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South India Revealed

14 Nights / 15 Days

Meals

14 Breakfasts, 1 Dinner

Fully Escorted

Private Air-Conditioned Vehicle with English Speaking Driver/Guide

Trip Route:

Bangalore - Mysore - Ooty - Munnar - Periyar - Kochi/Cochin - Alleppey Backwaters
Houseboat - Kovalam - Trivandrum Departure

Trip Summary

Day 1

Vibrant India Tours - A Colourful Journey

Bangalore, Welcome to Incredible India

Check in at Keys Select, Bangalore - Standard - Keys Select

Check in at Holiday Inn Bengaluru Racecourse - Deluxe - Holiday Inn Bengaluru Racecourse

Check in at The Oberoi, Bangalore - Premium - The Oberoi

Day 2

Explore Bangalore

Meals - Breakfast Included.

Day 3

Bangalore - Mysore (Approx. 3 hours drive)

Meals - Breakfast Included.

Check in at Sandesh The Prince Hotel, Mysore - Deluxe - Sandesh The Prince Hotel Mysore

Check in at Radisson Blu Plaza, Mysore - Premium - Radisson Blu Plaza

Day 4

Mysore, City of Palaces

Meals - Breakfast Included.

Day 5

Mysore - Ooty, Queen of the Hill Stations (Approx. 3 hours and 30 minutes drive)

Meals - Breakfast Included.

Check in at Ooty - Elk Hill - Standard - Ooty - Elk Hill

Check in at Sterling Ooty Fern Hill - Deluxe - Sterling Ooty Fern Hill - A Sterling Holidays Resort

Check in at Accord Highland Hotel, Ooty - Premium - Accord Highland Hotel

Day 6

Ooty - Coonoor, Scenic Train

Meals - Breakfast Included.

Day 7

Ooty - Munnar (Approx. 6 hours drive)

Meals - Breakfast Included.

Check in at The Leaf Munnar Resort - Standard - The Leaf Munnar Resort

Check in at Elephant Passage Resort - Deluxe - Elephant Passage Resort

Fragrant Nature - Munnar - Premium - Fragrant Nature - Munnar

Day 8

Munnar Sightseeing

Meals - Breakfast Included.

Day 9

Munnar - Periyar, Spicy & Wild (Approx. 3 hours drive)

Evening Kalaripayattu Martial Arts Show

Meals - Breakfast Included.

Merryweather Resort Thekkady - Standard - Merryweather Resort Thekkady

Elephant Court Hotel, Thekkady - Deluxe - Elephant Court Hotel Thekkady

Spice Village Resort, Thekkady - Premium - Spice Village Resort Thekkady

Day 10

Periyar - Kochi/Cochin (Approx. 4 hours drive)

Meals - Breakfast Included.

Gokulam Park Hotel Kochi - Standard - Gokulam Park Hotel Kochi

Casino Hotel - Deluxe - Casino Hotel

Le Méridien Kochi - Premium - Le Méridien Kochi

Day 11

Explore Cochin (Kochi)

Meals - Breakfast Included.

Day 12

Kochi - Backwaters Houseboat (Approx. 1 hour drive)

Meals - Breakfast & Dinner Included.

Deluxe AC 1 Bedroom Exclusive Houseboat

Premium AC 1 Bedroom Exclusive Houseboat

Luxury AC 1 Bedroom Exclusive Houseboat

Day 13

Alleppey - Kovalam Beach (Approx. 4 hours drive)

Meals - Breakfast Included.

Check in at Abad Harmonia - Standard - Abad Harmonia

Check in at Uday Samudra Beach Hotel - Deluxe - Uday Samudra Beach Hotel

Check in at Turtle On The Beach - Premium

Day 14

Explore Kovalam

Meals - Breakfast Included.

Day 15

Kovalam - Trivandrum Departure (Approx. 1 hour drive)

Meals - Breakfast Included.

Inclusions

Exclusions

Day 1



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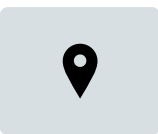


Bangalore, Welcome to Incredible India

You will be greeted & assisted by our representative at Bangalore international airport and later transferred to your hotel to check in. Remaining time is at leisure till next day.



Check in at Keys Select, Bangalore - Standard



Keys Select

ITPL Main Road, Bengaluru, Karnataka, IN, 560048



Check in at Holiday Inn Bengaluru Racecourse - Deluxe



Holiday Inn Bengaluru Racecourse

16/1 Seshadri Road, Bengaluru, Karnataka, IN, 560009



Check in at The Oberoi, Bangalore - Premium



The Oberoi

37-39, Bangalore, Karnāṭaka, IN, 560001

+91 80 2558 5858

Day 2



Explore Bangalore Stroll Through Lalbagh Botanical Garden

This glorious morning after breakfast, visit notable Bangalore attraction **Lalbagh Garden**.

Walk under the shade of ancient trees and explore one of the world's most diverse collections of plants on a guided tour through this 240-acre oasis. The Lalbagh Botanical Gardens is one of the city's largest green spaces.

See a Palace And a Market

Later, dive into the bustling and colourful K.R. Market and enjoy the glorious sights of fresh produce, heaps of spices and shining copperware. Go on to explore Tipu Sultan's Palace nearby, a historic structure adorned in teak pillars and ornamental frescoes.

Food Safari Tour

In the evening, after brief refresh at your hotel enjoy the **Food Safari Tour at VV Puram**. A street food hub renowned for its huge selection of Indian snacks. Street food lovers shouldn't miss this street out. It is dotted with numerous food joints offering everything from south Indian food to north India street delights. The tastiest options include bhajia (fritters), bath masala dosa, jalebi (sweet pretzel) and chaats (savoury snacks).

Make the overnight stay in your hotel room, a memoir of the events of which you were the part.



Meals - Breakfast Included.

Day 3



Bangalore - Mysore (Approx. 3 hours drive)

Start your day with a healthy breakfast and later drive to the legendary city of Palaces, Perfumes, Sandalwood and Handicrafts – Mysore.

Check-in at your hotel and relax for some time.

In the evening, visit **Sri Chamundeswari Temple**, towering nearly 3,500 feet above the summit of Chamundi Hill. The entrance gateway is a lofty, carved-stone structure ascending over 100 feet above worshippers' heads, and the temple located directly inside is as well maintained as ever.

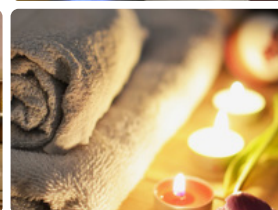
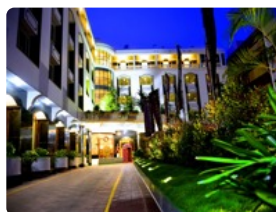
You can catch spectacular, one-of-a-kind views of Mysore from here.



Meals - Breakfast Included.



Check in at Sandesh The Prince Hotel, Mysore - Deluxe



Sandesh The Prince Hotel Mysore

3 Nazarbad Main Road, Mysore, Karnāṭaka, IN



Check in at Radisson Blu Plaza, Mysore - Premium



Radisson Blu Plaza
1 MG Road, Mysore, Karnāṭaka, IN, 570010

Day 4



Mysore, City of Palaces

Visit '**Devraja Flower Market**' early in the morning and your Mysore city sightseeing tour kicks off after breakfast.

Visit the **Somnathpur Temple**, an engraved royal legacy, built in 1268 in Mysore.

Afterwards visit the **Maharaja's Palace**, also known as Amba Vilas.

As a legacy of royal splendor, the Palace was home to the Wodeyar maharajas. It boasts a dazzling array of stained-glass windows, mosaic floors, carved wooden doors, and lavish paintings from the Edwardian Raj era.



Meals - Breakfast Included.

Day 5



Mysore - Ooty, Queen of the Hill Stations (Approx. 3 hours and 30 minutes drive)

Have breakfast and check-out from the hotel and drive to Ooty, the **queen of hill stations**.

Check-in at the hotel and later explore the **Botanical Garden** that is famed for its 20 million year old fossilised tree trunk along with a variety of exotic and indigenous plants, flowers and shrubs.

Rest of the day is at leisure.



Meals - Breakfast Included.



Check in at Ooty - Elk Hill - Standard



Ooty - Elk Hill

Ooty, Tamil Nadu, IN, 643001



Check in at Sterling Ooty Fern Hill - Deluxe



Sterling Ooty Fern Hill - A Sterling Holidays Resort

P.O. Box No. 73,



Check in at Accord Highland Hotel, Ooty - Premium



Accord Highland Hotel

4 / 278, Doddabetta Junction, Kotagiri Rd
+91 423 245 0021

Day 6



Ooty - Coonoor, Scenic Train

Start your day with a delicious breakfast and head to Ooty Railway station. Embark on a memorable journey to Coonoor on a **toy train**. Below is the train schedule:

Toy Train, UAM – ONR, Train# 56137, 09:15 - Departs from Ooty, 10:25 - Arrival at Coonoor

The train journey passes through the **mesmerizing Nilgiri Hills** and shutterbugs will find amazing **photography opportunities**.

Our driver will receive you at Coonoor Railway Station and later visit the **Tea Gardens** and **Tea Museum**.

The museum enlightens you about the Origin of World Tea and evolution of tea in the Nilgiris. Surrounded by lush green tea plantations, the museum has a souvenir shop where you can shop for a wide variety of tea leaves, teacups, plates etc.

In the evening return back to Ooty by car through 1 hour drive.



Meals - Breakfast Included.

Day 7



Ooty - Munnar (Approx. 6 hours drive)

After breakfast, take a Scenic drive from Ooty to Munnar, which is one of the highlights of the day. Munnar, probably one of the most enchanting hill stations in South India.

Drive through lofty mountains of Western Ghats and admire the natural beauty of rolling hills and green valleys.

There will be stops along the way to refresh and lunch.

Check-in at your hotel and enjoy an overnight stay.



Meals - Breakfast Included.



Check in at The Leaf Munnar Resort - Standard



The Leaf Munnar Resort

Chithirapuram PO, Anachal - Amakandam



Check in at Elephant Passage Resort - Deluxe

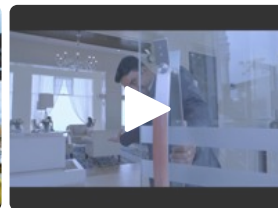
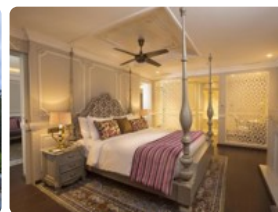


Elephant Passage Resort

Anachal, Kerala, IN, 685565



Fragrant Nature - Munnar - Premium



Fragrant Nature - Munnar

Munnar, Kerala, IN, 685612

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Day 8



Munnar Sightseeing

After breakfast, leave for **Eravikulam National Park** in the morning to see **Nilgiri Tahr**, a mountain goat found only in the Nilgiri Hills and the Western Ghats.

Eravikulam National Park

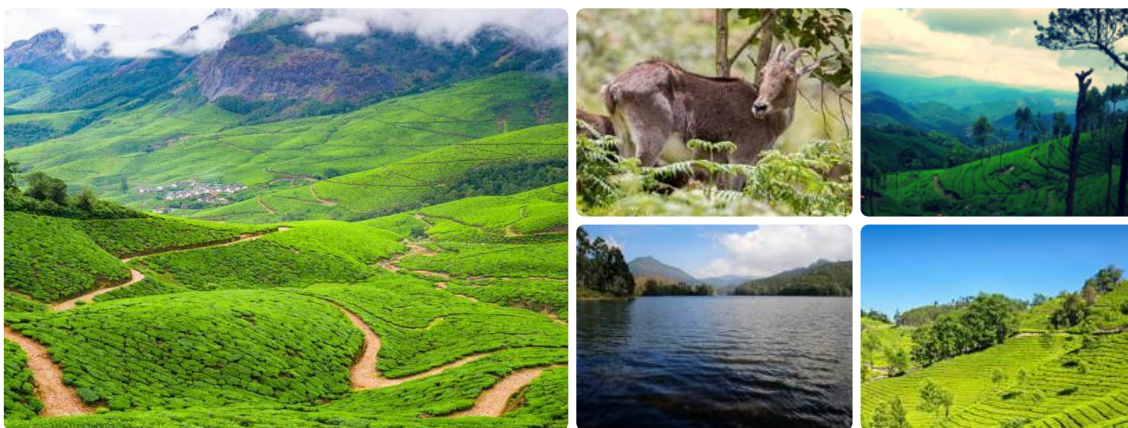
A wildlife park in the Kannan Devan Hills built to protect endangered animals such as the **Nilgiri Tahr**, a wild mountain goat species.

Offering a magnificent view of the nearby hills used as tea plantations, it's one of the best places in Munnar for taking photos.

Afterwards, proceed to **Mattupetty Dam** and capture the captivating views. Activities like **horse riding and boating** add more fun to your visit to the **Mattupetty Lake**.

Later visit the **Tea Estate**. A beautiful high-altitude tea garden located outside of Munnar, the Tea Estate is a stunning part of nature that any traveler has to see at least once! There is even an old factory on the plantation where you can watch how tea is made and buy some souvenirs.

Note: Eravikulam National Park will be closed from February to March every year for the two months due to the calving season of Nilgiri Tahr.



Meals - Breakfast Included.

Day 9



Munnar - Periyar, Spicy & Wild (Approx. 3 hours drive)

After breakfast, the day starts with a scenic drive to **Periyar National park, Thekkady**.

After brief refresh, be a part of **wildlife boat ride** over the beautiful **Periyar Lake** in **Periyar National Park**, one of the prominent **elephants reserves** in India and admire the gorgeous natural surroundings.

You can explore various species of animals and birds and might get a glimpse of wild elephants, boars and bison.



Evening Kalaripayattu Martial Arts Show

In the evening attend 1 hour Kalaripayattu Martial Arts Show.

Kalaripayattu is a type of **Traditional Martial Art of Kerala** meant for entertainment in Kerala. This again is one of the oldest forms existing in the world which has its origin in south India.

Kalaripayattu the mother of all martial arts requires the knack and skill which can be performed only by well trained masters. Crafted in ancient South India drawing inspiration from the raw power and sinuous strength of the majestic animal forms - Lion, Tiger, Elephant, Wild Boar, Snake, and Crocodile. Kalaripayattu laid down the combat code of the Cholas, the Cheras and the Pandyas. Shrouded in deep mystery and mists of secrecy Kalaripayattu was taught by the masters in total isolation, away from prying eye.



Meals - Breakfast Included.



Merryweather Resort Thekkady - Standard



Merryweather Resort Thekkady

PO, Kumily, Kerala, IN, 685509

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Elephant Court Hotel, Thekkady - Deluxe



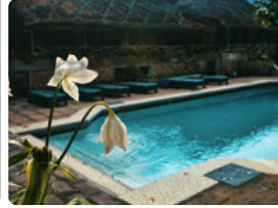
Elephant Court Hotel Thekkady

Thekkady, P.O. Idukki District

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Spice Village Resort, Thekkady - Premium The Art of Nature

Spice village for us is a work of nature as much as it is a lofty expression of the imagination. We conceived the resort as a village and approached its building the way you would a village - with local materials, native artisans, mountain spirit and traditional wisdom in its creation. Though traditional in its conception, this is a 'village' that offers you all the comforts of a city minus the noise, pollution and other urban ills that you can do without. Our interaction with the ecology of these hills is symbiotic, influenced by the native people of these parts who have lived in harmony with their surroundings for generations. They taught us about self-sustaining systems and also steward our organic gardens that put fresh vegetables, fruits and spices on your tables every day.



Spice Village Resort Thekkady
Kumily Road, Thekkady, Kerala, IN

Day 10



Periyar - Kochi/Cochin (Approx. 4 hours drive)

This Morning after breakfast checkout from your hotel and at appropriate time you will be driven to Kochi.

Rest of the day is free at leisure.



Meals - Breakfast Included.



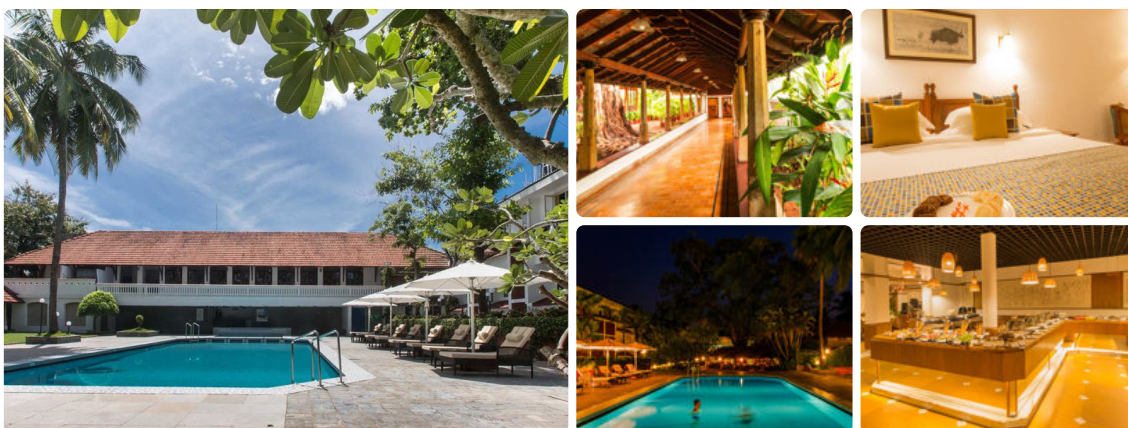
Gokulam Park Hotel Kochi - Standard



Gokulam Park Hotel Kochi
Banerji Road, Kochi, Kerala, IN, 682017



Casino Hotel - Deluxe

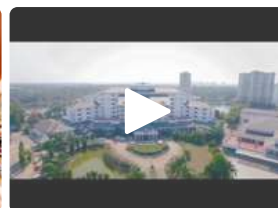




Casino Hotel
Willingdon Island, Kochi, Kerala, IN



Le Méridien Kochi - Premium



Le Méridien Kochi
Maradu, Kochi, Kerala, IN, 682304
+91 484 270 5777

Day 11



Explore Cochin (Kochi)

This glorious day of the tour starts with a delicious breakfast followed by a guided sightseeing tour of Kochi/Cochin.

Explore **St. Francis Church- the oldest church in India**, the imposing **Santa Cruz basilica built by the Portuguese**, the heritage sites of **Fort Kochi** and **shop for antiques and spices**.

Chinese fishing nets, the Dutch Palace and Jewish Synagogue are other highlights of the tour.

You will have several opportunities to find prized souvenirs such as spices and antiques while shopping at Jew Street.

KATHAKALI DANCE

Add a cultural tinge to the evening with a Kathakali dance performance at a popular cultural centre in Fort Kochi. The, colourful dance is not merely a dance. It is an art form that comprises powerful storytelling with ritual, drama, and music.

Return to your hotel and live a memorable night.



Meals - Breakfast Included.

Day 12



Kochi - Backwaters Houseboat (Approx. 1 hour drive)

Today, we will take you to Alleppey (Alappuzha), often referred to as the 'Venice of the East', with its meandering lagoons, coconut trees, endless rows of paddy fields.

Your stay will be in **Backwaters Houseboat**.

Undoubtedly, this houseboat cruise in the backwaters is the most outstanding highlight of a holiday in Kerala. It will be a unique and exclusive experience in your lifetime.

You will be cruising along the village sides and paddy fields witnessing the core life of the Kerala villages.

Spend your afternoon and evening while sailing through the gorgeous backwaters of Kumarakom.

Stay overnight in the Houseboat.

(Breakfast and Dinner provided on the houseboat).



Meals - Breakfast & Dinner Included.



Deluxe AC 1 Bedroom Exclusive Houseboat



Premium AC 1 Bedroom Exclusive Houseboat



Luxury AC 1 Bedroom Exclusive Houseboat



Day 13

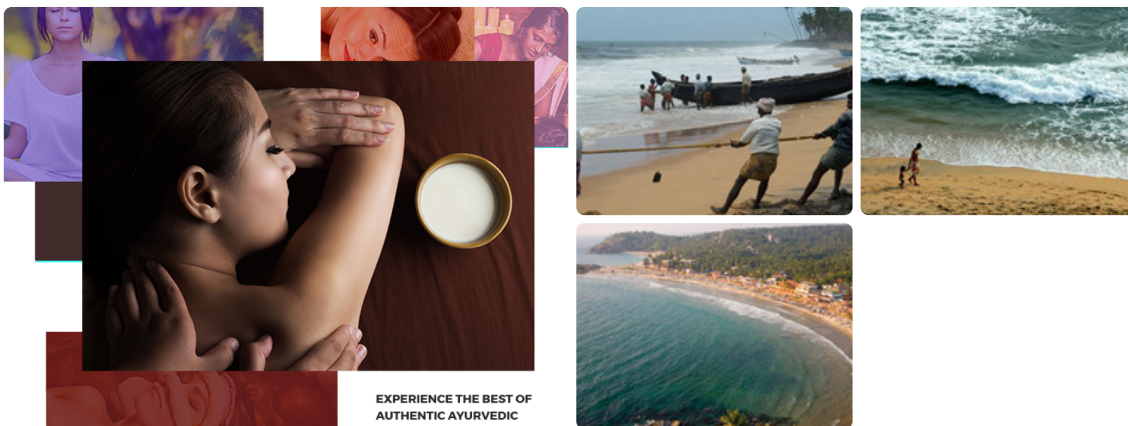


Alleppey - Kovalam Beach (Approx. 4 hours drive)

After breakfast, leave for one of the best beach towns in India.

Today is free day to explore Kovalam or spend your day at leisure.

After hotel check-in and brief refresh, you Amy choose to pamper your body with **signature Ayurvedic healing and wellness massage (own expense)** or indulge in some **Local shopping**. Handicrafts, seashells, junk jewelry, and garments are available everywhere at affordable prices.



Meals - Breakfast Included.



Check in at Abad Harmonia - Standard



Abad Harmonia

Chowara P.O, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, IN, 695501
+91 471 226 9665



Check in at Uday Samudra Beach Hotel - Deluxe



Uday Samudra Beach Hotel
Samudra Beach, Kovalam, Thiruvananthapuram



Check in at Turtle On The Beach - Premium



Day 14



Explore Kovalam

After breakfast, visit the **Lighthouse Beach**. The top of the lighthouse can be reached through a spiral staircase which will give you views of the absolute beauty of the ocean.

Later enjoy a sumptuous hearty lunch at the **German Bakery – overlooking the stunning Lighthouse Beach (own expense)** – is surely one of the top things to do in Kovalam. The place is highly recommended for pastries, pancakes, milkshakes, and shrimp biryani.

After lunch, pay a visit to **Kovalam villages**, where one can see and purchase some unique artifacts, inlay work, textile block printing, stone cutting, etc. It is an ideal place to pick up ethnic curios and other articles.

Spend the evening in serenity at **Hawa Beach**.



Meals - Breakfast Included.

Day 15



Kovalam - Trivandrum Departure (Approx. 1 hour drive)

This Morning after breakfast checkout from your hotel and at appropriate time you will be transferred to Trivandrum international airport for your onward journey.

Board your flight and fly back with memories to cherish for life. **Tour ends.**



Meals - Breakfast Included.



Inclusions

- All arrival and departure transfers.
- Assistance at Airport on arrival.
- **All applicable taxes.**
- **Entrance and Camera fees to the monuments and palaces.**
- **Sightseeing as per the itinerary.**
- Sightseeing by an exclusive deluxe air-conditioned Vehicle with chauffeur as per the itinerary.
- Accommodation at the specified hotels.
- 01 Mineral water per person per day.
- Daily buffet breakfast during your stay at all proposed destinations.
- Services of English-speaking local tour guide during all sightseeing tours at Bangalore - Mysore - Kochi (1 Day Only at each destination).
- Houseboat stay.
- Breakfast and Dinner during Houseboat stay.
- Entrance to Periyar Reserve.
- Boat safari at Periyar.
- Evening Kalaripayattu Martial Arts Show in Periyar.
- Kathakali dance performance in Kochi.
- Ooty - Coonoor Scenic Train.
- Tea Garden and Museum.
- Food Tour in Bangalore.



Exclusions

- Anything not mentioned or "optional" or "own expense" in the itinerary.
- Porterage at Hotels and Airports.
- All Items of Personal Nature, Shopping, Tips, Insurance, Laundry, Liquors, Wine, Etc.
- Meals not specified in Itinerary.
- Tips for staff, guide & driver (Approx. \$10 per guide and \$20 per day for driver) - Its total cost not per person - It can be prepaid before tour departure as well.
- International airfares unless specified.
- Optional, suggested, or unspecified activities.
- Insurance of any kind, Insurance and Medi claim.
- Visa costs.