



- 2700 km, 4 states, 13 days
- A minimal assistance motor rally - you create your own adventure!
- Vehicles: anything goes!
- Launch: Chennai, India –8 February 2020
- End: 20 February 2020
- Sign up deadline: 7. January 2020

About

The [India's Cup](#) is one of the most recent routes from the Travel Scientists, brought to you by popular demand. Piggy-backing on the years of success we've had with the Rickshaw Challenge, we've decided to revisit our roots in India to come up with a rally experience everyone and anyone can enjoy. While we love to conjure up exciting and new adventures, this time we're going to slow things down a bit, focus more and actually look at our surroundings. Our new Indian rally doesn't take place on the back of a rickshaw nor is it a race, but rather a leisurely road trip in search of the different side of India from the vehicle of your choice. We'll take 13 days to cruise through unparalleled scenery, engaging in a new cultural activity by night, be it sampling the local cuisine, engaging in folk dancing, learning to cook or simply hopping between bars. Are you ready to get to know the real India Then join us on the next India's Cup!

Where?

The India's Cup explores the best of South India from Chennai to Goa going through stunning South Indian cities, including: Panaji, Hampi, Mysore, Coimbatore, Kochi, Tiruvanathapuram, Tuticorin and Thanjavur.

What?

After the success of the Rickshaw Challenge, our first Indian adventure, we've decided to go explore the country deeper. Our new rally is not a race, and we've decided to trade our rickshaws for other vehicles to take a couple of weeks of driving and immersing ourselves in the different local cultures of India. The India's Cup is about slowing down and taking the time to explore and discover a country, whether it's from the driving seat or by cultural activities by night.

Why?

We love India in all its versatility, and after years of racing rickshaws across the south of India we wanted to try something with a difference. You can only go so far with a three-wheeler, so we plan to explore more, see more sides of India and also learn a bit more about this vibrant country along the way.



Route

Day 1, 8 February 2020. Chennai, Tamil Nadu. We spend the day in Chennai to chill a bit and get our bearings before hitting the road.

Day 2, 9 February 2020. Chennai, Tamil Nadu to Pondicherry, Tamil Nadu. We kick start our adventure of the India's Cup from Chennai. Starting off from Tamil Nadu's capital, we swing south, taking a short drive spanning 160 km, so you can get used to spending the day in your car!

Day 3, 10 February 2020. Pondicherry, Tamil Nadu to Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu. Thanjavur is an important center for south Indian religion and art, especially famous its 11th century Brihadisvara Temple, one of the three Great Living Chola Temples.

Day 4, 11 February 2020. Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu to Tuticorin, Tamil Nadu. Heading further south, we're going to drive to the port city of Tuticorin in Tamil Nadu, passing by Madurai with its famed Meenakshi Temple before relaxing on a tropical fruit farm.

Day 5, 12 February 2020. Tuticorin, Tamil Nadu to Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala. We cross some stunning landscapes before we drive into Kerala – a state on the south coast known for its amazing food and its backwaters. We spend the night in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala’s capital on the west coast of India.

Day 6, 13 February 2020. Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala to Kochi, Kerala.

We reach the serene city of Kochi, which has a fascinating mix of cultures, from Chinese fishing nets, a 400-year-old synagogue, Portuguese houses, historic mosques to the remnants of the British Raj. We take some time to explore it, before heading on to our destination Coimbatore.

Day 7, 14 February 2020. Kochi, Kerala to Coimbatore, Kerala.

We turn inland today towards the mountains of the Western Ghats with their lush forests. Coimbatore’s “Adiyogi” Shiva statue is the largest bust in the world and offers spectacular sunsets.

Day 8, 15 February 2020. Coimbatore, Kerala to Mysuru, Karnataka.

Some say that if you haven’t been to Mysore, then you don’t really know South India. With a 600-year history and a flamboyant character, we thought it would be a great place to swing by!

Day 9, 16 February 2020. Rest day in Mysuru, Karnataka.

Spend the day relaxing in the fabulous surroundings of Mysuru with its Sri Chamundeshwari Temple, the Srirangapatna, and Namdroling Nyingmapa Monastery before it’s time to get on the road again.

Day 10, 17 February 2020, Mysuru, Karnataka to Mangaluru, Karnataka.

Our next stop Mangaluru, one of the major port cities on the Malabar coast, leads us back to the Arabian Sea. With its rich history it is the hotbed for many classical and folk forms of dance. It is the birthplace of Hulivesha which means ‘tiger dance’ and Karadi Vesha, ‘Bear dance’, folk dances that are performed during the Hindu festivals of Dasara and Krishna Janmashtami.

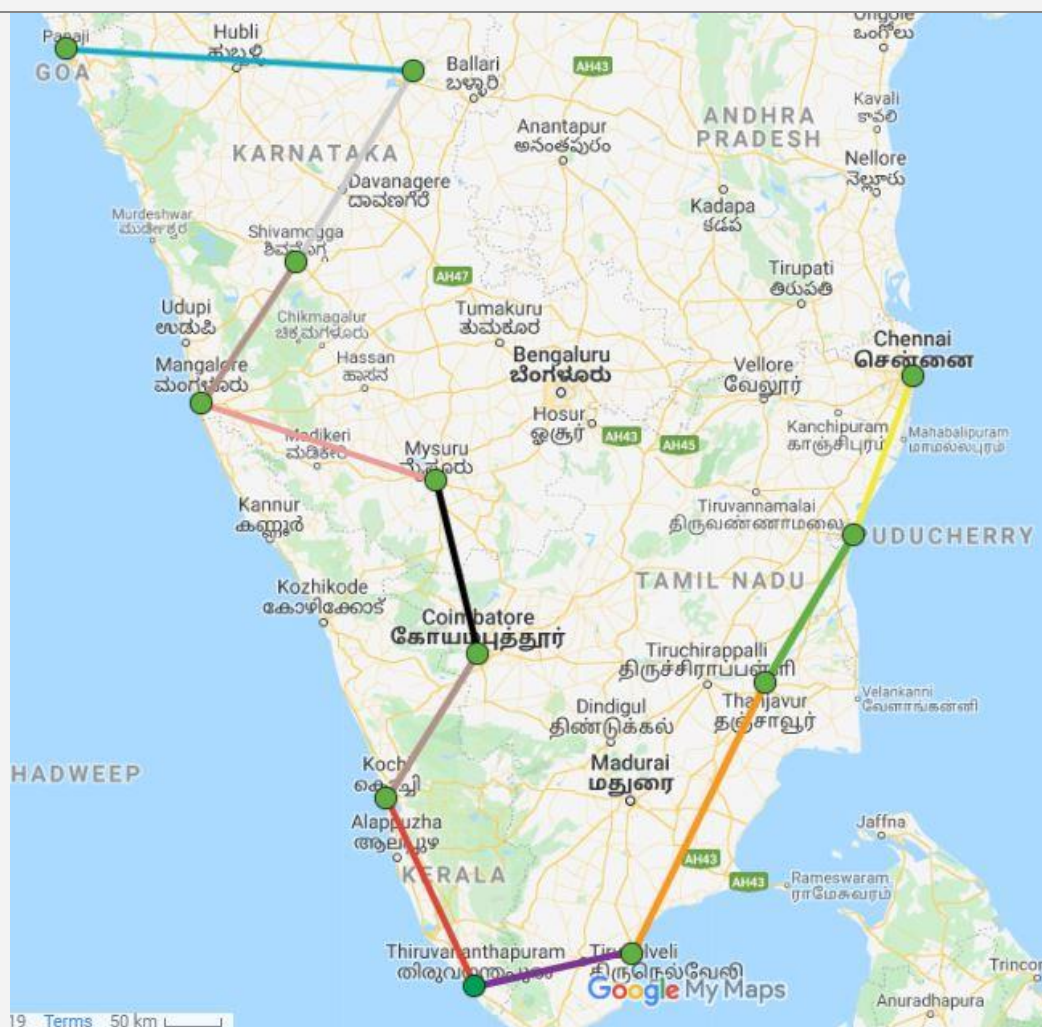
Day 11, 18 February 2020. Mangaluru, Karnataka to Shivamogga, Karnataka.

And back inland it goes again. We travel down to Shivamogga where the Shettihalli Wildlife Sanctuary invites you to meet with tigers and elephants. Shivamogga is known as the gateway to the Western Ghats and surrounded by lush green paddy fields, arecanut and coconut groves, so you really should get out there and explore.

Day 12, 19 February 2020. Shivamogga, Karnataka to Hampi, Karnataka.

Hampi once was the imperial capital of Vijayanagar, a 14th century empire, and the second largest city of it's time. The ruins are scattered over a huge area, so take some time to explore them!

Day 13, 20 February 2020. Hampi, Karnataka to Panaji, Goa. Complete your India's Cup in style as you drive towards the amazing beaches of Goa, where in its capital Panaji the traditional closing ceremony and drinks party will be held to celebrate the end of another glorious triumphant journey through the magnificence that is India's Cup.



Fees & Dates

Dates: 8 - 20 February 2020

* €880 (71,000.00 INR) for an extra team participant. (max. 4 people in a team)

Included	Basic Package €595/46700 INR (per person)	Standard Package €995/78200 INR (per person)	Deluxe Package €4499/363,000.00 INR (per team of 2)*
Medical Kit	✓	✓	✓
Tool Box	✓	✓	✓
Navigational sheet	✓	✓	✓
Event shirt	✓	✓	✓
Sim card	✓	✓	✓
Hotel package	X	✓	✓
Breakfast	X	✓	✓
Airport pick up	X	✓	✓
Mobile phone	X	✓	✓
Rally Vehicle	X	X	✓
Road map	X	X	✓
Overnight vehicle checkup	Team pays for parts & labor	Team pays for parts & labor	Fully covered
On the road service	Team pays for parts & labor	Team pays for parts & labor	Fully covered
Breakage	Team pays for parts & labor	Team pays for parts & labor	Fully covered



Vehicles

We've done our homework for the India's Cup to assure you the most scenic roads where you get to see the best of India from the driving seat. We'll get lost, and we'll probably break down, we'll also probably get stranded because there is a cow on the road that refuses to budge, but we'll come home with endless stories to tell.

One thing we've also been careful to engineer on our new rally is that it can be done with any vehicle. You don't need a powerful four-wheel drive to take part – any vehicle will do! And if you want to ride in a classic Indian vehicle, we can definitely help out there.

Rentals

Do you want to arrive in Chennai with nothing but a suitcase and a sense of adventure in hand? Then no worries, we've got you covered. There is no need to buy a car just for the rally, only to deal with the hassle of getting it back home or trying to flog it in Chennai once the rally is over. Also, if you want to find an amazing local Indian vehicle for a true local experience, we can help! Check out our vehicle rentals on offer, and simply pick it up at the starting line and drop it off at the end.

We can help you out with:

- Short/long term vehicle rental
- 2WD, 4WD or motorbike
- Pick up and drop off service
- Flexible support
- Vehicle customization services
- Fully equipped vehicles

While the Travel Scientists are known for their crazy antics, we can promise you that all our rentals meet the local legal requirements and tick the health and safety boxes, as well as being comfortable to drive. We're not going to rent a rusty banger with the doors falling off... unless you like that sort of thing!

Contact us today for prices, vehicles and further information, and we can help you find the right engine to race into the Baltics in the middle of winter!

Sales

Maybe after surviving all those pothole laden Indian roads and deafening traffic jams you've somehow fallen in love with your car and want to take it back home? Or you simply want to keep it as a trophy or you just need a new car?

We can help you out with the vehicle purchase, and we can sort out the paperwork and shipping arrangements for you. Buying a car for India's Cup doesn't have to be a bureaucratic nightmare, we can handle all of that, so just let us know your budget and tastes and we'll do the rest!

Drop us a line for more information and prices. These two can be one section as "Vehicles" where we mention that the route was created so any vehicle can do it.

Travel Scientists

The [Travel Scientists](#) are the world's most gonzo adventure travel operator, whose mission is to create amazing thrills, unique experiences and a little drunken fun on the side. Not your usual travel operator, the maniacal travel research specialists have conjured up the most daring, inspiring and most memorable excursions still around in the modern world.

Why travel with us?

We might ham up the drinking and craziness, but we've been in the business for 12 years and we've certainly got plenty of road trips under our belt and over a 1000 happy travelers who have shared adventures with us, most of them multiple times. We've been around since 2006 when we launched the first Rickshaw Challenge, which has earned a place in the Lonely Planet's 'World's Top 10 Greatest Adventures' in 2012.

One reason for our success is that we like to operate in manageable groups rather than get lost in hordes of participants. For us, travel is about community, so we want to foster that on our trips, where everyone knows each other's name and even after doing their own thing on the road we can all sit down and share adventures together over a beer.

We carefully scout out the routes so we can still find places where adventure still exists, bringing leisure and the freedom of independent traveling together, as well as a healthy dash of partying into the mix.

Our Rallies

- [The Rickshaw Challenge](#) – *The race for the clinically insane, explore Southern India entirely from a rickshaw.*
- [The Balkan Ride](#) - *Discover Europe's wild side.*
- [The Caucasian Challenge](#) – *Discover the Caucasus Mountains and their surroundings on our ever-popular rally.*
- [The Central Asia Rally](#) – *A thrilling road trip across the steppes of Central Asia, tracing the old Silk Road from Samarkand to the Pamir Mountains.*
- [The Baltic Run](#) – *An icy adventure into the Baltic States.*
- [The Moroccan Escapade](#) - *A desert adventure exploring the gateway to Africa.*
- [The Wild West Challenge](#) – *Giddy up and get your cowboy boots on for this race into the deserts of the US.*



Custom Adventures

Do you want to join in with the fun of the India's Cup, but can't make the dates or you fancy tailoring the route or want to take in the sites at your own pace? No worries, the Travel Scientists can conjure up something from the depth of our labs just for you.

We can also set up a personalized rally for your company, which make excellent team building activities. You tell us where you want to go and what you want to do, and we can organize the rest for you.

There is no need to start in Chennai, if you prefer to explore a different part of India or simply concentrate on one specific area, we can help out. If you need to rent or buy a car we can sort that for you.

Let us know the what, when, why, how, how much, we can take care of the rest. We're super flexible, so all you need to do is share your ideas and expectations and leave it up to us.

Contact Us

Interested in chatting more or have a query? Then drop us a line! We love to hear from people. If you have any questions, comments or proposals then let us know!

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