

JOURNEYS *with Nikki*

Experience India.

With an American of Indian ancestry.

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Activity Level - moderate

SOUTHERN POTPOURRI

11 DAYS, 10 NIGHTS

BANGALORE, MYSORE, COORG, DUBARE ELEPHANT CAMP, ERODE,

INTERNATIONAL AIR FARES INCLUDED IN JOURNEY!!!!

Journey starts and ends at Bangalore

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EXPLORE *cultures* OF THE WORLD with JWN

- We are Experiential travelers. We want to experience authentic cultures of the world on our own terms.
- We stay in hotels that afford us comfort (Boutique hotels, Heritage hotels, 3 or 4 star hotels), we travel with ease through carefully designed historical, cultural and nature tours that allow the perfect mix of exploration, experience and downtime. The **JWN** traveler does better than Time Travel!
- Every journey with JWN offers you very local experiences. Attend a wedding! Ride a bullock cart! Learn how to cook local Indian food! Dine with a local family! Be draped in local dresses! Learn local handicrafts and take home unique souvenirs!

DISCOVER YOURSELF!

Introduction to this journey:

Embark on a captivating journey through the diverse landscapes and cultural treasures of Karnataka and Tamil Nadu, beginning in the bustling metropolis of Bangalore. From there, delve into the regal splendor of Mysore, with its majestic palaces and vibrant markets. Journey through the lush coffee plantations and misty hills of Coorg, immersing yourself in the tranquil beauty of nature. Finally, explore the historical city of Erode, known for its ancient temples and bustling markets, where tradition and modernity converge seamlessly. This itinerary promises a harmonious blend of urban vibrancy, royal heritage, natural serenity, and cultural immersion, making it an unforgettable exploration of South India's rich tapestry of experiences.

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BANGALORE, MYSORE, COORG, ERODE



11D / 10N | 12 GUESTS

MODERATE ACTIVITY LEVEL INVOLVING
SOME AMOUNT OF WALKING,
STANDING, ROAD TRAVEL

#SOUTH INDIA | HISTORY | CULTURE | MUSIC |
TRADITION | DANCE | HILLS | HANDICRAFTS

ACTIVITY LEVEL: 3 - 7
(ON A SCALE OF 10)



ITINERARY IS TENTATIVE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE

- **Bangalore** is a bustling metropolis that seamlessly blends modern innovation with rich cultural heritage. This "Silicon Valley of India" is a hub for IT giants, while captivating historical sites and verdant gardens offer a glimpse into its past. From delectable South Indian cuisine to exciting nightlife, Bangalore caters to every taste, making it a city that thrives on a vibrant energy.



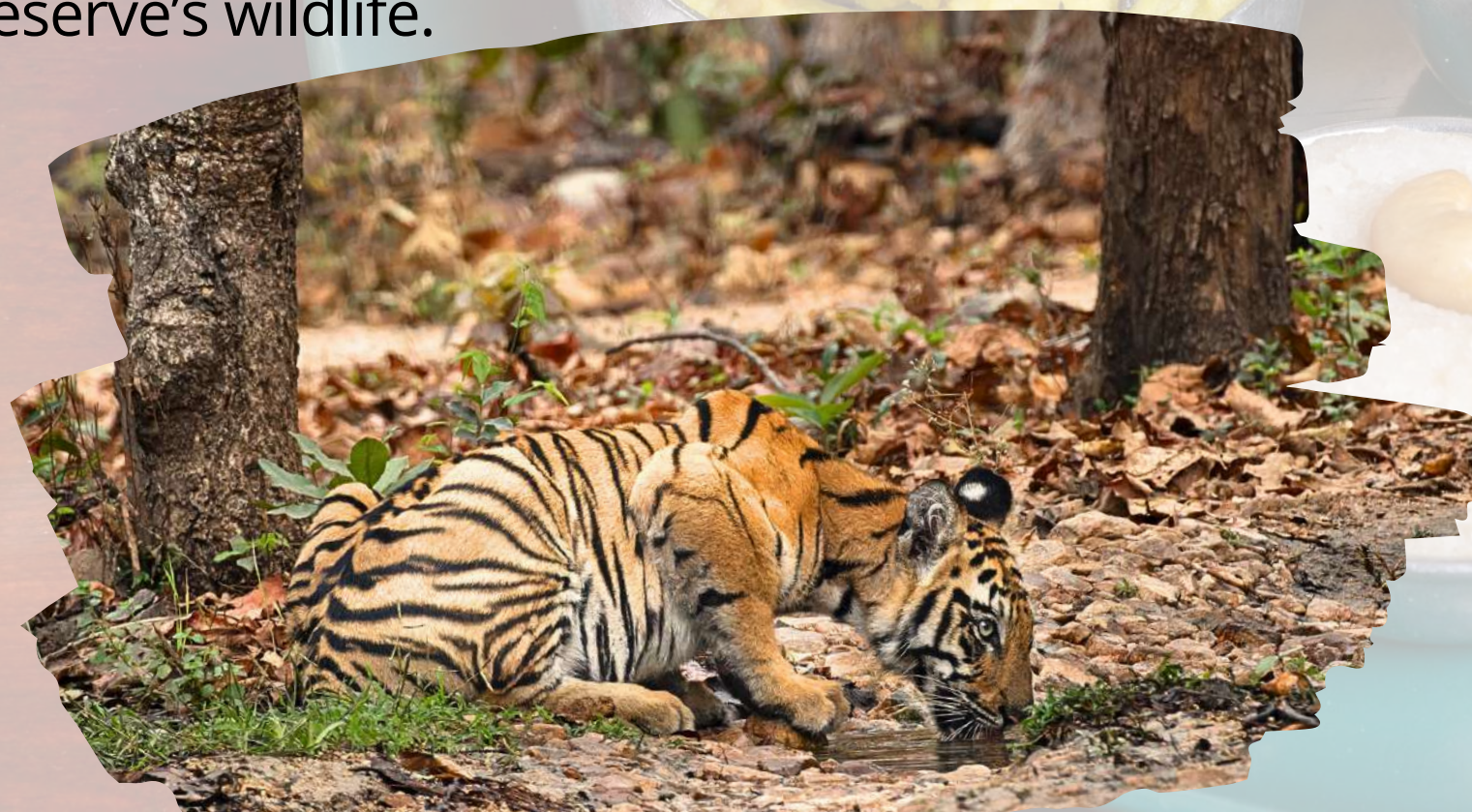
- **Mysore** is a captivating city steeped in royal heritage. Immerse yourself in the grandeur of the majestic Mysore Palace, adorned with intricate carvings and opulent interiors. Explore bustling markets overflowing with fragrant sandalwood and vibrant silk sarees. Witness the splendor of Mysore's cultural heritage through traditional dance performances and a vibrant elephant procession during the Dasara festival. From historical grandeur to artistic treasures and a touch of modern flair, Mysore offers an unforgettable experience.



- **Coorg**, is better known as a captivating escape nestled amidst the verdant hills of Karnataka. Imagine rolling coffee plantations blanketing the landscape, their aroma wafting through the cool mountain air. The charm of Kodagu (Coorg), known as the "Scotland of India", extends beyond its scenery, with a rich cultural heritage reflected in its delicious cuisine and the warm hospitality of the Kodava people.



- **Erode**, a city in Tamil Nadu, is a hub for South Indian art and textiles. Explore the vibrant streets lined with handloom shops and witness the intricate craftsmanship of weavers. Delve into the city's artistic heritage at the Government Museum, or visit the Cholamandal Artists Village to mingle with resident artists and experience a variety of art forms. Beyond its cultural treasures, Erode boasts a rich agricultural legacy, known for its production of turmeric, making it a city where tradition and progress intertwine.
- **Nagarhole Tiger Reserve**, nestled amidst the lush forests and backwaters of Karnataka, offers a diverse wildlife spectacle. This haven is renowned for its high concentration of Asiatic elephants, often seen quenching their thirst or grazing along the water's edge. Keep your eyes peeled for elusive predators like leopards and dholes, while a variety of herbivores like spotted deer, sambar, and gaur complete the vibrant tapestry of Nagarhole Tiger Reserve's wildlife.



SOUTHERN SPACES ITINERARY



DAY 1 - ARR BANGALORE



DAY 2 - BANGALORE



DAY 3,4 - MYSORE



DAY 5 ,6 - COORG



DAY 7,8 - NAGARHOLE
WILDLIFE SANCTUARY



DAY 9, 10 - ERODE



DAY 11 - FLY HOME

- **Day 1** - Arrive Bangalore. Transfer to Hotel. Visit Lalbagh, Cubbon Park, Bangalore Palace, Church St.
- **Day 2** - Bangalore
- **Day 3, 4** - See Mysore Palace, Chamundi Hills, Karanji Lake, Railway museum, Jagan Mohan Palace, Sand Sculpture Museum. Personal time to explore. Nights 3 and 4 at Mysore
- **Day 5** - Taxi to Dubare Elephant Camp (2.7 hrs). Visit Kushalnagar(Tibetan settlement), Coffee plantations, Spice tour, Culinary experience with local family, Abbey Falls, Dubare Elephant Camp, Chiklihole Dam. Night 5 at Dubare.
- **Day 6** - Move towards Talakaveri (mouth of river). Plantation walk. Night at Madikere
- **Day 7**- Taxi to Nagarhole (4.5 hrs) in time for afternoon safari
- **Day 8** - Morning Safari at Nagarhole. Drive to Erode (5hrs). Night at Erode
- **Day 9, 10** - Visit Hill Temples, Bhavani (carpet weaving), Culinary experience with local traditions, Spices (esp turmeric), Textile tour, Bhavanisagar Dam, Dance experience with locals, Ayurvedic spa, Foot reflexology. Explore on your own.
- **Day 11** -Flights to Bangalore and outwards

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EXPERIENCES TO LOOK FORWARD TO

- Mysore palace with its fleet of elephants
- Yoga on Chamundi Hills
- Coffee plantations in Coorg
- The source of the Kaveri River
- Hill Temples
- Wildlife Sanctuary
- A visit to local weavers workshops
- Woven silk sari production
- An evening with local dancers (participation)
- Unique cooking experience with locals
- Ayurvedic massage
- Foot reflexologists
- Participation in a puja in a local temple
- Visit to Kanjipuram sari unit - one of the most famous in India
- Culinary afternoon with locals





FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- **Why do you call your tour a ‘journey’?**
 - We believe the journey IS our destination. It is not about seeing a particular monument or sight, but the whole experience of getting there that is important. At JWN, we love seeing our guests grow as they travel with us, learning about a new culture, new traditions, a new language, making new friends, and most of all, learning more about themselves and challenging themselves.
- **I’ve heard that India can be very challenging to a foreigner. How will I be able to navigate this?**
 - When you travel with JWN, we have you covered. Nikki herself will travel with you from Day 1 through Day last and help you learn the ropes. She will take care of the logistics, guide you with cultural nuances and help make your journey smooth. Having lived in India several decades, she is familiar with all things Indian, and brings a unique perspective of both cultures to your journey.
- **Is it safe for a foreign woman to travel to India?**
 - By staying informed, taking precautions, and respecting local customs, women can have a safe and enjoyable experience when visiting India. JWN helps show you the ropes for all this.
- **Is India friendly to foreigners?**
 - Indian people are known for their warm hospitality and friendliness towards tourists.
- **Why should I choose JWN for my tour?**
 - JWN is the only company we have found that covers your international air fare. It also covers ALL meals (except the last dinner), ALL domestic transportation and offers unique local experiences that would normally be inaccessible to foreign tourists. JWN hosts have lived in both countries and are fluent with customs and cultures of both countries, forming the perfect bridge for your experience. JWN has an extensive Indian network that can provide most every kind of option.

11D/10N - INCLUSIVE COST USD 6,333



INTERNATIONAL AIR FARES INCLUDED IN JOURNEY!!!!

WHAT'S INCLUDED IN THE 'ALL-INCLUSIVE COST'?

INTERNATIONAL AIR FARE - NEW YORK (OR LA) TO LOCAL AIRPORT IN INDIA AND BACK

* When booked at least a month prior to Day 1 of Journey itinerary

- Local Airport transfer to hotel
- **All accomodation, as per itinerary**
- Twin occupancy, 3 - 4 star hotels and camps
- **All meals (except last day lunch and dinner)**
- Entry ticket costs to monuments
- Local transportation, as per itinerary
- Professional, local guides
- All experiences
- Lunch with a local family
- *as per availability
- **FREE TIME** to explore built into every journey

NOT INCLUDED IN COSTS

- Travel insurance
- Items of a personal nature
- Last day dinner
- Optional excursions and tours, activities not listed above
- Gratuities and tips for personal services
- Drinks

What you should know to
PLAN YOUR TRIP



CANCELLATION POLICY

Cancellations prior to 30 days from Day 1 of the Journey

- Get 80 % refund (minus non-refundable deposit)

Cancellation between 30 days and 15 days from Day 1 of the Journey

- Get 50 % cash refund
- 90% cash voucher for same trip till one year
- 80% cash voucher for any other journey till one year

Cancellation less than 15 days from Day 1 of the journey/ In case of no show

- No refund

THIS JOURNEY REQUIRES A MINIMUM OF 4 GUESTS



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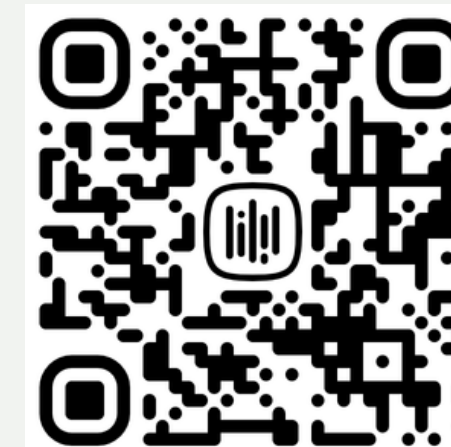
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Let's get to know each other and see if we're a good fit for each other! 😊



SCAN TO BOOK A
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RESERVE YOUR PLACE ON THE TOUR

Choose your payment option and reserve your spot on the journey with a non-refundable deposit of USD 500.

JWN will take a maximum of 12 people on a tour!

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INDIA