

- 2400 km, 4 states, 11 days
- A minimal assistance motor rally - you create your own adventure!
- Vehicles: anything goes!
- Launch: Chennai, India – 22 April 2018
- End: 2 May 2018
- Sign up deadline: 22 March 2018

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 and 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 real India from the vehicle of your choice. We'll take 11 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 going from Chennai to Goa going through stunning South Indian cities, including: Panaji, Hampi, Mysore, Coimbatore, Kochi, Tiruvanathapuram, Tuticorin, Thanjavur.

What?

After the success of the Rickshaw Challenge, our first Indian adventure, we've decided to go explore the country more. 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 local culture. India's Cup is about slowing down and taking the time to explore and discover a new country, whether it's from the driving seat or by cultural activities by night.

Why?

We love India, and after years of racing rickshaws across the sub-continent 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 of India and also learn a bit more about this vibrant country along the way.



Route

Day 1, 22 April 2018. Chennai, Tamil Nadu. We'll spend the day in Chennai to chill a bit and get our bearings before hitting the road.

Day 2, 23 April 2018. Chennai, Tamil Nadu. We kick start our Indian adventure of the India's Cup from Chennai. Starting off from Tamil Nadu's capital, we swing south, taking a long drive spanning 346 km, so enjoy the view!

Day 3, 24 April 2018. 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 4, 25 April 2018. Alappuzha, Kerala. We will cross some mountains and a stunning nature reserve before we will drive into Kerala – a state on the south coast known for its amazing food and its backwaters.

Day 5, 26 April 2018. Coimbatore, Tamilnadu. We'll pass by 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'll take some time to explore it, before heading on to our destination Coimbatore.

Day 6, 27 April 2018. Mysore, 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!

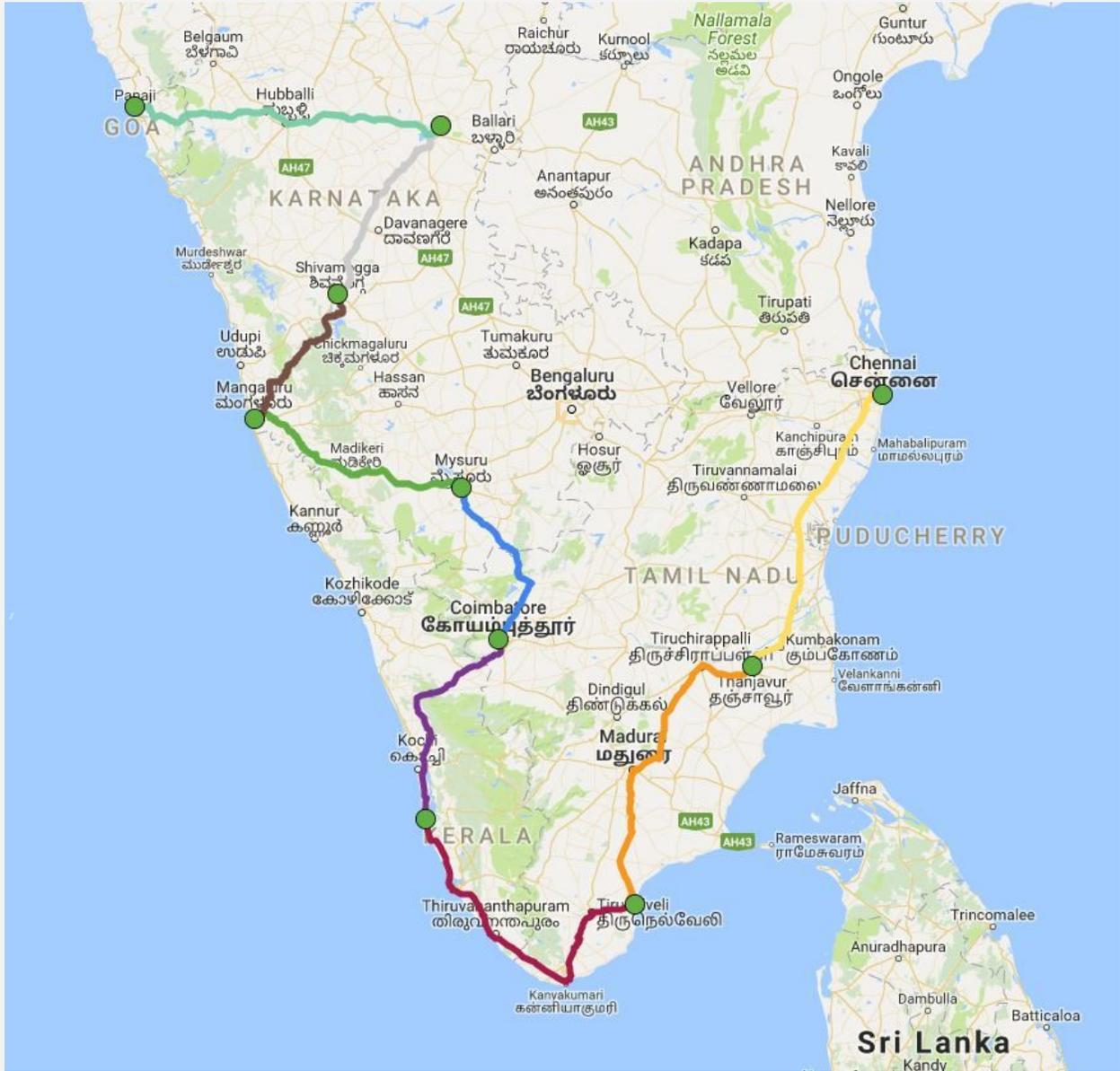
Day 7, 28 April 2018. Mysore, Karnataka. Spend the day relaxing in the fabulous surroundings of Mysuru with its Sri Chamundeshwari Temple, the Srirangapatna, and Namdroling Nyingmapa Monastery before it's time to get on the road again.

Day 8, 29 April 2018. 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 Veshha, 'Bear dance', folk dances that are performed during the Hindu festivals of Dasara and Krishna Janmashtami.

Day 9, 30 April 2018. Shivamogga, Karnataka. And back inland it goes again and we will travel down to Shivamogga where the Shettihalli Wildlife Sanctuary invites you to have a stroll in the forest 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 10, 1 May 2018, 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 11, 2 May 2018. 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: 22 April 2018 - 2 May 2018

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

Included	Basic Package €490/39,500.00 INR (per person)	Standard Package €880/71,000.00 INR (per person)	Deluxe Package €4499/363,000.00 INR (per team of 2)*
Luggage Truck	✓	✓	✓
Medical Kit	✓	✓	✓
Tool Box	✓	✓	✓
Navigational sheet	✓	✓	✓
Event shirt	✓	✓	✓
Sim card	✓	✓	✓
Hotel package	✗	✓	✓
Breakfast	✗	✓	✓
Airport pick up	✗	✓	✓
Mobile phone	✗	✓	✓
Rally Vehicle	✗	✗	✓
Road map	✗	✗	✓
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 India's Cup to assure you the most scenic roads where you get to see the best of India from the driving seat. We're going to take you through the four corners of India on our seasonal branches of India's Cup, kicking off with our Winter Rally, where we get to explore the best of South India. 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 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 like an Ambassador 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. Simple!

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 to 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 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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Warning

It wouldn't be an adventure without some element of danger, but we don't want you getting killed on the trip for doing something stupid. You'll need to be aware of the potential dangers and really know what you're signing up for.

This is not a package holiday, but a tough test of your endurance in new countries. The unexpected is fun, but you will experience problems if you don't come prepared.

So what do we mean by a "minimum assistance rally"?

This is a nice way of saying you'll mostly be on your own. There are no back-up vehicles, mechanics stashed away on the roadside, rescue teams or any support vehicles or persons. There are no arrangements on a national or local level to hold your hand when the going gets tough.

You'll have the rights of being a regular tourist, so you must play by the local rules. This will include all visas, legal and medical regulations. If you're stranded, broken down, injured or harassed, you'll need to take care of yourself and your team.

You'll face a good chance of experiencing mechanical, medical, financial or other types of damage risks. See our the website for more details or drop us a line.
