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# Treasures of Southern India

Joint  
Medical-Dental Symposium  
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of Medical Sciences

“Medical and Dental  
Healthcare in India”

**November 4 – 20, 2011**

**Taj Mahal**

**Pre-Tour Extension: Nov. 2 – 6, 2011**

**Sri Lanka**

**Post-Tour Extension: Nov. 19 – 25, 2011**

Friends and Family Invited to Join  
22 Credit Hours • Tax Deductible Benefits

Chennai Mahabalipuram Madurai Mysore  
Bandipur Kalapathy Festival Cochin Private Houseboat

# Treasures of Southern India

## Exploring Tamil Nadu, Karnataka & Kerala

With its distinctive customs, culture and languages, temple architecture and a contrasting lifestyle, Southern India is truly a destination to be experienced.

From the ancient days of the Spice Route, when traders plied their wares across South Asia, to the arrival of the European colonial powers, Southern India has incorporated many diverse cultural influences in forging its cosmopolitan outlook, while never losing its Dravidian identity.

During our sojourn in the South, we will experience these influences first hand, staying in an old Dutch fort-turned-hotel, the Taj Fisherman's Cove, replete with its magnificent beaches; savor the unique indigenous cuisine of Chettinad; revel in the glory of the ancient, dramatic and still very active Meenakshi Temple in Madurai; witness India's unique wildlife in Bandipur and Nagarhole Parks; participate in one of the South's incredible Elephant Temple Festivals; cruise the backwaters of Kerala onboard a kettuvallam and wander through centuries of history, both indigenous and colonial, in old Fort Kochi.

For the intrepid traveler curious about an ancient and unique culture - or for those who want to enmesh themselves in distinctive surroundings, with pristine, uncrowded beaches, palm-fringed waterways and gentle sea breezes - Southern India is a destination par excellence and a travel experience not soon forgotten.



### Trip Highlights:

- Explore Mahabalipuram, UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Visit Madurai, the 4th Century Temple Town
- Experience Mysore, the "Sandalwood City" with its walled Mysore Palace and Museum
- Take a 4-wheel drive Safari at Banipur and Nagarhole National Parks
- Travel to Kerala for the colorful Kalapathy Rath Festival
- Stay two nights on a private houseboat on the backwaters of Kerala
- Enjoy historic Cochin, known as the "Queen of the Arabian Sea"



## TRIP ITINERARY

### NOVEMBER 4 & 5: USA TO INDIA

Leaving the USA, you either head east over the Atlantic and Europe en route to India, or cross the International Date Line if you take a trans-Pacific flight.

### NOVEMBER 6: ARRIVE CHENNAI

Most international flights arrive in Chennai (Madras) early morning. Upon arrival, we will make the short drive to the beach resort of Fisherman's Cove. Tonight we have a special "Welcome Dinner." Taj Fisherman's Cove (B, L, D)

### NOVEMBER 7: EXPLORING MAHABALIPURAM

Today we will visit the UNESCO World Heritage temple complex. Taj Fisherman's Cove (B, L, D)

### NOVEMBER 8: TO MADURAI

After breakfast we will transfer to Chennai's airport for our flight to the ancient 4th Century temple town of Madurai. The balance of our day is spent enjoying a walking tour of the bazaar. Taj Garden Retreat (B, L, D)

### NOVEMBER 9: EXPLORING MADURAI

Spend the day visiting the awe-inspiring Meenakshi Temple. Taj Garden Retreat (B, L, D)

### NOVEMBER 10: TO MYSORE

This morning we fly to Bangalore, then make the 2-3 hour drive to Mysore, visiting the Jain site at Sravanabelgola en route. Wildflower (B, L, D)

### NOVEMBER 11: EXPLORING MYSORE

Full day to explore the "Sandalwood City." Visit the Sri Chammundeswari Temple, the City Palace and Museum. Wildflower (B, L, D)

### NOVEMBER 12: TO BANDIPUR NATIONAL PARK

This morning we will make the 4-5 hour drive to Bandipur, taking an evening game excursion into the Park. Tuskar Trail (B, L, D)

### NOVEMBER 13: EXPLORING BANDIPUR NATIONAL PARK

Full day to explore the twin parks of Bandipur & Nagarhole, taking morning and evening 4-wheel drive safaris into the parks. Tuskar Trail (B, L, D)

### NOVEMBER 14: TO PALAKKAD

Leaving Bandipur, we head to Kerala and the wonderful city of Palakkad, home to the colorful Kalapathy Rath Festival. Kairali Resort (B, L, D)

### NOVEMBER 15: KALAPATHY FESTIVAL

We spend the full day visiting the Kalapathy Rath Festival, with its plethora of colorfully caparisoned elephants. Kairali Resort (B, L, D)

### NOVEMBER 16 & 17: CANALS OF KERALA ON HOUSEBOAT

We head south along the Keralan coast to the docks at Thothapally in the Alleppey district to board our private deluxe houseboat and begin our cruise of the scenic backwaters of Kerala. Houseboat Vaikundum (B, L, D)

### NOVEMBER 18: EXPLORING COCHIN

After a final relaxing morning on board the houseboat, we will make the drive to Cochin, the "Queen of the Arabian Sea." Begin exploration of old Fort Cochin. Taj Malabar (B, L, D)

### NOVEMBER 19: IN COCHIN & TO USA

Today we continue our exploration of historic Cochin, enjoying its blend of old-world colonial charm and southern Indian influences. This evening catch our return flight to USA. (B, L, D) Participants on the Sri Lanka Extension will overnight in Chennai.

### NOVEMBER 20: ARRIVE USA

Departing India, you arrive in the USA later today. Participants on the Sri Lanka Extension will fly to Colombo.



# Taj Mahal

## Pre-Tour Extension

Nov. 2 – 6, 2011

NOVEMBER 2: DEPART USA

NOVEMBER 3: ARRIVE DELHI

Non-stop flights from the USA begin arriving late this evening. The Grand Hotel

NOVEMBER 4: TO AGRA

After a relaxed morning we drive to Agra, arriving in time to see the setting sun light up the Taj, Mahal from across the Jammuna River:

Gateway Hotel (B, L, D)

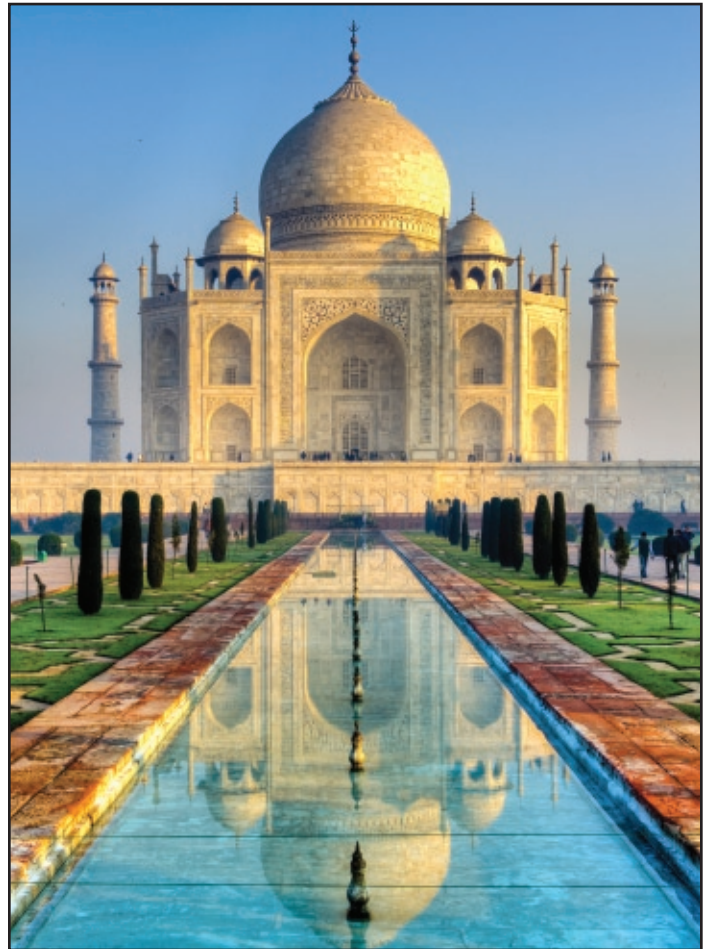
NOVEMBER 5: EXPLORING AGRA, & TO DELHI

Rise early and visit the Taj Mahal at sunrise. Then visit the Itmad Daula and Red Fort. After sunset on the Taj, we take the express train back to Delhi.

The Grand Hotel (B, L, D)

NOVEMBER 6: TO CHENNAI

A mid-day flight brings us to Chennai, where we are met and escorted to Mahabalipuram. Join main PES tour. (B, L, D)



# Sri Lanka

## Post-Tour Extension

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NOVEMBER 19: OVERNIGHT IN CHENNAI

Sri Lanka extension group flies to and overnights in Chennai. Those not on extension will board outbound international flights. The Trident Hotel (B, L, D)



NOVEMBER 20: FLY TO COLOMBO & DRIVE TO DUMBALA

Early afternoon flight to Colombo. Upon arrival, we drive to Dumbala in the heart of Sri Lanka's "Cultural Triangle." Kandalama Hotel (B, L on flight, D)

NOVEMBER 21: EXPLORING POLONNARUWA

Full day to explore UNESCO World Heritage site of Polonnaruwa, Sri Lanka's capital in the 11th & 12th Centuries. Kandalama Hotel (B, L, D)

NOVEMBER 22: SIGIRIYA, DUMBALA CAVES & TO KANDY

This morning visit the mountain top citadel of Sigiriya before exploring the renowned caves at Dumbala (both World Heritage sites). Drive to Kandy and enjoy an evening folk performance. Earl's Regency Hotel (B, L, D)

NOVEMBER 23: EXPLORING KANDY

See the renowned Temple of the Tooth Relic and sites both ancient and modern in this lovely old city, with an interesting blend of traditional Sri Lankan and colonial culture, nestled in the highlands of Central Sri Lanka. Earl's Regency Hotel (B, L, D)

NOVEMBER 24: TO COLOMBO VIA PINNEWALA

Return to Colombo, visiting the wonderful Elephant Orphanage at Pinnewala en route. Cinnamon Grand Hotel (B, L, D)

NOVEMBER 25: DEPART FOR USA

## Continuing Education Recognition Awards

The Professional Education Society Symposium fee is \$395 for each physician, dentist, nurse or health-related professional and \$195 for each non-professional or family member attending the seminar.



### Tax Deduction

This travel symposium for India, has been designed to comply with current IRS convention rules and deductibility requirements under Code Section 274(h)(1) as directly related to the conduct of the attendee's profession and meeting the reasonableness standard of the foreign seminar rules. The formal meetings will be scheduled with lectures and discussions. Seminars in conference rooms, clinics or hospitals will be conducted by foreign speakers as well as distinguished members of the Professional Education Society.

Documentation verifying the scheduling dates, locations, hours of attendance, certificate of participation, and appropriate certificate of continuing medical, dental or nursing education will be provided at the completion of the conference. Consult your tax advisor for detailed information concerning deductibility of expenses related to your particular situation.

**Physicians:** This program has been reviewed and is acceptable for up to 22 pre-scribed hours by the American Academy of Family Physicians.

**Dentists:** The Professional Education Society, as provider, is authorized to confer up to 22 hours of California Continuing Education credit units and 22 FAGD/MAGD credit hours with the Academy of General Dentistry. The Professional Education Society is an ADA CERP Recognized Provider.

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## Program Costs

### Treasures of Southern India

\$7,570 Per Person, based on double occupancy  
\$1,920 Single Supplement  
\$825 Internal India Airfare\*  
Air includes Chennai – Madurai / Madurai – Bangalore / Cochin – Chennai

### Pre-Tour Taj Mahal Package

\$1,995 Per Person, based on double occupancy  
\$575 Single Supplement  
\$185 Internal India Airfare\*  
Air includes Delhi - Chennai

### Post-Tour Sri Lanka Package

\$3,085 Per Person, based on double occupancy  
\$825 Single Supplement  
\$165 Internal India Airfare\*  
Program Air includes Chennai - Colombo

### Roundtrip International Airfare\*

\$1,695 from San Francisco on Emirates  
\$1,520 from New York City on Emirates  
\$1,425 from Chicago on Lufthansa  
(Other departure cities available upon request)

\*Note: Both the internal and international airfares are subject to change by airlines. Prices and schedules will be available 11 months prior to trip return date.

## Terms and Conditions

**Deposits:** To confirm your space, the following per person deposits are required: \$600 for India, \$100 for Taj Mahal, \$450 for Sri Lanka and \$50 for the symposium.

**Final Payment:** Final payment is due by August 5, 2011.

**Trip cancellation insurance is highly recommended; information will be sent with your deposit confirmation.**

**Documentation for US Citizens:** Passports and Visas are required for travel; the visa fee for India is not included.

**Cancellation:** All cancellations must be made in writing to the Professional Education Society.

Penalties in accordance with the following schedule:  
From time of deposit to 90 days prior to departure: \$200 per person administrative fee. 90 – 61 days prior to departure: \$750 per person penalty fee. 60 – 31 days prior to departure: 75% of land cost. Within 30 days to departure: 100% of land cost.

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