



PUBLIC OFFICERS' WELFARE COUNCIL

Promoting the welfare of Public Officers and their families

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From: *Welfare Events Organiser, Public Officers' Welfare Council*

To: *Supervising Officers i/c Ministries/Departments*

Tour to South India(Chennai)

The Public Officers' Welfare Council (POWC) is organising a group tour to India (Chennai) for Public Officers and their families from Friday 02nd to Saturday 17th August 2024.

2. The flight details are as follows:

14 Nights' Stay	Departure from Mauritius (SSR International Airport) <i>Air Mauritius</i>			Departure from Chennai (Chennai International Airport) <i>Air Mauritius</i>		
	Date	Flight No.	Mauritian Time (Hours)	Date	Flight No.	Indian Time (Hours)
	Friday 02 nd August 2024	MK 746	1830	Saturday 17 th August 2024	MK 747	0335

3. The package comprises the following:

- Air tickets
- Hotel accommodation as follows:
 - CHENNAI – S Hotel or similar
 - Pondicherry – Hotel Green or similar
 - Trichy – SRM Hotel or similar
 - MADURAI – Ramthana Residency or similar
 - KANYAKUMARI – Seashore or similar
 - KOVALAM – Sagara Beach Resort or similar
 - ALLEPPEY – Houseboat
 - COCHIN – Broad Bean Hotel or similar
 - MYSORE – Preethi International or similar
 - BANGALORE – CRN Canary or similar
- Transfers by air conditioned coach programme (see programme of the tour at Annex 1)
- Breakfast, lunch & dinner at local restaurant or hotel (as per programme)
- One bottle of mineral water per person per day in the coach.
- English speaking guide.
- CHENNAI FLIGHT with 7 / 23 kg baggage.

4. Thirty- Three seats have been secured for the group and the cost per person is as follows:

Room Combination	Rate (MUR)
Single Room	80,000
Per Adult in Double Sharing Room	69,600
Per Adult in Triple Sharing Room	65,600

Child Policy	Rate (MUR)
Child aged between 03 to 11 years old requiring additional bed	52,000
Child aged between 03 to 11 years old sharing parents' bed	49,000
Infant (up to 35 months)	2,900

Note:

- (i) A person aged up to 35 months is considered as an infant;
- (ii) A person aged between 03 to 11 years is considered as a child;
- (iii) A person aged 12 years and above is considered as an adult; and
- (iv) A person aged 60 years and above (senior citizen) benefits from a discount of MUR 500 on the package.
- (v) Maximum room occupancy: Double room – 2 adults (1 child with extra bed and 1 child sharing parents' bed) and triple sharing – 3 adults only

5. Participants should possess a passport with minimum six months' validity as from the return date of the tour. (Valid till 18th February 2025)

6. It is mandatory for each participant to obtain his/her Tourist Visa (*for 30 days*) before the departure. After the issuance of tickets, each participant should make his/her own Tourist Visa arrangements, at the **High Commission of India** by logging on to: <http://indianvisaonline.gov.in/evisa/tvoa.html>, click on the Tab/Heading " E -Tourist Visa Application".

7. It is compulsory for each participant to make his/her own arrangements for vaccination against Hepatitis A, 10 to 15 days prior to departure at the Vaccination Centre, 1st Floor, Mutual Aid Building, Guy Rozemont Square, Port Louis.

8. Public Officers interested to join the tour are requested to fill in the participation form at **Annex 2** and **Annex 3** and submit same to the Council together with the exact amount on the scheduled payment date.

9. Please note that the following documents should be submitted while effecting payment:
- Photocopy of a recent payslip or top part of the payslip indicating the name, paysite code and National Identity Card number attesting that the applicant is a serving public officer;
 - Photocopy of passport of each participant. (In case of non-availability or invalid passport, participants will have to submit a photocopy of Birth Certificate or National Identity Card when effecting payment until issuance and/or renewal of passport. The participant should make necessary arrangements to obtain a valid passport at the earliest possible and submit a photocopy to the Council) and
 - Relevant authorising documents from the nearest police station for a person below the age of 18 (minor) who will not be accompanied by his/her parents on the tour.

10. Payments will be received on a **“first come, first served basis”** from 0900hrs to 1400hrs at the seat of the Public Officers’ Welfare Council, Level 12, SICOM Building 2, Corner Chevreau and Reverend Jean LeBrun Street, Port Louis, as from issue of the Circular and until all seats are fully booked.

Applicants are encouraged to effect payment preferably by card or cheque to the order of “Public Officers’ Welfare Council”.

11. Participants willing to avail themselves of the passage benefits will have to make their own arrangements with the Accountant-General or the Human Resource Section of their respective Ministries/Departments.

12. Cancellation will be accepted only in exceptional cases (e.g. illness, death of close relative or any other valid reason) supported by documentary evidence. In case of cancellation, an administrative fee of MUR 200 per participant together with **other cancellation charges as claimed by stakeholders will be applicable.**

13. Participants, who are under medical supervision or who are on special drugs should submit relevant details to the Council.

14. Participants are required to comply with all instructions given by the group leaders/guides during the tour and will have to bear responsibility of any mishap caused by themselves or accompanied members of their family during the tour.

15. Participants are recommended to make their own arrangements for travel insurance.

16. Please note that, in India (Chennai) all money transactions are made in Indian Rupee.

17. The Council reserves the right to cancel the tour in case of any unforeseen circumstances. Participants will be refunded accordingly.

18. It would be appreciated if the contents of this circular letter could be brought to the attention of all Public Officers serving in your Ministry/Department. A copy thereof is also posted on the Council’s Facebook page: POWC Mauritius and website: <http://powc.govmu.org>


M. D. Boyjoonauth (Mrs.)
Welfare Events Organiser

Copy to: Presidents of Staff Welfare Associations

DAY -1/- ARRIVAL AT CHENNAI AIRPORT,

Arrival at Chennai airport
Meet and greet by the local representative
Transfer to Hotel
Dinner and Overnight in Chennai

Day- 2/ CHENNAI TO PONDICHERY VIA MAHABALLIPURAM NIGHT IN PONDICHERY (170 kms, approx 5 hours)

Breakfast at Hotel
Checkout from hotel
Proceed the journey towards PONDICHERY
On the way visit MAHABALLIPURAM
At Mahaballipuram visit, Five Rathas
Later transfer to PONDICHERY
ON arrival check in the hotel later visit AURBINDO ASHRAM and Marine drive
spend time at beach
Evening is free for shopping
Dinner and overnight in Pondicherry

DAY -8/ COCHIN TO ALLEPPEY

Breakfast at Hotel
Checkout from hotel
Proceed the journey towards Alleppey for a cruise in the backwaters, lunch,
Dinner and overnight stay in houseboat.

DAY -9/ALLEPPEY TO COCHIN

Breakfast at Hotel
Checkout from the Cruise
Proceed for Cochin sightseeing by visiting Dutch palace, First Church of India , Chinese fishing net
Later in the evening, enjoy Kathakali Dance performance
Return to hotel
Dinner and overnight in Cochin

DAY -10 COCHIN TO MYSORE (400 kms, approx 11hrs)

Breakfast at Hotel
Checkout from hotel
proceed the journey towards MYSORE
On arrival, check in the hotel
Dinner and overnight stay at hotel in MYSORE



DAY -3 PONDICHERY TO TRICHY(210 kms, approx 5 hours)

Breakfast at Hotel
Checkout from hotel and visit AUROVILLE
Proceed the journey towards TRICHY
On arrival check in the hotel .
Dinner and overnight in TRICHY

DAY 4/ TRICHY - RAMESHWARAM - MADURAI(180 kms, approx 5 hours)

Breakfast at Hotel
Visit The Ramanathaswamy Temple
Later drive to MADURAI.
Dinner and overnight in Madurai

DAY -5/ MADURAI SIGHTSEEING

Breakfast at Hotel
Morning visit to Meenakshi temple .
Free time for shopping in the market
Return to hotel.
Dinner and Overnight In Madurai

DAY -6/ MADURAI TO KANYAKUMARI(250 kms, 6hours)

Breakfast at Hotel
Checkout from hotel
Drive to Kanyakumari
On arrival check in the hotel
Dinner and overnight in Kanyakumari

DAY -7/ KANYAKUMARI TO COCHIN

Breakfast at Hotel
Check out from hotel
Visit Vivekananda Rock By boat
Proceed to Cochin
Dinner and overnight in Cochin

DAY -11 MYSORE SIGHTSEEING

Breakfast at Hotel
Proceed for Mysore sightseeing
Visit Mysore palace, Chamundi Devi temple - Chamundi hills,
Evening visit to Brindaban Garden
Free time for shopping and exploring
Dinner and overnight in Mysore

DAY -12 MYSORE TO BANGALORE (150 kms, approx 4 hours)

Breakfast at Hotel
Checkout from hotel
Proceed to Bangalore
Visit Radha Krishna Temple
Sri Radha Krishna Temple has deities of Radha Krishna located at Rajajinagar in North Bangalore, Karnataka, India
Dinner and overnight stay at Bangalore

DAY -13 BANGALORE TO CHENNAI ENROUTE VISIT KANCHIPURAM (400 kms, approx 8 hours)

Breakfast at Hotel
Checkout from hotel
visit LALBAUGH
Proceed to Chennai
On the way visit Kanchipuram, visit temple free time for shopping
On arrival check in.
Dinner and overnight in Chennai

DAY -14/ CHENNAI SIGHTSEEING + SHOPPING

Breakfast at Hotel
Visit the Kapaleshwara temple St. Thomas Church and Marina beach
Dinner and overnight stay at hotel in CHENNAI

DAY -15/ DEPARTURE

CHECKOUT FROM HOTEL AND TRANSFER TO AIRPORT TO BOARD A FLIGHT TO HOME COUNTRY WITH SW

MEMORIES (Flight Departure from MUR 02 Aug 24 @ 1838 / Departure from Chennai 17 Aug 24 @0335)



South India (Chennai)
02nd to 17th August 2024

Name of Applicant: *Mr./Mrs./Miss
(* Delete as appropriate and SURNAME in block letters)

Designation:

Ministry/Department:

Residential Address:

Phone Number: (Mob)..... (Res)..... (Off).....

Emergency Contact Person: Phone Number:

Accompanied by:

Name	Relationship	D.O.B.	Age	Non Veg	Veg	Amount (MUR)
Self						
2						
3						
4						
5						
6						
TOTAL						

NOTE

- (i) Original passport check-in at the Airport.
- (ii) Participants are required to make their own arrangements for vaccination prior to departure.
- (iii) Participants are recommended to make their own arrangements for travel insurance.
- (iv) Participants, who are under medical supervision or who are on special drugs should submit relevant details to the Public Officers' Welfare Council.
- (v) The costs of any additional service/items, including beverages, not included in this package will have to be met by the participant.
- (vi) Participants should bear responsibility of any mishap caused by themselves or accompanied members of their family during the tour.
- (vii) Participants are required to comply with all instructions given by the group leaders/guides during the tour.

I and my family members confirm that we are participating in the Tour to South India (Chennai) at our own risk. I understand by signing this participation form that my family and I cannot enter any representation, or statement, or legal action against the Public Officers' Welfare Council.

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Date

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Signature of Applicant

For office use only

Amount Paid _____

Receipt No. _____

Payment Effected by: Cash:

Cheque:

Bank Card:

Cheque No:



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Annex 3

RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT FORM

Activity: TOUR TO SOUTH INDIA (Chennai) (02nd to 17th August 2024)

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AND FILL AS APPROPRIATE

I and my family members namely:

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confirm that we are participating in the above mentioned activity at our own risk.

I hereby release and hold harmless the PUBLIC OFFICERS' WELFARE COUNCIL with respect to any and all injury, disability, death, or loss or damage to person or property, whether caused by negligence or otherwise on the part of the participants during the activity.

I understand, by signing this form, that I and my family cannot enter any representation, or statement, or legal action against the PUBLIC OFFICERS' WELFARE COUNCIL.

I have read this Release of Liability and Assumption of Risk Agreement. I fully understand its terms.

Signature of Applicant

Name of applicant

Date

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