

## Mumbai-Varkala 5 States-Cruise (M-ID: 2750)

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**from €2,700.00**

Dates and duration (days)

### The five-state tour!

#### Maharashtra

Our journey begins in one of the largest cities in India, Mumbai. We will spend one day in Mumbai, but then we will set off for a beautiful drive through the Western Ghats. Goa

Goa, the former hippie paradise. Goa has long since lost this flair and developed into a centre of international seaside tourism. But even today you can still find quiet spots that still have something of the original untouched and innocent nature of this natural beauty. However, we will not miss the chance to visit the other Goa. Karnataka

Karnataka leads a somewhat shadowy existence next to its famous neighbours Goa and Kerala. But this state has much to offer us. We find here one of the most beautiful cities of India. With its fairy-tale playful palace, the lively fruit and vegetable market and the lovable, relaxed way of life of the population, Mysore transports us into the world of Thousand and One Nights.

In Karnataka we will also get to know outstanding examples of Hindu temple art from different epochs. Badami, Hampi, Belur, Halebid and Shravanabelagula are on our route. Tamil Nadu

We will only visit Tamil Nadu for a short time. Our journey takes us here through two wildlife sanctuaries and high up into the Western Ghats. With a little luck we can see elephants or other animals in the wild. Kerala

Kerala is proudly and lovingly called "God's own country" by

its inhabitants. The coastal areas are covered with millions of coconut palms, further inland all kinds of spices such as pepper, cardamom, chili and many more are grown, and on the hills of the Western Ghats there are endless tea plantations. Besides, Kerala offers some of the most beautiful beaches of India to the recreation seeker. Driving

The road conditions on the whole tour are good. We move mainly on side streets and thus escape the Indian traffic chaos. Any experienced driver can handle this tour.

#### Route

##### 1. Journey to Mumbai

The adventure can begin. You get on the plane and about 10 hours later you land in the mega metropolis Mumbai.

##### Overnight stay in Mumbai

##### 2. Arrival in Mumbai. The first day

Usually very early in the morning your plane lands in Mumbai. Now, the first thing is to arrive. Four and a half hours time difference and the long journey do not pass by without leaving a trace. So we will start the day slowly, stroll a little through the city and have a look at the motorcycles. The Indian traffic will give one or the other a fright, but don't worry, it looks worse than it is. We will quickly get used to the unusual driving behaviour. "Swimming along" is the motto, and then riding a motorcycle in India is great fun. Overnight stay in Mumbai

### 3. Drive from Mumbai to Mahabaleshwar (about 250 km)

We are leaving Mumbai. The city is huge, and so we will have to fight our way through the morning traffic for up to two hours. As soon as we leave the last houses behind us, we find ourselves in the Western Ghats, a beautiful mountain landscape. In the late afternoon we reach our destination for the day, the hill station Mahabaleshwar.

Overnight stay in Mahabaleshwar

### 4. Drive to Kholapur (about 160 km)

We continue our journey through the Western Ghats, and that means mountain rides of the finest. Here our Enfields have the opportunity to show their best side and prove that they are the ideal means of transport for travelling through India.

Overnight stay in Kolhapur

### 5. Drive to Goa (about 245 km)

one last time we cross the heights of the Western Ghats. Then it goes downhill to the coast of the Arabian Sea, to Colva Beach in Goa.

Overnight stay in Colva Beach / Salcette

### 6. Goa

After three days of ascents we deserved a day of rest in Goa. Goa! This brings back memories of the late sixties and seventies, when Goa was the hippie paradise par excellence. Today there is nothing to see of this except the endless white beaches and the beautiful weather.

And we will take advantage of these two phenomena, taking long walks on the beach, keeping our stomachs in the sun and enjoying good food à la Goa cuisine.

Overnight stay in Colva Beach / Salcette

### 7. Drive to Hampi (about 330 km)

No matter how much we enjoyed Goa, we have to keep going. We still have a few more kilometres to go and today we have a good deal of it to do. 330 kilometres on India's roads are not a cardboard stick, and so it is necessary to get up in time and set off.

Overnight stay in Hampi

### 8. Hampi

Hampi is one of the most fascinating places in South India. The ruins from the time of the Vijayanagar Empire extend over about 26 square kilometers. Besides temples and palaces, the gigantic boulders that cover the entire terrain as if thrown by a giant hand are impressive. A walk through this mystical landscape is a welcome change to the daily ride on our Enfields.

Overnight stay in Hampi

### 9. Drive to Chitradurga (about 135 km)

We have divided the long journey from Hospet to Belur into two days, which considerably increases the "feel-good" effect of the trip. But that is not the only thing that makes the quality of the new route. In Chitradurga, which means "picturesque fortress", we visit the fort, which lies high on a rock and lives up to its name.

Overnight stay in Chitradurga

### 10. Drive to Belur (about 170 km)

The journey continues to Belur on the banks of the Yagachi River, former capital of the Hoysala Kingdom. The temple complex there is on the application list for UNESCO World Heritage. The Hoysala dynasty has left its mark here and had exquisite temples built in Belur and Halebid almost 2,000 years ago. The stone carvings to be admired here are still considered the most outstanding examples of Indian craftsmanship. Let us surprise you!

Overnight stay in Belur

### 11. Drive to Mysore (about 135 km)

In Sravanabelagula, halfway from Belur to Mysore, on the rocky ridge of Vindhyagiri Hill stands the 17.50-meter-high statue of the Jain god Gomateshvara, the world's largest monolithic figure. The ascent over 614 steps carved into the stone is arduous but worthwhile. From here the view extends over the seemingly endless expanse of the highlands of the Deccan.

Overnight stay in Mysore

### 12. Mysore (about 50 km)

Mysore is one of the most beautiful cities in Karnataka, and not only because of its fairy-tale, confectioner-style palace. It is simply fun to stroll through the streets and especially to visit the lively fruit and vegetable market, where you can also see and buy all kinds of other things. The Chamundi Hill offers the opportunity for a short motorcycle ride.

Overnight stay in Mysore

### 13. Drive to Mettupalayam (about 175 km)

Early in the morning we leave Mysore heading south. After a few kilometres we reach the first wildlife sanctuary. With a lot of luck we will see wild elephants. Then it goes steeply uphill and in never ending serpentines up to Ooty. Here we can visit a tea factory or simply experience life in a lively hill station. After Ooty we will go down into the valley where we will spend the night.

Overnight stay in Mettupalayam

### 14. Drive to Munnar (about 205 km)

First, today's route takes us through agricultural areas, where mainly rice and sugar cane, but also bananas and coconuts are cultivated, and through some smaller Indian cities. Then pure nature is the order of the day again. We will cross two game parks, the Indira Gandhi and Chinnar Wildlife Sanctuary, before reaching Munnar in the early evening.

Overnight stay in Munnar

#### 15. Drive to Thekkady (about 110 km)

Today one of the most scenic rides is on the program. We are in the middle of the world of tea. Valleys and slopes are overgrown with the waist-high, dark green bushes, only interrupted by the numerous tea pickers, which move like colourful flowers in the endless green. Thekkady is a shopping paradise. We stay in a traditional Kerala hotel.

Overnight stay in Thekkady

#### 16. Thekkady

We spend another day in Thekkady. Thekkady is the gateway to the large Periyar National Park, an elephant and tiger sanctuary. If you feel like it, you can book one of the very interesting guided hikes through the nature reserve. In the evening there might be the possibility to attend an introduction to the art of the old Indian Kathakali dance theatre.

Overnight stay in Thekkady

#### 17. Drive to Kollam (about 200 km)

Today we drive through the beautiful mountains of the Western Ghats to the small coastal town of Kollam. Close by is Munroe-Island, one of the starting points for the boat tour through the famous backwaters of Kerala, a palm-lined, partly natural, partly artificial canal system (comparable to Everglades in Florida).

Overnight stay in Kollam

#### 18. Drive to Varkala (about 90 km)

For half a day we will sail through the backwaters on small motorboats. Around noon we have solid ground under our feet again and start for the last motorcycle ride of this trip. A short time later we are back in Varkala.

Overnight stay in Varkala

#### 19. Varkala

There are numerous Ayurveda centres in Varkala. An ayurvedic massage is a blessing for body and soul and extremely relaxing after a long motorcycle trip.

The many souvenir shops offer endless opportunities to stock up on souvenirs for those who stayed at home.

Overnight stay in Varkala

#### 20. Flight home

Transfer to the airport. Return flight. Now is the moment to say goodbye. If you liked it, then come with us to India again, this time perhaps to the desert state of Rajasthan or over the highest passes in the world, to Ladakh in the Himalayas. India has many faces, and no two are alike.

Namasté and goodbye

Category	Motorcycle Tour
Terrain	Onroad
Vehicle	motorcycle rent incl.
Tourguide / Coach	yes (guided)
Flight to / from	no, not incl.
Ferry	no, not incl.
Support vehicle (luggage/service)	yes
Level of difficulty	medium
Customer payment protection	yes
* PRICING	Minimal without optional extras, see pricing

## Pricing

per rider in shared twin/double room	€2,700.00
per pillion passenger in shared twin/double room	€2,200.00
per person single room (surcharge)	€500.00

## Included

19 x overnight stay in hotel  
 18 x breakfast  
 18 x dinner  
 Rental Motorcycle (Royal Enfield Classic 500)  
 Operating materials (petrol/oil)  
 Service vehicle  
 Mechanic Service  
 Tour guide  
 Airport transfer in India

## Not included

Everything that is not listed under services

It is recommended to take out travel cancellation insurance, travel health insurance and travel interruption insurance.

## More details

Total distance approx. 2255 km

Level of difficulty: medium

min: 4 - max: 12 drivers

#### Visa

Swiss, Austrian and German nationals require a visa to enter India. Your passport must be valid for at least another six months. Obtaining a visa is relatively uncomplicated. A visa valid for six months or an e-Visa valid for 30 days is sufficient.

#### Vaccinations

No vaccinations are required for India. A valid international vaccination passport is required from persons entering from areas with yellow fever (certain countries in Africa and Central and South America). However, it is generally recommended to be vaccinated against tetanus, diphtheria, polio, hepatitis A and typhoid fever. As there are many different aspects to be considered in each individual case, it is always advisable to seek personal travel health advice from a doctor or pharmacist experienced in travel medicine in good time (about 4 to 6 weeks) before the trip. Here too, we recommend that you seek medical advice in good time.

#### driving licence

You need a valid German and an international driving licence of class 1 or A. Please note that the international driving licence is only valid in combination with the national driving licence.

#### Minimum number of participants

You will find the minimum number of participants next to the respective travel description. As an organizer we have a right of withdrawal if the minimum number of participants has not been reached 6 weeks before the start of the trip. In this case, we will refund the amounts paid on account.

In practice, however, we always try to carry out the trip with fewer participants in your interest, if you agree. in this case, there is no service vehicle available and we charge a staggered small group surcharge:

1 participant: 10% of the travel price

2 participants: 5% of the travel price

3 participants: 2,5% of the travel price

#### Half double room

For single travellers we offer the possibility to share a double room with another traveller. If there is no "half" double room available at the time of your booking, we will charge the single room supplement. You will be refunded as soon as a double room partner is found.