

17 Nights / 18 Days

PACKAGE HIGHLIGHTS:

- Visit in Chennai – Fort St George, St. Mary's Church, museum, Kapaleeshwara Temple, San Thome Cathedral, Government State Museum & National Art Gallery
- 2nd longest beach in world – Marina Beach
- Kanchipuram Temple complex
- Panch Rathas, Arjuna's Penance and the Shore Temple in Mahabalipuram
- In Tanjore, visit Brihadeshwara Temple, Tanjore Palace & Museum
- Enroute in Trichy cover Rock Fort, Srirangam and Thiruvanaikkaval
- Temple tour in Madurai
- Boating and visit to Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary, Thekkady
- Stay in Alleppey backwater and cruise in Kerala backwaters
- In Cochin, Kathakali Dance, Mattancherry palace, Jewish Synagogue & Chinese fishing nets
- Excursion to Coonor and stay in Ooty – Queen of Hills
- Light and Sound show at Mysore Palace
- Visit to temples of Somnathpur – Specimen of architectural heritage
- City tour of Bangalore
- Sightseeing tours by private air-conditioned vehicle
- Start in Chennai and end in Bangalore

ITINERARY:

Day 01 Arrival in Chennai

Meet our representative upon arrival in Chennai - the capital city of Tamil Nadu is sited on the Coromandel Coast of the Bay of Bengal. It has played a very crucial role in the traditional, historical and academic growth of the country, representing the different elements of the highest variety of the Dravidian civilization. Also, considered as the cultural hub of South India which is famous for its affluent heritage in classical dance, music, architecture, sculpture, crafts, etc. After reaching, proceed to hotel and check-in for overnight stay.

Day 02 Sightseeing in Chennai

Explore Chennai- Visit Fort St George, St. Mary's Church and a museum, Kapeeshwara Temple, San Thome Cathedral, Government State Museum & National Art Gallery. Drive past Marina Beach, the second longest beach in the world. Overnight in Chennai.

Day 03 Drive from Chennai – Mahabalipuram (65 kms / approx 1.30 hours)

Drive to Mahabalipuram - the major seaport of the ancient Pallava kingdom based at Kanchipuram, and a wander round the town's great, World Heritage-listed temples and carvings inflames the imagination, especially at sunset. Take an excursion to Kancheepuram - Visit the Ekambaranatha Temple, Vaishnavite Vaikunta Perumal Temple, Varadharaja Perumal Temple, Kamakshi Temple, and Kailasanatha Temple. Overnight in Mahabalipuram.

Day 04 Drive from Mahabalipuram – Pondicherry (99 kms / approx. 3 hours)

After breakfast check-out from the hotel and proceed to explore highlights of Mahabalipuram – covering Panch Rathas, Arjuna's Penance and the Shore Temple. Later, proceed to Pondicherry- the older part of this former French colony has a lot of quiet, clean, shady, cobbled streets, lined with mustard-yellow colonial townhouses numbered in an almost logical manner. You will probably spend most of your time in this part of town, old Pondicherry may well seem a sea of tranquility. On arrival, check-in to your hotel and enjoy a comfortable overnight stay.

Day 05 Drive from Pondicherry – Tanjore (166 kms / approx 4 hours)

After breakfast, check-out from the hotel and proceed to visit half-day sightseeing tour of Pondicherry covering Auroville, Aurobindo ashram, Museum and Church of sacred hearts of Jesus. Later, drive towards Tanjore and check-in at the hotel upon arrival for overnight stay in Tanjore.

Day 06 Tanjore – Trichy – Madurai

After early breakfast, check-out from the hotel and explore Tanjore - Visit Brihadeshwara Temple, Tanjore Palace & Museum. Later drive towards Trichy (approx. 2 hours) and enroute visit Rock Fort, Srirangam and Thiruvanaikkaval. By evening, reach Madurai hotel (approx 3 hours) for check-in and overnight stay.

Day 07 Sightseeing in Madurai

Visit the Meenakshi Temple, Gandhi Memorial Museum, Tirumalai Nayak and Koodal Azhagar Temple. In the evening, re-visit the Meenakshi Temple to witness the evening prayer ceremony at the temple. Overnight Madurai.

Day 08 Drive from Madurai – Thekkady (140 kms / approx. 4 hours)

After breakfast, drive to Thekkady (Periyar) and on arrival check-in at the hotel. Thekkady is synonymous to uninterrupted hills, rich biodiversity and spice plantations. The place is best known for the Periyar National Park. In the afternoon, proceed for boating at Periyar Lake, and in evening watch traditional Kalari show. Return to the hotel for overnight stay.

Day 09 Day at leisure in Thekkady

After breakfast, enjoy full day at leisure in Thekkady. Alternatively, you may plan independent activities to explore Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary. Overnight stay in thekkady.

Day 10 Drive from Thekkady – Alleppey (145 kms / approx. 4 hours)

Proceed to Alleppey by road after breakfast. After arrival, check-in at the houseboat in backwaters of Kerala. Alleppey is a charming emerald peninsula jutting into the picturesque Vembanad Lake dotted with innumerable traditional country rafts, boats and canoes. The fresh water of the lake flows into the mainland, making a labyrinth of lagoons, canals and waterways. Spend the rest of the day cruising through beautiful backwaters. Overnight at the Alleppey houseboat.

Day 11 Drive from Alleppey – Cochin (60 kms / approx. 2 hours)

After breakfast, proceed to Serene Cochin which is amalgam of medieval Portugal, Holland and an English village grafted onto the tropical Malabar Coast. Spend rest of the evening at leisure. Overnight stay in Cochin hotel.

Day 12 Sightseeing in Cochin

After breakfast, proceed to explore this colorful city with Mattanchery Palace- gifted to the king of Cochin, by Portuguese in 1555, about 500 year old Jewish Synagogue, Chinese fishing nets, local spices market followed by colorful performing art – Kathakali Dance. Later in the evening, return to the hotel for overnight stay.

Day 13 Drive from Cochin – Ooty (270 kms / approx. 6.5 hours)

After breakfast, drive to Ooty – also called 'Queen of hill stations', capital of Nilgiri district, used to be popular summer and weekend getaway for the Britishers during the colonial days. Lofty mountains, dense forest, sprawling grasslands and miles and miles of tea gardens made this place so popular in southern India. Upon arrival, check-in at the hotel for overnight stay.

Day 14 Sightseeing in Ooty

After breakfast, enjoy a tour to Dodabetta Peak for a spectacular view. Later, drive to Coonoor and visit Sims Park and 'Dolphin' Nose Point. In the afternoon, visit the Botanical Gardens and the popular Ooty Lake. Return to the hotel after sightseeing and have a comfortable overnight stay.

Day 15 Drive from Ooty – Mysore (120 kms / approx. 3.5 hours)

After breakfast, proceed towards Mysore and check-in at hotel upon arrival. Visit Chamundi Hill and the Brindavan Gardens- spread over 150 acres. Later, visit Mysore Palace - The interior of Mysore Palace is richly carved, intricate, colorful and architecturally thrilling. It is from this palace the erstwhile rulers, the Wodeyars, ruled the Mysore Kingdom. A Sound & Light show which narrates the palace's history with effects of illumination is a must-watch for palace. Overnight in Mysore.

Day 16 Drive from Mysore to Bangalore (140 kms / approx. 3.5 hours) | Enroute cover Somnathpur

After breakfast, check-out from the hotel and proceed to Bangalore, enroute cover Somanathpur - known for its Keshava Temple, a revered shrine showcasing Hoysala style of architecture. Upon arrival in Bangalore, check-in at the hotel for overnight stay.

Day 17 Sightseeing in Bangalore

Enjoy full day city tour covering – Vidhana Soudha, landmark of Bangalore. This enormous building is a massive example of neo-Dravidian architecture, with four domes on its four corners. It houses the Legislative Chamber of Karnataka Government. Also, visit Attara Kacheri and Tipu Sultan's palace and fort. Overnight stay in Bangalore hotel.

Day 18 Departure from Bangalore

After breakfast, you will be transferred to Bangalore airport for return flight back home.

End of Services.

HOTELS OFFERED:

City	Nights	Category A	Category B	Meal Plan
Chennai	2	Crowne Plaza Adyar Park	Spring Hotel	Bed & Breakfast
Mahabalipuram	1	The Grand Bay Resort & Spa	Mamalla Heritage	Bed & Breakfast
Pondicherry	1	Le Pondy	Accord Puducherry	Bed & Breakfast
Tanjore	1	Sangam	Star Residency	Bed & Breakfast
Madurai	2	Heritage Madurai	Astoria	Bed & Breakfast
Thekkady	2	The Elephant Court	Citrus Wild Corridor	Bed & Breakfast
Alleppey	1	Tamarind Global Houseboat	Tamarind Global Houseboat	Full Board
Cochin	2	Radisson Blu	Olive Downtown	Bed & Breakfast
Ooty	2	Fortune Resort Sullivan Court	Gem Park	Bed & Breakfast
Mysore	1	Fortune JP Palace	Sandesh The Prince	Bed & Breakfast
Bangalore	2	My Fortune	Fortune Inn JP Cordial	Bed & Breakfast

PACKAGE COST	Category A	Category B
Cost Per Person when 2 Pax Travelling	INR 87208	INR 71860
Cost Per Person when 4 Pax Travelling	INR 73310	INR 57965
Cost for Extra Adult / Child with Bed	INR 32000	INR 23100

PACKAGE INCLUSIONS:

- 17 night accommodation in well-appointed rooms as mentioned above hotels or equivalent
- Sightseeing as per itinerary by private tourist vehicle
- Driver's allowances, toll taxes and Govt. Service Tax

PACAKAGE EXCLUSIONS:

- Air tickets and airport taxes
- Assistance at the airport
- Boat-ride in Periyar Lake
- Kathakali Show in Cochin
- Services of English-speaking guide during sightseeing tours
- Entry Fee at the Monuments
- Items of personal nature like laundry, phone calls, tips to guides / drivers etc.
- Camera / Video camera fees applicable at monuments

NOTE:

- Monument closed
- Chennai – Govt. Museum & St. George Church will remain closed on every Friday
- Kochi - Jewish Synagogue will be closed on Friday/Saturday/Jewish Holidays
- Kochi - Mattanchery Palace will be closed on Friday
- SOUND & LIGHT Program at Mysore Palace will be closed on Sunday and Government holidays
- Hotel Check in 1400hrs and check out 1200hrs

Rooms are subject to availability

Package Valid from 1st April to 30th September