

13 Days Tamil Nadu + Kerala
Tour Code: CI 011 / Valid Till : 31 Mar 2018

Day 01 Arrival Chennai

Meet and transfer to hotel. Overnight in hotel.

Day 02 Chennai

(Breakfast/Dinner)

Breakfast. Tour of **Madras**:- - The fourth largest city in India and the capital of Tamil Nadu, Chennai has grown from the merging of a number of small villages including its former namesake Madraspatnam. The city sprawls over more than 70 sq km and rather than claiming a centre, retains its former regional hubs. The main attractions of Chennai are The Art and Bronze Gallery. **(Closed on Fridays and public holidays)**. One can drive through the flowers and fruit market, High Court, Fort Museum, Marina beach, Santhome Cathedral and Snake Park.



Rest of the day is free. Dinner and overnight in hotel.

Day 03 Chennai-Mahabalipuram

(Breakfast/Dinner)

Breakfast. Drive to Mahabalipuram (approx. 2hrs/50 Kms.). Arrive Mahabalipuram and check-in to hotel.



Visit Mahabalipuram, noted for Shore Temple and rock carvings- Visit Arjuna's Penance, Varaha Mandapam; Krishna Mandapam; the Bhagavatham; The rathas and the shore Temple.

Dinner and overnight in hotel.

Day 04 Mahabalipuram-Pondicherry

(Breakfast/Dinner)

Breakfast. Drive to Pondicherry (approx. 2-3 Hrs./100 Kms.). Arrive and check-in to hotel.

Visit **Pondicherry**- The capital of French India before independence, Pondicherry traces its origin from Saint Agasthya, the revered sage of the south and excavation near by reveal that a Roman settlement existed here 2000 years ago. It was the theatre of many a battle between the British. Visit Jawahar Toy Museum, Church of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and Drowpathiamman Temple.

Dinner and overnight in hotel.

Day 05 Pondicherry-Tanjore-Trichy

(Breakfast/Dinner)

Breakfast. Drive to Trichy (approx. 4-5 Hrs.) visiting en-route **Tanjore-** The beautiful Chola



Temple of Brihadeeshwara is capped by a monolithic cupola made of single granite block weighing 80 tons which was taken of the top with the help of a 6kms long ramp, an old technique used by Egyptians for building pyramids. Its bronzes and handicrafts make Tanjore one of the highlights of a visit of South India

Drive further to Trichy. Arrive and check-in to hotel. Dinner and overnight in hotel.

Day 06 Trichy-Madurai

(Breakfast/Dinner)

Breakfast. Visit **Trichy-** Trichy was citadel of the Chola dynasty in the medieval period. In the 18th century it witnessed the Carnatic war fought between the French and the English. Lord Clive's house is still there to see and so is the Denish Church. The Rock-Fort is the landmark of Trichy. Also visit the Ganpati temple.

Later drive to Madurai (approx 3-4 hrs.) Arrive and check-in to the hotel.

Dinner and overnight in hotel.

Day 07 Madurai

(Breakfast/Dinner)

Breakfast. Visit the great **Meenakshi Temple** dedicated to the consort of Lord Shiva with the towering gopurams (rising high above the surrounding country side). Later visit the Tirumala Nayak Palace – A gracious building in the Indosaracenic style, famous for the Stucco work on its domes and arches. Also visit the Alagar Hills and Tirupara Kundran Temples.



Rest of the day is free.

Dinner and overnight in hotel.

Day 08 Madurai-Thekkady (Periyar National Park)

(Breakfast/Dinner)

Breakfast. Drive to Periyar (approx. 5hrs). Check-in to hotel.

Rest of the day is free to walk around local market. Dinner and overnight hotel.

Day 09 Thekkady (Periyar National Park)

(Breakfast/Dinner)

Breakfast. Visit the earliest sanctuary to be set up in 1934, it extends to 777 square kms. & forms part of the high mountain ranges, the Western Ghats. Wild life can be seen while cruising on Periyar Lake in a motor boat. Enjoy boat safari in the Lake Periyar. Lying close to the plantations, in the rich jungles of Periyar-is one of fascinating natural wildlife reserves. The greatest attraction of Periyar are the herds of wild Elephant beside other wildlife.



Evening is free to walk around known for various Spice and coffee plantations.

Dinner and overnight in hotel.

Day 10 Thekkady-Kumarakom-House Boat

(Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)



Breakfast. Drive to Kumarakom (approx. 4 Hrs.). Arrive and check-in to House boat for Lunch. The backwater cruise in a country boat is the best way to explore the villages and rural life. Enjoy a cruise on the backwater through a maze of canals and lagoons.

Dinner and overnight on board.

Day 11 House Boat-Cochin

(Breakfast/Dinner)

Disembark of the house boat after breakfast. Drive to Cochin (approx. 2-3 Hrs.).

Arrive and check-in to hotel.

Optional: Evening Cochin Sunset Harbor Cruise. Dinner and overnight in hotel

Day 12 Cochin

(Breakfast/Dinner)

Breakfast. Tour of old Cochin visiting **The Dutch Palace** at Mattancherry. The **Jewish Synagogue** at the heart of what is called the Jew Town. **The St. Francis Church**, the oldest European church in India. The Santa Cruz Basilica, originally built in 1557 by the Portugese. The Chinese fishing nets, believed to have brought to Kochi by Chinese traders. Also visit the Willingdon Island named after Lord Willingdon, is the headquarters of the Southern Naval Command of India.



Evening witness to Kathakali dance show.

Dinner and overnight in hotel.

Day 13 Cochin-Further Destination**(Breakfast/Dinner)**

Breakfast. Day is free to explore Fort Cochin (Vehicle at disposal).

Dinner at local restaurant. On time transfer to airport to board flight to further destination.

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Days	Night's	City Name	<u>Cat "A" (3 Star)</u>	<u>Cat "B" (4 Star)</u>
01/03	2	Chennai	The Pride	Lemon Tree
03/04	1	Mahabalipuram	Grand Bay Resort	Ideal Beach Resort
04/05	1	Pondicherry	Hotel Atithi	The Promenade
05/06	1	Trichy	Grand Gardenia	Sangam Hotel
06/08	2	Madurai	JC Residency	Heritage Madurai
08/10	2	Thekkady	PepperVine	Sarovar Portico
10/11	1	Houseboat	Deluxe Houseboat	Deluxe Houseboat
11/13	2	Cochin	Casino Hotel	Trident Cochin
2/3pax	12	Twin sharing	USD 1390 PP	USD 1570 PP
		In single room	USD 2130 PP	USD 2481 PP

Cost inclusions:

- 12 Night's accommodation at hotel mentioned, twin/double sharing.
- Meals as per the Itinerary.
- All transfers, sightseeing, excursions and drives using excellent AC vehicle.
- Service of English speaking local guides.
- All payable monument entrance fees. (As per the itinerary). Subject to Change.
- Boat ride in Lake Periyar (Sharing basis).
- Kathakali dance show (Cochin)
- All **PRESENT** applicable government taxes. **(SUBJECT TO CHANGE)**.

Above cost valid from 01 Oct 17 to 31 Mar '18 (Not valid from 20 Dec-10 Jan '18)

Cost exclusions:

- Any expenses of personal nature such as telephone calls, laundry, aerated drinks or bottled water used in room, items ordered on room service, mini bar etc.
- Meals apart from those indicated in the itinerary
- Camera fees are not included in the cost
- Cost incurred in obtaining visa or insurance
- Cost incurred in case of hospitalization or evacuation
- Tips/ gratuities paid to drivers, guides, room boy, bellboys etc.
- Airport departure tax.
- Domestic airfare extra.

Above cost DO NOT include any surcharge for X'mas and New Year Eve hotel might have for Gala Dinner.

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