

# Rejuvenating South India Potpourri



Swiftly flowing rivers and streams crisscrossing the tropical heaven of Western Ghats and leaving behind the trails of gorgeous lakes and waterfalls – This is just one representation of the opulently green South India. Inexhaustible ocean bodies flank the region on three sides, blessing it with stupendous beaches and marvellous backwaters that fulfil the need for rejuvenation from chaotic lifestyle. Another beaming facet of South India is the cultural spectrum of myriad colours manifesting the blissful arts, architectures, festivals and celebrations. He most invigorating forms of religion and mysticism take refuge at the time honoured Hindu temples of South

The region celebrates its existence from time immemorial to the current age through hosts of ruins, monuments, colonial buildings, caves and other heritage treasures. Mother Nature seems to have turned biased here by pampering biodiversity riches of wild animals and birds, tropical forests, tea and coffee estates and spice plantations, paddy fields and endless rows of palms. And then there are exquisite mountains promising cool weather, traditional houseboats offering exceptional voyages, gourmet feasts intended to entertain taste buds and classical music and danceforms to calm the restless moods.

Any trip to South India becomes exceptional with the integration of Ayurveda holistic and wellness practices. Come and experience profound emotions that find a way to explode on South India sojourns.



# Different Ways To Explore South India



## On A Temple Tour

Hindu Temples of the South Indian states Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Andhra Pradesh are famed for their immaculate architecture, engrossing legends and folklore, spiritual significance and the grand temple festivals. You can be a pilgrim, an architecture admirer or simply an enthusiastic traveller to choose this tour.



## On a Romantic Expedition

Enjoy your honeymoon or rekindle the lost romance at the unruffled and poised backwaters in a houseboat. Add many more intimate moments to this fairy tale romance with cool and cosy hill stations of Coorg, Munnar or Ooty. Give this trip a wonderful climax at beach resorts enjoying ayurvedic massages and relaxing to the core.

## On a Heritage Trail

Chase the footprints of numerous powerful rulers who were the great patrons of art and architecture. From the grandiose royal palaces to rock-cut temples, intricately carved monuments to the charming colonial forts and cathedrals, there is something to discover at every step.



## On a Wildlife Exploration

Home to many reputed national parks, bird sanctuaries and bio reserves, South India has a lot hidden under its green carpet of forests. Royal Bengal tigers, tamed elephants, endangered gaurs and unlimited species of local and migratory birds would cross your way. Botanical gardens, plantation estates and a rustic countryside render the region even more fascinating. South India is the proud owner of many other rich bounties that make it perfect for nature tours, adventure voyages and cultural expeditions.

# Top Places To Explore South India



## Bangalore:

India's fitting reply to the contemporary west; Bangalore demonstrates amalgamation of different cultures and is the best place to begin any South India tour. Temples, palaces, memorials and outdoor adventure venues combined with vivid nightlife and enchanting shopping experience make it an outstanding city for the travellers.

## Mysore:

One of the cleanest and most well-planned cities in India, Mysore still bears the impact of being a royal capital for centuries. With its extravagant palaces, sprawling gardens and amusing festive celebrations, the city justifies the designation of being Karnataka's cultural capital.

## Mahabalipuram:

No tour to South India is complete without visiting this fabulous tourist town. Inimitable carvings done on granite rocks are the living examples of fine craftsmanship here. Be it the giant open air bas-relief called Arjuna's Penance or the indestructible Shore Temple or the site of Five Rathas (chariots), the town is every visitor's delight for offering a fulfilling experience.

## Chennai:

The capital of Tamil Nadu is all about soulful Carnatic music, venues of performing arts, recreation in the form of zoos, wildlife parks and beaches and numerous museums, art galleries, cathedrals, monuments, memorials and temples. Urban lifestyle and upscale restaurants are indeed the added bonus.

## Ooty:

One of the all-time favourite spots for Hindi filmmakers, Ooty is a picturesque hill station that can give tough competition to the world-famous hill resorts of North India. Extremely soothing weather and exhilarating opportunities of nature walks and trekking instantly draw tourists to this stupendous place. Highlights here include botanical gardens, rose gardens, Wax Museum, Doddabetta Peak, tea plantations and many more.

## Cochin:

The modern day Kochi is the city that has beautifully retained the colonial marks with structures belonging to the British, Dutch, French and Portuguese among others. Iconic Fishing Nets, beautiful beach stretch and constantly engrossing old world charm makes it a must-visit South India destination.

## Bandipur:

If you are in South India for a wonderful wildlife experience, head towards Bandipur National Park which is a part of the coveted Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve. Watch out for elephants, gaurs, tigers, antelopes, giant squirrels and other wild creatures living fearlessly in their natural habitats.

## Alleppey:

The world nowadays knows this place better as a backwater destination. The pictorial settings of backwater canals and villages inhabited on their banks can be best explored from houseboats. The place has its share of striking countryside, charming beaches, historical temples and full-of-life festive celebrations, not to forget the mind-blowing spicy food preparations.

Make your holidays completely gratifying by including other equally spectacular destinations of South India like Hassan, Belur, Tirupati, Kanchipuram, Pondicherry, Tanjore, Trichy, Madurai, Kanyakumari, Trivandrum and Kodaikanal.



## South India Heritage Tour



**Day 01:** Arrive at Bangalore. Transfer to the pre-booked hotel with our representative. Remaining day at leisure.

**Day02:** Full day guided sightseeing tour of Bangalore.

**Day03:** Drive to Nandi Hills hill station. Return to Bangalore

**Day 04:** Drive to Bannerghatta National Park. Full day sightseeing at the park. Later drive to Mysore.

**Day 05:** Drive to Ranganathittu for bird-watching. Return to Mysore in the evening.

**Day 06:** Full day guided sightseeing tour of Mysore.

**Day 07:** Drive to Bandipur. Remaining day at leisure.

**Day 08:** Full day sightseeing tour of Bandipur National Park.

**Day 09:** Drive to Hassan. Remaining day sightseeing tour of Hassan and Shravanabelagola.

**Day 10:** Drive to Belur. Remaining day at leisure.

**Day 11:** Full day guided sightseeing tours of temples at Belur.

**Day 12:** Drive to Chickmagalur. Stop at Halebid to explore beautiful temples. Continue the drive to Chickmagalur.

**Day 13:** Drive to Kemmannugundi to enjoy wonderful natural splendour. Return to Chickmagalur.

**Day 14:** Drive to Bangalore. Remaining day at leisure.

**Day 15:** Drive to the airport to board your scheduled flight.

## Best of South India



**Day 01:** Arrive at Chennai. Transfer to the pre-booked hotel with our representative. Remaining day at leisure.

**Day 02:** Full day guided sightseeing tour of Chennai.

**Day 03:** Drive to Tirupati to visit Lord Venkateswara Temple. Return to Chennai in the evening.

**Day 04:** Drive to Kanchipuram and explore some of the best South India temples. Later drive to Mahabalipuram. Remaining day at leisure.

**Day 05:** Drive to Tiruvannamalai to visit Lord Shiva Temple. Later drive to Pondicherry.

**Day 06:** Full day guided sightseeing tour of Pondicherry.

**Day 07:** Drive to Chidambaram to visit Nataraja Temple. Later drive to Tanjore to visit Brihadishwara Temple.

**Day 08:** Drive to Trichy. Remaining day guided sightseeing tour of Trichy.

**Day 09:** Drive to Madurai. Remaining day guided sightseeing tour of Madurai.

**Day 10:** Drive to Rameshwaram. Return to Madurai in the evening.

**Day 11:** Drive to Kanyakumari. Remaining day guided sightseeing tour of Kanyakumari.

**Day 12:** Drive to Trivandrum. Remaining day guided sightseeing tour of Trivandrum.

**Day 13:** Transfer to the airport to board the scheduled flight.



## Nilgiri Hills Scenic Tour

## South India Temple Tour

**Day 09:** Drive to Madurai. Visit Thiruchendur on the way and explore Sri Subramanya Temple. Later proceed to Madurai. Remaining day guided sightseeing tour of Madurai temples.

**Day 10:** Drive to Pondicherry. Remaining day guided sightseeing tour of Pondicherry.

**Day 11:** Drive to Chennai. On the way visit Mahabalipuram and later proceed to Chennai.

**Day 12:** Full day guided sightseeing tour of Chennai.

**Day 13:** Transfer to the airport for the final departure to home.

### Customizing Your Trip

The Itineraries below have been designed just to give you an idea of what are the different possibilities, and exhibit a route plan that works well. These itineraries can be utilized as a basis to plan your actual trip. Alternatively, we can design a completely different itinerary that suits your specific tastes budget and interests.

Please call us on +91 888 222 44 22 and one of our tour consultants plan best tour option tailor made as per your specifications.

### Connect With Us

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**Day 01:** Arrive at Bangalore and transfer to the booked hotel. Remaining day guided sightseeing tour of Bangalore.

**Day 02:** Drive to Mysore. Stop at Srirangapatna popular for its temples. Later drive to Mysore. Remaining day guided sightseeing tour of Mysore.

**Day 03:** Full day guided sightseeing tour of Mysore.

**Day 04:** Drive to Ooty. Halt at Bandipur National Park and Madumalai Wildlife Sanctuary. Later proceed to Ooty.

**Day 05:** Full day guided sightseeing tour of Ooty.

**Day 06:** Drive to Kodaikanal. Remaining day guided sightseeing tour of Kodaikanal.

**Day 07:** Full day guided sightseeing tour of Kodaikanal.

**Day 08:** Drive to Madurai. Transfer to the airport or railway station for the journey back to home.

**Day 01:** Arrive at Chennai. Drive to Tirupati. Stop at Kanchipuram. Later proceed to Tirupati and explore the famous temples on arrival.

**Day 02:** Drive to Vellore and explore some of the best temples of the region. Later drive to Tiruvannamalai and visit Lord Shiva Temple.

**Day 03:** Drive to Bangalore. Remaining day guided sightseeing tour of Bangalore.

**Day 04:** Drive to Mysore. Remaining day guided sightseeing tour of Mysore.

**Day 05:** Drive to Ooty. Remaining day guided sightseeing tour of Ooty.

**Day 06:** Drive to Cochin. Remaining day guided sightseeing tour of Cochin.

**Day 07:** Drive to Kumarakom. Board a houseboat to enjoy a memorable backwater trip to Alleppey.

**Day 08:** Drive to Kanyakumari. Remaining day guided sightseeing tour of Kanyakumari.