

Indian Champions League 2009: Tour 1 – “Hit For Six” Tour All Qualifying Matches, Both Semi Finals and Final

All this from only £2,999* per person inclusive!

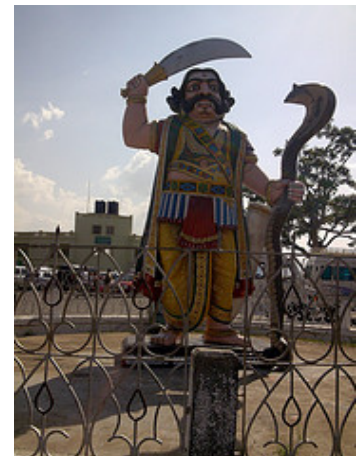
based on 2 people sharing in 4 accommodation. Further discounts for 15+ travelling in a group!

The ‘Hit for Six’ 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 – 14 Oct'09	02 Night	Bangalore	The Lalit
14 – 16 Oct'09	02 Nights	Mysore	Regalis
16 – 20 Oct'09	04 Nights	Hyderabad	Taj Banjara
20 – 22 Oct'09	02 Nights	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 – 14 Oct'09	02 Night	Bangalore	37 th Crescent
14 – 16 Oct'09	02 Nights	Mysore	Regalis
16 – 20 Oct'09	04 Nights	Hyderabad	1 Continent
20 – 22 Oct'09	02 Nights	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.

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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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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

After breakfast, drive to Mysore (approx 3 ½hrs) and enroute visit 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-Saracenic 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.

Thursday 15 Oct'09

Breakfast at the hotel

Morning Excursion to **Somnathpur**. Built around 1260 AD, the Somnatheswara temple is at Somnathpur - 33 kms East of Mysore. The walls of the star-shaped temple are literally covered with superb sculptures in stone depicting various scenes from the Ramayana, Mahabharata, Bhagavad Gita and the life and times of the Hoysala kings. No two friezes are alike.



Afternoon proceed on a city tour visit the **Mysore Palace**, built in 1912 in the Indo-Saracenic style, exudes a grandeur that is unmatched. The Golden Royal Elephant throne, the Durbar Hall, the Kalyana Mandap and the Gallery are the main attractions here. Drive up the **Chamundi Hill**, 13 kms away. Halfway up is the **Nandi Bull**, a 4.8m monolith. Right on top is the 2000 year-old **Chamundeswari** temple, dedicated to the patron goddess of the royal family.



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 Airways No.9W - 2739

Depart: Bangalore 1320 hrs

Arrive: Hyderabad 1450 hrs

Meeting assistance on arrival at the airport and transfer to the hotel.

● **Early afternoon, depart hotel 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

Day free for independent activities.

Sunday 18 Oct'09

Breakfast at the hotel

Day free for independent activities.

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

Late night return back to the hotel

Monday 19 Oct'09

Breakfast at the hotel

Day free for independent activities.

Tuesday 20 Oct'09

Breakfast at the hotel

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

Flight: Kingfisher Airlines No. 6E - 302

Depart: Hyderabad 1300 hrs

Arrive: Delhi 1505 hrs

Meeting assistance on arrival at the airport and transfer to hotel.

Delhi - the capital of India, is a fascinating city with complexities and contradictions, beauty and dynamism, where the past co-exists with the present. Many dynasties ruled from here and the city is rich in the architecture of its monuments. Delhi, a metropolis located on the banks of the river Yamuna, has seen the rise and fall of successive cities during the last five millennia.



Wednesday 21 Oct'09

Breakfast at the hotel

Morning tour of Old Delhi – also known as **Mughal Delhi**. This includes the visit of the Red Fort – Shah Jehan's elegant citadel in red sandstone and the **Jumma Masjid** – India's largest mosque, also built by Shah Jahan. A walk through the narrow lanes where time seems to have stood still will give you a first-hand view of the merchants, the little food and artifact stalls and the teeming population, busy in their daily activities. Thereafter, proceed to **Raj Ghat** – Mahatma Gandhi's memorial.

Afternoon, you begin your India experience by travelling through the streets of **New Delhi** that takes you past the architecture of British rule - the imposing **President's House**, the **North** and **South** Block government offices and Parliament House.

Continue the tour visiting the **Qutab Minar** (Qutab's Tower), a key record of the first encounters between Islam and Hinduism in north India. You take time to understand this monument, to decipher the rich clues etched in stone concerning Hindu and Muslim faith, architecture, and art. Our tour guide will explain the far-reaching impact of India's encounter with Islam, from the early beginnings to modern political dynamics.

Shortly before sunset we visit an architectural pearl – **Humayun's Tomb**. This architectural gift to history from Emperor Humayun's widow prefigures the Taj Mahal and shows Moghul refinement at its zenith. The Tomb reveals a synthesis between medieval Hinduism and Islam, in court and spiritual life. Our tour guide will explain the architectural features while your Host will discuss Indo-Islamic culture. The tomb reveals a key difference between Moghul and British Imperialism, as you will discover.

● **Early evening, depart hotel to the cricket ground to witness the 1st Semi Finals of ICL 20 – 20 cricket match**

Late night return back to the hotel

Thursday 22 Oct'09

Breakfast at the hotel.

Later departure transfer to airport in time to board flight for Hyderabad

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 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

Early checkout and transfer to International Airport to board flight home.

► Tour Costs

Howzat Travel – 'Hit for Six' Tour

Hotel	Twin/Double	Single	Group 15-20
5* Option	£3,499	£5,299	£3,349
4* Option	£2,999	£4,249	£2,749

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