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STUDY ABROAD

PROGRAM DATES:
February 23 to
March 7, 2026

APPLICATION DEADLINE:
January 9, 2026
20 SEATS AVAILABLE!

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OCT. 29, 2025
6 p.m.



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NOV. 17, 2025
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North & South India Itinerary.

Route: Delhi-Agra-(3), Mysore(3), Kerala (5)

Tour Overview

| Day | Date | Place | Activities | Hotel | Meal |
|-----|---------------------------|-------|---|----------------------------|------|
| 1 | February 24, Tuesday | Delhi | Arrival, Transfer hotel, Evening Briefing | The Manor | D |
| 2 | February 25, Wednesday | Agra | Morning Akshardham, Drive agra | Grand Mercure/ Raddison | N/A |
| 3 | February 26, Thursday | Delhi | Sunrise Taj Mahal, Agra fort, Drive to Delhi | The Manor | N/A |

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| 4 | February 27, Friday | Mysore | Fly Mysore and sightseeing | Royal Orchid/ Grand Mercure | N/A |
| 5 | February 28, Thursday | Mysore | Full day sightseeing | Royal Orchid/ Grand Mercure | N/A |
| 6 | March 01, Sunday | Mysore | Relax day | Royal Orchid/ Grand Mercure | N/A |
| 7 | March 02, Monday | Kochi | Evening flight to Kochi | Forte Kochi/ The Fern Kochi | N/A |
| 8 | March 03, Tuesday | Kochi | Full day sightseeing | Forte Kochi/ The Fern Kochi | N/A |
| 9 | March 04, Wednesday | Alleppey | Backwater boat, Houseboat | Houseboat | N/A |
| 10 | March 05, Thursday | Alleppey | Stop at Kondai Lip | Kondai Lip | N/A |
| 11 | March 06, Friday | Kochi | Rest day and Farewell | Forte Kochi/ The Fern Kochi | D |
| 12 | March 07, Saturday | Fly to home | Tour over | | N/A |

Day 1: Arrival in Delhi – Welcome & Cultural Introduction

Arrival: Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi

- Upon arrival, you will be warmly welcomed by our local representative.
- Transfer to your hotel and assist with check-in.
- Take some time to relax and refresh after your journey.

Evening: Welcome Briefing

- Please meet with our tour representatives for a welcome briefing.
- Get an overview of the tour itinerary, important travel tips, and cultural insights to enhance your experience.

Optional Evening Experience

- **Visit Bangla Sahib Gurudwara:** A peaceful Sikh temple known for its serene environment and community kitchen (Langar). **Discover** the life and values of Guru Har Krishan, a revered symbol of compassion and service.
- **Dinner at Pandara Market** (Optional): A popular spot in Delhi to enjoy some of the best and most authentic Indian cuisine.

Sikh Temple - Delhi



HOTEL - THE MANOR - NEW DELHI / OR SIMILAR



Day 2: Delhi to Agra - Spiritual Experience & Journey to the Taj City

Morning: Check-Out

- Check out and begin your day with a visit to one of Delhi's most iconic spiritual landmarks.

Visit: Akshardham Temple (Delhi)

- Explore the **Swaminarayan Akshardham Temple**, an architectural marvel and spiritual cultural complex.
- Discover its intricate carvings, peaceful gardens, and fascinating exhibitions.

Afternoon: Drive to Agra

- After your temple visit, begin the scenic drive to Agra (approx. 3–4 hours).
- Upon arrival, check in to your hotel and relax.

Evening: Dinner at Salt Café (Not included)

- Enjoy a delightful dinner at **Salt Cafe**, one of Agra’s top rooftop restaurants, offering great food and ambience with views of the city

Akshardham Temple - Delhi



HOTEL — GRAND MERCURE/ RADISSION



Day 3: Sunrise at the Taj Mahal - Agra Fort - Return to Delhi

Early Morning: Sunrise Visit to the Taj Mahal

- Begin your day early with a visit to the **Taj Mahal at sunrise** – a truly magical experience.
- Watch the soft golden light illuminate the white marble, creating a serene and unforgettable atmosphere.
- The early morning hours offer fewer crowds and a peaceful ambience to admire this iconic symbol of love.

Return to Hotel

- Head back to the hotel after your visit, prepare for check-out.

Visit: Agra Fort

- Explore the majestic **Agra Fort**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- Once the main residence of the Mughal emperors, the fort features impressive red sandstone architecture and historic palaces, halls, and gardens.

Afternoon: Drive to Delhi

- Depart for Delhi via a 4-hour scenic road trip.
- Upon arrival, check in to your hotel or proceed to your accommodation.

Evening: Rest

- Relax and rest for the night as you prepare for your early morning flight the next day.

Taj Mahal - Agra Fort



Day 4: Flight to Mysore - Rest & Royal Heritage

Daytime: Flight to Mysore

- Check out and leave for airport.
- Please note: This is a **connecting flight** as there are currently no direct flights to Mysore. (Flight options may be updated closer to the date; we will ensure the best possible connection for your comfort.)

Arrival in Mysore in the evening

- Upon arrival, you'll be greeted and transferred to your hotel.
- Check in and **freshen up and relax for the day..**

HOTEL ROYAL ORCHID METROPOLE



Day 5: Full Day of Sightseeing in Mysore - Culture , Craft & Spirituality

Morning: Explore the Cultural Essence of Mysore

- Begin your full-day exploration of **Mysuru**, a city celebrated for its **rich heritage, craftsmanship, and cultural legacy**.
- Known worldwide for its sandalwood, rosewood artefacts, silk sarees, incense sticks, and stone sculptures, Mysore offers an immersive experience in traditional Indian artistry.

Visit: Chamundi Hills

- Drive up to **Chamundi Hills**, one of Mysore's most famous landmarks.
- Visit the **Chamundeshwari Temple**, perched at the top and dedicated to the goddess Chamundeshwari, the city's guardian deity.
- Enjoy panoramic views of Mysore from the hilltop.

Local Delicacies & Crafts

- Taste the iconic **Mysore Pak**, a rich, ghee-based sweet that originated here – a must-try for food lovers! (not included)
- Discover the world-renowned **Mysore Sandalwood Soap** – our guide will arrange a visit to a **sandalwood factory**, subject to permission.
- Participate in a hands-on session or demonstration on how **incense sticks (agarbatti)** are traditionally made.

Visit: Devraja Market-Optional (You can relax for the day)

- End your day with a walk through **Devraja Market**, a bustling old bazaar filled with colours, scents, and the everyday life of Mysore.
- A great place to shop for local crafts, spices, flowers, and souvenirs while immersing yourself in the local atmosphere.



Day 6: Mysore- Full Day sightseeing - Evening the Majestic Mysore Palace

Morning: Leisure

- Enjoy a relaxed morning at the hotel.
- Prepare for your travel later in the day with some free time to unwind or explore.

Day Excursion: Chennakeshava Temple, Somanathapura

- If you're up for an enriching experience, we recommend a visit to the **Chennakeshava Temple in Somanathapura**– a UNESCO World Heritage Site. (1hr Drive)
- Located near Mysore, this stunning temple is a masterpiece of **Hoysala architecture**, celebrated for its intricate stone carvings and divine atmosphere.
- A serene and culturally rewarding stop for those interested in history, art, and spirituality.

Chennakeshava Temple



Evening visit : The Mysore Palace- The amazing Mysore palace with lighting



Day 7: Mysore to Cochin Flight - Optional Heritage Visit & Travel Day

Daytime: Flight to Cochin

- Transfer to the airport for your **evening flight to Cochin**.
- Due to no direct flight to kochi we have 2 separate flight it will take some time.
- Upon arrival, you'll be met and transferred to your hotel for check-in and rest.
- Enjoy the rest of your evening

HOTEL - FORTE KOCHI / THE FERN KOCHI



Day 8: A Leisurely Day in Kochi: Heritage, Culture & Comfort

Morning: Cultural & Historical Gems in Fort Kochi

- **Chinese Fishing Nets & Vasco da Gama Square**
 - Start the day by witnessing the iconic Chinese fishing nets in action from Vasco da Gama Square
- **St. Francis Church & Dutch Cemetery**
 - A serene walk leads to St. Francis Church, one of India's oldest European churches and the original resting place of Vasco da Gama.
- **Santa Cruz Basilica & Indo-Portuguese Museum**
 - Admire the architectural beauty of Santa Cruz Basilica. Adjacent is the Indo-Portuguese Museum inside Bishop's House.

Afternoon: Mattancherry's Heritage Trail

- **Mattancherry (Dutch) Palace**
 - Explore this 16th-century palace, built by the Portuguese, known for its exquisite Kerala mural paintings and royal artifacts.
- **Paradesi Synagogue & Spice Market**
 - Visit the Paradesi Synagogue(1568), the oldest active synagogue in the Commonwealth, with its exquisite tiles and chandeliers. Then stroll through Jew Town's spice market—a sensory delight, perfect for picking up cozy yet meaningful souvenirs.



Day 9: Alleppey Backwater - Inspired Experience in Houseboat

Morning:

- Drive to Alleppey.
- Depart for a scenic 1.5-hour drive to **Alleppey**, a nature-rich destination, reminiscent of Kerala's backwaters.

Afternoon: Alleppey backwater boat tour and Overnight stay in a Houseboat

- Houseboats are one of the one-of-a-kind experiences in Kerala; these accommodations offer immersive nature experiences.
- Keep an eye out for turtles, birds, and fish in the lake's clear waters.
- Soak in the tranquil setting, ideal for photography and relaxing.

Evening:

- Enjoy a quiet sunset by the lake or beach.
- Overnight stay in a Houseboat, embracing the peaceful ambience. HOTEL - HOUSEBOAT

HOUSEBOAT - OVERNIGHT



Day 10: Drive to Kondai Lip – Relaxing at An Immersive Backwater Retreat

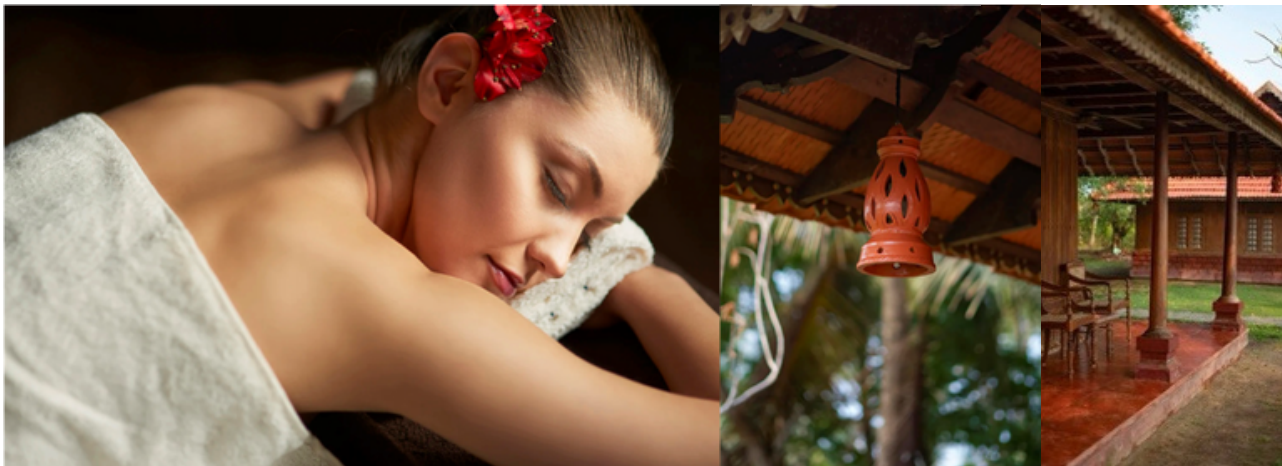
Drive to **Kondai Lip**, a peaceful backwater haven known for its traditional charm and deep connection to Kerala's natural beauty. Surrounded by emerald-green canals and coconut palms, Kondai Lip is celebrated for its **vernacular Kerala-style architecture**, tranquil waterways, and saturated silence. The resort blends rustic elegance with modern comforts, offering a true escape into the heart of the backwaters.

Also you can enjoy the ayurveda spa -Ayurveda is an ancient system of holistic health care that is native to the Indian subcontinent and used by millions. It's a way of life concerned with promoting healthy living along with therapeutic measures that relate to physical, mental and spiritual harmony and the promotion of the body's capacity for maintenance and balance.

Whether it's a serene canoe ride, watching local fishermen at work, or simply enjoying the stillness of nature, every experience at Kondai Lip reflects the timeless soul of Kerala.

Overnight stay at Kondai Lip, where tradition, tranquillity, and nature come together in perfect harmony.

Ayurveda Spa and Massage



HOTEL - KONDAI LIP RESORT



Day 11: Fort Kochi Exploration or Relaxation – Your Way to End the Journey

Your final day in Kerala is designed with flexibility and comfort in mind, offering a perfect balance of exploration and relaxation.

If you're up for sightseeing, take a **half-day tour of Fort Kochi**, the cultural and historic heart of the city.

- Stroll through **Princess Street**, a charming lane filled with colonial architecture, art galleries, boutiques, and cafes.
- Evening old town walk and enjoy coffee around.
- Relax at your hotel, enjoy the peaceful ambience, or shop for last-minute souvenirs.

Cultural Touch & Sunset Bliss

- **Kathakali Performance**

Experience a traditional Kathakali dance—vivid storytelling through expressive dance and makeup. Performance typically run from 5 pm–7 pm

Evening:

- Gather for a **special farewell dinner at your hotel**, celebrating your unforgettable journey through Kerala — a night to reflect, share memories, and soak in the last moments of this serene land.



Day 11: Airport Transfer - Time to go home

Prices:

USD 5,100 twin sharing

USD 1,765 single room supplement

Inclusion

- Hotel & Accommodation (4,5, Boutique and resort) - twin sharing, single room upgrade upgrade available with a surcharge
- Transportation
- Sightseeing
- City Guide
- Welcome and Farewell dinners
- Monument Entrance, if any

Exclusion

- Medical Insurance
- Shopping
- Tipping
- Donations to the local sights such as temples

Weather

The Top Winter season in North India. Temperature range: 10-25 °C.

The Top Winter season in South India. Temperature range: 20-35 °C.

Tipping

Tipping is optional. It is optional, and you should only give tips if you are satisfied with the services. This includes restaurant waiters, bellboys, drivers and guides. At restaurants, 10% is considered normal (if service charges are included in the bill, then no tip). For bellboys, about 100 rupees should be sufficient. For drivers, we recommend around 200-300 rupees per person and up to 500 rupees per person if they drive long distances or keep long hours. For guides, 300-400 rupees per person would be appropriate for a full day, depending on the service levels and knowledge. Travel buddy- Leader, it's up to you, but an idea (1000-2000 per person)

Money.

There are authorised money changers in all the cities, as well as several ATMs. Ask the guides or drivers to assist you in finding places to change money. Many shops and restaurants accept credit cards, except for small street-side vendors.

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