

Day 12 Fri 3 May Cherai - Cochin – Delhi. Free time till transfer from Cherai to Cochin c. 18.15 hrs to the Cochin airport (1 hr) on Air India Flight AI 834 departure 20:55. Arrive at Delhi (T3) at 23:55.

Day 13 Sat 4 May Delhi - London Delhi (T 3) on Air India Flight AI 161 departure 02:40. **Arrive at Heathrow (Terminal 2) at 07:30.**

Price £ 2645 per person (twin share or double occupancy basis)
£ 480 extra for staying in a single occupancy room

Please to express interest contact Fr Ben Drury, the Pilgrim Secretary,
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Booking is through our TransIndus tour manager Mr Hari Daggubaty

Email for a booking Form and detailed terms and conditions from Mr Hari Daggubaty (or Fr Ben Drury)

Email: Hari@transindus.com **Tel:** 020 8566 2729
To book a **deposit of £1000** is required and the **booking form**- both sent to TransIndus. The balance is payable 10 weeks before departure.

TransIndus Bank details are :

Bank Name - Natwest Plc.

Account Name - TransIndus Limited.

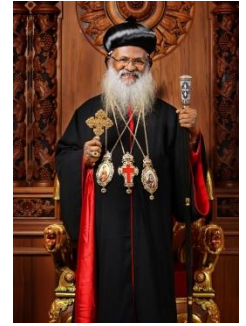
Account Number - 16031016 and Sort Code 54-21-18.

Included–International flights and all internal travel c.20kg hold baggage, c. 5kg cabin Airport Taxes, guides and entrance fees at monuments. - Accommodation for 10 nights, most meals*(sometimes we have a reception/hospitality with local Christians rather than at a restaurant or hotel).TransIndus is ATOL protected

Not Included Visa, Visa Service fee, Insurance, Meals not included in the meal plan*, Personal expenses laundry, telephone, tips, camera fee.



Anglican and Eastern Churches Association



Pilgrimage to Kerala and South India 22 April - 4 May 2024

In the Footsteps of St Thomas, from Chennai (Madras), to Kerala: The Syriac Churches of Southern India.



Our Pilgrimage will be led by their Graces, Abraham Mor Stephanos Metropolitan of the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church In the UK, and + Christopher Chessun, Anglican Bishop of Southwark. Discover the rich heritage, and living faith of the Christians of South India, both of the Oriental Orthodox and Eastern Catholic traditions. Tracing their origins to the Apostolic journey of St Thomas and the missionaries and traders who brought Christianity along the Silk roads and sea trading routs; The Churches of India bear witness to both the East-Syriac (Persian) and West Syriac (Antiochene) churches, as well as the influence of Latin and Anglican churches who came centuries later.

AECA's South India Pilgrimage Itinerary

Day 1 Mon 22 Apr London Fly from Heathrow (Terminal 2) 13:15.

Day 2 Tue 23 April Flights Delhi – Chennai, Arrive at Delhi (T 3) at 02:10, departure 05:55 to Chennai at 08:50. Visit to San Thome basilica and the burial site of St. Thomas, Little Mount Shrine, St. Thomas Mount National Shrine. Evening reception at local church. **Stay at The Residency Chennai (1 night)**



Day 3 Wed 24 Apr Chennai & Mahabalipuram : St. George British Fort, 1640 and Government Museum of Chennai 1851, afternoon visit the rock-cut Mahabalipuram temple complex (UNESCO). Fly from Chennai 21:20. to Trivandrum at 22:40. **Stay at Hycinth Hotel Trivandrum (3 nights)**



Day 4 Thu 25 April St. Mary's Church, Thiruvathamcode, founded by St. Thomas . Padmanabhapuram Wooden palace . On to Kanyakumari/ Cape comorin, S. Point of India.



Day 5 Fri 26 April Trivandrum: Padmanabhaswamy Temple, Horse Palace or Puthenmalika Palace followed by the local markets. Lunch time reception with H.E. Cardinal Clemis, Major Archbishop of the Malankara Catholic Church (West-Syrian Uniate). Kovalam beach for sunset, local dinner.



Day 6 Sat 27 April Transfer from Trivandrum to Kumarakom via Niranam to St. Mary's Church (founded by St. Thomas) Drive to Pulatheen - Thiruvalla. Lunch time reception with Marthoma Metropolitan at Pulatheen, the headquarters of the Marthoma Syrian Church, (in communion with Anglicans). **Stay at Rhythm Resort Kumarakom (4 nights)**

Day 7 Sun 28 April Kumarakom Drive to Nilackal (2 hours 30 mins away), St. Thomas Ecumenical Church, one of the earliest settlements of St. Thomas Christians, witness the flag hoisting ceremony for the feast of St. George in a local parish .



Day 8 Mon 29 April The ancient churches of the St. Thomas's traditions in Kottayam . Viewing of the St. Thomas's Cross dated AD 7th - 8th century. Lecture by Dr. Kurian Thomas on St. Thomas's heritage and viewing of the original 9th century AD Kollam Tarisapalli copper plates , Dinner time meeting with the Catholicos and Metropolitan, of the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church (Indian Orthodox).



Day 9 Tue 30 April The Old Seminary, Kottayam; meet seminarians. Kumarakom backwaters cruise & lunch aboard.

Day 10 Wed 1 May Kumarakom - Cochin - Cherai Morning drive to Fort Kochi (1.hr 30) Half day in Cochin/ Kochi: a blend of colonial architecture: Mattancherry Palace, Jewish Synagogue, St Francis Church, and the iconic Chinese fishing nets. **Stay at Renai Blue Waters Cherai (2 nights)**



Day 11 Thu 2 May Cherai - visits to local markets, temples, churches and villages. The Muziris Heritage Zone's museums and archaeological sites, site of the Malabar coast's ancient port.