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From: Organising Secretary, Public Officers' Welfare Council
To: Supervising Officers i/c Ministries/Departments

Tour to India

The Public Officers' Welfare Council (POWC) is organising a group tour to South India, for public officers and their families from Monday 02 December to Tuesday 17 December 2019.

2. The flight details are as follows:

14 Nights' Stay	<i>Departure from Mauritius (SSR International Airport) Air Mauritius</i>			<i>Departure from Chennai (Chennai International Airport) Air Mauritius</i>		
	Date	Flight No.	Mauritian Time (Hours)	Date	Flight No.	Indian Time (Hours)
	Monday 02 December 2019	MK 746	21:05	Tuesday 17 December 2019	MK 747	07:40

3. The package comprises the following:

- Air tickets
- Hotel accommodation with daily breakfast:
 - 2 Nights in Hotel Fortune JP Celestial (4 Star Hotel in Bangalore)
 - 2 Nights in Hotel Fortune JP Palace (4 Star Hotel in Mysore)
 - 2 Nights in Hotel Gem Park (4 Star Hotel in Ooty)
 - 2 Nights in Hotel Gokulum Park (4 Star Hotel in Coimbatore [Cochin])
 - 1 Night on Boathouse (Allepey)
 - 1 Night in Hotel Munnar Queen (4 Star Hotel in Munnar)
 - 1 Night in Hotel SRM (4 Star Hotel in Trichy)
 - 1 Night in Hotel Shenbaga (4 Star Hotel in Puduchery)
 - 2 Nights in Hotel Residency (4 Star Hotel in Chennai)
- Transfers by coach and train (see programme of the tour at **Annex 1**)
- The provision of an English speaking guide
- 4 lunches and 14 dinners
- Sightseeing and visits with entrance tickets to most attractive places as per programme.

4. Forty seats has been secured for the group and the **cost per person** is as follows:

Room combination	Rate (MUR)
Single room	67, 250
Per adult in double sharing room	51, 300
Per adult in triple sharing room	51, 300

Child Policy	Rate (MUR)
Infant (up to 23 months)	3, 950
Child aged between 02 to 04 years old sharing parents' bed	19, 475
Child aged between 05 to 11 years old sharing parents' bed	31, 175
Child aged between 05 to 11 years old requiring additional bed	37, 375
Child aged 12 years old sharing parents' bed	34, 150
Child aged 12 years old requiring additional bed	40, 350

Note:

- a person aged up to 23 months is considered as an infant;
- a person aged between 02 to 12 years is considered as a child;
- a person aged 13 years and above is considered as an adult; and
- a person aged 60 years and above (senior citizen) benefits a discount of MUR 500 on the package;
- Maximum room occupancy will be as follows:
 - 3 Adults + 1 Child (0 – 12 years, sharing parents' bed)
 - 2 Adults + 2 Children (0 – 12 years, one sharing parents' bed and one with additional bed)

5. Participants should possess a passport with minimum six months' validity as from the return date of the tour (valid till 17 June 2020).

6. It is **mandatory** for each participant to obtain his/her **Tourist Visa prior to departure**. After the issuance of tickets, each participant should make his/her **own Tourist Visa arrangements**, which is **free of charge**, at the **High Commission of India** by logging on to:

<http://indianvisaonline.gov.in/>, click on the Tab/Heading "**Regular Visa Application**" and follow the below mentioned procedures:

- (i) Select 'Country you are applying visa from' as MAURITIUS
- (ii) Select 'Indian Mission' as MAURITIUS-PORT LOUIS
- (iii) Fill all the mandatory items marked by red star (*)
 - (i) Select 'Expected Date of Arrival' as 17/12/2019
 - (ii) Select 'Visa Type' as TOURIST VISA
 - (iii) Select 'Purpose' as GROUP TOURIST
- (iv) Save and submit the form, obtain a print out of the same and sign it.
- (v) Participants should produce the print-out of the application along with the below listed required supporting documents at the visa counter of the High Commission of India, 6th Floor, L.I.C. Building, President John Kennedy Street, Port Louis on weekdays between 0930 to 1200 hours. Collection of Visa can be made at the same venue on weekdays between 1615 to 1700 hours.

Documents to be produced at the Visa Counter of the High Commission of India:

- Passport with minimum six months' validity as from the return date of the tour
- Filled in Application Form (in block capital letters)
- Two recent passport size photographs (one affixed on the application and other to be attached)
- Confirmed air booking for onward and return flight (to be provided by the Council)
- Travelers cheques **or**
Money exchange receipt in the name of participant at the rate of US\$ 50 (fifty) per day per person for stay in India **or**
Letter from the bank indicating the financial means of the participant to meet the expenses in India **or**
A recent Bank Statement **or**
Photocopy of credit card accompanying with a letter from the bank indicating the credit limit.

After having received the Tourist Visa, each participant should submit a copy of same to the Council by Monday 04 November 2019 at latest. Participants having difficulties in applying for the Tourist Visa should inform the Council at the earliest possible for assistance.

7. Each participant should make his/her own arrangements for vaccination 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 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 or any written evidence/document 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
- Photocopy of birth certificates for each participant as well as marriage certificate where applicable
- Relevant authorising documents from the nearest police station for a person below the age of 18 (minor) who will not be accompanied by their parents on the tour.

10. Payments will be received on a **“first come, first served basis”** on **Saturday 28 September 2019 from 09:00 to 12:00** at the seat of the Public Officers' Welfare Council, 6th Floor, Atom House, 16, Royal Street, Port Louis. In case seats are still available, payments will be extended to weekdays as from Monday 30 September 2019 from 09:30 to 14:00.

Applicants are kindly requested to effect payment, preferably by bank card or cheque to the order of “Public Officers' Welfare Council”.

11. Participants willing to avail themselves of 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 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, 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 website: <http://powc.govmu.org>.



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Organising Secretary



Copy to: Presidents of Staff Welfare Associations

SOUTH INDIA TOUR (14 Nights' Stay)


MONDAY 02 DECEMBER 2019 to TUESDAY 17 DECEMBER 2019

Check in at SSR International Airport on 02 December at 1800 hrs

Departure from SSR International Airport at 2105 hrs

	DAY 1 : 03/12/19		Arrival Bangalore
	0400 HRS	Arrival at Kempegowda International Airport	
	0600 HRS	Visit to Lalbagh	
	1130 HRS	Check In at Hotel (4 star)	
	1130 HRS	Lunch at Hotel	
	1500 HRS	Visit Tipu Sultan fort and Summer Palace	
	1930 HRS	Dinner at Hotel/Restaurant	
	Overnight stay at Hotel (4 Star)		
	DAY 2: 04/12/19		Bangalore
	0800 HRS	Breakfast at Hotel	
	0900 HRS	Full day sightseeing (Vidhana Soudha, Mahalakshmi Temple, Garuda Vahana Anjaneya Temple, Infant Jesus Church, Krishna Temple and Cubbon Park)	
	1400 HRS	Lunch own arrangement	
	1930 HRS	Dinner at Hotel	
	Overnight stay at Hotel (4 Star)		
	DAY 3 : 05/12/19		Bangalore to Mysore
	0730 HRS	Breakfast stay at Hotel + Check Out	
	0830 HRS	Drive to Mysore	
	1000 HRS	On the way visit Bangalore Film City	
	1330 HRS	Lunch stopover midway - Own arrangement	
	1730 HRS	Arrival at Mysore	
	1930 HRS	Check in at Hotel (4 star)	
	Dinner at Hotel		
	Overnight stay at Hotel (4 Star)		
	DAY 4 : 06/12/19		Mysore
	0730 HRS	Breakfast at Hotel	
	0830 HRS	Visit Chamundi Hills, Mysore Palace, Silk Factory and Devaraja Market. Sightseeing – Chamundeswari Temple. Philomena Church, Brindavan Garden	
	1300 HRS	Lunch own arrangement	
	2000 HRS	Dinner at Hotel	
	Overnight stay at Hotel (4 Star)		
	DAY 5: 07/12/19		Mysore to Ooty
	0800 HRS	Breakfast at Hotel	
	0900 HRS	Drive to Ooty	
	1400 HRS	Lunch own arrangement	
	1600 HRS	Visit Ooty Lake	
	1830 HRS	Check in at Hotel (4 star)	
	1900 HRS	Dinner at Hotel	
	Overnight stay at Hotel (4 Star)		
	DAY 6: 08/11/19		Ooty
	0830 HRS	Breakfast at Hotel	
	0930 HRS	Visit Ooty Botanical Garden, Tiger Hills, Dodabetta Peak	
	1330 HRS	Lunch included	
		Rest of the day for leisure and shopping	
	1930 HRS	Dinner at hotel	
	Overnight stay at Hotel (4 Star)		

DAY 7: 09/12/19		Ooty - Coonoor - Cochin
	0700 HRS	Breakfast at Hotel
	0800 HRS	Drive to Ooty Railway Station
	0900 HRS	Toy train to Coonoor
	1030 HRS	Drive to Cochin
		On the way visit tea plantations & Sims Park + Lunch at Coimbatore (Around 2pm)
	1930 HRS	Check in at Hotel in Cochin (4 star)
	2000 HRS	Dinner at Hotel
		Overnight stay at Hotel (4 Star)
DAY 8: 10/12/19		Cochin
	0800 HRS	Breakfast at Hotel
		Free time till lunch
	1300 HRS	Lunch own arrangement
	1400 HRS	Proceed for sightseeing of Cochin after lunch time – Visit Chinese Fishing net, St Francis Church and Mattancherry Market
	1700 HRS	Later evening enjoy the Kathakali Dance Performance
	2000 HRS	Dinner to be provided
DAY 9: 11/12/19		Cochin to Allepey
	0800 HRS	Breakfast at Hotel
	0900 HRS	Drive to Allepey
	1100 HRS	Arrive & embark on-board the houseboat
		Enjoy the scenic beauty of Kerala backwaters
		Lunch & Dinner on Houseboat included
		Overnight stay on Motorised Houseboat
DAY 10: 12/12/19		Allepey to Munnar
	0800 HRS	Breakfast at Houseboat
	0900 HRS	Drive to Munnar
	1300 HRS	Lunch own arrangement
	1600 HRS	Arrive at Munnar & Check in at Hotel (4 star)
	1700 HRS	Visit City Tea Gardens and waterfalls on the way
	1930 HRS	Dinner at Hotel to be provided
		Overnight stay at Hotel (4 Star)
DAY 11: 13/12/19		Munnar to Trichy
	0800 HRS	Breakfast at Hotel
	0900 HRS	Drive to Trichy
	1400 HRS	Lunch own Arrangement
	1600 HRS	Check in at Hotel (4 star)
	1700 HRS	City Tour at Trichy
	2000 HRS	Dinner at hotel
		Overnight stay at Hotel (4 Star)
DAY 12: 14/12/19		Trichy to Puducherry
	0800 HRS	Breakfast at Hotel
	0900 HRS	Drive to Puducherry
	1330 HRS	Lunch own Arrangement
	1430 HRS	Visit the Aurobindo Ashram, French quarters, Auroville Centre.
	1830 HRS	Check in at Hotel (4 star)
	1930 HRS	Dinner at hotel
		Overnight stay at Hotel (4 Star)
DAY 13: 15/12/19		Puducherry to Chennai
	0800 HRS	Breakfast at Hotel
	0900 HRS	Drive to Chennai
	1100 HRS	On the way visit Mahaballipuram
	1300 HRS	Lunch own arrangement
	1330 HRS	Check in at Hotel (4 star)
	1630 HRS	Chennai City Tour + Shopping
	2000 HRS	Dinner at Hotel
		Overnight stay at Hotel (4 Star)

DAY 14: 16/12/19		Chennai
	0800 HRS	Breakfast at Hotel
		Free day for Leisure and Shopping
	1300 HRS	Lunch own arrangement
	2000 HRS	Dinner at Hotel
		Overnight stay at Hotel (4 Star)
DAY 15: 17/12/19		Departure for Mauritius
	04 00 HRS	Check Out Hotel - Packed breakfast at hotel to be provided
	04 40 HRS	Arrival at Chennai Airport
	07 40 HRS	Departure
	11 55 HRS	Arrival at SSR International Airport Mauritius



Participation Form

Monday 02 December to Tuesday 17 December 2019

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

Designation:

Ministry/Department:

Residential address:

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

Email address:..... Fax:.....

Emergency contact person: Phone number:

Accompanied by:

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

NOTE

- (i) Original passport, birth certificate for minors (below 18 years), birth certificate of parents and marriage certificate for those travelling with minors should be produced for check-in at the airport.
- (ii) A photocopy of recent payslip/top part of the payslip of the public officer (applicant) should be submitted when applying for the tour. All participants going on tour should submit photocopies of passports.
- (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.
- (viii) All travelling documents must be original.

I and my family members confirm that we are participating in the Tour to India 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: