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Imagine yourself in India, not just as a tourist, but as a guest. Experience the warmth of Indian hospitality firsthand, from sharing meals with local families to celebrating festivals in their homes. With JWN, you're not just traveling; you're immersing yourself in Indian culture, making lifelong friends, and creating memories that will last a lifetime. Join our Indian family and let the journey of discovery begin.

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Journeys with Nikki is a heartfelt venture by Nikhat (Nikki) Powell—a storyteller, filmmaker, yoga enthusiast, and barbershop singer with a passion for teaching, learning, and traveling. Nikki invites travelers to explore India differently, through the eyes of a local who bridges cultures with ease. Designed for those seeking a laid-back, "at your own pace" holiday, her journeys offer a fresh perspective for anyone intrigued by India but hesitant to dive in. With a deep love for connection and an intimate understanding of both Indian and global cultures, Nikki ensures every traveler experiences India as more than just a destination—it becomes a story they'll cherish forever.

The French Connection

On Request Trip



Chennai, Mahabalipuram,
Auroville, Pondicherry,
Tranquebar, Tanjavur

11 Days and 10 Nights
Best time to visit: Nov- March

USD 6,770 Twin Sharing

USD 7,999 My Own Room

Price is approximate and will vary
according to itinerary created



Chennai: Chennai's charm lies in its vibrant blend of ancient temples, bustling markets, and delicious South Indian cuisine, offering a captivating glimpse into Tamil culture.

Pondicherry: French colonial charm meets Indian soul. Explore mustard-colored colonial buildings, wander along bougainvillea-lined streets, and savor delectable French-influenced cuisine. Relax on pristine beaches and soak in the unique blend of cultures.

Auroville: A global experiment in unity. Delve into a township envisioned as a universal town where people from all nations live in harmony. Explore spiritual centers, practice yoga and meditation, and discover a world of cultural exchange.

Mahabalipuram: A historical and artistic treasure trove. Witness the captivating Shore Temple, carved from granite and braving the Bay of Bengal for centuries. Architectural marvels tell stories from Hindu mythology, offering a glimpse into India's rich artistic heritage.

Tanjavur: Dive into South India's temple town. Explore the majestic Brihadeeswarar Temple, a UNESCO World Heritage Site known for its towering vimana (shrine tower) and exquisite bronze sculptures. Immerse yourself in the rich artistic heritage of Tanjore paintings and witness the vibrant Bharatnatyam dance performances.

\$400 discount for Educators, Doctors, Nurses and First Responders

Day 1, 2, and 3

Explore Chennai and nearby areas

- Arrival - Day 1
- Kapaleeshwarar Temple, a Dravidian architectural marvel dedicated to Lord Shiva
- Parry's Corner, a bustling harborside area with a Portuguese influence
- Explore the Armenian Quarter, a historic neighborhood known for its beautiful churches and vibrant shops
- Explore Hidden Caves of Little Mount where the apostle St Thomas lived and preached when he came to India
- Visit the Broken Bridge, in the middle of a thriving river estuary and is the perfect place to view the beautiful sunset
- Visit St. Andrew's Church, built in 1821 for the Scotsmen in the British army
- Paragliding at Marina beach
- Tunnel aquarium in VGP Marine Kingdom
- Shopping in Pondy Bazaar
- Personal time to explore museums, forts, go on a heritage walk, eat local cuisine
- Nights in Chennai hotel



Day 4

Drive down the East Coast



- Spend a few hours at Cholamandal Artists Village, founded in the 1960s. It is a hub for modern South Indian art, breaking from European styles and shaping a unique regional identity
- Kovalam is renowned for its restorative Ayurvedic spas. Explore the scenic backwaters and lagoons, offering a serene escape and a glimpse of traditional village life

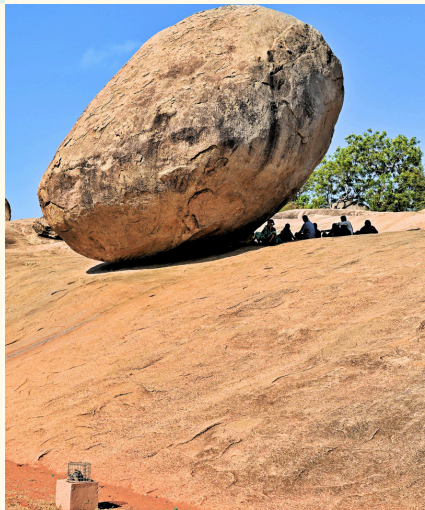
Night in Kovalam

Day 5

Explore Mahabalipuram

- Shore Temple, a UNESCO site
- Five Rathas (Carriages), monolithic structures carved from a single rock
- Krishna's Butterball. This massive, precariously balanced rock defies gravity
- Arjuna's Penance
- Tiger Cave - rock-cut temple with intricate carvings of lion-griffins
- Beach time - enjoy bodyboarding or just relax
- Explore how the Indo-French cultural exchange reflects in the region

Night in Pondicherry



Day 6 Explore Auroville



- Visit the Matrimandir, known for its peaceful atmosphere and meditation practices
- Auroville Bakery Trail
- 100 year old Banyan Tree
- Visit Sadhana Forest, a self-sustaining ecological transformation
- Bicycle Exploration
- Solar Kitchen, a pioneering sustainable food project
- Spend time with the eco-friendly communities and get to know locals

Night in Pondicherry

Day 7 Explore Pondicherry

- Weave through quiet lanes in the French Quarter, lined with colorful colonial mansions, hidden courtyards, and quirky cafes
- Street Art Hunt (optional)- Embark on a self-guided hunt, seeking out hidden murals and graffiti that depict local culture, social issues, and contemporary art
- Relax at Promenade Beach
- Browse vibrant local markets and indulge in delicious French-Tamil fusion cuisine at Pondicherry's many cafés and restaurants

Night in Pondicherry



Day 8

Transfer to Tranquebar

Tranquebar is a Danish Enclave with a Hidden Beach

- Explore Fort Dansborg and the Zion Church
- Relax on the Danish Settlement Beach
- Discover a hidden gem – venture further south to Kasimedu Fishing Village. Witness the bustling activity of local fishermen and traditional boat-making techniques. Capture stunning photos of colorful boats and witness the vibrant coastal life
- Spend the night in the quiet town, falling asleep to the sound of waves from the Bay of Bengal



Day 9, 10 Tanjavur

- Visit the grand Brihadeeswarar Temple, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Witness a traditional puja (worship ceremony) with its elaborate rituals at the temple
- Tanjore Painting Workshop - Participate in a personalized workshop with a local artist. Tanjore paintings are characterized by their rich and vivid colors, glittering gold foils, and inlay of glass beads and precious gems
- Bharatnatyam performance (traditional dance performance)
- Explore the bustling Saree Bazaar, a haven for silk sarees adorned with intricate zari work. Witness the weaving process, find a unique souvenir
- Visit the Royal Palace and Museum, Thanjavur Maratha Palace
- Unusual Experience: Bullock Cart Ride
- Enjoy a traditional home-cooked dinner hosted by a local family



Day 11 Departure

- Leave with a heart full of memories

11-Day Journey through India

Chennai, Mahabalipuram, Auroville, Pondicherry, Tranquebar, Tanjavur



Inclusions

- Airport Transfers
- Hotels - 10 nights
- Meals - 10 breakfasts, 8 lunches, 8 dinners
- Visits to historical sites
- All transport between destinations and to/from group activities
- Tickets and entry fees to all monuments and sites
- All experiences

Exclusions

- International Air ticket
- Minimum medical and emergency evacuation insurance
- Trip cancellation insurance or any other travel insurance
- Visas
- Any activity not described in 'Inclusions'
- Meals on your own
- Gratuities and tips
- Excess baggage fees on domestic flights
- Camera/ Filming fees when applicable

Duration: 11 Days / 10 Nights

Group Size: 8-16 guests

Price for 2025: USD 6,770 per person

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Educator/ Doctor/ Nurse/ First Responders price: USD 6,370 per person

Complete payment 10 weeks before the day of departure from home country for an additional USD 100 off

Trips with JWN



Step into the heart of India's vibrant culture with experiences that go beyond sightseeing. At Journeys with Nikki, we craft unforgettable moments that immerse you in the richness of Indian traditions and hospitality.

Celebrate love in the grandest way with a traditional Indian wedding experience—whether attending a lively procession, witnessing intricate rituals, or donning colorful attire, you'll feel like an honored guest.



Meet actors and performers who share stories of India's artistic legacy, giving you a behind-the-scenes glimpse into the world of culture, cinema and theater.

Discover the culture of the country by interacting with locals in their homes. Hear family stories, exchange cultural nuances and enjoy a meal steeped in warmth and authenticity.





Nikhat (Nikki) Powell, an American by citizenship and Indian by ancestry, has spent over four decades immersed in the vibrant culture of India. With a Master's in Film and Communication from one of India's top colleges and an MFA in Digital Cinema Production from Los Angeles, she is an award-winning filmmaker, video editor and passionate storyteller.

After marrying her American husband, Melvin, and moving to the U.S. thirteen years ago, Nikki taught filmmaking at a magnet arts high school in Florida before embracing a serene life by a lake in Tupelo, MS.

Now, as a yoga enthusiast, barbershop singer, and filmmaker reconnecting with her craft, Nikki is dedicated to sharing her homeland, India, with travellers eager to see it through her unique lens.



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