



# Culture & Coffee

An odyssey of 11 nights and 12 days of culture and coffee plantations.

*"The land of dreams and romance, of fabulous wealth and fabulous poverty, of splendour and rags, of palaces and hovels, of famine and pestilence, of genii and giants and Aladdin lamps, of tigers and elephants, the cobra and the jungle, the country of hundred nations and a hundred tongues, of a thousand religions and two million gods, cradle of the human race, birthplace of human speech, mother of history, grandmother of legend, great-grandmother of traditions, whose yesterday's bear date with the moderating antiquities for the rest of nations-the one sole country under the sun that is endowed with an imperishable interest for alien prince and alien peasant, for lettered and ignorant, wise and fool, rich and poor, bond and free, the one land that all men desire to see, and having seen once, by even a glimpse, would not give that glimpse for the shows of all the rest of the world combined." - Mark Twain*



Embark on a journey that blends culture and coffee of a southern state in India. Learn all about the magic of coffee cultivation and the varieties of this much loved beverage of South India. Experience an intoxicating concoction of religion; ancient culture and traditions in the temples and palaces which are evolving and some facing extinction with urbanisation, globalisation and technology.

Discover the ethnic side of India, through the dynamic times, with different cultural and ecological practices. Observe the nurturing and affectionate role of a farmer

through his coffee plantations, feel the devotion of a priest in an ancient temple gathering its natural aura, experience the bliss of nature walks and monasteries, savour the lip smacking authentic taste of many different cuisine with recipes that has been handed down over generations, smell the heady aroma of fresh flowers, spices, food, coffee and tea at a market in the morning....The tour offers a chance to make you be a part of just another day in the life of south India.



# The Journey

## Day 1

*Post breakfast. Orientation tour of the garden city of India. Visit sikh temples; drive by the parliament house of the state; a palace, visit gardens with colonial names. After a sumptuous lunch enjoy a dance performance at one of the premier dance institutes or watch an English Play in a theatre. Food tour if time permits. Dinner and overnight.*

## Day 2

*Visit temple devoted to Lord Krishna and a 7000 year old temple discovered by accident in the heart of the city. Enjoy lunch halli or village style. Visit temple dedicated to Nandi. Shop for handierafsts; silks or incenses, traditional handmade toys and knick knacks. Watch a performance by a local band if possible. Enjoy a pub dinner.*

## Day 3

*Drive to the an ancient city ruled by a dynasty also the cultural capital of the state. Enjoy south Indian traditional breakfast enroute. Visit a toy factory watch skilled hands at work. Stop by a winery, some wine tasting and a sumptuous lunch. Arrive in time to watch light show at a palace. A good nights sleep after dinner.*

## Day 4

*Wake up and try yoga or chanting lessons. After breakfast visit local Church and Palace. After lunch watch offerings being made to a god in a temple atop a hillock. The views of the city ore spectacular from there. A musical night awaits you with dinner.*





#### Day 5

*Visit to a bird sanctuary to glimpse st our two legged friends. After lunch visit local factories of silks and sandalwood. Buy that perfect sari or souvenir to take home. Dinner and relax*

#### Day 6

*Drive to a special place renowned for their bravery and customs. A settlement with golden temple; chanting monks. Post lunch. Visit the elephant camp and watch the mahouts bathing elephants. Get close to this majestic creature. Dinner and Overnight.*

#### Day 7

*Go on a short hike with picnic breakfast. Visit some temples and waterfalls in the area. After a traditional lunch enjoy walk in a plantation where coffee and spices are grown. Taste different types of coffee and learn about the spices. Try your hand cooking traditional meals with these spices.enjoy dinner cooked by yourself and hosts. Overnight*

#### Day 8

*Drive to a coastal town renowned for their culinary skills. Visit a famous temple and enjoy the rest of the day at the beach.*

#### Day 9

*Drive to a small town and watch majestic waterfalls. After lunch admire the beautiful and intricate carvings of two ancient temples. Dinner and overnight.*





*Day 10*

*Drive to a resort. Visit museum dedicated to coffee. Post lunch a stroll in the plantation with coffee tasting for enthusiasts. Enjoy the serene surroundings relax. Dinner , if possible with a musical / dance performance and overnight.*

*Day 11*

*Go for a drive after breakfast. Hike a short way up to enjoy the valley views. After lunch visit a national park to sight the shy animals. Dinner and overnight*

*Day 12*

*Last day of tour. Drive back to the garden city But before that 614 odd steps will lead you to an 18 metre tall statue carved from a single granite piece. Enjoy lunch. Arrive at garden city for dinner and stay overnight or fly out home.*

## *Journey Inclusions*

- Airfare*
- Airport Transfers.*
- Sightseeing.*
- Accommodation is arranged for a twin sharing basis in a standard double in 4 star hotels (or similar standard) with all meals included.*
- Driver fees, toll , parking.*
- Same driver will be there with you for the entire trip.*



## *Journey Exclusions*

- 4% service tax.*
- Adventure Activities/ Sightseeing Cost/Entrance fees.*

## *Hotels*

*All hotels are at 4 star quality. If in case of unavailability, good 3 star hotels with excellent reviews are arranged.*



# Additional Features & Tours



## Poetry in Stones Tour

*Explore through centuries (from 6th AD onwards) old kingdoms. Be lost in the glories and remnants, carved in stones, of the royal and palatial culture. Explore the timeless tales engraved in these stones figures, statues and temples will leave you breathless and mystified. A week long tour to these regions would offer you an experience of a lifetime. Along with this tour, we add an extra cultural dose of art and entertainment to cherish your mind and soul.*

*For more information to extend the Culture & Coffee tour, please contact us. [info@tripalfresco.com](mailto:info@tripalfresco.com) or [yuvrajharsha@tripalfresco.com](mailto:yuvrajharsha@tripalfresco.com)*

## The Art of Living Happiness Program Session

*Experience a course of yoga and meditation from a renowned institution of the Art of Living foundation. Get immersed in their sessions of yoga, Sudarshan Kriya and stress relieving techniques.*

*The session, depending upon the choice of length of the program (starting from 2 days and over), can be arranged for interesting tourists after the end of the primary tour of Culture & Coffee.*

*To benefit from this program, contact us. [info@tripalfresco.com](mailto:info@tripalfresco.com) or [yuvrajharsha@tripalfresco.com](mailto:yuvrajharsha@tripalfresco.com)*

