

## Indian Champions League 2009: Tour 4 – “Easy Boundary” Tour First three Qualifying Matches, 2<sup>nd</sup> Semi Final and Final plus cultural excursions

**All this from only £2,899\* per person inclusive!**

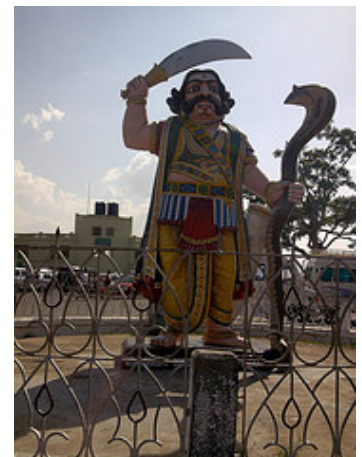
\*based on 2 people sharing 4\* accommodation. Further discounts for 15+ travelling in a group!

**The ‘Easy Boundary’ 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 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](http://EssentialTravel.co.uk) for all your travel-related arrangements)



## Full tour itinerary follows

### ► International Flights

**Outbound:** British Airways Flight 277

Sat 10 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– 15 Oct'09	02 Nights	Coorg	Orange County Resort
15 – 16 Oct'09	01 Night	Mysore	Regalis
16 – 17 Oct'09	01 Night	Hyderabad	Taj Banjara
17 – 22 Oct'09	05 Nights	Mahabalipuram	GRT Temple Bay
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 <sup>th</sup> Crescent
13– 15 Oct'09	02 Nights	Coorg	Coorg International
15 – 16 Oct'09	01 Night	Mysore	Regalis
16 – 17 Oct'09	01 Night	Hyderabad	1 Continent
17 – 22 Oct'09	05 Nights	Mahabalipuram	Sea Breeze
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.

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

Late night return back to the hotel

## Tuesday 13 Oct'09

Morning drive to **Coorg (220 kms/ 6 hrs)**.

**Coorg** Nestled in the Western Ghats, Coorg is a cluster of villages that offer crisp air, thick tropical forests, miles of exotic spices & coffee plantations and extensive paddy fields apart from an abundance of flora and fauna. Orange County Resort is situated in the tiny hamlet Siddapura, amidst 300 acres of coffee and spice plantations, cosseted by the River Cauvery and thousands of acres of the Dubare Reserve Forest. Orange County promises seclusion, exclusivity and tranquility. The unmatched village and plantation experience is complemented by an occasional visit of elephants or sambar deer to the resort. As dusk falls, chirping of crickets break the eerie silence

Arrive and check into the Resort.

## Wednesday 14 Oct'09

Breakfast at the resort.

Morning excursion to **Bylekuppe**.

Bylekuppe, is the second largest settlement outside Tibet. The Golden Temple has some very impressive 40 foot high golden idols of Buddha. The prayer sessions are a sight to behold too, as more than 400 monks chant in unison. There are also a few Tibetan handicraft shops selling shawls, artifacts and souvenir items.

Return to Coorg by the afternoon.

Rest of the day can be spend walking around the resort. Coorg presents the perfect weather and opportunity to discover the naturalist in you. Go trekking in the adjoining Dubare reserve forest with a guide. Enrich yourself with information on the flora and fauna of this region.



## Thursday 15 Oct'09

Morning, drive to Mysore (120 kms/ 4½ hrs) enroute visiting Srirangapatnam, 14 kms before Mysore – Bangalore - Mysore highway, was once the capital of the warrior-kings Hyder Ali and his son Tipu Sultan. The Summer Palace built of teak in 1784 in Indo-Saracen style has ornate and beautiful frescoes. It is now a museum and tells eloquently of Tip's valour and his valiant battle against the British. The Fort holds within its precincts a mosque and the Permanganate temple dedicated to Vishnu.



Continue drive to Mysore and check in at the hotel.

**Mysore** was the political capital of the **Wodeyar Dynasty** which ruled the state of Karnataka for some 150 years till the independence of the country from the British. These kings were great patrons of art and culture and Mysore was the cultural capital of the south under the rule of the Wodeyars. The word Mysore expands to "Mahishasurana Ooru" which means the town of Mahishasura. The story goes that the demon Mahishasura was killed by Goddess Chamundeshwari atop the Chamundi hill near Mysore, and hence the name. Ever since, the Mysore royal family has worshipped Chamundeshwari as the palace deity. Hills dedicated to her stand at the eastern end of Mysore town today. To the people of India the word Mysore is synonymous with Sandalwood, silk and fine inlay-work using ivory. It is the home of incense sticks (agarbathi) dipped in sandalwood oil perfume base.



Evening free for independent activities.

## Friday 16 Oct'09

Breakfast at the hotel

Later drive to Bangalore (145 kms / 3 ½ hrs) to Bangalore airport in time to board flight for Hyderabad

**Flight: Kingfisher Airlines No. 9W - 2739**

**Depart: Bangalore 1320 hrs**

**Arrive: Hyderabad 1450 hrs**

● **Meeting assistance on arrival at the airport and transfer to the cricket ground to witness the ICL 20–20 Cricket Match.**

Late night return back to the hotel

## Saturday 17 Oct'09

Breakfast at the hotel

Later you will be transferred to the Hyderabad airport in time to board flight for Chennai

**Flight: Kingfisher Airlines No. IT - 3802**

**Depart: Hyderabad 0945 hrs**

**Arrive: Chennai 1430 hrs**

Morning drive to **Mahabalipuram ( 65 kms / 1 ½hrs )**

**Mamallapuram** is a historical retreat set amidst natural beauty. Lying 65 kms South of Chennai, this ancient seaport of the Pallava dynasty invites connoisseurs of art. Its monuments hewn out of solid rock, though ravaged by the sea and wind, still bear testimony to the magnificent heritage of

Dravidian architecture. The sculpture here is particularly interesting because it shows scenes of everyday life – women milking buffaloes, pompous city dignitaries and artful looking young girls.

Arrive and check into the resort.

## Sunday 18 Oct'09

Morning proceed for sightseeing tour of **Mahabalipuram**.

Visit the glorious **Shore Temple**, one of the oldest in South India, stands on the seashore with its paved forecourts. It represents the final phase of Pallava art built in the late 7<sup>th</sup> century. The weathered perimeter walls support long lines of bulls and mythical deities guard the entrances. See the great Bas-relief of **Arjuna's penance**. This panel (27m by 9m) depicts the mythical story of the River Ganges issuing from its source high in the Himalayas and also shows animals, deities and other semi divine creatures, fables from the Panchatantra and Arjuna doing a penance to obtain a boon from Shiva. The five **Rathas**, are full-sized models of different kinds of temples and are named after the heroes of the Mahabharata epic. The **Mahishasura Mardhini**, **Krishna** and the **Varaha Mandapas** are shallow rock-cut halls. They are mainly of interest for their internal figure sculptures. There is also a **School of Sculpture**, which merits a visit.



Afternoon excursion to **Dakshinachitra**

**Dakshinachitra**; It is a unique Heritage village situated at Muttukadu on the new Mamallapuram Coastal Road. It offers the visitor an unforgettable and authentic insight into the lifestyles of the diverse people of South India. The Arts and Crafts village, Dakshinachitra narrates the story of the South Indian Culture. Architecture of the past 200 years is represented in the real rural setting. Every house is typical of its own professional group. Traders, potters, weavers, and others working in the traditional way make exquisite pottery, baskets, and carved stone items, some of which are for sale. The center is now developed to include the cultural replicas from all four states of South India.

## Monday 19 Oct'09 MAHABALIPURAM

Full day at leisure for independent activities (no vehicle).

## Tuesday 20 Oct'09

Full day at leisure for independent activities (no vehicle).

## Wednesday 21 Oct'09

Full day at leisure for independent activities (no vehicle).

## Thursday 22 Oct'09

Early Breakfast at the hotel

Later you will be transferred to the Chennai airport in time to board flight for Hyderabad.

**Flight: Kingfisher Airlines No. IT - 3726**  
**Depart: Chennai 1110 hrs**

Arrive: Hyderabad 1210 hrs

● Early afternoon, depart hotel to the cricket ground to witness the 2nd Semi-final 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

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

### ► Tour Costs

#### Howzat Travel – 'Easy Boundary' Tour

Hotel	Twin/Double	Single	Group 15-20
5* Option	£3,299	£5,199	£3,199
4* Option	£2,899	£3,999	£2,599

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