

Guests Name: MCINTYRE / Mr. Thomas & Mrs. Emma, CANADA
 Tour Name: Tamilnadu & Kerala with Goa – March 2009

HOTELS

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>NIGHTS</u>	<u>HOTEL</u>	<u>TELEPHONE</u>
GOA	09 – 10 Mar	1	Coconut Creek	0832 – 2538090
CHENNAI	10 – 11 Mar	1	Ambassador Pallava	044 – 28554476
MAHABALIPURAM	11 – 12 Mar	1	Ideal Beach Resort	044 – 27442240
PONDICHERRY	12 – 13 Mar	1	Le Dupleix	0413 – 2226999
MADURAI	13 – 15 Mar	2	GRT Regency	0452 – 2371155
PERIYAR	15 – 16 Mar	1	Tree Top (Cottage)	04869 – 223286
MUNNAR	16 – 17 Mar	1	Blackberry Hills (Cottage)	04865 – 232978
BACKWATERS	17 – 19 Mar	2	Houseboat (Non AC)	0477 – 2264341
COCHIN	19 – 20 Mar	1	Casino	0484 – 2668221
GOA	20 – 28 Mar	8	Dona Sylvia	0832 – 2871322
TOTAL=		10 + 9		

FLIGHTS / TRAIN

<u>SECTOR</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>PNR</u>	<u>TIMING</u>
BANGKOK – MUMBAI	09 Mar Mon	9W – 061	Jet Airways	*****	0905 / 1155
MUMBAI – GOA	09 Mar Mon	9W – 473	Jet Airways	*****	1435 / 1535
GOA – CHENNAI	10 Mar Tue	IC – 576	Indian	RE4DBM	0820 / 0935
VILUPURAM – MADURAI	13 Mar Fri	NO – 2635	Vaigai Express	410-3611897	1445 / 2015
COCHIN – GOA	20 Mar Fri	IT – 2882	Kingfisher	ERHAFW	1110 / 1510
GOA – MUMBAI	28 Mar Sat	9W – 474	Jet Airways	*****	1615 / 1715
MUMBAI – TONRONTA	29 Mar Sun	9W – 062	Jet Airways	*****	0110 / 0650



Date & Day Time Itinerary

09 Mar Mon BANGKOK – MUMBAI – GOA

0905 Departure from Bangkok by 9W – 061
 1155 Arrive Mumbai and take an Airports Authority courtesy coach to the domestic airport (contact Jet Airways, they would transfer you from one to the other)

1435 Departure by flight 9W – 473
 1535 Arrive Goa and Transfer to the hotel, you would be met by our representative at the airport who escorts you to the hotel and hands over the documents

Evening enjoy the unparalleled sunset at the Arabian sea and reminisce your last visit to Goa a year ago!

Overnight at the hotel

10 Mar Tue GOA – CHENNAI & Visit of town

Breakfast at the hotel

Transfer to the airport

0820 Departure by flight IC – 576

0935 Arrive Chennai and Transfer to the hotel

Today visit the St Thome Church, Kapaleeshwar temple, drive past the Marina beach and the Fort Museum (closed on Fridays). **OPTIONAL**: Should you be interested, there is a famous snake garden in town

Evening dinner at Taj Connemara, along side enjoy the Indian classical dance Bharatnatyam

Overnight at the hotel

11 Mar Wed CHENNAI – KANCHIPURAM – MAHABALIPURAM (130 km / 3-4 hrs with visit)

Breakfast at the hotel

Transfer by road to Kancheepuram (60 km / One hour) – a treasure trove of Hindu temples and art from the Pallava, Chola and Pandiyan dynasties, visit its two most famous temples (Devarajaswami temple, Kamakshi Amman Temple, Kailasanatha Temple & Sri Ekambaranathar Temple). This place is also famous for its silk Kanjheevaram saris

Thence Transfer by road to Mahabalipuram. En route, there is a famous crocodile bank, biggest in Asia, should you be keen to see that

Overnight at the hotel

12 Mar Thu MAHABALIPURAM VISIT – PONDICHERRY (102 km / 2 hrs)

Breakfast at the hotel

AM Visit the famous shore temple, bas relief, Krishna's butterball, Arjuna's Penance, etc

PM Later Transfer to Pondicherry. Late afternoon visit the Auroville Ashram and walk past French style buildings. Evening take a walk through the quaint town

Overnight at the hotel

13 Mar Fri PONDICHERRY – VILLUPARAM (70 km / 90 min) – TRAIN TO MADURAI

Breakfast at the hotel

Morning free to explore the lovely town on own

In time Transfer to the railway station (some patches of road not so good)

1445 Departure by Vaigai Express 2635 (AC Chair Car Coach: C2 – 41, 42)

2015 Arrive Madurai and Transfer to the hotel

Overnight at the hotel

14 Mar Sat MADURAI VISIT

Breakfast at the hotel

Today visit the Minakshi temple with its thousand pillars, its museum and the Tirumalai Naick Palace. Evening free to explore the city on own (the towers of temple may be covered with leaves due to repairing going on)

Evening see the Aarti ceremony at the temple

Overnight at the hotel

15 Mar Sun MADURAI – PERIYAR (THEKKADY) (140 km / 4 hrs)

Breakfast at the hotel

Transfer by road to Periyar. The moment you are nearing Periyar, you would observe a sudden change in the landscape – it gets much greener the moment you ascent certain height

Afternoon take a boat ride on the lake Periyar to see wild elephants, wild boars, bison, deer, otters and a variety of birds. Rest of the time is free to enjoy nature, buy spices and stroll through the small bazaar

Evening Kathakali dance drama (walking distance from the hotel)

Overnight at the hotel

16 Mar Mon PERIYAR – MUNNAR (125 km / 3 hrs)

Breakfast at the hotel

Morning avail of the ayurvedic massage in the hotel or nearby (pay direct)

Transfer by road to Munnar – you would come across several rubber and tea plantation already. The place is well known for its manicured soothing green tea gardens and cooler climes. The Eravikulam wildlife sanctuary is famous for the Nilgiri Tahr, an endangered and protected species of goat but it may be closed due to the breeding season

Today visit the Tata Tea Museum, its tea garden and waterfalls, etc.

Overnight at the hotel

17 Mar Tue MUNNAR – ALLEPPEY BACKWATERS (185 km / 5-6 hrs) - HOUSEBOAT

Breakfast at the hotel

Transfer by road to Alleppey – “Gateway to the Backwaters”

1300 Board the houseboat from a jetty with Lunch on board. Then cruise along the serene backwaters of Vembanad lake. Knock at your creative faculties and wake up the poet or painter in you! Evening enjoy the beautiful sunset and then anchor at some convenient location for the night

Dinner and overnight at the houseboat (Non Air Conditioned, for 2 people)

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18 Mar Wed BACKWATERS

Breakfast at the houseboat

Today full day cruise through the backwaters and parts of Vembanad lake, it is going to be a very relaxing day

Lunch, Dinner and overnight at the houseboat (Non Air Conditioned, for 2)

19 Mar Thu BACKWATERS (HOUSEBOAT) – KUMARAKOM – COCHIN (65 km / 90 min)

Breakfast at the houseboat

Get down at the Kumarakom jetty (at Vembanad lake) and Transfer by road to Cochin (Kochi)

PM Visit the important places including Fort Cochin, Dutch Palace (Friday closed), Jewish Synagogue (Fri & Sat closed), St. Francis Church and finish off at the Chinese Fishing nets at the backdrop of sunset

Overnight at the hotel

20 Mar Fri COCHIN – GOA

Breakfast at the hotel

Transfer to the airport

1110 Departure by flight IT - 2882

1510 Arrive Goa and Transfer to the hotel for a relaxing beach holiday

Overnight at the hotel

YOU HAVE 8 NIGHTS BEACH HOLIDAYS + INVITED FOR DINNER ONCE

28 Mar Sat GOA – MUMBAI

Breakfast at the hotel

Transfer to the airport

1615 Departure by 9W – 474

1715 Arrive Mumbai and Proceed to the International Airport by airport courtesy coach for homebound flight

29 Mar Sun MUMBAI – TORONTO

0110 Departure by flight 9W – 062

0650 Arrive Toronto and proceed to your home

----- **END OF A REFRESHING TOUR** -----