

Book before August 31, 2016

DENVER SISTER CITIES INTERNATIONAL
SOUTH INDIA TOUR
Silks & Spices





Denver Sister Cities International (DSCI) is a nonprofit organization, coordinating Denver's ten Sister City relationships worldwide. Denver and Chennai (formerly Madras), India have been Sister Cities since 1984. DSCI's mission is to promote peace through mutual respect, understanding and cooperation with cultural, educational and economic endeavors. Through direct exchanges, we promote friendship across countries and cultures. For more information, go to www.denversistercities.org.



ITINERARY - 16 DAYS

Jan 19, 2017: Denver / London

Depart FROM Denver today on board British Airways for Bangalore via London.

BA 218 19JAN 6 DENLHR 845P1235P+I 777 E0

Jan 20: London / Bangalore

Arrive in London and connect with the onward flight to Bangalore.

BA 119 20JAN 7 LHRBLR 210P 425A+I 777

Jan 21: Arrive in Bangalore (Breakfast)

Arrive in Bangalore early this morning. You are welcomed at the airport and transferred to the hotel. Check in at The Pride Hotel Bangalore. Breakfast upon arrival.

www.pridehotel.com/bangalore-hotels/

Note: Rooms are available for immediate occupancy.

The Bangalore city tour includes a visit to Lal Bagh Botanical Gardens, the Mysore Arts and Crafts Center, the Bull Temple, and the colorful bustling markets.

Jan 22: Bangalore / Mysore / Nagerhole National Park (Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner) (140mi)

Depart Bangalore this morning and proceed to Nagerhole, en route visiting the island fortress and Summer Palace of Tipu Sultan in Srirangapatnam and the city of Mysore. Explore Mysore, visiting the City Palace, a Hindu Temple and a monolithic sculpture of the bull Nandi, the vehicle of Lord Shiva. Finally visit the colorful Devaraja Spice Market, before proceeding to Nagerhole, late this afternoon. Overnight at the Kabini River Lodge. www.kabiniriverlodge.com/

Jan 23: Nagerhole National Park (Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner)



Full day game viewing in Nagerhole National Park. Nagarhole National Park (NNP), the enchanting 247 square-mile park in Karnataka has an astonishing abundance of wildlife including large mammals such as tiger, leopard, wild elephant, dhole (Indian wild dog), and gaur (Indian bison). The landscape is one of gentle slopes and shallow valleys. Dry deciduous forest trees are leafless in the summer rather than in the winter. There are grassy marshlands which support a luxuriant growth of green grass all year. The change in terrain throughout the park is refreshing and the river system provides a unique wildlife viewing experience.

TOUR PRICING (PER PERSON)

Land Package

Double Occupancy	\$3,425
Single Occupancy	\$3,840

Estimated Airfare (Taxes Included)

International Airfare: USA to Bangalore and Chennai/Delhi to USA	\$1,465
Internal Airfare	\$130
Travel Insurance	\$245

Golden Triangle Extension

Double Occupancy	\$595
Single Occupancy	\$1,025
Airfare in Economy (taxes incl.)	\$190
Insurance for Extension	\$75

INCLUDES

- Accommodation at First Class Hotels listed in the itinerary
- Full breakfast daily at the hotels
- Other Meals - 3 Lunches & 7 Dinners
- Transportation by Deluxe Air-conditioned coach
- All the transfers and sightseeing tours as per the above itinerary
- Kathakali Show in Cochin
- Bharatanatyam show in Chennai
- Sister City meet in Chennai
- Excellent English-speaking local guides
- Internal Airfare – Cochin / Chennai / Delhi (Estimated)
- International airfare from USA to Bangalore and return from Chennai / Delhi to USA (Estimated)
- Portage at airport & hotels
- DSCI administrative fee and tax-deductible contribution (\$330)

VALUE-ADDED INCLUSIONS

- Flight Bag & Baggage Tags
- \$1 Million USTOA Consumer Protection Plan

NOT INCLUDED

- Meals not specifically mentioned in the program
- Departure Taxes
- Visa fees
- Insurance
- Items of a personal nature such as telephone calls, laundry, etc
- Any item not specifically included
- Gratuities to local service providers

**Jan 24: Nagerhole / Kozhikode
(Breakfast / Box Lunch) (86mi)**

Early morning visit to the bird sanctuary. Depart after breakfast for Kozhikode. Upon arrival in Kozhikode, check in at your hotel. Visit Kappad Beach, where Vasco De Gama first landed in India in 1498. Also visit the Thiruvannur Siva temple and drive past the Mishkal mosque. Overnight at The Gateway Hotel Kozhikode.
www.thegatewayhotels.com/beach-road-calicut/hotel-offers.html

**Jan 25: Kozhikode / Cochin
(Breakfast & Dinner) (122mi)**

Depart from Kozhikode this morning and drive to Cochin. Check in upon arrival at your hotel.

This evening enjoy a Kathakali show including the pre show preparations. Dinner and overnight. Overnight at the Casino Hotel.
www.cghearth.com/casino-hotel



Elements of the art of Kathakali are found in the ancient ritual plays of Hindu temples and various dance forms that are believed to have been gradually developed in Kerala from as early as the 2nd Century until the end of the 16th Century.

**Jan 26: Cochin / Kumarakom
(Breakfast & Dinner) (35mi)**

This morning enjoy a city tour of Cochin, visiting the Portuguese church built by St. Francis in 1562, the Jewish Synagogue, the famed Mattancherry Palace, and learn about the Chinese fishing nets. Later, depart for Kumarakom to experience the backwaters and waterways, with the rich culture and active lifestyle of the region. Overnight at the Backwater Ripples Resort. <http://backwaterripples.com/>

**Jan 27: Kumarakom Backwater
Cruise (Breakfast & Dinner)**

Cruise along the canals and lagoons which create and maintain the ecological balance in this region. Take advantage

of a free afternoon to experience an Ayurvedic therapeutic massage or enjoy a fishing expedition.

**Jan 28: Kumarakom / Munnar
(Breakfast & Dinner) (98mi)**



Depart for Munnar, Kerala's cool and inviting hill station at an elevation of 5000 - 8000 feet. Enjoy the excellent scenery en route. You may also visit the Eravikulam National park. Overnight at the Chandy's Windy Woods. www.chandyswindywoods.com/overview.html

**Jan 29: Munnar / Cochin / Chennai
(Breakfast) (67mi)**

This morning visit a Tea Plantation. Enjoy the varied flora and fauna, and the mountain top vistas of this fascinating retreat. Late this morning drive back to Cochin Airport to board the flight to Chennai. 9W2749 29JAN 2 COKMAA 525P 650P 73H E0

Transfer upon arrival to the hotel. Welcome to your Sister City! Overnight at the The Pride Hotel Chennai.
www.pridehotel.com/chennai-hotels/

Jan 30: Chennai (Breakfast)

This morning your tour of Chennai includes stops at the Victoria Art Gallery, Bronze Gallery and Chennai Museum, San Thome Cathedral and the Kapaleeswarar Temple.



Your final stop is Fort St. George, where you will meet with city officials including the Mayor of Chennai for a Sister City Ceremony.

Note: This will be a full day tour including the Sister City Ceremony (which we will organize)

**Jan 31: Kanchipuram &
Mahabalipuram (Breakfast & Lunch)**

Journey to Kanchipuram, with its many temples and visit the three that exemplify this sacred town—Kailasantha and Ekambareshwara, dedicated to Lord Shiva, and Vaikuntaperumal dedicated to Lord Vishnu. Travel to the ancient Pallavan port of Mamallapuram and visit the last surviving shore temple, stone chariots and the largest bas-relief in the world depicting scenes from the Hindu legend Mahabharatha.



Feb 1: Chennai (Breakfast & Dinner)

Today you have a coach at your disposal for half a day to visit and meet with your Indian sister city partners. This may include options to visit one of three social service projects the Chennai Committee/DSCI has supported in the past few years: an orphanage, a women's center and a medical clinic. (Details are available from the DSCI trip coordinator.)

This evening enjoy a classical Bharatanatyam dance & music show followed by a traditional South Indian dinner.

Feb 2: Chennai (Breakfast)

Today is at leisure, for last minute shopping or sight-seeing, or to complete visits to the social service projects.

Feb 3: Chennai / London / Denver

Transfer to the airport early this morning for the flight to Denver via London.
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BA 219 03FEB 7 LHRDEN 1225P 305P 777

Arrive home this evening with treasured memories of your sojourn in the land of Silk & Spices!

Your adventure ends today, but your memories last forever!

GOLDEN TRIANGLE EXTENSION TO DELHI & AGRA

Feb 3: Chennai / Delhi (Dinner)

Transfer to the airport early this morning for the flight to Delhi.

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Arrive in Delhi, where you are welcomed and transferred to the hotel. This afternoon explore the many sights of Old Delhi, including the Red Fort, Raj Ghat, Ashoka Pillar and the mile-long Chandni Chowk bazaar. Welcome dinner at the hotel. Overnight at the Royal Plaza Hotel. www.hoteltheroyalplaza.com/



Feb 4: Delhi / Agra / Delhi (Box Breakfast / Lunch/ Dinner)

Transfer early this morning to the New Delhi train station to board the fast train to Agra departing at 6:00am. Arrive in Agra at 08:00am. You are welcomed by your guide and after a brief stop to refresh your selves, continue on to the 16th century abandoned city of Fatehpur Sikri, once ruled by Emperor Akbar. This ghost town is remarkably well preserved and presents a perfect synthesis of Muslim, Hindu and Jain architecture. The sculptured columns bear mute testimony to this gallant experiment to unite Hindus and Muslims.

Return to Agra for lunch, following which you embark on a tour of Agra. Explore Agra and the 16th century Agra Fort with its battlements, apartments, gardens and audience halls. The day ends with a visit to the magnificent Taj Mahal, monument to love, where you will witness the warm glow as the sun sets over the monument. After an early dinner return to Delhi by fast train departing Agra at 8:00pm & arriving at 10:00pm.



Feb 5: Delhi (Breakfast)

After a leisurely morning embark on a tour of New Delhi, driving past the Parliament House, the President's House and India Gate. Later visit Humayun's Tomb, Qutab Minar and Birla Temple.

Feb 6: Delhi / London / Denver

Transfer to the airport early this morning for the flight to Denver via London.

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Arrive home this evening with memories of your sojourn in India!

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Airfares: Airfares are based on the current lowest fare, and subject to availability of the applicable class of service. It may be necessary to requote a fare at the time of booking, depending on availability. We recommend purchasing air tickets at the time of booking in order to avoid any increases. At time of final payment, please check for any applicable increase in taxes and fuel surcharges. Airfares are subject to different rules and cancellation fees. Some airfares may be non-refundable once ticketed. Details will be provided on request.

Visas: US Passport holders require visas for India. Please note that you may apply for the visa no earlier than 60 days prior to the date of departure. You may apply online at the following link:

<https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/visa/tvoa.html>.

Insurance: We strongly recommend Travel Insurance. Pre-existing conditions are covered PROVIDED Insurance premium is paid with deposit or within 14 days thereof. Alternatively, premium may be paid with final payment. Insurance cannot be purchased after final payment has been received. Insurance is non-refundable. A signed acknowledgement is required by the passenger whether accepting or declining insurance.

Inoculations: We recommend that you contact Passport Health at 1-888-499-7277 or www.passporthealthusa.com for questions regarding country-specific health counseling.

Tour Reservations: DSCI requires an initial non refundable deposit of \$500 per person to hold the reservation. Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure. **Bookings must be received by August 31, 2016.**

Payments: DSCI accepts tour payments by check and/or by Visa, Mastercard, American Express & Discover credit cards. **\$200 discount off total package available if payment is in cash or check**, to offset our nonprofit's credit card fees.

Cancellation policy: Cancellations received 90 days or more prior to departure, \$500 per person. 89-60 days: 25% of the tour price; 59-45 days: 50% of the tour price; 44-31 days: 75% of the tour price; 30 days or less: 100% of the tour price.

Tour documents: Invoice, personal information forms and necessary visa information will be sent on receipt of deposit. Final tour documents including day-by-day itinerary, hotel listing, air tickets & vouchers are sent between 60 - 45 days prior to departure.

This will be a small group - fewer than 20 - with private vans and drivers!
Reservations must be made by August 31st to confirm your spot!

FOR RESERVATIONS & INFORMATION, CONTACT:

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BOOKING FORM | JAN 19 - FEB 3, 2017

Name(s) as noted on passport:

1. _____ M / F ☐ Child (Age: _____)
First Middle Last

Passport #: _____ Date of Issue: _____ Birth Date: _____

Nationality: _____ Frequent Flier # on Delta: _____ ☐ Vegetarian

2. _____ M / F ☐ Child (Age: _____)
First Middle Last

Passport #: _____ Date of Issue: _____ Birth Date: _____

Nationality: _____ Frequent Flier # on Delta: _____ ☐ Vegetarian

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Cell: _____ E-mail: _____

Preferred Departure City: _____

(Details on travel insurance coverage will be sent to travelers after receiving the initial deposit. If you wish more extensive coverage, it is available through our Travel Agency, SITA.)

☐ Main Tour Only

☐ Golden Triangle to Delhi & Agra Extension

I accept/decline Travel Insurance (refer to Terms & Conditions): ☐ Accept ☐ Decline

Tour Deposit Amount (\$500/person plus insurance if accepted): \$ _____

(<https://www.travelinsured.com/dashboard/plan/details?p=WTP14>)

Card #: _____ Security Code: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Billing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

I have read the Terms & Conditions which apply and agree to abide by the same.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY PLEASE NOTIFY

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Tel: () _____ - _____ Email: _____

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