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Cultural immersion activities will be interspersed between lectures and field visits. These would include visits to Padmanabhapuram Palace (a 500-year old wooden palace), to Kanyakumari (the confluence of three large water bodies, the Arabian Sea, the Bay of Bengal and the Indian Ocean) and to classical Indian dance performances. Get a first-hand understanding of the history, culture and architecture of one of the oldest civilizations of the world.

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