



OVERSEAS STUDY TOURS NEWS – 05/2018

Bookings for tours must be on an overseas tour booking form and may be sent in at any time to the tour organiser whose name follows the tour details. Fuller details and closing dates will be announced in news sheets during the course of the year. During the course of the year various weekend events become known and extra tours will be operated taking in the more interesting events. **LCGB Tours are operated by LCGB solely for its members. Participation in LCGB tours entails compulsory LCGB Membership.**

Tour 01/18	Trier Plandampf	Friday 27th April to Wednesday 2nd May 2018
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Event ran well with only a few problems. The weather could have been better. Report in a future Bulletin.

(John Cramp)

Tour 02/18	Ethiopia/Djibouti	Late October 2018
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We have 25 bookings and are waiting for final confirmations from Addis Ababa.

(Colin Miell)

Tour 03/18	Dordrecht/Dordt in Stoom	Friday 25th to Monday 27th May 2018
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Tour departs this week Bookings closed.

(Colin Miell)

Tour 04/18	Baltic States with IRS	Wednesday 12th to Sunday 23rd September 2018
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We can still accept bookings. Details in previous Bulletins.

(Adrian Palmer)

Tour 08/18	Germany	Thursday 30th August to Wednesday 5th September 2018
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The actual dates of the tour may vary by a day or two at either end of the tour depending on flight availability at the time of booking. The advance circular will be available by the end of May and the latest date for the receipt of bookings will be Saturday 16th June. On the Freital line participants will have the opportunity to travel over and photograph the southern section to Kurort Kipsdorf which was closed for 15 years after the severe storms of August 2002 and only re-opened last year. This tour will be led by John Cramp. Any members interested in this tour should send an sae or [contact Adrian Palmer](#) for further details when available. Details below.

(Adrian Palmer)

Tour 01/19	India	January 2019
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We have had to adjust the dates as there was no accommodation available at Bhubaneshwar. Then we had to make sure it fitted in with the days the train operates from Dhaka to Kolkata (even though this is an add-on) and the works visit at Trichy.

Add-on to Bangladesh

Thursday 24th January. Meet Chittagong for local tour commencing 11.00. (There is no railway to Cox's Bazaar but tour participants may wish to arrive earlier and visit there. The road journey is about two hours.) Dinner provided.

Friday 25th January. Train to Dhaka departing 12.30 arriving 19.30. Dinner provided.

Saturday 26th January. Local tour including plinthed locomotive outside works.

Sunday 27th January. Train to Kolkata departing 08.15 arriving at 16.00. Hotel provided. This train was introduced in 2008 and is named the Maitree Express (Friendship Express). It operates several days a week.

Main Tour

Monday 28th January. Meet 11.00 for tour of Kolkata including the railway works with plinthed locomotives, and ride on a charter tram.

Tuesday 29th January. Train Kolkata to Bhubaneshwar departing 10.55 arriving 16.50.

Wednesday 30th January.

Option 1 - travel by train to Puri leaving 09.10 arriving 10.55. Return departing 16.15 arriving 17.55.

Option 2 - stay in Bhubaneshwar.

Thursday 31st January. Train Bhubaneshwar to Vishakhapatnam departing 08.30 arriving 16.10.

Friday 1st February. Train Vishakhapatnam to Vijayawada departing 09.55 arriving 15.30.

Saturday 2nd February. Train Vijayawada to Chennai (Madras) departing 10.20 arriving 17.00.

Sunday 3rd February. Steam excursion being investigated together with local tour.

Monday 4th February. Train Chennai to Trichy (Tiruchirappalli) departing 13.40 arriving 18.30. (Maybe an earlier train.)

Tuesday 5th February. Local tour including the railway works and the temple followed by an early evening meal. Train Trichy to Madurai departing 18.35 arriving 21.20.

Wednesday 6th February.

Option 1 - travel to Rameshwaram departing 06.50 arriving 10.30. Return departing 11.20 arriving Madurai 15.10. This route passes over the 2 km long Pamban Bridge. We will be looking at later trains and/or having longer in Rameshwaram. Rameshwaram was a ferry port for Sri Lanka and may well be again in the future.

Option 2 - stay in Madurai.

Thursday 7th February. Train Madurai to Trivandrum (Thiruvananthapuram) departing 09.20 arriving 15.25. End of tour. Hotels can be arranged for that night.

We are working on the prices and hotels and will let you know the outcome as soon as possible. Chris Lewis, 15, Nursery Close, Widnes, Cheshire WA8 3HB email chrislewisccl@aol.com tel, 07720 755829. **(Chris Lewis)**

Tour 02/19	Taiwan with South Korea and North Borneo addons with PTG	March 2019
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Details enclosed with the previous Bulletin. North Borneo will follow shortly or email Adrian Palmer for copy when available. **(Adrian Palmer)**

Tour 03/19	South Africa – STARS Festival	April 2019
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Details enclosed with the previous Bulletin. **(Adrian Palmer)**

Overseas Reunion 2019 - This will be held at the UCL London on Saturday 5th January – More to follow

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