

Cuisine Tour of India

18 days / 17 nights

Day 1 Thu: Depart North America

Depart North America on your exciting journey to explore the cuisine of India. Day rooms are provided in Singapore at the AMBASSADOR TRANSIT HOTEL. East Coast passengers connect through London.

Day 2 Fri: Arrive Delhi

Arrive tonight in India's bustling capital city of Delhi, where you are greeted with a traditional Indian welcome and escorted to the CLARIDGES HOTEL.

Day 3 Sat: Delhi Sightseeing

Sightsee in Old Delhi in the morning and then savor the delicacies of Southern India at the Royal Dakshin restaurant for lunch. After lunch, sightsee in New Delhi and then dine at Restaurant Bukhara, rated one of the best Asian restaurants in the world. (BLD)

Day 4 Sun: Delhi / Lucknow

After breakfast, fly to Lucknow. Visit the Lucknow Institute of Hotel Management to learn how to cook the special Dastarkhwan cuisine of Lucknow. After a short city tour, Dine at Restaurant Oudhiana. With delicately flavored kebabs and biryanis, Oudayana is the perfect place to enjoy a medley of authentic Awadhi cuisine. HOTEL TAJ RESIDENCY (BLD)

Day 5 Mon: Lucknow / Aligarh / Agra

This morning, board the Gomti Express for Aligarh. You will be met on arrival and transferred to Agra. Later, proceed to visit the world famous Taj Mahal and imposing Agra Fort. HOTEL JAYPEE PALACE (BLD)

Day 6 Tue: Agra / Fatehpur Sikri / Jaipur

Visit the abandoned and nearly intact Mughal city of Fatehpur Sikri. Continue overland to Jaipur and proceed to Restaurant Spice, where the master chef will demonstrate the preparation of several Tandoori items. HOTEL COUNTRY INN & SUITES (BLD)

Day 7 Wed: Amber Fort Excursion & Jaipur Sightseeing

Today, you will ride royally atop elegantly draped and



Painted elephants up to the mountain fortress of Amber. After visiting the "Palace of Winds," you will be taken to the Rajasthani village of Chowki Dhani where you will get to savor typical Rajasthani dishes. (BLD)

Day 8 Thu: Jaipur / Bombay

After breakfast, fly to Bombay. In the afternoon, take a short city tour of Bombay. HOTEL RAMADA INN PALM PLAZA (BLD)

Day 9 Fri: Elephanta Caves

Today you will cruise across the harbor to Elephanta Island and its famous caves, filled with carvings and sculptures dating back to AD 550. Later, proceed to the Parsi Restaurant Jimmy Boy, and learn about the Parsi wedding lunch that is called "Lagan Ni Bhonu." (BLD)

Day 10 Sat: Bombay / Cochin / Periyar

After breakfast, fly to Cochin. Lush forests and spice plantations surround your hotel. In the evening, enjoy a live cooking demonstration using fresh spices from the surrounding forests. HOTEL SPICE VILLAGE (BLD)

Day 11 Sun: Periyar

In the morning, enjoy a boat trip on Lake Periyar to view bird life and possibly wild elephants. After breakfast, the hotel staff introduces you to the various spices that flourish in the region. The hotel's chef takes over in the afternoon with a hands-on lesson in cooking with spices. (BLD)

Day 12 Mon: Periyar / Kumarakom

After breakfast, head towards Kumarakom. Board a boat that will take you to Eco and enjoy a presentation entitled "Conquering the Coconut." In the evening, enjoy a sunset cruise on the lake. COCONUT LAGOON (BLD)

Day 13 Tue: Kumarakom

This morning, a short boat cruise will take you to Philip Kutty's Farm. You will learn the intricacies of Kerala seafood dishes. (BLD)

Day 14 Wed: Kumarakom / Cochin

After breakfast, take a backwater cruise from Kottayam to Allepey. Continue by surface to Cochin. In the evening, witness the famous classical dance performance of "Kathakalli." HOTEL CASINO (BLD)

Day 15 Thu: Cochin Sightseeing

Visit the Portuguese Church, the Jewish Synagogue, and the famed Mattancherry Palace. Enjoy dinner at Fort Cochin where you can select from king prawns, lobster, Indian salmon, snapper, pomfret, squid, mullet, seer fish and more. (BLD)

Day 16 Fri: Cochin / Chennai

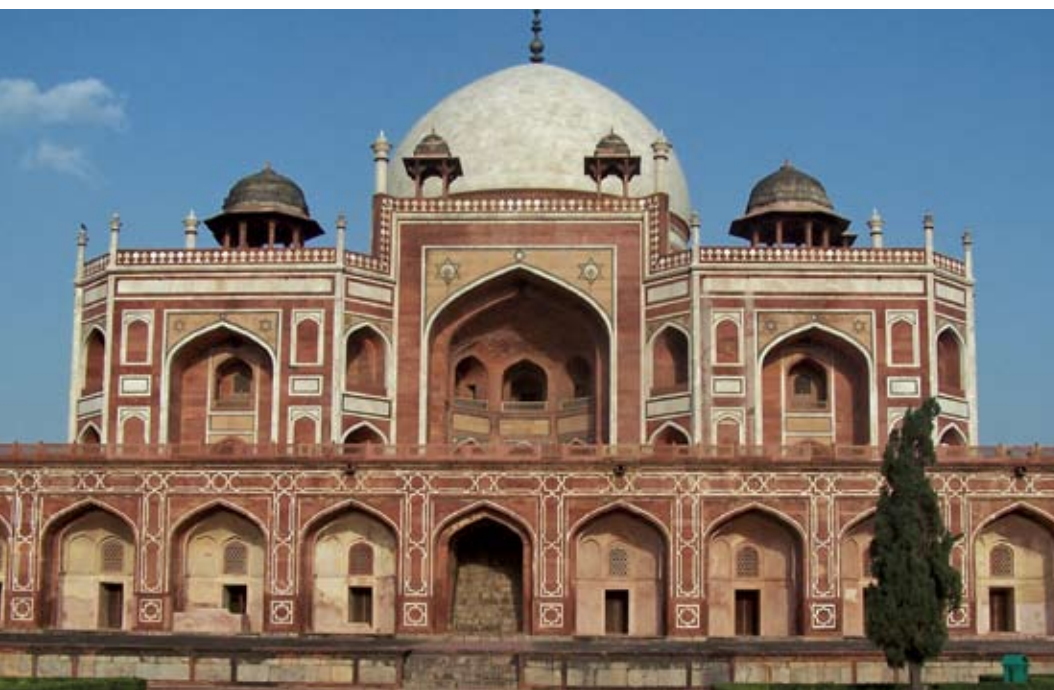
After breakfast, fly to Madras. Your tour of Chennai takes you to the Victoria Art Gallery, the Bronze Gallery and the Chennai Museum. THE RADISSON (BLD)

Day 17 Sat: Kanchipuram Excursion / Depart Chennai

Today, enjoy an excursion to Kanchipuram, one of the seven sacred cities of India. Visit three revered temples and then return to Chennai to learn how to prepare Chettinad cuisine. Say farewell to unforgettable India as you board your international flight home. (BLD)

Day 18 Sun: Arrive North America

Arrive home filled with colorful memories of your sojourn through the warmth and sunshine of North & South India.



Depart	Return	DbI Occ	Sgl Supp
Nov 9, 2006	Nov 26, 2006	\$6,695	\$2,150
Mar 8, 2007	Mar 25, 2007	\$6,695	\$2,150

Includes: Deluxe and first-class accommodation with private facilities, TDH meals as per the itinerary (breakfast, lunch & dinner), domestic bottled water with every meal, arrival & departure transfers, all sightseeing as per the itinerary, local English-speaking guides for sightseeing, entrance fees to the

