

Indian Champions League 2009: Tour 5 – “The Hat-Trick” Tour First two Qualifying Matches, 2nd Semi Final and Final plus cultural excursions

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

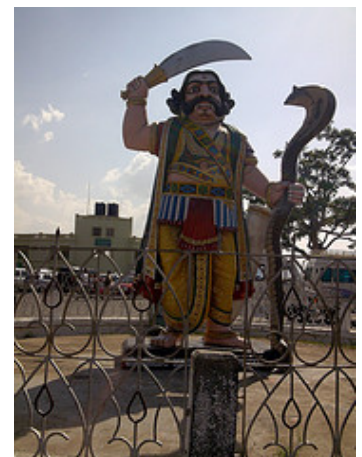
based on 2 people sharing 4 accommodation. Further discounts for 15+ travelling in a group!

The ‘Hat-Trick’ 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 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 – 15 Oct'09	01 Night	Kochi	Bruntons Boatyard
15 – 17 Oct'09	02 Nights	Periyar	Spice Village
17 – 18 Oct'09	01 Night	Backwaters	Houseboat
18 – 22 Oct'09	04 Nights	Mararikulam	Marari Beach Resort
22 - 24 Oct'09	02 Nights	Hyderabad	Taj Banjara

4* Hotel Option B

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 – 15 Oct'09	01 Night	Kochi	Casino
15 – 17 Oct'09	02 Nights	Periyar	Elephant Court
17 – 18 Oct'09	01 Night	Backwaters	Houseboat
18 – 22 Oct'09	04 Nights	Mararikulam	Marari Beach Resort
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

Morning, transfer to the airport to board the flight for Kochi.

Flight: Kingfisher Airlines No. 9W- 2731

Depart: Bangalore 1015 hrs

Arrive: Kochi 1135 hrs

Assistance on arrival and transfer to the hotel.

(Cochin), popularly known as the Queen of the Arabian Sea, has one of the world's most beautiful natural ports and is the commercial capital of Kerala. Formerly a princely state, this tropical jewel sparkles enticingly from her spice-scented shore, beckoning to distant travelers as she has done for more than three millennia. It's easy to be mesmerized by the magic of Kochi.

Early afternoon head along to the Church Road to **St. Francis Church**; this church was built originally by the Portuguese in 1510 AD and is believed to be the first church built by Europeans in India. Vasco da Gama was first buried here. Later drive to **Mattancherry** to visit the **Dutch Palace** which was built by the Portuguese and presented to the Kochi Raja in 1555 AD. 17th



century murals depicting scenes from the Indian epic, the Ramayana, can be seen here. Also visit "**Jew Town**", where the last few remaining Jews of Kerala are still living. The Jewish Synagogue – built in 1568 AD which contains Grand Scrolls of the Old Testament and the copper plates containing the privileges granted to the Jews by the Kochi rulers. The floor of the synagogue is paved with exquisite Chinese hand painted tiles. The area surrounding the synagogue is full of spice shops selling cloves, cinnamon, cardamom and a host of other spices. Your tour ends at the harbour near Vasco Da Gama Square, where you can watch fishermen hoisting their catch from the cantilevered **Chinese fishing nets** that line the shore. This technique of catching fish was taught by the Chinese through trade contact.



In the evening witnesses a performance of **Kathakali dance** at **Fort Cochin**, the traditional dance form of Kerala. This stylized dance, mostly performed by men, is very interesting and is based on the religious epics and ballads. The application of make-up is very intricate and we shall arrange for you to see this prior to the performance.



Thursday 15 Oct'09

Breakfast at the hotel

Later drive to Periyar (180 kms / 4 hrs)

Periyar Tiger Reserve, 777 sq km in area is set in a rich, mixed deciduous forest, interspersed with open areas of tall grass. Periyar has a splendid artificial lake dotted with snags of dead wood, which provide a perch for waterbirds; darter, grey heron, egret and kingfisher. It is one of the finest habitats for the Asiatic elephant. These enormous mammals swim in the waters and streams and usually they can be observed during the boat ride. The forest also harbours a variety of woodland birds. Boat travel is the only means of transport in the Sanctuary.



Arrive Periyar and check-in at the hotel.

Friday 16 Oct'09

Early morning "**boat-cruise**" on Periyar Lake to watch **wildlife**.

Rest of the morning at leisure for independent activities.

Afternoon guided tour of Periyar which will include a visit to the local **spice plantation** full of heavenly aromas and vibrant color. The plantations here include tea, cardamom, pepper, cinnamon etc.



Saturday 17 Oct'09 PERIYAR/ KOTTAYAM

Breakfast at the hotel

Later drive to Kumarakom (140 kms/ 4½ hrs). On arrival check in your very private traditional '**Rice Boat**', for a leisurely overnight cruise on the winding '**backwaters**' of Kerala.

During this pleasant and relaxing day, guests will relax in the comfort of their well-appointed boats, complete with private butlers and sailors. They will have the opportunity to experience the lifestyles of the simple folk who live on the '**backwaters**'. The extensive rice fields, lying below sea level, form the area called '**Kuttanad**', which is the '**Rice Bowl of the South**'. The boat has on board an attendant and a cook and your every requirement will be attended to. There will be a little sitting area and private bedrooms with all



facilities. Cooking will be on board, made from freshly bought produce from the local markets and the fish freshly caught!

A sumptuous Dinner will be served onboard the boat

Sunday 18 Oct'09

Cruise through the backwaters and breakfast on board. Mid-morning, arrive at Alleppey Boat Jetty and disembark houseboat, drive to Mararikulam (15 kms/ 30 mins) and check in at the beach resort.

Mararikulam is a typical village where you can see the rural and scenic beauty of Kerala. The countryside is dotted with swaying coconut palms and lush paddy fields. Most of the houses here conform to a traditional style of architecture. Visit an ancient active temple dedicated to Lord Shiva and see ancient traditional homes dotted throughout the village.

Relax at this beautiful and natural beach resort, famous for its Ayurvedic Spa facilities.

Monday 19 Oct'09

MARARIKULAM

Breakfast at the resort.

Day free to relax at the beach resort. The day can be spent relaxing at the resort or enjoying the Ayurvedic (herbal) massage, for which Kerala is famous for.

Tuesday 20 Oct '09

Breakfast at the hotel

Day free to relax at the beach resort, with possibilities of enjoying an Ayurvedic (herbal) massage, for which Kerala is famous for.

Wednesday 21 Oct '09

Breakfast at the hotel

Day free to relax at the beach resort, with possibilities of enjoying an Ayurvedic (herbal) massage, for which Kerala is famous for.

Thursday 22 Oct'09

Breakfast at the hotel.

Later departure transfer to Kochi airport (**70 kms/ 1½ hours**) in time to board flight for Hyderabad

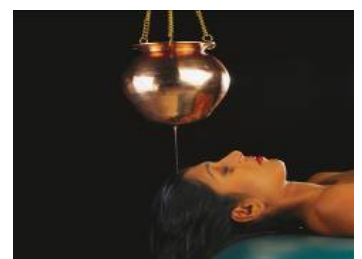
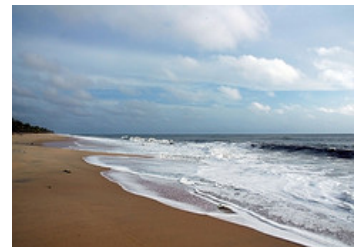
Flight: Kingfisher Airlines No. S2 - 242

Depart: Kochi 1400 hrs

Arrive: Hyderabad 1535 hrs

Assistance on arrival at the airport and transfer to the cricket ground.

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

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

► **Tour Costs**

Howzat Travel – ‘Hat-Trick’ Tour

Hotel	Twin/Double	Single	Group 15-20
5* Option	£3,499	£5,299	£3,299
4* Option	£2,999	£4,299	£2,799

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