\$4,900

Per person price based on double occupancy. Single supplement \$1,050



Hotels

5 star accommodations throughout

Jaipur (2 nights): **Taj Amer -** Deluxe Rooms

Agra (1 night): **Taj Convention Centre Agra** - Superior Rooms

Delhi (2 nights): **Sheraton Saket New Delhi** - Deluxe Rooms

Kerala Houseboat (2 nights): **Spice Route Luxury Cruises**

Kerala Hotel (2 nights): **Marari Beach Resort** - Garden Villa Rooms



Inclusions

- Roundtrip Air from JFK including taxes, fees, surcharges, checked luggage. Likely Etihad Airlines but to be confirmed in the following months
- Intra India flight
- Deluxe accommodations for 9 nights based on double occupancy
- All transfers and ground transportation to activities on a wifi enable bus with bottled water
- Comprehensive sightseeing and excursions as indicated in the itinerary
- 20 meals: 9 breakfasts (B), 4 Lunches (L), 7 Dinners (D)
- Professional Indian tour director in North India
- Luggage handling at hotels
- Gratuities for guides & drivers

Trip Details

Reservation/Information: Retel Bronson (718) 585-1195 reteltours@aol.com

\$500 Non-refundable deposit \$1,000 installment due Aug 1 Final payment due on Dec 19

Cancellation Penalty Applies

Monthly payments accepted

Checks/Money Orders Payable to: Retel Tours/ PO Box 442/Bronx NY 10451

Credit Cards accepted (processing fee applies)

Vaccines are not required.

Passports must be valid through December 2026 with 2 fully blank pages.

A visa to India is required. More information will be provided later. An additional cost for the visa will apply.



India

March 19-30, 2026

11 days / 9 nights

The Golden Triangle: Jaipur, Agra, and Delhi Kerala: Alleppey, Mararikulam, and Kochi

Day 1 - Thur Mar 19 - Depart JFK Afternoon departure.

Day 2 - Fri Mar 20- Arrive in Jaipur

After a short layover, arrive in Jaipur in the early evening. Transfer from the airport to our hotel. Known for its world-class hospitality, the Taj hotel brand offers a blend of traditional Indian warmth and modern luxury, making it a symbol of elegance and excellence in the hospitality industry. You'll be able to go to rest as soon as we check in.

Day 3 - Sat Mar 21 - Jaipur

Morning at leisure. Early afternoon tour of City Palace, an overwhelming complex of exquisite palaces, gardens and courtyards, decorative art, and carved doorways. In the evening, take a walking tour of the old city with a local expert to explore the vibrant bazaars. It's a great way to explore Jaipur and learn about the rich artistic traditions of this fascinating city. Continue on to the Evening bazaar where we'll take a culinary walk with a local expert to see and learn about the local street food of Jaipur. Later, savor a group welcome dinner at a local restaurant followed by a local Rajasthani dance performance. (B,D)



We'll check out of our hotel. As we are leaving Jaipur, we will stop to see the fabulous Amer Fort, also known as Amber

Day 4 - Sun Mar 22 - Jaipur/Agra

Palace. The Amer Fort is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. With its amazing architecture that combines Mughal and Hindu styles, the fort is a sight to walk through with its high ramparts, many gates, and cobbled paths. You may

arrange an elephant ride here if you wish. Proceed to Agra by coach (5 hr), arriving to our hotel in Agra in time for dinner. (B,L,D)



Day 5 - Mon Mar 23 - Agra/Delhi

Early morning wake up call to have a memorable sunrise viewing of the Taj Mahal. One of the Seven Wonders of the World, enjoy ample time to view and be mesmerized by this outstanding piece of architecture. After breakfast at our hotel, visit the Agra Fort. Continue on to Delhi by coach (3.5 hr), arriving in time for dinner. (B, D)

Day 6 - Tues Mar 24 - Delhi

Depart on a full day tour to explore Old and New Delhi, a city full of fascinating contrasts. First we'll explore Qutub Minar, the secondtallest Minaret in India made of red stone and marble covered with intricate carvings and verses from the Qur'an. Next, we will visit Humayun's Tomb, which inspired several major architectural innovations, culminating in the construction of the Taj Mahal. Next, take a walk around Chandni Chowk in Old Delhi. Our guide will explain the history of the area and highlight the remaining buildings that have survived this rapidly changing area. The other main focus of the tour is food! You can expect to sample the sweets at Kanwarji, the oldest sweet shop in Old Delhi, freshly baked biscuits at Ballimaran and street chai tea as you explore the area. Our tour will end with a visit to a haveli, or a traditional mansion known for intricate carvings. Enjoy a drink (nonalcoholic or tea) at this haveli which overlooks the famous Jama Masjid mosque. Enjoy dinner on your own this evening, however, many travelers skip dinner after the afternoon food walking tour. (B)

Day 7 - Wed Mar 25 - Delhi / Kerala

Say goodbye to Northern India as we fly south to the region of Kerala. Upon arrival we'll board a coach to Alleppey Jetty (appx 2.5 hr). Our main luggage will be stored for us while we bring an overnight bag to maximize our comfort aboard our luxury houseboat, our floating hotel for the next 2 nights. The backwaters in Kerala are a network of 1500 kilometers of canals, both manmade and natural, 38 rivers, and 5 big lakes extending from one end of Kerala to the other. Kettuvallams or Houseboats were used in the early days for the transport of goods through the isolated interior villages and have been refurbished as an alternate form of accommodations, ranging from basic to luxury. Explore the unique ecosystem of Kerala's backwaters, enjoying authentic meals on board as we cruise one boat behind another. (B, D)

Day 8- Fri Mar 26- Luxury Houseboat

Enjoy the houseboat cruise experience through the backwaters. Anchor to experience the local culture: explore the village's craft and coir heritage at the oldest Angadi market, visit a historic church in a small village, and take an evening walk led by our crew. All meals are served aboard our boats. (B, L, D)



Day 9- Sat Mar 27 - Mararikulam Beach

Check out of our houseboats and transfer to Mararikulam for a beach hotel stay for our final 2 nights in India. Upon arrival, a local doctor will educate us on the topic of Ayurveda, one of the oldest medical systems in the world, with roots dating back over 5,000 years in India. It is an ancient Indian system of medicine that emphasizes a holistic approach to health and well-being and is practiced throughout Kerala, primarily using natural remedies such as herbs, spices, massage, yoga, and meditation to promote health. After a short educational session with the Ayurvedic doctor, we'll enjoy a cooking

demonstration followed by lunch. After, check in to our rooms and enjoy free time to relax or swim before an included dinner at our hotel. (B,L,D)

Day 10- Sun Mar 28 Mararikulam Beach Day at Leisure

A gorgeous stretch of white sands along the coastline of the Arabian Sea, Mararikulam is a beach getaway without crowds of people, a lesser known gem in the province of Kerala. Today is a full day at leisure with the following options: swimming at the beach or the resort's salt water pool, experience ayurveda treatments at our resort spa, relax in a hammock in a coconut grove, or visit the resort's on-site butterfly garden. (B,D)



Day 11- Mon Mar 29 - Final Day in Kerala / Evening Flight

After checking out of our hotel we'll drive to Kumbalangi Village to experience the simplicity of rural village life. See a coconut farm with mango trees, orchids, and jasmine. Take a peaceful walk around the village right beside the fish farms and amidst the melodic chirps of the birds, seeing different methods like cast net and Chinese net fishing. Enjoy traditional Keralan food during lunch where we'll try local seafood, curries, and more. Head to Kochi city. Time permitting, we'll have an orientation and a final shopping stop in the Fort Kochi area. (B,L)

Day 12 - Tue Mar 30 - Return to JFK

After a layover, our flight returns to JFK (likely a morning return time).