

Indian Champions League 2009: Tour 3 – “Away for Four” Tour First two Qualifying Matches, both Semi Finals and Final plus cultural excursions

All this from only £3,199* per person inclusive!

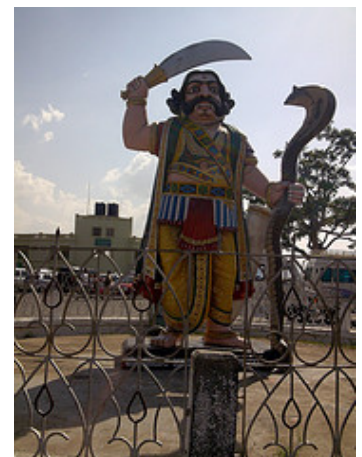
based on 2 people sharing in 4 accommodation. Further discounts for 15+ travelling in a group!

The ‘Away for Four’ Indian Champions League tour package includes:

- 15-night tour on a double/twin room basis, inc breakfast (single supplement available – see prices below).
- Direct return International flights to Hyderabad with British Airways
- All listed domestic flights with Kingfisher Airlines
- All air-conditioned transfers stated between airports and hotels and excursions
- All air-conditioned transfers between hotels and match venues for each game
- English speaking guides for all sightseeing and entrance fees to monuments as per itinerary
- Sound and light show ticket in Hyderabad
- Guaranteed standard (mid range) Grand Stand Match tickets for each game for each venue
- All sightseeing and activities included in the itinerary,
- Howzat Travel Approved Local Agent
- All taxes (except any airport taxes)

Not Included:

- Indian Visa
- Any meals except those specified in the itinerary
- Items of a personal nature or the cost of optional / suggested tours and activities
- Use of rooms before/after normal check in/out times
- Individual’s travel insurance (we recommend EssentialTravel.co.uk for all your travel-related arrangements)



Full tour itinerary follows

► International Flights

Outbound: British Airways Flight 277

Fri, 9 Oct London Heathrow Airport - Hyderabad Begumpet Airport
Depart:14:30 Arrive: 04:40 (9hr 40min)

Inbound: British Airways Flight 276

Sat, 24 Oct Hyderabad Begumpet Airport - London Heathrow Airport
Depart: 06:35 Arrive: 12:15 (10hr 10min)



► Hotels

5* Hotel Option

Date	No of Nights	City	Hotel
09 – 12 Oct'09	03 Nights	Hyderabad	Taj Banjara
12 – 13 Oct'09	01 Night	Bangalore	The Lalit
13 – 14 Oct'09	01 Night	Delhi	The Lalit
14 – 15 Oct'09	01 Night	Agra	ITC Mughal
15 – 17 Oct'09	02 Nights	Jaipur	Rajputana Sheraton
17 – 18 Oct'09	01 Night	Jodhpur	Ajit Bhawan
18 – 19 Oct'09	01 Night	Deogarh	Deogarh Mahal
19 – 21 Oct'09	02 Nights	Udaipur	Laxmi Vilas Palace
21 – 22 Oct'09	01 Night	Delhi	The Lalit
22 – 24 Oct'09	02 Nights	Hyderabad	Taj Banjara

4* Hotel Option

Date	No of Nights	City	Hotel
09 – 12 Oct'09	03 Nights	Hyderabad	1 Continent
12 – 13 Oct'09	01 Night	Bangalore	37 th Crescent
13 – 14 Oct'09	01 Night	Delhi	Ramada Plaza
14 – 15 Oct'09	01 Night	Agra	Howard Plaza
15 – 17 Oct'09	02 Nights	Jaipur	Ramada Plaza
17 – 18 Oct'09	01 Night	Jodhpur	Ajit Bhawan
18 – 19 Oct'09	01 Night	Deogarh	Deogarh Mahal
19 – 21 Oct'09	02 Nights	Udaipur	Jagat Niwas Palace
21 – 22 Oct'09	01 Night	Delhi	Ramada Plaza
22 – 24 Oct'09	02 Nights	Hyderabad	1 Continent

► Tour Itinerary

Saturday 10 Oct'09

After clearing the customs and immigration formalities, proceed towards the arrival hall, where you will be met by our Representative and accorded a traditional Indian Welcome, assistance and a transfer from the airport to your hotel.

Surrounded by huge pre-historic rocks and built around a lake, Hyderabad is the capital of Andhra Pradesh, a curious blend of the fairytale and the earthy, a blend of the old and the new. Today, together with its twin-city Secunderabad, it is one of the largest cities in India. Medieval Indian, Saracenic, Mughal and colonial architecture create an exuberance and richness, rarely found in other parts of the country.

● **Early evening, depart hotel to the cricket ground to witness the ICL 20 – 20 cricket match**

Late night return back to the hotel

Sunday 11 Oct'09

Morning excursion to Golconda Fort. Founded in the 13th century, it was rebuilt by the Qutab Shahis, who in 1525 made it their capital. It was they who laid out its splendid monuments and parks, and designed the famous acoustic system by which a handclap sounded at the gates can be heard right up at the citadel.

After lunch drive past **Charminar**, located in the heart of the old city, this magnificent edifice built by Sultan Mohammad Quli Qutab Shah, is the unique symbol of Hyderabad. A small mosque is located on the roof of the edifice. All around the Charminar is a bustling bazaar of pearl and jewellery shops, perfume and attar dealers. Close by is the Laad Bazaar or the bangle alley with rows of shops selling lacquer and glass bangles.

Later visit **The Salar Jung Museum** reputed to be the world's largest one-man collection, houses around 35,000 antiques and art objects collected by Salar Jung III, the former Prime Minister of the Nizam. The 36 halls of the museum display an intriguing array of treasures. These include the finest crystal and porcelain, an assemblage of statues that include the veiled Rebecca, Margarita, Mephistopheles, miniature paintings, illuminated manuscripts, fabulous jewelled weapons, including the Empress Nurjehan's dagger and the Nawab's own diamond-encrusted sword, priceless collection of jade, ivory and bronzes and a fascinating variety of clocks. The most important historical exhibits are the turban and ivory chairs of Tipu Sultan of Mysore.



Monday 12 Oct'09

Breakfast at the hotel.

Later departure transfer to airport in time to board Kingfisher flight for Bangalore.

Flight: Kingfisher Airlines No.IT - 3434

Depart: Hyderabad 0925 hrs

Arrive: Bangalore 1025 hrs

Meeting assistance on arrival at the airport and transfer to hotel

Bangalore, according to state historians, got its name from Bendakalooru (the town of boiled beans) after a king strayed into the area during a hunting trip in the late 14th century. A woman offered him a meal of boiled beans which the king enjoyed so much that he named the town after the dish. Bangalore is a transliteration of the original spelling, according to state historians.

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Late night return back to the hotel

Tuesday 13 Oct'09

Breakfast at the hotel

Morning visit the **Bull Temple**, built in the Dravidian style over a monolithic bull, presumably by the founder of the city Kempa Gowda. See the Summer Palace of Tipu Sultan and the botanical gardens of Lal Bagh laid out by Hyder Ali, the ruler of Mysore, in the 18th century, covering 240 acres with a wide variety of exotic trees and plants. It has a glass house, built on the lines of the Crystal Palace of London, which is the venue for fruit, flower and vegetable shows twice a year. The magnificent post-Independence government building - Vidhan Soudha is a landmark in modern construction. Built in 1954, it is of granite, in the Neo-Dravidian style of architecture and houses both the legislatures and the secretariat.

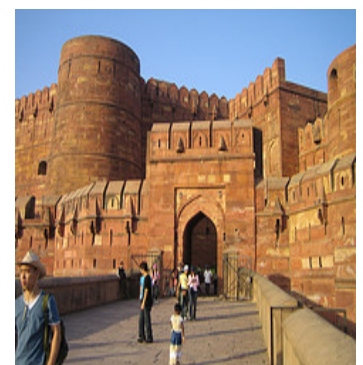
Afternoon free for independent activities.

Wednesday 14 Oct'09

Breakfast at the hotel.

Later drive to Agra (**205 kms/ 4 hrs**). Assistance on arrival at the hotel. (**Check in 1200 hrs**)

Agra is globally renowned as the city of the Taj Mahal. But this royal Mughal city has, in addition to the legendary Taj, many monuments that epitomise the high point of Mughal architecture. In the Mughal period, in the 16th and 17th centuries, Agra was the capital of India. It was here that the founder of the dynasty, Babar, laid out the first formal Persian garden on the banks of the river Yamuna. Here, Akbar, his grandson raised the towering ramparts of the great Red Fort. Within its walls, Jehangir built rose-red palaces, courts and gardens, and Shahajahan embellished it with marble mosques, palaces and pavilions of gem-inlaid white marble. The crowning glory of the city is obviously the Taj, a monument of love and imagination that represents India to the world.



Afternoon visit **Agra Fort** built by three Mughal Emperors starting from Akbar the Great in 1565 AD, which is a masterpiece of design and construction. Within the fort are a number of exquisite buildings including the Moti Masjid, Jahangir's Palace, Khas Mahal and the Sheesh Mahal, Diwane-i-Am, Diwane-i-Khas and Musamman Burj, where Emperor Shah Jahan, the fifth Mughal Emperor, died a prisoner.

Evening, visit the world famous **Taj Mahal** on the **Tonga's** (horse carriage). Taj - the inimitable poem in white marble is the finest architectural achievement of the Mughals. Built over a period of 22 years, by the Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan in 1630, for his Queen Mumtaz Mahal to enshrine her mortal remains, it is one of the Seven Modern Wonders of the World.

Thursday 15 Oct'09

Breakfast at the hotel & drive to Jaipur enroute visiting Fatehpur Sikri.

Fatehpur Sikri is the exquisite city built by Akbar the Great in 1569, in red sandstone, with its forts, palaces and mosques, and abandoned 14 years after its creation due to political reasons. Diwan-i-am - a vast courtyard in which the emperor gave daily public audience, Diwan-i-khas - a large quadrangle where all the major functions of the palace took place, Pachisi court, the emperor's private living quarters, Jodha Bai's palace, Mariam's palace, Birbal's palace, Hawa Mahal and Panch Mahal are some of the important buildings of this residential complex. The Friday Mosque and the exquisite tomb of Sheikh Salim Chisti are in the religious grounds set aside in a separate enclosure adjacent to the secular buildings.

Continue drive to Jaipur (200 kms / 4 ½hrs) and check in at the hotel..

Jaipur is a city where royalty still lives in the grandeur of its palaces, where fighting for the honour of the clan has never been a need but a way of life, and where treating guests as gods has been a tradition from time immemorial. Jaipur got its name from its founder Sawai Jai Singh (1693-1743), who had the vision to create a meticulously planned city as his capital. All the houses in the old city are painted pink, including the famous Hawa Mahal, thereby giving the city its alternative name, the Pink City.

Evening free for independent activities.

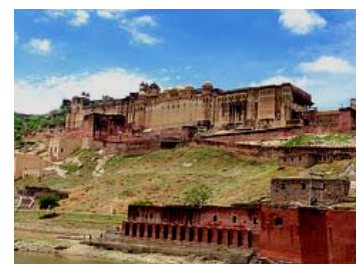
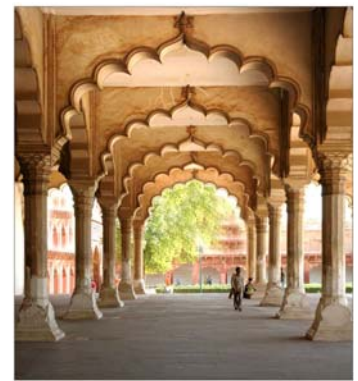
Friday 16 Oct'09

Breakfast at the hotel

Morning excursion to **Amber Fort**

Drive past the **Hawa Mahal**, known popularly as the *Palace of Winds*. This is a facade built for the ladies of the royal household in the 19th century. The Amber Fort, the capital of the erstwhile State of Jaipur until 1728 is perched on a hill. It has halls of Public and Private audience, a Sheesh Mahal (*hall of mirrors*) and various marble palaces which are marvelous examples of ancient Rajput architecture. **Ride an Elephant** to ascend the hill on which the fort is situated.

Afternoon proceed on a city tour. Visit the City Palace - the former royal residence built in a blend of Rajasthani and Mughal styles which houses a museum with a superb collection of Rajasthani costumes and armoury of the Mughals and Rajputs. It has an art gallery with an excellent collection of miniature paintings, carpets, royal paraphernalia and rare astronomical works.



Also visit the Jantar Mantar - an astrological and astronomical observatory built by Maharaja Jai Singh in the 18th century, which is remarkable for its accuracy even in the present times.

Saturday 17 Oct'09

Breakfast at the hotel

Morning, drive to Jodhpur (325 kms / 6 ½ hrs). The drive takes us through the north Indian countryside and into village life. On arrival , check in at the hotel.

At the edge of the Thar Desert, the imperial city of **Jodhpur** echoes with tales of antiquity in the emptiness of the desert. The massive 15th century AD Mehrangarh Fort looms on the top of a rocky hill, soaring 125 metres above the plains. The city is surrounded by a high wall - 10 kms long, with eight gates and innumerable bastions. The lifestyle in Jodhpur is unusually fascinating with people wearing lovely multi- hued costumes, artistically designed. Shopping in Jodhpur bazaars is a heady experience. The tie-and-dye fabric, embroidered "jutis" or slippers in suede, camel skin, velvet and leather, beautiful silks, durries, marble souvenirs from Makrana, an extensive range of useful and decorative items, furniture etc., are of interest.

Evening free to relax at the hotel.

Sunday 18 Oct'09

Breakfast at the hotel

Morning proceed on a city tour visiting the **Mehrangarh Fort**, one of the most impressive and formidable structures. Invincible from the outside, the fort has four gates approached by a winding road. Within the fort are some magnificent palaces with marvelously carved panels and latticed windows. These palaces house a fabulous collection of trappings of Indian royalty. Jaswant Thada, the 19th century royal cenotaph is close to the fort complex.

Afternoon drive to Deogarh (170 kms / 4 hrs) and check in at Palace.

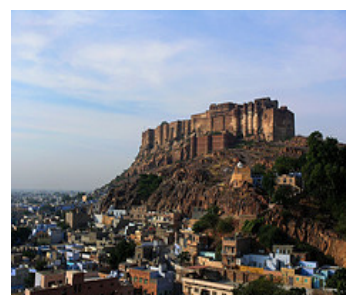
As soon as you glimpse the **Deogarh Mahal**, you can see that its rulers must have been serious players in the Mewar aristocracy, their magnificent fort a fitting stronghold for one of its sixteen "umraos" - the most senior feudal barons attending on the Maharana of Udaipur. Even so, you might not necessarily guess that the Rawats of Deogarh (a local title equivalent to "Raja") once ruled over the fourth largest jagir in the whole of Rajasthan. At its most extensive, their territory comprised some 210 villages, with one of their defensive forts as far as 100 km away. Yet there is little ostentation and even less gold to be found in their palace.

Monday 19 Oct'09

Breakfast at the hotel

Morning drive to Udaipur (135 kms/3 hrs) enroute visiting Ranakpur Jain temples.

Ranakpur in a quiet and picturesque glen which runs into the western slopes of the Aravalli hills, lies the remarkable 15th century Jain temples. Though over 500 years old, the temples here are superbly preserved in a near-perfect



condition. In the centre is the main “Chaumukha temple” dedicated to Adinath. The most distinctive features are the 29 halls supported by 1444 pillars, of which no two are exactly alike. Every conceivable surface is carved and every corner and angle is engraved with Jain images.



Continue drive to Udaipur (90 kms / 2 hrs) Assistance on arrival and check in to hotel.

Udaipur, the city of Dawn, is the Jewel of Mewar - a kingdom ruled by the Sisodia Dynasty for 1200 years. Its kaleidoscope of fairy-tale palaces, lakes, temples, gardens and narrow lanes strewn with stalls, carry the flavour of a heroic past, epitomizing valour and chivalry. The reflection of these buildings in the placid waters of the Lake Pichola is an enticing sight



Tuesday 20 Oct'09

Breakfast at the hotel

Morning guided tour of the City Palace, a majestic architectural marvel, which is perched on a hill and towers over Lake Pichola. The palace is a majestic conglomeration of courtyards, pavilions, terraces, corridors, rooms and hanging gardens. Visit the Bharatiya Lok Kala Museum, which has an interesting collection of Indian folk art including costumes, ornaments, puppets, masks, dolls, musical instruments and deities. Later visit Saheliyon-ki-bari, the ‘Garden of the Maids of Honor’, with its rich foliage and intricately designed fountains.



Evening, enjoy cruise on Lake Pichola on which the majestic Lake Palace Hotel is situated. See the ghats along the lake and the interesting buildings along the banks. The view of the city palace from the lake is spectacular. Dock at the Jagmandir Island, where the Maharana of Udaipur once gave Shah Jahan sanctuary.



Wednesday 21 Oct'09

Breakfast at the hotel.

Late afternoon departure transfer to airport in time to board flight for Delhi
Later departure transfer to airport

Flight: Kingfisher Airlines No.9W - 708

Depart: Udaipur 1530 hrs

Arrive: Delhi 1630 hrs

Assistance on arrival at the airport and transfer to hotel.

Early evening, depart hotel to the cricket ground to witness the 1st Semi-Finals of the ICL 20–20 Cricket Match.



Late night return back to the hotel

Thursday 22 Oct'09

Breakfast at the hotel.

Flight: Kingfisher Airlines No.6E - 305

Depart: Delhi 1220 hrs

Arrive: Hyderabad 1420 hrs

Assistance on arrival at the airport and transfer to the hotel.

● **Early evening, depart hotel to the cricket ground to witness the 2nd Semi-Finals of the ICL 20–20 Cricket Match.**

Late night return back to the hotel

Friday 23 Oct'09

Breakfast at the hotel.

● **Early evening, depart hotel to the cricket ground to witness the Finals of ICL 20–20 Cricket Match**

Late night return back to the hotel

Saturday 24 Oct'09 HYDERABAD / DEPARTURE

Very early morning departure transfer to the International airport in time to board flight back home

▶ Tour Costs

Howzat Travel – ‘Away for Four’ Tour

Hotel	Twin/Double	Single	Group 15-20
5* Option	£3,499	£5,499	£3,299
4* Option	£3,199	£4,499	£2,899

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