

CLASSIC SOUTH INDIA

13 Days / 12 Nights

The Classic South India Tour offers you many options that are varied and irresistible. The south is unique and more relaxed - enjoy a meandering cruise down the backwaters, or a lazy day by the sea or an adventurous trek through this beautiful area. It is also the home of Ayurveda - an ancient healing therapy that has been sweeping the West.

Day 1: Arrive Chennai

On arrival at Chennai International Airport you will be met and transferred to your hotel. In the afternoon take a city tour of Chennai visiting Fort St. George Museum and then to Mylapore to visit the San Thome Church and Kapaleeswarar Temple. Overnight at your hotel.

Day 2: Chennai - Mahabalipuram

After breakfast you will be driven to Mahabalipuram, renowned for its charming rathas and the spectacular carved relief of Arjuna's Penance. In the afternoon, enjoy a sightseeing tour of Mahabalipuram. Overnight at your hotel. (B)

Day 3: Mahabalipuram - Pondicherry

After breakfast depart for Pondicherry. After check-in at your hotel you will be taken including visiting the Sri Aurobindo Ashram. Overnight at your hotel. (B)

Day 4: Pondicherry - Thanjore

After breakfast you will be driven to Thanjore. In the afternoon enjoy a sightseeing tour visiting Brihadeeshwara Temple, the Palace housing the Tamil University Museum, the Art Gallery, and the Saraswati Mahal Library Overnight is at your hotel. (B)

Day 5: Thanjore - Madurai

After breakfast you will be driven to Madurai the "Temple Town". Upon arrival, check-in at your hotel, then take a sightseeing tour of Madurai City unique for its living temples. Madurai remains a major religious centre attracting pilgrims year round. Overnight at your hotel. (B)

Day 6: Madurai - Kanyakumari

This morning after breakfast you will be driven to Kanyakumari, the southernmost point of mainland India. Spend the rest of the day at leisure. Overnight at your hotel. (B)

Day 7: Kanyakumari - Kovalam

After breakfast you will be driven to the beautiful beachside town of Kovalam - a major tourist centre, with a wide choice of water sports. Rest of the day is at leisure. Overnight at your hotel. (B)

Day 8: Kovalam - Thekkady

After breakfast you will be driven to Thekkady, South India's most popular wildlife sanctuary, best known for its elephants. In the afternoon, proceed to Periyar National Park to take a boat trip to view the wildlife gathering on the lake shore. Overnight at your hotel. (B)

Day 9: Thekkady - Kumarakom

After breakfast, you will be driven to Kumarakom, the 'Venice of the East', a heartland of lagoons inter-linked with

hundreds of winding canals. In the evening proceed for a sunset cruise on the backwaters. Overnight at your hotel.

Day 10: Kumarakom - Alleppey

After breakfast at the hotel, you will board a house boat for a picturesque cruise and your overnight accommodation. Enjoy a panoramic view of "Gods' Own Country". An onboard chef will prepare local cuisine, and you can learn to cook the tasty dishes. Overnight onboard the houseboat. (B, L, D)

Day 11: Alleppey - Cochin

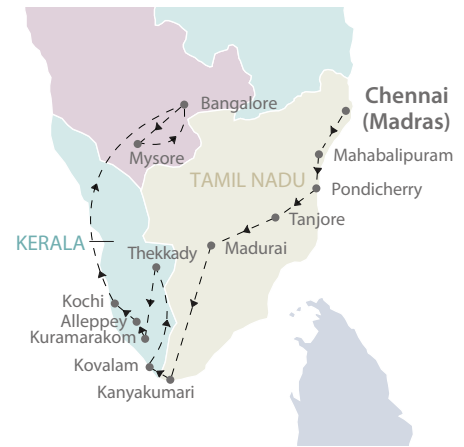
After breakfast disembark your houseboat and proceed to Cochin. Take a city tour of Cochin visiting the historical Jewish Synagogue, the Chinese cantilever fishing nets, and St. Francis Church. Overnight at your hotel. (B)

Day 12: Cochin - Bangalore - Mysore

After breakfast transfer to the airport to board a flight to Bangalore. On arrival you will be met and driven to Mysore. In the afternoon take a city tour visiting the Maharaja's Palace, and the Rajendra Art Gallery. Overnight at your hotel. (B)

Day 13: Mysore - Bangalore

After breakfast you will be driven back to Bangalore. Enjoy an afternoon city tour of the garden city visiting Lalbagh, the botanical garden and Tipu Sultan's Palace, the Bull Temple and drive past the Maharaja Palace, the Indian Institute of Science and the Public library. After your sightseeing tour you will be transferred to the airport for your onward flight.



HOTELS

City	Superior	Luxury
Chennai	The Park	Taj Connemara
Mahabalipuram	GRT Temple Bay	GRT Temple Bay
Pondicherry	Annamalai	Annamalai
Thanjore	Sangam	Sangam
Madurai	Sangam	Taj Garden Retreat
Kanyakumari	Singer International	Singer International
Kovalam	Uday Samudra	The Leela
Thekkady	Spice Village	Taj Garden Retreat
Kumarakom	Coconut Lagoon	Kumarakom Lake Resort
Alleppey	AC House Boat	AC House Boat
Cochin	Trident Cochin	Taj Malabar
Mysore	Regalis	Royal Orchid Metropole

PRICE PER PERSON FROM:

(1 Jul 08 - 30 Sep 08)

Superior \$2,290
Luxury \$2,775

(1 Oct 08 - 31 Mar 09)

Superior \$2,975
Luxury \$3,450

*prices not valid 15 Dec 08 - 10 Jan 09

PRICE INCLUDES

- 12 nights accommodation double or twin sharing including breakfast
- All land transport using airconditioned small vehicles
- Service of English speaking guide during sightseeing tours
- Monument entrance fees

Based on minimum of 2 passengers travelling together. Excludes domestic airfares

