sure to be drawn to the main pool — said to be the largest swimming pool in Sri Lanka.

> Overnight at Ulagalla Resort, Thirappane



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DAY 4

Thirappane – Anuradhapura – Thirappane

Discover the ancient capital of Anuradhapura: visit the main stupa with its soaring spire and join pilgrims praying at the sacred Bodhi tree. Returning to the hotel, the afternoon is yours at leisure. Read by your villa's private plunge pool or perhaps pamper yourself with a spa treatment (direct payment).

> Overnight at Ulagalla Resort, Thirappane

DAY 5

Thirappane – Sigiriya – Kandy

Start early to visit Sigiriya Rock Fortress, one of the country's main drawcards. Explore this ancient royal complex with its beautiful rock frescoes and climb the 1200 steps to the rock's summit to be rewarded with panoramic views. Enjoy lunch at an organic farm where coconuts, coffee and pepper grow, before reaching Kandy.

> Overnight at The Kandy House, Kandy

DAY 6

Kandy

Today you can choose to discover the city of Kandy with a guided tour of its colonial buildings, local markets and lake; or learn the secrets of Sri Lankan recipes with a cooking class and market visit. Later, visit the 'Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic' and witness the rituals and offerings at this revered Buddhist site.

> Overnight at The Kandy House, Kandy

DAY 7

Kandy – Hatton – Dickoya

Board a train to Hatton for a scenic rail journey. Travel through mist and sunshine winding your way through the hills and plantations as the Sri Lankan countryside unfolds before your eyes. From Hatton a short drive will take you to your home away from home for the next three nights: Ceylon Tea Trails – a luxury plantation resort and Sri Lanka's first Relais & Chateaux hotel. Expect homemade cakes and fresh finger sandwiches when high tea is served once you have settled in.

> Overnight at Tea Trails, Dickoya

Tea Trails is an unforgettable experience – the memories of your stay will remain with you long after your visit is over. Immerse yourself in the beautiful surroundings overlooking tea plantations and Castlereagh Reservoir, and indulge in the outstanding service. Luxuriate in the daily pleasures from bed tea served each morning, to high tea on the verandah every afternoon, all-inclusive drinks and a personal butler available to you throughout your stay. We love the regular discussions with the chef, as he tailors dishes, from some of the best Sri Lankan food we've savoured to lamb roasts, to suit your tastes. Expect elegant colonial bungalows with beautiful rooms and interiors, perfectly manicured lawns and gardens, inviting swimming pools, and plantation walks at your doorstep. Experience true luxury in the heart of Sri Lanka's tea country.

DAY 8

Dickoya

The day begins with bed tea served by your private butler. Linger over English or Sri Lankan breakfast – served on the verandah overlooking Castlereagh Reservoir. Discover the secrets of Ceylon tea today during *The Tea Experience*. A true tea expert will guide us through tea production from the plantation to the tea factory and reveal the art of tea tasting.

> Overnight at Tea Trails, Dickoya

DAY 9

Dickoya

Explore Sri Lanka's tea country with a day walk and picnic lunch through the plantations and local villages at our doorstep. Take in the panoramic views of Castlereagh Reservoir and see the ladies plucking tea as we meander through plantations. Pause for lunch among the tea bushes with a picnic prepared by our Tea Trails chef. Be rewarded with high tea and sparkling wine after the walk.

> Overnight at Tea Trails, Dickoya



DAY 10

Dickoya – Yala

Linger over your final bed tea and breakfast at Tea Trails, before boarding a private charter flight on Castlereagh Reservoir. Your eight-seater plane will take off from the water before a scenic flight over central and southern Sri Lanka to reach your next destination, Yala. The approximately one-hour flight will grant you a unique perspective of the country. In the afternoon, search for leopards, elephant and other wildlife on a jeep safari in Yala National Park. End the day with sundowners, with drinks all-inclusive during your stay at Chena Huts.

> Overnight at Chena Huts, Yala

DAY 11

Yala

Expect priority access to Yala National Park for this morning’s jeep safari led by an expert naturalist. Afterwards, the day is yours to enjoy your private pool and the natural beauty at Chena Huts – which is surrounded by the beach, the jungle and a lake. Elephants have been known to wander through this property. Unwind at the onsite spa, with a massage included during your stay.

> Overnight at Chena Huts, Yala

DAY 12

Yala – Galle

Drive to Galle, one of Southeast Asia’s best-preserved colonial-era cities, loved for its quaint cobbled streets, its history and its impressive fort walls. Enjoy two-nights at Taru Vilas – two sophisticated, boutique villas inside Galle Fort. Afternoon at leisure, before sunset drinks on the rooftop terrace of our private villa, followed by dinner.

> Overnight at Taru Villas, Galle

DAY 13

Galle

Explore the history of Galle Fort. A gentle walking tour with a local guide and character will reveal the legacy of the rampart walls, colonial buildings and lighthouse that are all landmarks of this World Heritage-listed city. There will be time today to relax at the villa or visit the charming boutiques of Galle if you wish – shopping for art, local textiles and high quality homewares. Mark our final night with a candlelit dinner by the pool at Rampart Street.

> Overnight at Taru Villas, Galle

DAY 14

Galle – Airport

Bid farewell to *Splendour in Sri Lanka*. Drive to Colombo airport for departing flights.

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14 Days

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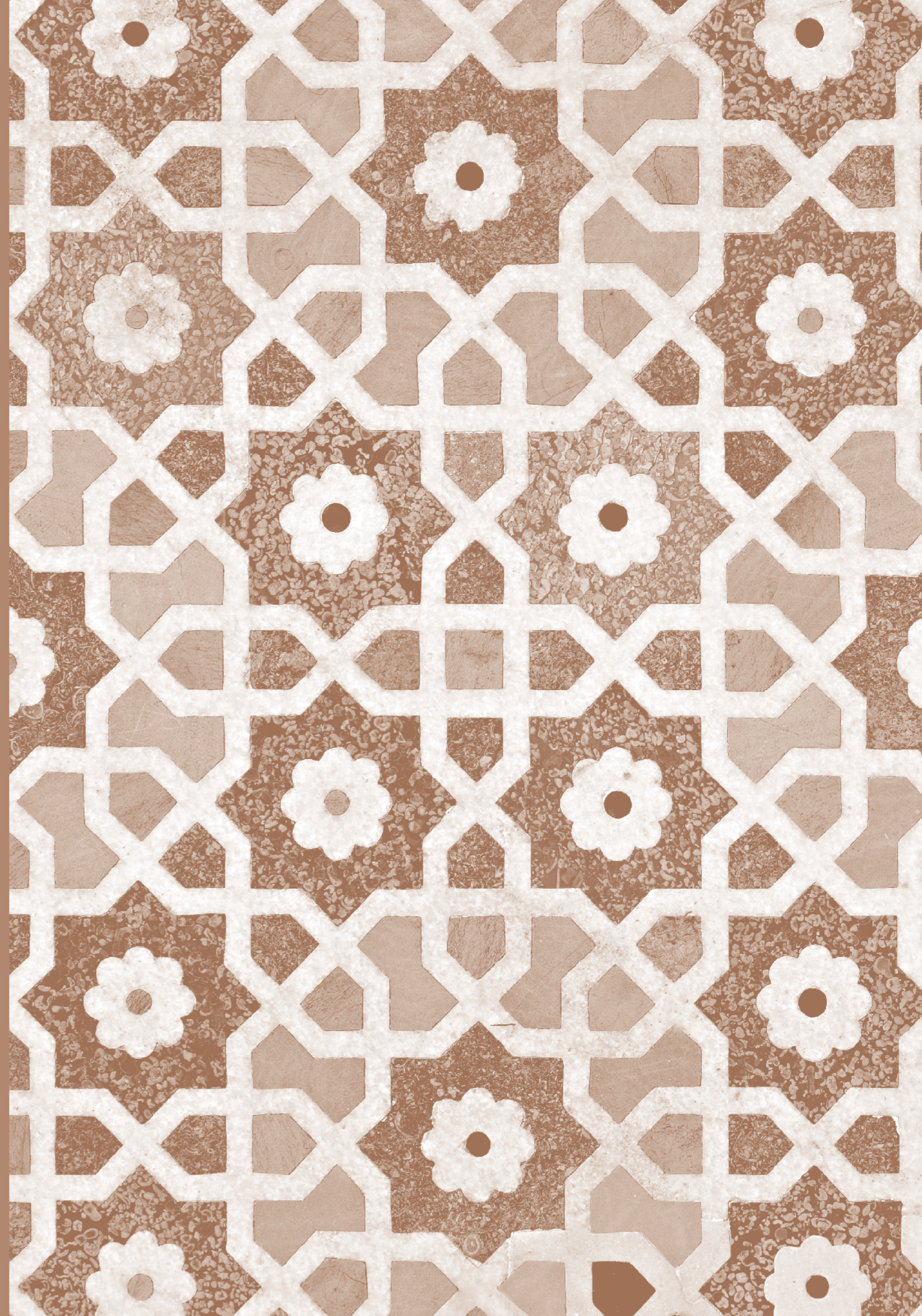
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- English-speaking Sri Lankan guide days 1-7
- All activities including entrance fees
- Charter flight: Castlereagh Reservoir to Weerawila
- Train ride from Kandy to Hatton
- In Colombo: guided tour at Bawa House Colombo Residence 'Number 11' and guided walking tour with Mark Forbes/team
- Market visit and cooking demonstration at Kandyan Manor
- At Yala: afternoon and morning safari
- At Chena Huts: 1x massage per person
- In Galle: guided walking tour
- Government taxes
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Secret South India



14 Days
12 – 25 February 2019
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Insight Series

In more than two decades of travel across Asia I have not encountered as many remarkable people and places in such close proximity to each other as I've discovered in Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Karnataka. This is a tour of places, ideas and customs that very few visitors have the opportunity to be exposed to. Central to Secret South India are the places we stay — heritage hotels, homestays and B&Bs — all with engaging hosts who will welcome us as they would welcome family friends. What a privilege it is to have found these secrets.

Lincoln Harris,
founder, Remarkable East

DAY 1
Chennai

You will be met upon arrival in Chennai and transferred to your hotel. A thriving modern Indian city, Chennai is the gateway to Tamil Nadu and holds an important place in the culture of the Tamil people. Our journey through *Secret South India* starts here.

> Overnight Trident Hotel, Chennai



DAY 2
Chennai – Madurai

Delve into the heart of Chennai with a walking tour hosted by an expert resident guide. *The Peacock Trail* uncovers religious practices and anecdotes of everyday life in Chennai's Mylapore area. Afterwards fly to Madurai, one of South India's oldest cities. In the early evening visit Meenakshi Temple, with its colourful, soaring spires, and observe the cacophony of sounds and frenetic activity at this awe-inspiring temple.

> Overnight The Gateway Hotel, Madurai

Madurai is famous for strong, white coffee. While chai – a sweet, milky, spiced-tea – is drunk widely in India, Tamils are very fond of filter coffee. Throughout the city, there are small coffee shops and stands serving this delicious brew favoured in the south. Our local guide knows the best places to try so we shall surely stop and savour a cup or two.

DAY 3
Madurai

Explore the by-lanes of Madurai with a walking tour created by local women. Discover the flower markets and vendors in the narrow and bustling streets, and see the city from the perspective of the women who live here. Afterwards, visit the Gandhi Museum and the city's silk weavers colony – where colourful fabrics are woven on traditional handlooms.

> Overnight The Gateway Hotel, Madurai



DAY 4
Madurai – Karaikudi

Continue by vehicle to the Chettinad region, once made wealthy by teak traders and financiers, and known for its unique cuisine and 18th century mansions. For the next two nights stay at Visalam, a restored 1930s mansion with high teak ceilings and Art Deco furniture. Later, enjoy a bullock cart ride and visit local artisans and workshops.

> Overnight Visalam, Karaikudi

Star anise, fried flower pods and black stone flower are some of the flavours of Chettinad cuisine. It's richly spiced, but not necessarily with chilli, and unless you've actually been to this part of India before, chances are you've never tasted Indian dishes like the ones you will savour at Visalam. Expect crab curry, Chettinad chicken, and vegetable dishes, served in the traditional style on a banana leaf.

DAY 5
Karaikudi

Immerse yourself in the small towns of Chettinad today. Discover the crumbling mansions and palaces of Karaikudi on foot with a guided walk, visit the outstanding mansion of Kottaiyur, a hand weaver's workshop and Nemam temple. In the afternoon you may wish to enjoy the pool at the hotel or the kitchen at Visalam welcomes those curious about Chettinad cooking.

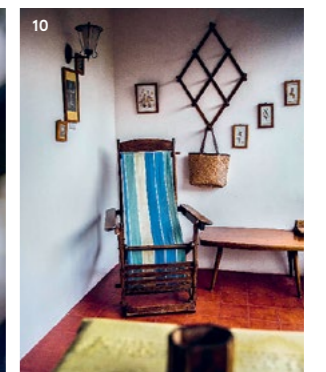
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DAY 6

Karaikudi – Pollachi

Drive through dry climate agricultural countryside to our next destination deep in the Tamil Nadu hinterland. Enjoy the next two nights at a lovely farm stay, abundant with crops, native plants and animals. Our host Prabhu is a larger-than-life character who is proud of his farm and knowledge of it. In the afternoon, stretch your legs with a farm walk and discover some of this expansive property.

> Overnight Banyan Tree Farm Stay, Pollachi

DAY 8

Pollachi – Vellinezhi

Drive to Vellinezhi, the cradle of Kathakali dance. Our accommodation here is Olappamanna Mana – where the traditions of the Kerala Brahmin community are observed. Witness the auspicious rituals practised each day at the private family temple and experience vegetarian dishes like jack fruit and banana flower curries. In the afternoon, be mesmerised by the Kathakali, where heavily made-up men in elaborate costumes tell the stories of the Indian epics.

> Overnight, Olappamanna Mana, Vellinezhi



DAY 7

Pollachi

A full day to explore Pollachi and surrounding areas. We may visit the lively town market in Pollachi – where farmers and traders come together to buy and sell agricultural goods – a place that sees few western visitors.

> Overnight Banyan Tree Farm Stay, Pollachi



Vellinezhi is one of the few remaining places devoted to training and producing performers in Kathakali – a combination of ballet, opera, masque and pantomime. What’s incredible about the performance we will witness is its location and intimacy. The artists will come to us and set up in the courtyard at Olappamanna Mana, offering a private performance few people would experience. They perform around us, on the bare earth, at times dancing among us and engaging with us, captivating us completely.

DAY 9

Vellinezhi – Tellicherry

Travel by train to Kannur. India’s railway network is one of the world’s largest, and integral to the functioning of the country. A local train ride is an experience not to be missed. For the next two nights stay at Ayisha Manzil, a rambling landowners’ bungalow overlooking the Arabian Sea, known for its hosts and their cuisine. Tonight, visit a local temple and witness Theyyam – a dramatic and colourful religious ritual featuring elaborate costumes and masked devotes in a trance-like state.

> Overnight Ayisha Manzil, Tellicherry

DAY 10

Tellicherry

Uncover the secrets of Mappila food today – a unique cuisine that originates in the Muslim community of Kerala. Visit the local fish and vegetable market, shopping for ingredients ahead of an afternoon cooking class with our hostess Mrs Faiza – a cookbook author and expert in Mappila food. Dine under the stars overlooking the sea tonight and enjoy the dishes you have learnt to cook.

> Overnight Ayisha Manzil, Tellicherry

DAY 11

Tellicherry – Coorg

Enjoy egg hoppers, fresh juice and local fruits on the verandah for breakfast, before departing by vehicle for Coorg. A colonial bungalow surrounded by flower-filled and manicured gardens situated within a working coffee estate is our home for the next two nights. In the afternoon, a short plantation walk will reveal the art of coffee cultivation.

> Overnight The School Estate, Coorg

Nestled in the hill region of Coorg, where rugged mountains are interspersed with coffee plantations, cardamom jungle and lush rice paddy fields, sits School Estate. Rani and KK Aiyappa are our hosts at this truly refined plantation stay. The individual bungalows with verandahs for each guest, stunning gardens with inviting hammocks, and delicious meals are all highlights of staying here. But often the most memorable moments come at the end of the day – when there’s the chance to share a gin and tonic with our hosts, chatting and learning more about this wonderful place and its history.



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DAY 12

Coorg

Day at leisure. You may choose to take a longer walk through the estate, sip tea in the garden, unwind on your verandah, or play a round of golf with our host at the nearby golf club – a picturesque and relaxed course.

School Estate is the perfect spot for a quiet, relaxing day and comes at an ideal point in our journey. With its pretty gardens and surrounding coffee plantations, we'll surely savour this beautiful location and our last few days together as a group. There's no better place to pause and reflect on the trip, and all that we have seen and experienced together. Who could resist lingering over one more cup of tea on the lawn?

> Overnight The School Estate, Coorg

DAY 13

Coorg – Mysore

Drive to Mysore, a captivating south Indian city famous for its palace. Immerse yourself in the city's history and markets on a guided walking tour. Your senses will be brought to life by garlands of marigolds and roses, sandalwood incense and spices at the city market, and local delicacies like Mysore Pak and Masala dosa tasted along the way. Tonight, join the locals and visitors who flock each Sunday to Mysore Palace and marvel as almost 100,000 lights illuminate its magnificent façade.

> Overnight Royal Orchid Metropole, Mysore

DAY 14

Mysore – Bangalore

Drive to Bangalore airport for departing international flight and bid farewell to the *Secret South India* you have discovered.



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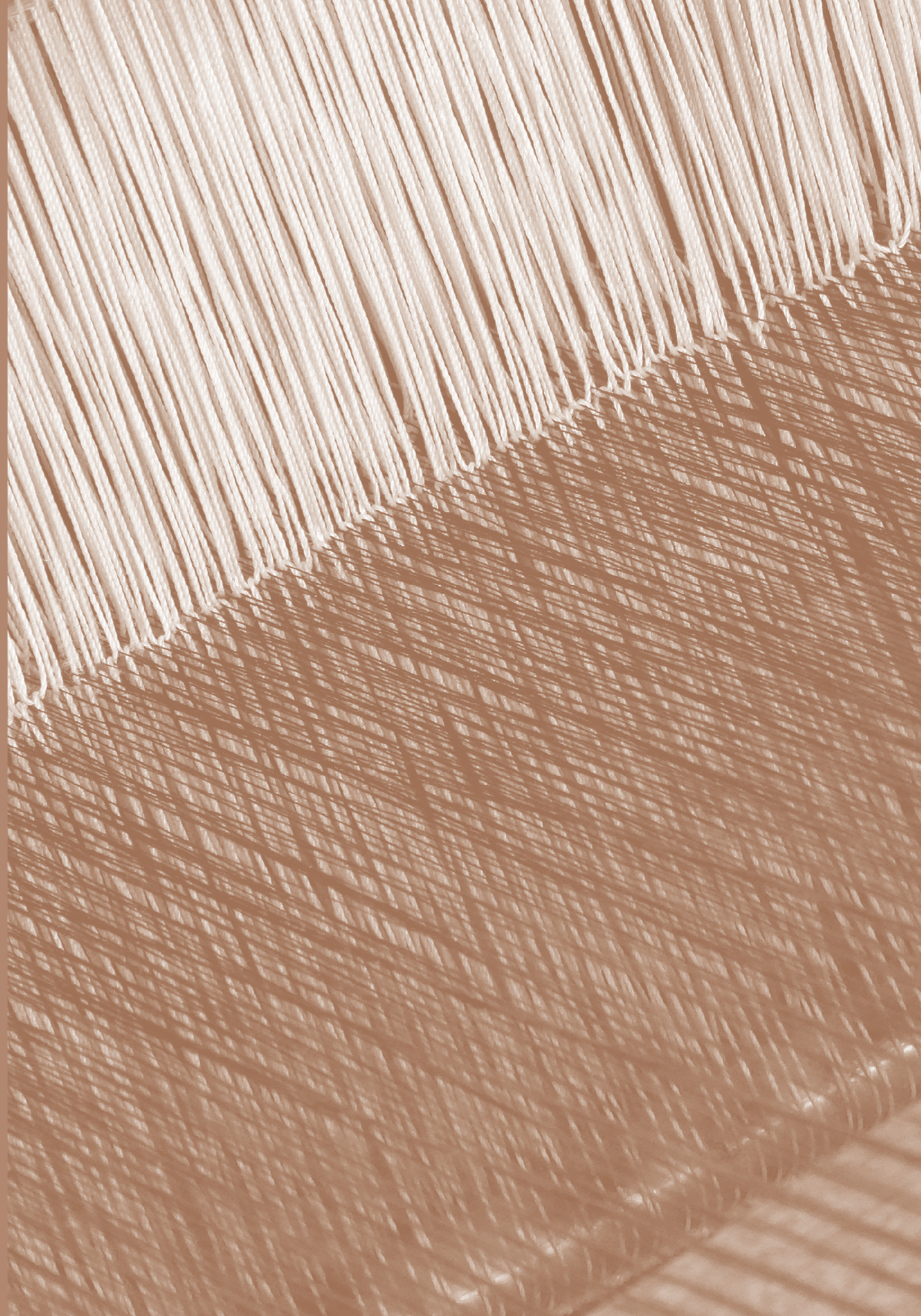
- Fully escorted from Chennai by Lincoln Harris
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- English-speaking Indian guide throughout
- Internal flights: Chennai – Madurai
- Train ticket Vellinezhi to Kannur
- All activities including entrance fees
- Guided walking tours in Chennai, Madurai and Mysore
- Private Kathakali performance at Olappamanna Mana
- All land and vehicle taxes
- Tips
- Indian e-tourist visa
- Standard travel insurance*

Not included:

- Lunches — except where specified as included
- Optional golf at Coorg
- Any expense of a personal nature e.g. laundry, drinks, telephone calls, excess baggage
- Any other expense which is not mentioned as included

[^]Upgrade to business class from \$3,750 per person

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