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At Southern Odyssey, we enjoy a reputation of being the most reliable and dependable tour operator.

Apart from being affiliated to major tourism associations, we offer incredible value, quality and customer satisfaction to travelers from world over.

Head quartered at Thrissur, at the central part of the state and the cultural capital of Kerala, accessibility to all the major tourism destinations in South India can easily be made.

We have a team of thorough professionals, guides, well maintained vehicles and experienced and friendly drivers to converse in our guest's known language. Right from the moment you start the journey till to the departure, our experienced professionals will be at your service 24X7 for you to make a hassle free and memorable holiday.



With its Rivers, Backwaters, Hill Stations, Culture and History, Kerala, truly a country the Gods call their own.



Kerala

The God's own country dwells as most beloved, admired and desired travel destination in India. Composed climate, long shoreline with serene beaches, tranquil stretches of emerald backwaters, lush hill stations with smoky mountains, exotic wildlife, waterfalls, Sprawling plantations with savory spices, paddy fields lined by coconut palms and Ayurvedic health stations. Enchanting art forms and magical festivals. Historic and cultural monuments. An exotic cuisine. And what's more, every one of these charming destinations is only a two hour drive from the other.





Land of a million experiences.

Kochi

Kochi is a vibrant city situated on the south-west coast of the Indian Peninsula in the breathtakingly scenic and prosperous state of Kerala. Chinese and Arab traders are believed to have been the first traders to this port, heralding a wave of subsequent visitors; the Portuguese, Dutch and British, who brought in the era of colonial power to the region. One thing that all these outsiders had in common was the quest for exotic spices, like pepper, ginger, cardamom, cloves and turmeric. Kochi was able to offer in abundance the best of the spices to the world, a reputation that continues to this day. In addition to spices, the voyagers also coveted the fine ivory, sandalwood, perfumes and gold that came to this market town.



Thrissur

Thrissur is known as the cultural capital of Kerala and the land of Sakthan Thampuran, the foresighted ruler who contributed much to the development of the place. Home to several prominent artistic institutions such as Kalamandalam, Sahitya Academy and Sangeetha Nataka Academy, Thrissur has a rich past as well as a vibrant present. It is here that Kerala's most extravagant and passionate festival, the Pooram, takes place and is one of the UNESCO classified festivals in India. For those who want to explore the cultural heritage of the State, a visit to Thrissur is inevitable.



Kochi Backwaters



Thrissur Pooram festival

Feeding temple elephants.

Classical Arts of Kerala

The classical arts of Kerala dates back to thousands of years. Some of the popular classical arts of Kerala are Mohiniyattam, Kathakali and Theyyam.

Folk Arts of Kerala

Kerala has a rich a repertoire of folk performing arts, folk songs and folk drama reflecting man's overpowering rapport with nature and his constant desire for communication with the unknown.

Martial Arts of Kerala

Kalaripayattu, the martial art form of Kerala is regarded as the oldest and most scientific in the world.



Misty mountains carpeted with verdant green.

Munnar

One of the most popular tourist attraction in Kerala is Munnar hill stations. With vast variety of plants, trees, herbs, Birds, a wide variety of animal life some of them are not exist nowhere else in the world.

Munnar Situated at the confluence of three mountain streams. Located at 1600m above sea level, this was once the summer resort of the British Government in South India. Rich flora & fauna, sprawling tea plantations, picture book towns, winding lanes, trekking and



holiday facilities and cool climate make Munnar a unique experience. Most of the native flora and fauna of Munnar have disappeared due to severe habitat fragmentation resultant from the creation of the plantations. However, some endemic species including Nilgiri Tahr, the Grizzled Giant Squirrel, the Nilgiri Wood-pigeon, Asian Elephant, the Gaur, the Nilgiri langur, the Sambar, and the Neelakurinji flower (that blossoms only once in twelve years).





Symphony of tropical forests.

Thekkady

The very sound of the word Thekkady conjures up images of elephants, unending chains of hills and spice-scented plantations. The Periyar lake and the reserve forest is one of the finest wildlife preserves in India and spread across the entire district with picturesque plantations and hill towns that hold great opportunities for tourists.

Periyar Tiger Reserve, is an example of nature's bounty. Great scenic charm with rich bio diversity providing veritable visitor satisfaction. Here you can go for boating in the Periyar reserve, elephant safari, bullock cart riding, trekking and mountain walks.



Wayanad

This green paradise is nestled among the mighty mountains of the Western Ghats. Clean and pristine, enchanting and hypnotizing, this land is filled with history and culture.

Catch awe inspiring mountain views in this land of plantations where tea, coffee, rubber, pepper and cardamom gently coexist with the rich diversity of tranquil sub tropical forests. Undulating paths lead you to breathtaking altitudes. Where, finally, from the top, you can look down and marvel at nature's prowess as a landscape painter. With a cool climate and lush greenery year round, Wayanad offers the weary traveler blissful advantages.



Rain forests, The womb of life.

Flora and Fauna



Most of Kerala, whose native habitat consists of wet evergreen rainforests at lower elevations and highland deciduous and semi-evergreen forests in the east, however, significant variations in terrain and elevation have resulted in a land whose bio diversity registers as among the world's most significant.

In turn, the forests play host to such major fauna as Asian Elephant, Bengal Tiger, Leopard, and Nilgiri Tahr and Grizzled Giant Squirrel. More remote preserves, including Silent Valley National Park, harbor endangered species such as Lion-tailed Macaque, Indian Sloth Bear, and Gaur-the so called "Indian Bison". More common species include Indian Porcupine, Chital, Sambar, Gray Langur, Flying Squirrel, Swamp Lynx, Boar, a variety of catarrhine Old World monkey species, Gray Wolf and Common Palm Civet.

A variety of snakes, various turtles and crocodiles are to be found in Kerala. Kerala has about 453 species of birds such as the Sri Lanka Frogmouth, Oriental Bay Owl, the Great Hornbill and Indian Grey Hornbill, as well as the more widespread birds such as Indian Cormorant, Jungle Myna, Oriental Darter, Black-hooded Oriole, bulbul, species of Kingfisher and Woodpecker, Jungle Fowl, Parakeet, and assorted ducks and migratory birds. Additionally, a wide variety of freshwater fish also are native to Kerala's lakes and waterways.

Eastern Kerala's windward mountains shelter tropical moist forests and tropical dry forests which are generally characteristic of the wider Western Ghats: crowns of Indian rosewood, anjili, Erythrina, Cassia, and other trees dominate the canopies of large tracts of virgin forest. Overall, Kerala's forests are home to more than 1,000 species of trees. Smaller flora include bamboo, wild black pepper, wild cardamom, and aromatic Vetiver grass.





Aleppey & Kumarakom

Let us steer towards Kumarakom, one of the prime tourist attractions of Kerala. En route, Vembanad lake offers you sights of village life and a lot of backwater activities. The green shores throbbing with vigour and pure beauty will never tire you. The soft sunlight lends the calm water a new enchantment as the palms on both shores welcome you with a gentle whisper in the wind. Here, you enter another world of wonders. These small backwater villages, which is a cluster of islands, has a life of its own, with a slow, serene rhythm. The sights, sounds and fragrances will simply captivate you.



House Boats

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Refreshing wind of change.





Picture perfect tropical beaches, providing fresh fish, fruits and toddy (coconut beer). Today this beaches is attracting thousands of tourists from all over the world. The scenic beauty and serenity is supplemented by the availability of excellent accommodation and restaurants which provide western style food as well as Indian. The grilled seafood items such as lobster, king prawns are got fresh from the sea makes these beaches a popular haven for tourists from all over the globe.

Tranquil, sandy Beaches.



Kovalam

A picture perfect tropical beach; a traditional fishing village providing fresh fish, fruits and toddy. Today this tiny beach is attracting thousands of tourists from all over the world. The scenic beauty and serenity is supplemented by the availability of excellent accommodation and restaurants which provide western style food as well as Indian. The grilled seafood items such as lobster, king prawns are got fresh from the sea makes Kovalam a popular haven for tourists from all over the globe.



Varkala

Varkala, a calm and quiet hamlet, lies on the outskirts of Kollam district. It has several places of tourist interests like a spectacular beach, a 2000 year old Vishnu temple, etc. At the serene Varkala beach with rich mineral water springs is believed to purge the body of impurities and the soul of all sins. The final resting place of the philosopher 'Sree Narayana Guru' is near by here, who propagated the ideology "one caste, one religion and one god".



Marari

Marari Beach, a fishing village in Alappuzha District is an idyllic location for a vacation. This lonely beach is clean and safe for swimming and laze around.



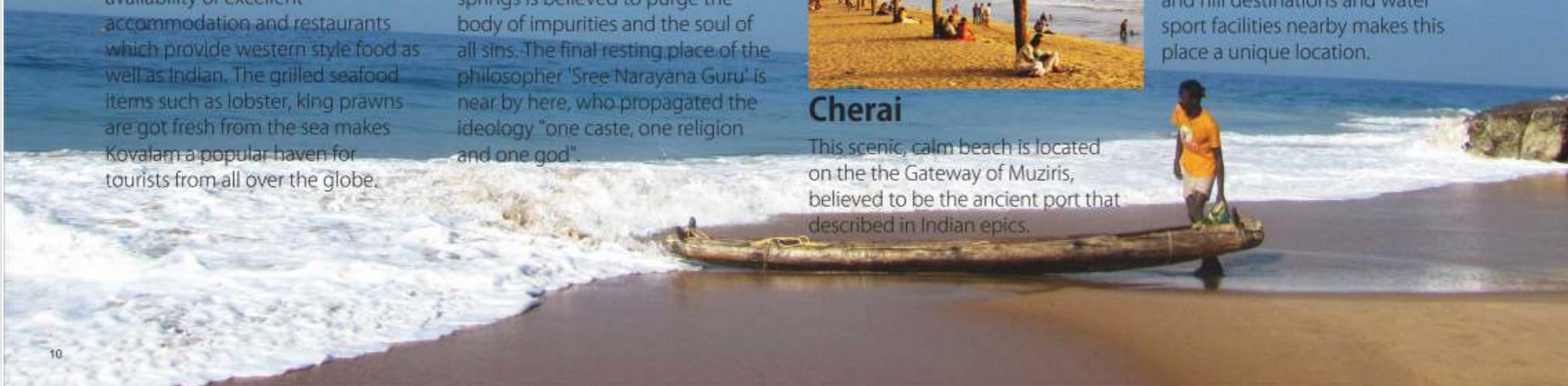
Cherai

This scenic, calm beach is located on the the Gateway of Muziris, believed to be the ancient port that described in Indian epics.



Bekal

The land of Gods, forts, rivers, hills and beautiful beaches. The beautiful expanse of the shallow beach near the Bekal fort has been developed as an exotic beach location. The golden expanse of the beach surrounding the fort, backwaters and hill destinations and water sport facilities nearby makes this place a unique location.





Chennai



Mahabalipuram



Kanchipuram



Trichy



Thanjavoor



Ooty



Masanagudi



Hoggenackal



Yerkkadu



Madhurai



Kanyakumari



Rameswaram



Mudumalai



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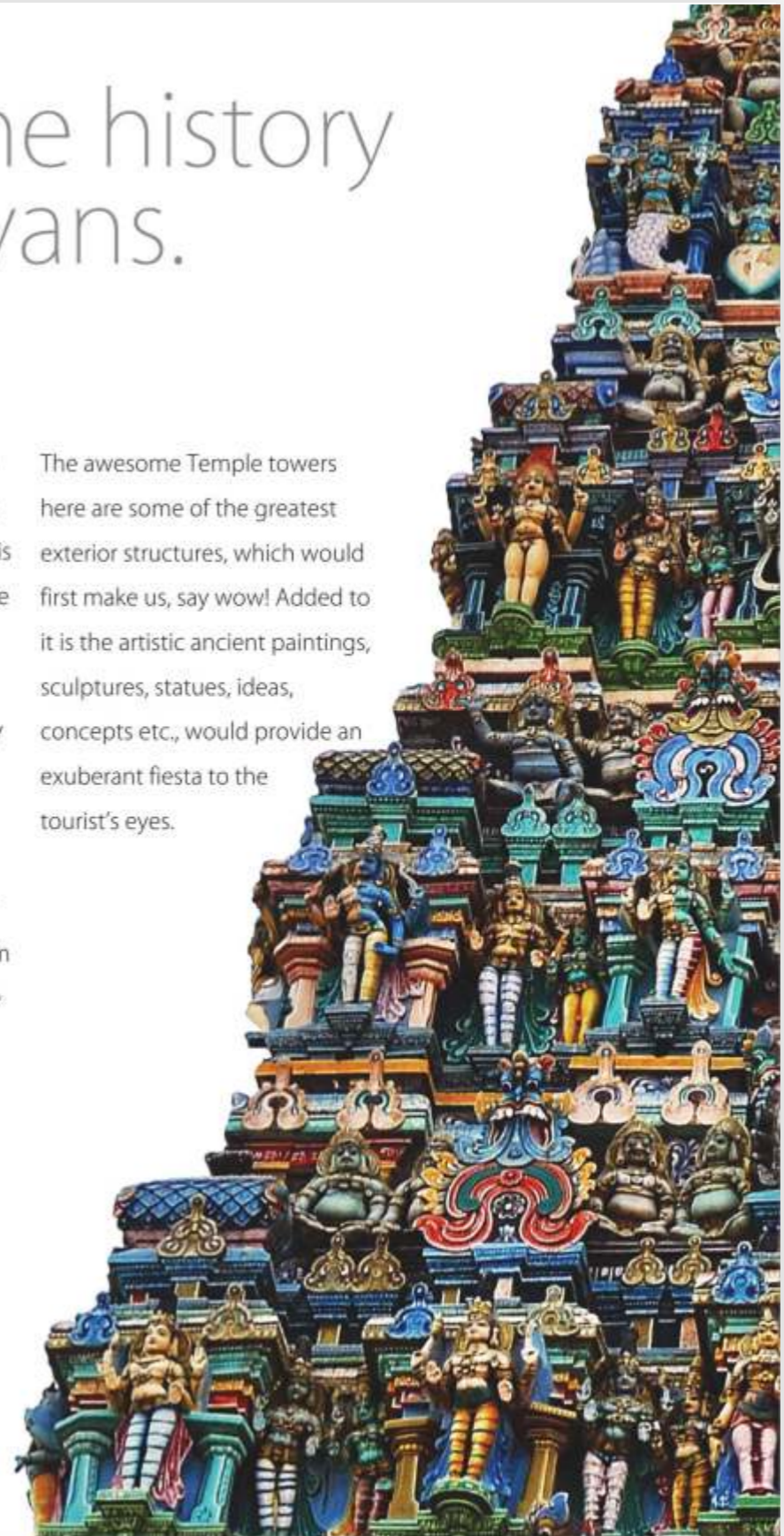
Kodaikkanal

A land that has the history as long as the Aryans.

Tamilnadu

The mass of land, that lies down south of the largest peninsula in the Asian sub continent India. It is one of the prominent state of the country surrounded by three major oceans, namely Arabian ocean, Indian Ocean and the Bay of Bengal. The southern tip of India situated here is called the trinity junction and symbolizes trinity unity of major religions of the state, such as Hinduism, Islam and Christianity, which provoke serenity, culture, and faith and love amidst the people of Tamilnadu.

The awesome Temple towers here are some of the greatest exterior structures, which would first make us, say wow! Added to it is the artistic ancient paintings, sculptures, statues, ideas, concepts etc., would provide an exuberant fiesta to the tourist's eyes.



Karnataka
"One State,
Many Worlds."



Lalbagh



Yelagiri



Hampi



Nandi Hills



Bandhipur



Mangalore



Malpe



Coorg



Kabini

Karnataka is a tapestry of colours, cultures, flavours, landscapes and heart throbbing beauty. A place where vibrant worlds seamlessly meld into one another every few hundred kilometres. Sedate plains suddenly rise to mist covered hilly heights and then plunge in to a freefall to become languid rivers. Cities where time rushes a relentless rush to keep up with the world; towns that sometimes escape into the deep quiet of thick forests and sometimes, stretches their arms wide open to embrace the sea.



Chikmagalur



Badami



Hasan



Hospet

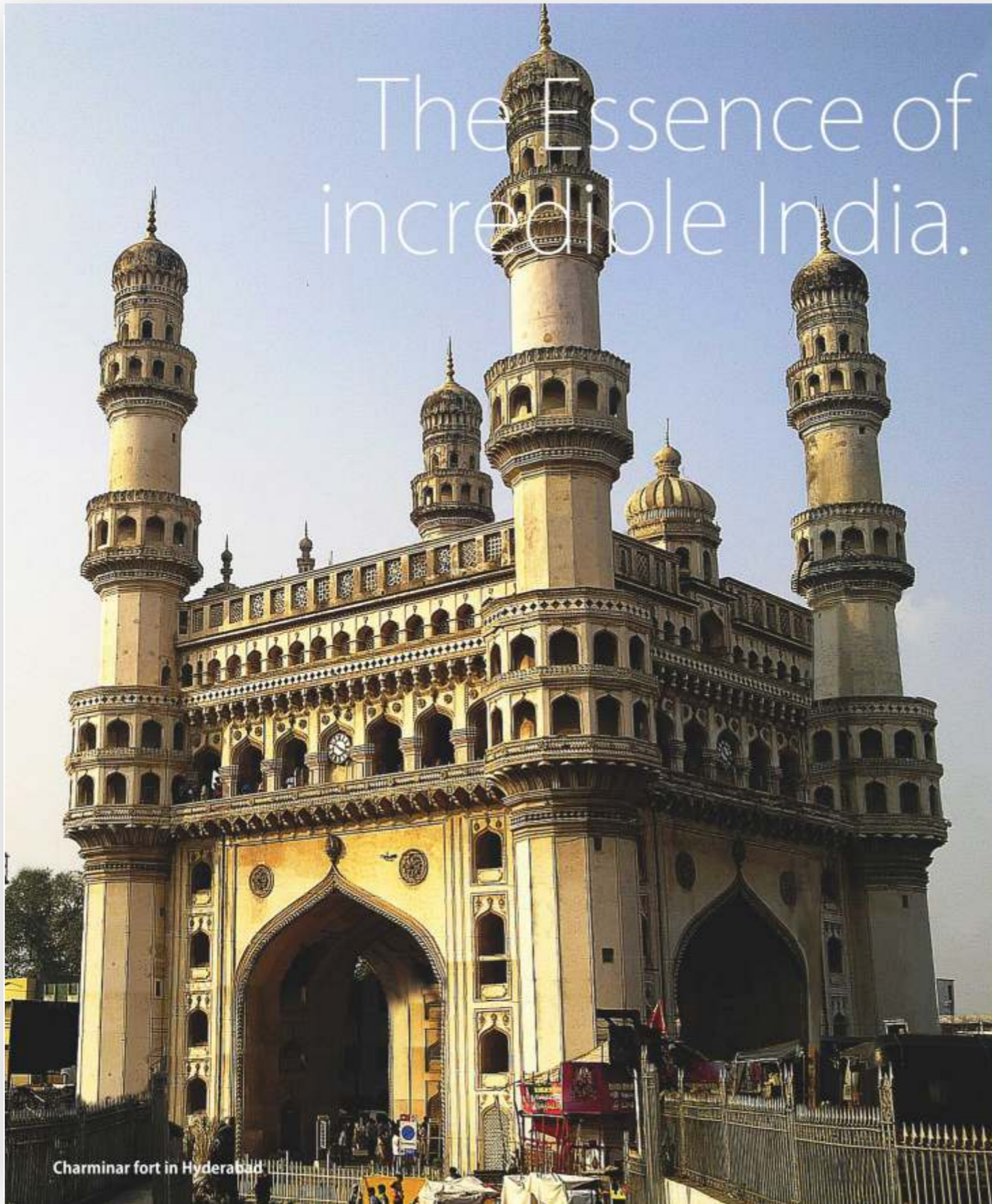
Mysore



Mysore also known as the City of Palaces, retains a quaint charm, that never fails to enchant. Situated in the southern part of the Deccan Plateau, Mysore District is an undulating tableland, covered in parts by granite outcrops and fringed by verdant forests. From ancient times, this district has played a significant role in the history of South India. This popular tourist destination, offering several attractions ranging from the royal splendour of Mysore City and its Dasara Festival to exquisite temples, pilgrimage centres and scenic spots.



The Essence of incredible India.



Charminar fort in Hyderabad

Andhra Pradesh

Andhra has always been the front runner in attracting greatest number of tourists, inland and foreign, as it boasts of a naturally, ecologically, culturally and religiously rich and diverse variety of tourist destinations that are treasures of visual treat where one can continuously explore new experiences of visitor gratification and delight.

Bounding in natural resources, the state of Andhra Pradesh



having the longest eastern coastline and with a trail of Buddha Period glory, houses and holds many heritage sites adorned with pristine splendor, the forts, citadels and architectural masterpieces built by the past royal domination and its noble emperors. The magnificent palaces and places, monuments, memorials, tombs and stately structures built by them reflect the art and craftsmanship, architecture and culture that originated on this land.



Tiruppati



Puttaparthi



Srisailem



Ramoji Film City



Warangal

Ayurveda, the way of life.

The divine practice of Ayurveda, India's 5,000 years old 'Science of Life' is the sublime blend of nature and science. Today, it is the most preferred rejuvenation and therapeutic option. Kerala boasts of some of the finest Ayurvedic massage and spa centres. The duration of an Ayurvedic

treatment is for a span of 7 days, 14 days, 21 days or 28 days varying from therapy to therapy. Southern Odyssey enjoys the privilege of being associated with the most prominent and well-regarded Ayurveda centres in the country.

To convey the goodness of Ayurveda to the world, Southern Odyssey has joined hands with some of the traditional Ayurvedic exponents in Kerala.



Yoga and meditation

Yoga has the literal meaning of to join, to unite, or to attach. As a term for a system of abstract meditation or mental abstraction it was introduced in the 2nd century BC.

The goals of yoga are varied and range from improving health to achieving mental liberation from all worldly suffering and the cycle of birth and death, at which point there is a realization of identity with the Supreme Brahman.





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