

Southern Panorama



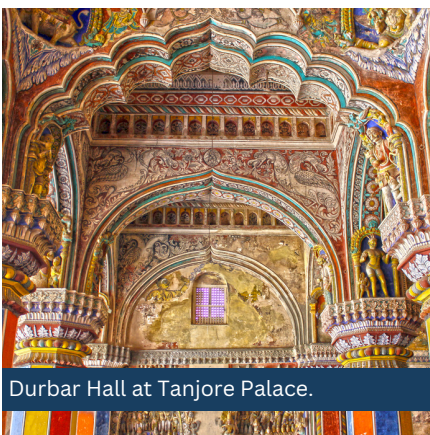
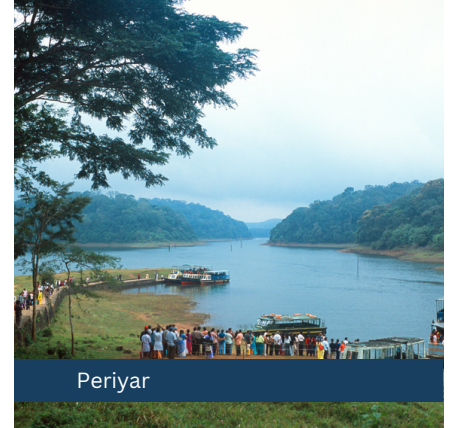
~ An inclusive Tour of southern India~

~ Itinerary at a Glance ~

**BANGALORE-MYSORE-HASSAN-MEDIKERI-CALICUT-
COCHIN-ALLEPPEY-KUMARAKOM-PERIYAR-
MADURAI-TRICHY-MAHABALIPURAM-
KANCHIPURAM**

Immerse yourself in the captivating allure of South India, a tapestry of vibrant cultures, breathtaking landscapes, and ancient traditions. From the serene backwaters of Kerala to the majestic temples of Tamil Nadu, this region beckons with its timeless charm. Lose yourself in the aromatic spices of local cuisine, witness the graceful movements of classical dance forms, and explore the intricately carved stone sculptures that whisper tales of a glorious past. South India is an enchanting symphony that will leave you spellbound at every turn.

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Day 01

ARRIVE IN BANGALORE

Arrival at Bangalore Airport. Rooms shall be blocked from a day prior to facilitate quick check in.

Post Breakfast , Drive to Kanheri Caves, originally a buddhist settlement, Kanheri caves now known as sanjay Gandhi national Park which boasts of exceptional rock cut architecture. Further drive to Lonavla and check in to the Hotel The Hilton Shillim Resort & spa. Dinner and overnight at Hotel.

Day 02

Bangalore - Mysore

After Breakfast begin the sightseeing of Bangalore, the capital of Karnataka. Bangalore, now officially called Bengaluru, today is known across the globe for being the hub for software developers and many multi-nationals, it is also regarded as one of the best places to begin a new Business amongst the world.

In Bangalore you would visit the botanical Garden & the famous Bull temple. Later you drive to Mysore, enroute visiting the famous Somnathpur Temples



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Day 03

Mysore

After breakfast excursion to the Temple City of Srirangapatnam, where you would visit a Temple and the Summer Palace of Tipu Sultan. Later visit the once capital of the Maharajas of Mysore and experience the city of different fragrances , walk along streets with fragrances of Sandalwood, Jasmine, Roses and Frangipani all around.

Visit the famous Mysore Palace with the Museum, the Chamundi Temple and the over 5 mtrs tall Statue of Nandi.

Day 04

Mysore - Hassan

After Breakfast drive to Hassan. Enroute visit one of the most important pilgrimage for the Jains, with a monolithic colossal Statue of Gomteshwara. Thereafter drive to Hassan.

Afternoon excursion to Belur and Halebid. Both in Belur and Halebid you would see the one of the finest examples of southern architecture in soap-stone with sculptures narrating tales of Hindu Mythology.



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Day 05

Hassan - Coorg

After Breakfast drive from Hassan to Coorg. The present day Coorg or Kodagu was incorporated into the State of Karnataka in 1956. A day in Coorg would give you ample opportunity to have an insight into the daily life of the coffee planters of coorg.

A visit to one such plantation with a Farm lunch could be one of the highlights of this trip



Day 06

Coorg

Leisurly day in Coorg. Visit a coffee plantation with home made lunch the coffee estate. Rest of the day at Leisure

Day 07

Coorg-Calicut

Drive through the tropical Rainforests to Calicut. Enroute drive through Mahe, die first French Colony in India, and Cannenore, where the first british Factory on the Indien soil.

In Calicut you still get to see the ancient methods of Ship building very much still in Demand and a mode of occupation for many.

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Day 08

Calicut - Cochin

After Breakfast drive to Cochin, which used to be a famous trading place in ancient times. Today Cochin, with its different islands can be easily termed as one the most beautiful Port cities in the country.

Evening visit to a Kathakali Dance Centre and see the live Performance of this very famous style of Dance in India.



Day 09

COCHIN

After Breakfast begin the Sightseeing programme in Cochin. You be visiting the oldest Jewish habitat & Synagogue alongwith the oldest Franciscan Church in the country.

Cochin, a coastal gem nestled in the embrace of the Arabian Sea, enchants visitors with its rich history and vibrant culture. Known as the "Queen of the Arabian Sea," Explore the atmospheric lanes of Fort Kochi, where ancient Chinese fishing nets sway against a backdrop of charming Dutch and Portuguese architecture. Indulge in the tantalizing flavors of spicy seafood, witness mesmerizing Kathakali performances, and delve into the fascinating tales of Cochin's past.

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COCHIN – ALLEPPEY

Today you drive from cochin towards the backwaters of Kerala. The backwaters are basically channels of lakes, lagoons & deltas of around 44 rivers which empty themselves in the Arabian Sea.

Further you may check in to a traditional Houseboat “Kettuvalam” for an overnight on the Backwaters.



Day 11

ALLEPPEY – KUMARAKOM

After a leisurely Breakfast around noon check in to your Hotel in Kumarakom. Kumarakom on the banks of the Vembanad Lake, measuring upto 83 km.

Your Hotel is nestled Paradise and you should enjoy your stay here either by relaxing and unwinding or one could go a step further by indulging in an Ayurveda Massage.

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Day 12

KUMARAKOM – PERIYAR

Today you drive from the Backwaters to the Tiger Reserve of Periyar. Afternoon boat ride on Lake periyar inside the reserve where you might just be lucky enough to spot some Elephants, Monkeys and Antelopes.

The lush surroundings are overwhelming around the cardamom hills and to track the old spice route could be relived by visiting any one of the innumerable spice plantations here.



Day 13

PERIYAR- MADURAI

After breakfast drive to Madurai, the cultural capital of the country. The Dravidian Temple Architecture finds its epitome in Madurai. Also the very famous Meenakshi Temple is sure to leave you spell bound.

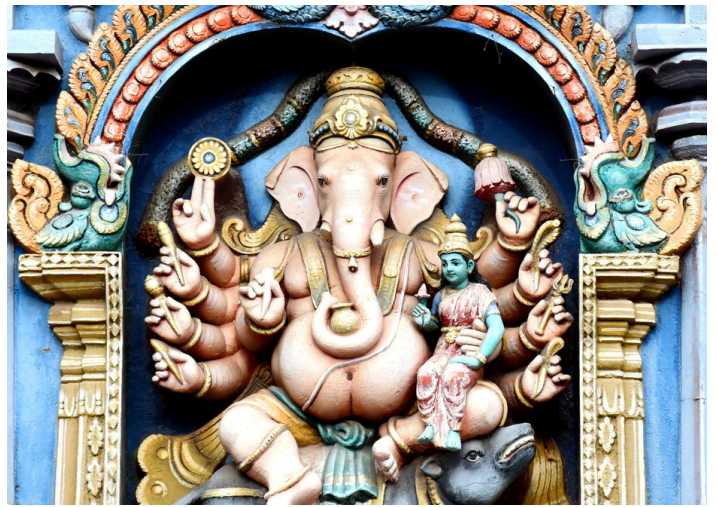
The Meenakshi Temple is one of the most highly visited Temple Complex in India. Afternoon visit the Temple.

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MADURAI - TRICHY

Drive to Tiruchirapally, also called Trichy, In Trichy you would visit the Rock Fort Temple, and the Srirangam Temple which is also stated to be a city in itself in the Afternoon. It is the largest temple complex in India.



Day 15

TRICHY – MAHABALIPURAM

After breakfast drive to Mahabalipuram. Upon arrival check into the Hotel and then visit Mahabalipuram.

Mahabalipuram, also known as Mamallapuram, is a treasure trove of ancient architectural wonders located on the coast of the Bay of Bengal in Tamil Nadu, South India. This UNESCO World Heritage site lures visitors with its awe-inspiring rock-cut temples, intricately carved sculptures, and magnificent monuments.

Marvel at the majestic Shore Temple, standing tall against the crashing waves, showcasing exquisite Dravidian architectural style. Explore the breathtaking Pancha Rathas, a group of monolithic rock-cut temples resembling chariots. Admire the iconic Arjuna's Penance, a massive bas-relief depicting mythological stories.

Don't miss the Krishna's Butterball, a gigantic natural rock balancing precariously on a slope.

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DAY EXCURSION TO KANCHIPURAM

Today you drive to the golden city of Kancheepuram. It is famous for its silk and is considered as one of the seven holiest cities of India. You visit the most important temples.

Further drive to Madras or Chennai, in the year 1639 the first important settlement of the British East India company, a trade association, which was the base for the Colonisation of India by the British. You visit the St. Thomas church with the grave of the Apostels and the Mylapore temple.

Day 17

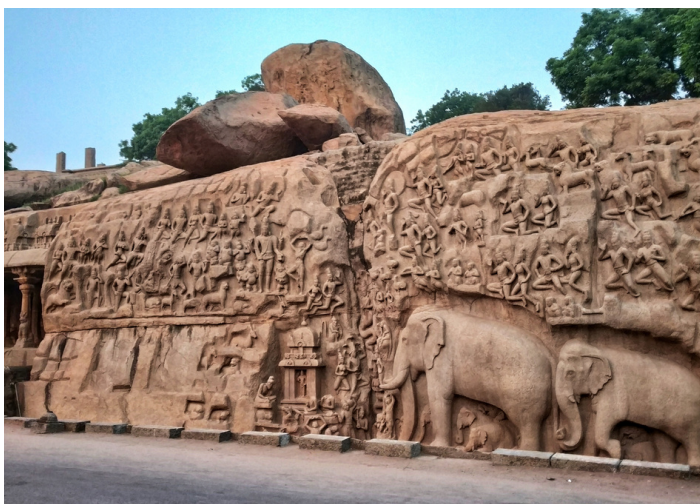
DAY AT LEISURE

Day at Leisure

Day 18

FLIGHT BACK HOME

After a leisurely breakfast and relaxed Check out (Check out time at 1200 Noon) you would be brought to the Airport as per your flight timings to connect to your Flight back home.



Hotel Options

CITY	Superior	Deluxe	Luxury	Nights
Bangalore	Royal Orchid	Radisson	Taj Bangalore	01
Mysore	Lalitha Mahal Palace	Lalitha Mahal Palace	Radisson Blu Plaza	02
Hassan	Hoysala Village Resort	Hoysala Village Resort	Hoysala Village Resort	01
Madikeri	Windflower	The Ibnii	Taj Madikeri / Evolve Back	02
Calicut	Gateway Hotel	The Raviz	The Raviz	01
Cochin	Casino Hotel	The Trident	Taj Malabar / Brunton Boartyard	02
Alleppey	Deluxe Houseboat	Deluxe Houseboat	Deluxe Houseboat	01
Kumarakom	Backwater Ripples	CGH Coconut Lagoon	Kumarakom Lake Resort	01
Periyar	Cardamom County	Niramaaya	Spice Village	01
Madurai	Regency GRT	Gateway Hotel	Courtyard by Marriott	02
Trichy	Ramyas Hotel	courtyard by Marriott	Courtyard by Marriott	02
Mahabalipuram	Ideal Beach Resort	GRT TEMPLE BAY	Taj Fisherman's Cove	03

Hotel Options

Inclusions

- Accommodation in Hotels as indicated or similar on twin share bed and breakfast basis.
- Air conditioned surface transportation (Toyota Innova Crysta) including Transfers, sightseeing tours and excursions as indicated in the itinerary.
- Good knowledgeable English / German or requested foreign Language speaking local guides
- Entrances to the Monuments as mentioned in the Programme.
- All around Local Support through our network of local offices in all the cities
- 24 x 7 reachable Phone Contacts for any query / Clarification / Assistance during the whole Tour
- All prevailing Taxes.

Exclusions

- Meals not indicated above
- Room Service, Drinks and beverages, housekeeping & Laundry, Telephone calls, expenses of personal nature.
- Tips and Gratuities



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