

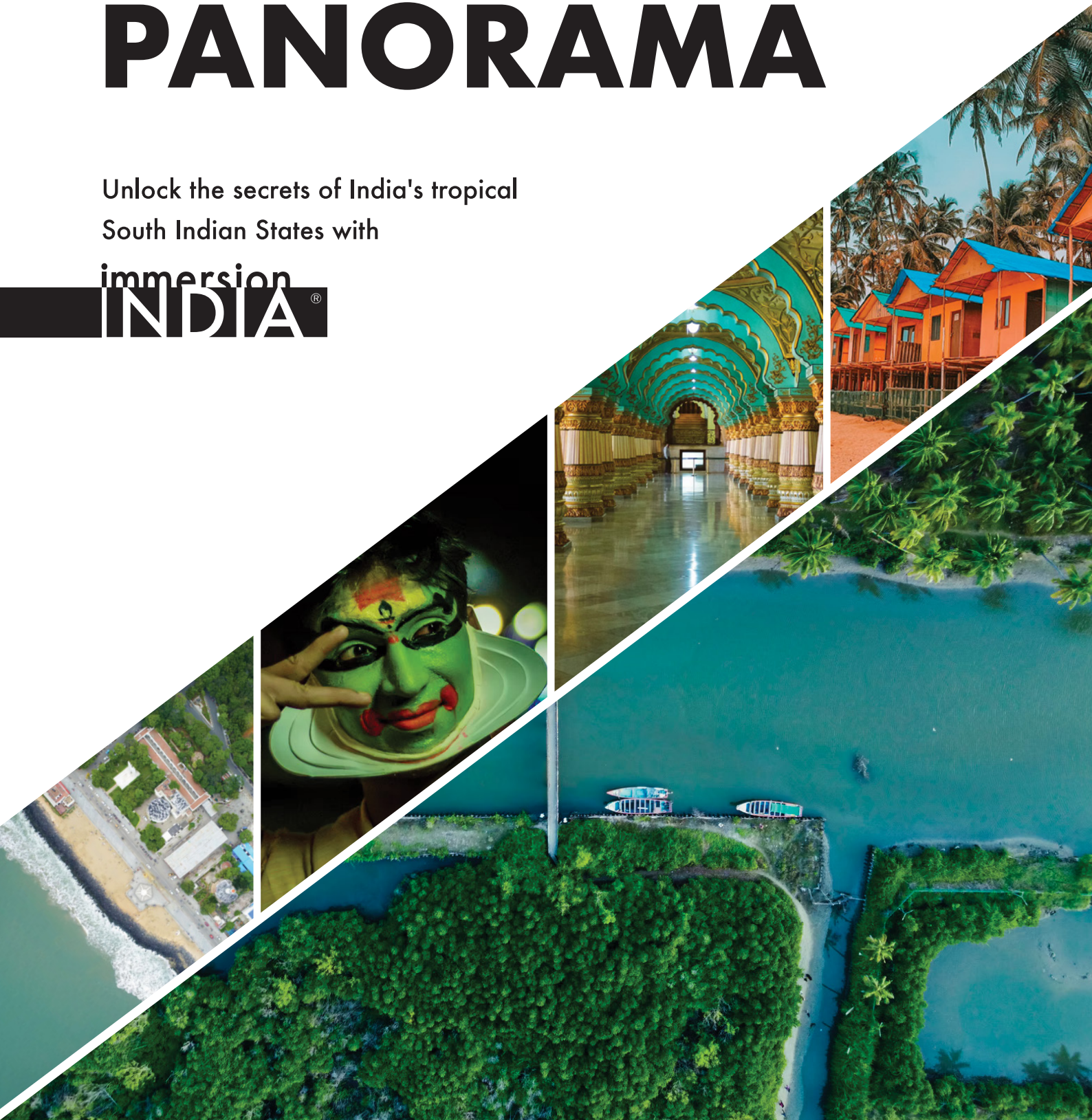


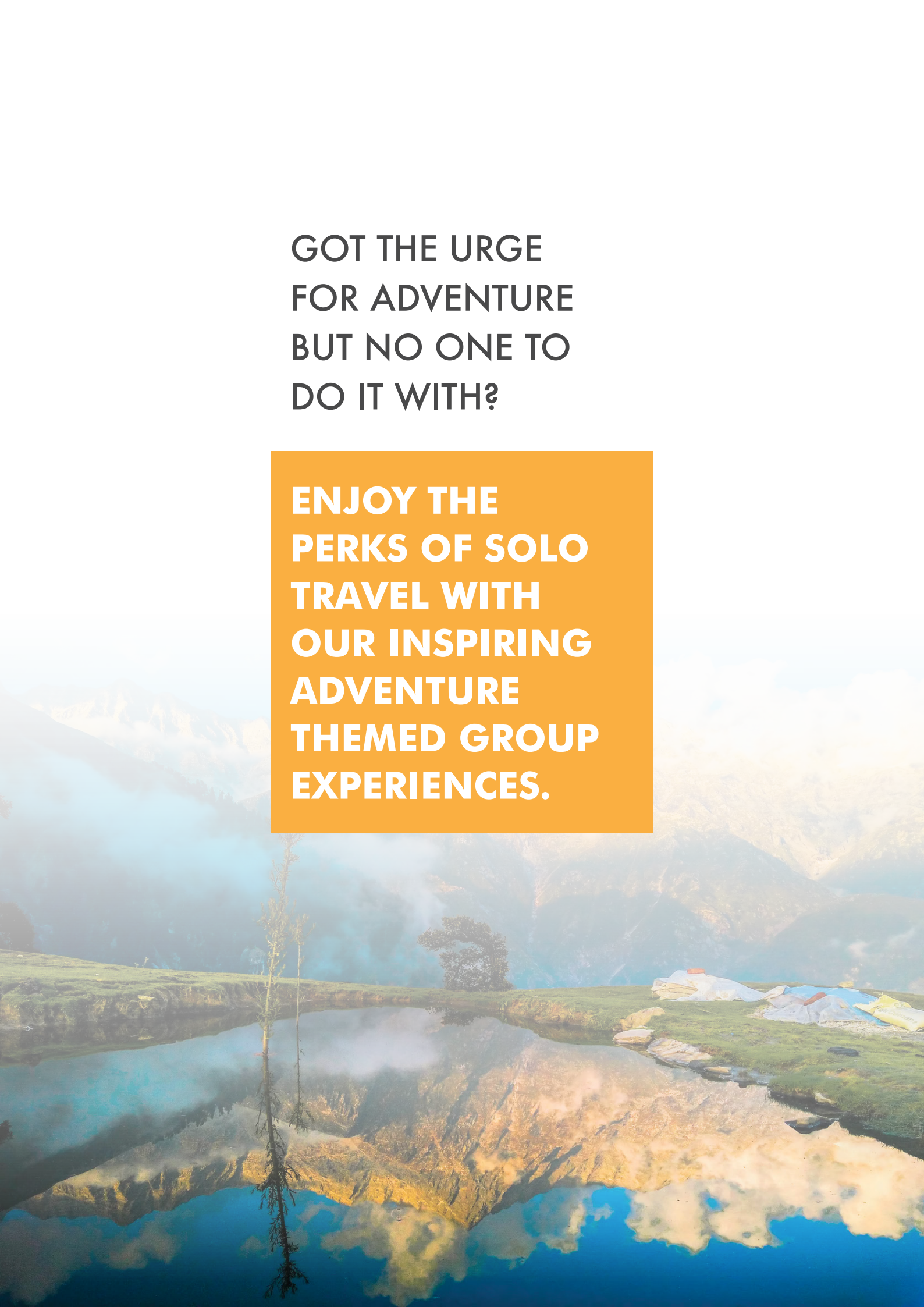
SOUTH INDIAN PANORAMA

Unlock the secrets of India's tropical
South Indian States with

immersion

INDIA[®]





**GOT THE URGE
FOR ADVENTURE
BUT NO ONE TO
DO IT WITH?**

**ENJOY THE
PERKS OF SOLO
TRAVEL WITH
OUR INSPIRING
ADVENTURE
THEMED GROUP
EXPERIENCES.**



12 Days



5 States



8 Destinations

HANDPICKED EXPERIENCES BY EXPERTS





IT'S TIME TO LET INDIA HAPPEN TO YOU

Think vibrant colors, spices, distinct architecture, breathtaking landscapes and a unique history - India is a bustling cacophony of wonderful that blazes a trail in your memory long after you return home.

Explore lush tea plantations or cruise the backwaters of Kerala, marvel at India's french quarters or take in the glistening golden beaches of Goa along your way.

If you're ready to have your imagination brought to life like never before and your perception of the world changed forever, this is the journey you need to experience at least once in a lifetime.

**WHY
TRAVEL
WITH US?**



TRAVEL WITH LIKE - MINDED INDIVIDUALS

Curated for 20 - 35 year olds.

ZERO HASSLES

Just book your trip and leave the rest to us.

UNIQUE EXPERIENCES

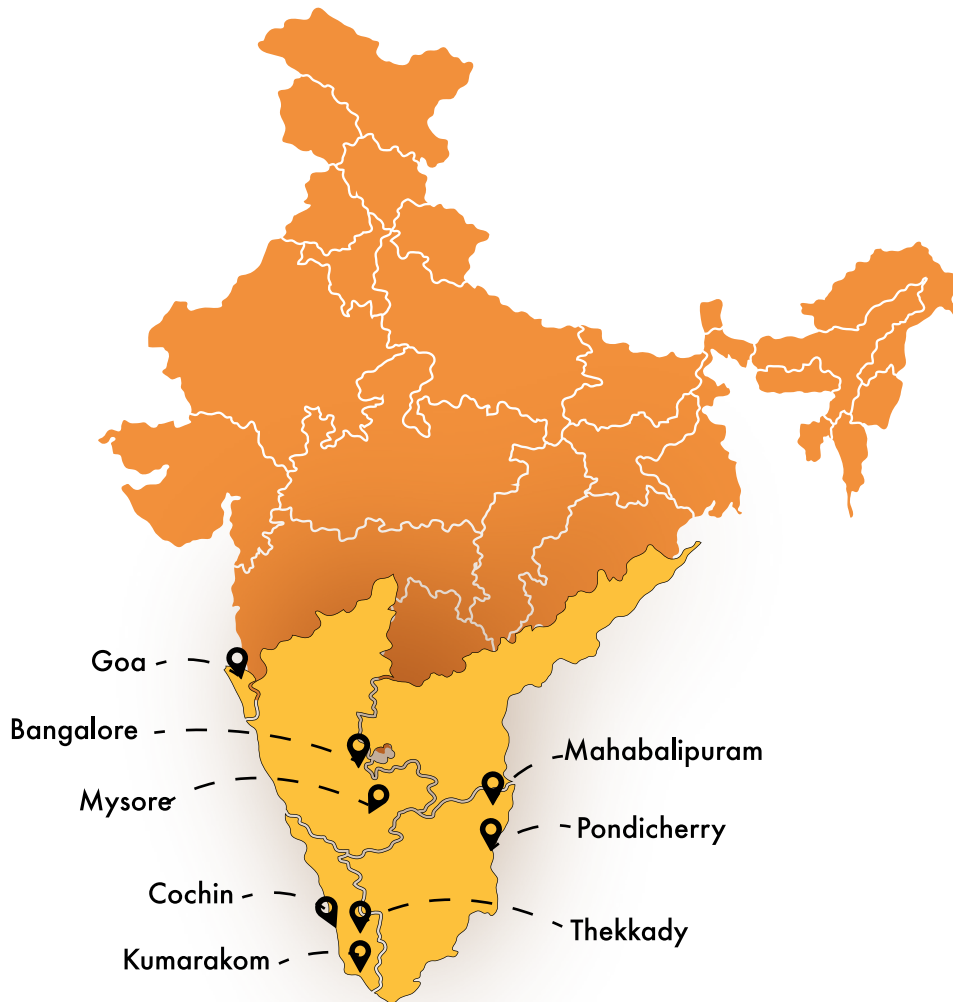
An adventure of a lifetime awaits you!

SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL

We're committed to showing you India and doing so responsibly.



**TRIP
OVERVIEW**



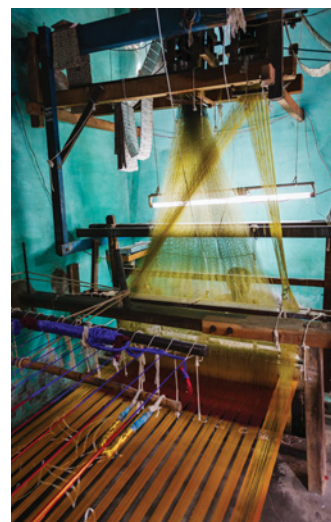
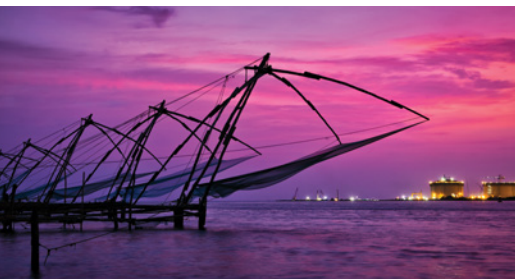
MAP & TRIP OVERVIEW

- Cities Covered** : Tamil Nadu, Pondicherry, Kerala, Karnataka, Goa
- Duration** : 12 Days/11 Nights
- Format** : Fast-paced, Brisk Group Travel
- Mode of Travel** : Coach, Local Train, Local Flights
- Group Size** : 20 (Maximum)
- Weather** : Pleasant (Dec) 59-77F, `5-25°C
- Theme** : Experiential Learning, Adventure, Culture, Rural Experience
- Inclusions** : 3-4 Star Accommodation, Experiences, Entry Charges
Guide Charges, Food and Local Transport
- Exclusions** : Visa, Flights, Discretionary Expenses, Travel Insurance & PCR tests (as applicable)



INDIA UNRAVELLED

A delightful fusion of colour, culture, history and spice over 12 days.





ARRIVAL INSTRUCTIONS



International flights connecting via Dubai through Emirates and Doha through Qatar arrive early morning at Cochin Airport. You can choose to arrive the previous day and stay at Hotel Courtyard by Marriott Cochin Airport at a special price (Approx. USD 70). Please let us know and we would make arrangements for your stay at the hotel to relax after the long flight journey. If you are arriving the previous day, we recommend you take an uber ride and visit Ernakulam town which is about 1 hour from the hotel.



Individuals arriving on Day 1, via the early morning flight can choose to early check in to Hotel Courtyard by Marriott Cochin Airport (included in the package).



The group will assemble at the All-day dining café between 10:00AM and 11:00AM to meet and greet each other and prepare for the next 11 days. You will meet your travel group this morning and begin an unforgettable adventure in India.



DAY 1

ARRIVE AT COCHIN, KERALA

- Holla travel lovers! Who's ready a cultural immersion and all the amazing things that India has to offer? The next 12 days are going to be amazing. We guarantee that! Get ready to have a one-of-a-kind experience, and to meet your new travel buddies before you embark on this fresh and exciting adventure.
- Arrive early morning at the lovely port town of Cochin.
- Wondering what's in store for you today?
- We're headed to Mattanchery, the historical trading hub of Kerala and Fort Kochi. Discover the laid back vibe of Fort Kochi, in the Ernakulam district of Kerala and an unbelievable blend of a village that has portuguese, dutch and french roots. Visit India's oldest jewish synagogue, and take a walk through the spice markets and the palace museum to get a glimpse of the luxuries enjoyed by the dutch centuries ago.
- Stay overnight at Fort Cochin.



ACCOMODATION

Courtyard by Marriot
Cochin Airport or similar

INCLUDED EXPERIENCE

- Visit to Fort Kochi
- Visit to spice markets, jewish synagogue and the palace museum.



DAY 2

COCHIN TO THEKKADY

- A fun and exciting day awaits you! After stocking up on a heavy yet sumptuous breakfast we'll jump on a bus with Thekkady in our sights.
- Revel in the lush green vibe of the country roads as we make our way through the state highways in Kerala to reach Thekkady (the western ghats mountain range). (4 hours drive)
- What adds to the adventure-factor of this road trip is the large number of hairpin bends along the mountain roads that test the driver's skills.



ACCOMODATION

The mountain Courtyard
or similar

INCLUDED EXPERIENCE

- Enroute stop at Spice and rubber plantations.

FREE TIME



DAY 3

THEKKADY (KERALA)

- Have you ever wanted to live in a Jungle paradise? Home to India's largest tiger reserve - Periyar Thekkady is a great way to enjoy a jungle-themed escape. If greenery is what soothes your soul, Thekkady is a great place to spend some quiet time with yourself.
- Start the day on a healthy note with some lip-smacking kerala-style breakfast and spend the rest of your day trekking in the wilderness.
- What's better than an early morning trekking expedition to supercharge your day? Leave the crowds behind and stride deep into the Periyar Tiger Reserve to spot wildlife and take in the natural beauty. End the expedition with a ride on the bamboo raft through the serene waters of the Periyar lake. All in all, a fantastic experience for adventure seekers!
- While in Thekkady, head to an exclusive visit at the infamous spice and tea plantations and invigorate your senses with the aroma of natural spices and tea leaves.
- To soak in the local flavour, also attend a special martial arts performance at a popular cultural centre.



ACCOMODATION

The mountain Courtyard
or similar

INCLUDED EXPERIENCE

- Entry charges at Estates
- Tea plantations
- Entry charges at Periyar Tiger Reserve
- Guided Trek and Bamboo rafting experience



DAY 4

THEKKADY TO KUMARAKOM (KERALA)

- Freshen up at the hotel and enjoy a delicious Kerala-themed Breakfast.
- Post Breakfast get on board for a road trip to Kumarakom.
- Arrive at the picturesque backwaters of Lake Vembanad, Kumarakom - an enchanting backwater destination in Kottayam, Kerala.
- Spend half a day in an authentic houseboat on the Vembanad lake and sail towards the horizons amidst the lush green mangroves. Partake in bird watching and witness the diverse variety of flora and fauna in this quaint little town. P.S.-Enjoy delicious seafood whilst on a backwater cruise along the banks of the lake.



ACCOMODATION

Abad Whispering Palms
or similar

INCLUDED EXPERIENCE

- House boat cruise.



DAY 5

KUMARAKOM (KERALA)

- Completely unique, Kumarakom offers travellers a world of its own. Being gifted with unmatched natural beauty, this verdant green village is surrounded by rich green forests, numerous flowing lakes and beautiful backwaters.
- The best way to explore Kumarakom is to spend a day on its exhilarating stretch of backwaters. The serene backwaters, swaying coconut palms and lush paddy fields makes the village life of Kumarakom a memorable and unforgettable experience.
- *Board the evening Flight to Chennai and check in at your accommodation in Mahabalipuram.*



ACCOMODATION

ITC Welcom Hotel or similar

INCLUDED EXPERIENCE

- Paddle Kayaking
- Bird watching



DAY 6

MAHABALIPURAM & PONDICHERRY

- Visit the 7th Century Mahabalipuram Temple Town and indulge in some fantastic sightseeing along the way to Pondicherry (2 hrs).
- Arrive at Pondicherry and take a walk through Pondicherry's heritage town with our expert guide. The buildings in the French section of Pondicherry are a legacy of French history in India. Seeped in history, every building and every corner tells a story. The rest of the evening is yours to explore with free-time to visit the serene beaches of Puducherry. Dinner tonight will be some authentic Pondicherian cuisine served with an intention to delight your taste buds.



ACCOMODATION

CGH Maison Perumal or Palais de Mahe - CGH Earth or similar

INCLUDED EXPERIENCE

- Mahabalipuram Town Visit.
- Heritage walk around Pondicherry with an expert guide who will take you around the town sharing interesting stories about the Franco-Pondicherian culture

FREE TIME



DAY 7

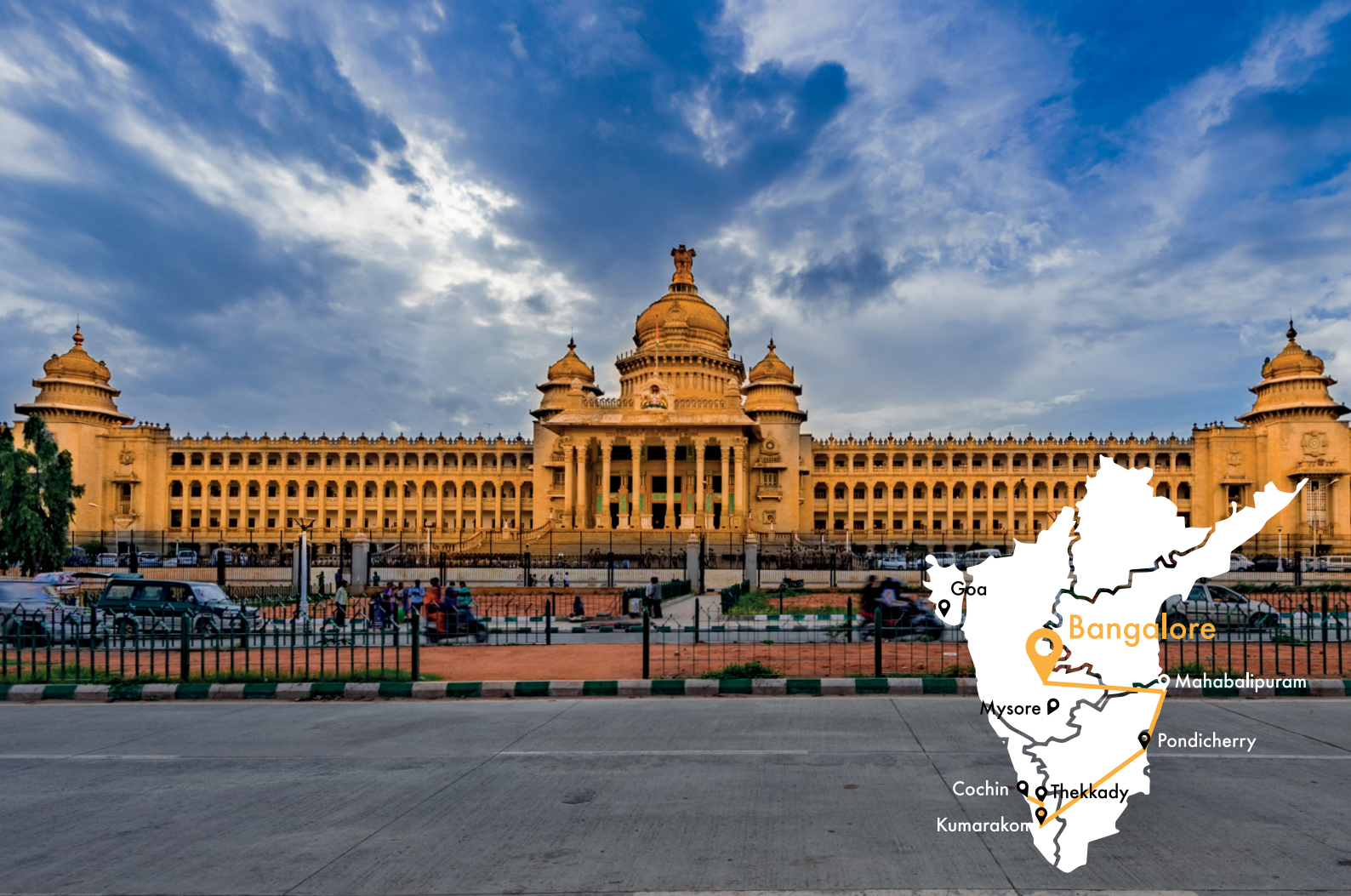
EXPLORE PONDICHERRY

- When in Pondi, SEA'ze the day. Geddit? Jokes apart. Pondicherry is so much more than just a pretty town by the sea. Explore the intriguing French quarters of the town, soaking in the sights and listening to incredible tales that bring this place to life.
- Auroville is an experimental city in Pondicherry, India, that was created with the goal of realising human unity. Auroville's true purpose is to foster a deep sense of community in its universal town where men and women from around the world can co-exist in peace and harmony irrespective of their creed, political views and nationalities.
- Visit the incredible Matrimandir viewing point in the city's central peace area and Savitri bhavan, the centre of spiritual education. In this day trip, get exclusive insider access to the community and understand how Auroville thrives as a unique township.
- Spend the rest of your free time at the beach relishing the local alcoholic beverages or try french inspired pastries at bakeries put up along the colorful streets of this colonial settlement.

INCLUDED EXPERIENCE

- Introduction to auroville
- Matrimandir viewing point and Savitri Bhavan
- Lunch at Solar kitchen (Auroville community dining hall)
- Upasana integral textile design studio
- Svaram musical center and Wellpaper upcycling enterprise

FREE TIME



DAY 8

PONDICHERRY TO BANGALORE (KARNATAKA)

- *We're not done yet folks! Next up gear up for a fun road Trip to Bangalore (7hrs) or flight to bangalore (Depending on flight availability).*
- Arrive in Karnataka's capital city of Bangalore. Infamously known to be the silicon valley of Asia, Bangalore is home to many startups and multinational corporations.
- Explore the various local attractions of Bangalore during your visit to the city. Fall in love with the magnificent architectural sites, popular gardens, and the local filter coffee during your day trip.
- If there is one place in India famous for its beer culture and breweries, it is Bangalore. Get a chance to visit a local brewery in the city and enjoy some chilled craft beer for a good time.
- End the day on a good note by savouring some authentic local and south Indian delicacies prepared by an Indian family.



ACCOMODATION

ITC Windsor Manor or similar.

INCLUDED EXPERIENCE

- Visit to cubbon park and Vidhan soudha.
- Visit to local brewery and authentic Indian dining experience.



DAY 9

EXPLORE MYSORE (KARNATAKA)

- We're all set to take you on your next adventure.
- Majestically set at the foothills of Chamundi hills, Mysore is known to be the city of Palaces. Home to seven palaces, this charming city offers a day packed with exploration of its treasured sights.
- Visit some of the local attractions in the city; Ranganathaswamy temple, Srirangapatna Fort, Mysore maharaja palace, Jagamohan palace, Chamundi hills and the tomb of Tipu Sultan on this fun one-day adventure.
- We promise to leave you enthralled!



ACCOMODATION

ITC Windsor Manor or similar.



DAY 10

EXPLORE GOA

- Today's the day you've been waiting for! Wake up feeling excited as the day is yours to conquer. Board the flight to visit the party destination of India - Goa!
- There are destinations that help us relax from the daily grind, and then there are destinations that boost us and bring us back to life. Goa is an undeniable mix of it all.
- Live the goan dream and take in the sun-kissed beaches, nightlife, elegant restaurants, monuments and stunning festivals and flea markets.
- On day one, visit some of the most amazing Goan beaches and enjoy the authentic local cuisine that Goa has to offer!



DAY 11

EXPLORE GOA

- The adventure in Goa has only just begun! Visit some of the local attractions and partake in the adventure activities and water sports and spend the rest of your day sightseeing.
- Whether it's the unique goan forts, mesmerising waterfalls, magnificent churches, the colorful latin quarters at Fontainhas or simply just a fun party in Anjuna, Goa has something for everyone.
- After exploring these lovely spots fill up your stomach with some tasty Goan delicacies. Make sure you do it right, because (sob) its your last day in paradise.



DAY 12

EXPLORE GOA

- This would be your last day with Immersion India.
- If you plan to return to your home country, you could choose to fly from Goa to Mumbai or Bangalore and catch your international flight the same night.
- Or spend a few more days in Goa to soak in or travel to Mumbai to spend a few days and return at your convenience to your home country.

COMMON FAQs

- **Health and safety**

Your health and safety is our top priority. All our experiences have been curated after rigorous evaluation of various protocols to make sure we uphold the expectations of all our travellers.

- **Flights**

International flights to and from the destination your trip starts and ends are **not included in the trip** and must be purchased separately. You can book these independently if you want or through a travel agent.

- **Important Documents**

Depending on your nationality, you may be eligible for visa on arrival. You are fully responsible for obtaining the necessary visas that are required prior to the departure of your trip. Kindly visit the indian authorised portal for visa application for more details - indianvisaonline.gov.in. Please note that visas can take upto 6 weeks and a fee is normally charged. Your passport must have at least 6 months of validity remaining when you arrive. Local immigration authorities may deny entry and deport people who do not meet this requirement, even if the purpose of visit is for short stay.

APPLICATION & BOOKING PROCEDURE

Simple & Flexible booking

- **\$49 is all you need**

Make your final payment 30 days before the trip.

- **Change your dates – No questions asked.**

Switch dates, to a different trip up to 45 days before departure with no extra charges.

- **Cancellation**

You can choose to cancel your trip up to 30 days before departure and get your money back, excluding the deposit amount of \$49. Your deposit will remain tagged to you and can be used to book any of our future trips

- **Safe and Sustainable travel, always.**

As we prepare to welcome guests back into this incredible country, we strive towards making our experiences safe for everyone keeping in mind the developing COVID-19 protocols and safety standards. We want to lead the way by setting examples of an all-vaccinated crew. Every person you come in contact with from our team is vaccinated and we have also ensured travel protocols at each one of our destinations so that you could enjoy the experiences without any worry.

WHAT'S PART OF THE TRIP?

Inclusions

Entry fees in every natural park, landmark and tourist site.

Accommodation Fees: All nights at three or four star hotels, lodges and inns. Choices for double or single accommodation upon request.

Board meals: All meals inclusive.

Airport pick-up and drop-off assistance: We'll help you navigate your arrivals and departure.

Transportation: Local transport is covered, including domestic flights from Bangalore to Goa.

Experienced Tour guide: English speaker.

WHAT'S NOT?

Exclusions

Travel Insurance Cover your risks with special insurance for this trip.

Flights: International flights to India aren't included.

Visa: Apply for visa before arrival.

PCR tests: You will likely be requested a PCR upon departure.

Discretionary purchases: Your personal expenses, snacks, drinks, souvenirs, or other exceptional purchases are not included.

PLANNING & PREPARATION: TRAVEL TO INDIA

Health, safety, and security are the pillars of all of our programs at Immersion India. We at Immersion India take special care to ensure all travellers enjoy a safe, comfortable and seamless program experience. Preventive measures are important during the planning and execution of our trips. Detailed below is a detailed guideline on how you can prepare yourself before travelling to India.

CHECK IN & RETURN

Check-in for your tour will begin from early morning at 12:00 AM. If you plan to arrive on the previous day, please keep us informed and we will ensure your room is available 1 day prior (The room charges for the additional day would be billed directly to you)

To help observe social distancing measures wherever possible we ask that only one person from each group attend check-in. Hand sanitizer will be available at check-in.

If you have any issues in the flight booking / arrival delays please get in touch with our support team who will be happy to help you plan better.

You can write to us at experiences@immersionindia.com

SAFE TRAVEL – COVID 19

As we prepare to welcome guests back into this incredible country, we strive towards making our experiences safe for everyone keeping in mind the developing COVID-19 protocols and safety standards. The safety and wellbeing of all our guests and staff have always been at the core of our travel experiences. Feeling safe adds to our ability to explore, relax, experience the new and gives us the reassurance that together we can have a great time.

We want to lead the way by setting examples of an all-vaccinated crew. Every person you come in contact with from our team is vaccinated and we have also ensured travel protocols of the World Health Organization (WHO) at each one of our destinations so that you feel as safe or safer while you are with us as you would at home or anywhere else.

TRAVEL ADVICE AND COUNTRY INFO : We are continuously working to stay up to date with announcements that may affect your ability to travel within the country. With a lot of differing information available at any time, and regulations changing and forecast to change at short notice it is hard to navigate the latest information and stay up to date. We are working closely with the State government's official and reliable resources to keep you informed and travel-ready.

GETTING TESTED BEFORE YOU GO HOME : Rapid antigen/lateral flow testing is available at a number of medical centres in India and at the Airport, offer testing at reasonable rates with a fast turnaround in time for your flight back home.

STRIVING FOR SUSTAINABILITY AND LESS WASTE

At Immersion India we are committed to continuous improvements in environmental, economic & social sustainability and want to ensure we all travel more responsibly. Here are some ideas on how you can help us leave smiles not waste.

REDUCING POINTLESS PLASTICS : One of the biggest environmental issues today is plastic. We ask that you minimise your use of plastic whilst on holiday with us by packing a reusable tote bag to use when shopping and also saying no to pointless plastics during the trip.

We also ask that you pack a reusable water bottle for the trip!

TOILETRIES : If you can, please bring products that are eco-friendly – like sun creams, soaps, deodorants and so on. We want to make sure we are keeping our surroundings as clean as possible for our future guests (and generations)!

SUPPORT THE LOCALS : We are lucky to be able to work with some amazing local providers; who you will meet during your tours at restaurants, bars and also during any activities. The best part is that by doing this, you are not only supporting sustainable travel but by avoiding tourist hotspots, you will keep your travel budget intact.

BEFORE YOU GO

Please check full details on the testing and entry requirements to enter the country.

TRAVEL INSURANCE – Travel insurance is mandatory in case of lost or damaged items or injury. All our tours are in major cities, so you should be covered by most hospitals and travel insurance policies, but do check with your provider. Please check with your insurance provider on any excluded policies or supplementary cover options available relating to COVID-19.

VISAS AND PASSPORT – All travellers will need a passport valid for at least 180 days following your entry date into INDIA. Make sure your passport has blank Visa pages. Check <https://indianvisaonline.gov.in> for Visa requirements for all nationalities.

PACKING – Be sure to pack your favourite summer clothes – we also recommend packing a portable charger, any medication needed and your own reusable water bottle! Don't worry about bringing a sleeping bag as we provide all of the linen.

BUDGETING – To help you make the most of your trip in this beautiful country, we recommend \$15 per day to cover your drinks, plus a little extra for your personal shopping expenses

TRAVEL TIPS

BE SUN SMART : Time spent outdoors means time spent in the sun. Be sure to wear a high factor sun cream. We also recommend you wear a hat whilst we are on our tours.

STAY HYDRATED : After a big day of travel and mingling you may not realise how dehydrated you're becoming! You will always have access to bottled water wherever you are, so please make sure you drink a lot of water to avoid getting heat stroke.

DRINK RESPONSIBLY : We want everyone to have the best time when on holiday with us and that will surely include sampling some amazing local drinks and cocktails on offer! But we do ask that everyone drinks responsibly and looks out for your fellow friends and crew!

SOCIAL DISTANCING & MASKS : We recommend you stick to your group bubble and wherever possible when out and about, follow social distancing guidelines as recommended by the government. Please do also bring a mask as this is required on all public transport and in enclosed indoor spaces.

DAILY LIFE

WATER : Please conserve water when we are away from a water supply! It is best practice to adopt an on/off approach to taps when washing and showering. And don't worry about getting thirsty, Immersion India will provide you with bottled drinking water!

POWER : Power will be available in the rooms as well as on the bus. You should be able to charge your devices when you are at the Hotel rooms.

Please note: Do carry a multi-pin socket that could be used for two pin and three pin plugs.

WI-FI : Free Wi-Fi access will be provided to all at the hotels. There will be limited or restricted Wi-Fi on shuttles. But there will be an abundance of Wi-Fi all across our destinations and at the many restaurants and bars during your tours.

FOOD AND BYO : A continental breakfast, lunch and Dinners are provided daily. You can also bring limited alcohol and snacks with you so remember to pick up some Duty-Free on your way through the airport!



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