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12) BEST OF SOUTH INDIA TOUR

Duration: 10 Days/09 Nights

Destination: Cochin – Alleppey Houseboat – Thekkady – Madurai – Coimbatore – Ooty - Mysore – Bangalore – Chennai

Overview:

South India destination is the great way to explore Magnificent Nature, Beaches & Hill stations and it uncover the Rich Cultural Heritage. The Leading tourist destinations of India offering choices to discerning leisure Traveller, Heritage Explorer, Adventure Traveler, Honeymooner etc.

Trip Highlights:

Visit St. Francis Church, the Jewish Synagogue and Mattancherry Palace

Backwater country boats stay in Alleppey

View panoramic Western Ghats at Thekkady

Darshan at the well-known Madurai-Meenakshi Amman Temple

Have peaceful meditation at Dhyanalinga Temple at Coimbatore

Explore picturesque beauty "Queen of Hills" Ooty

Visit Mysore Maharaja's palace and Brindavan Garden

Visit Lalbagh Botanical Gardens and ISKCON Temple

Visit world second longest Marina Beach and Temples

Tour Itinerary:

Day01: Cochin

Arrive at Cochin Airport and Meet our representative. Directly check into hotel. Later visit Asia's best preserved Jewish Synagogue, The Dutch Palace and the oldest European Church in India the St. Francis Church where Vasco Da Gama was originally buried. A leisurely walk through the Fort Cochin area which gives you a close look at the operation of the huge cantilevered Chinese fishing nets introduced by Chinese traders which is still used in Kerala backwaters as a traditional way of fishing. Overnight stay is at Cochin.

Day02: Cochin – Alleppey Houseboat

After breakfast proceed to Alleppey and check into hotel. Your boat start glides along the backwaters and you can see the daily life in the backwater villages on narrow strips of land, fisherman fishing, children swimming & playing in the water, women doing their daily chores, mobile shops in tiny canoes, the cultivation of paddy and its harvesting (during harvest season) huge country barges ferrying the coconuts, rice, coir etc., people traveling to the mainland for work and numerous small market places, tiny temples & churches etc. This cruise is designed to give one a fascinating insight into the life of Kerala Backwater Villages. Lunch, Evening Tea/Coffee with snacks, dinner and enjoy your evening on the sundeck away from polluted cities and maddening crowd .Only disturbance will be twinkle of a shining star or diving of fish around your to say hello by waving its tail from the lake. Overnight stay is at Houseboat, Alleppey.

Day03: Alleppey Houseboat – Thekkady

After breakfast proceed to Thekkady through panoramic Western Ghats hills covered with spice plantations and occasional view of water falls and streams. On arrival at Thekkady, check into Hotel and expedience the mind bowing view of calm crystal clear Periyar Lake. Whistles of birds and murmurings of wild animals will seduce your mind for romance. Later visit Periyar wild life sanctuary(Approx INR450), Boating in Tiger reserve(Approx INR250) and Spice Garden(Cost depend on Garden owner)(all are Optional, Own Cost).Overnight stay is at Thekkady.

Day04: Thekkady – Madurai

After breakfast proceed to Madurai, which is the oldest existing city in the India and visit Madurai Meenakshi Amman Temple, it is historic temple dedicated to both Meenakshi, the consort of Lord Siva, and Sundhareswarar dedicated to Lord Shiva and visit Thirumalai Nayakkar Mahal. Overnight stay is at Madurai.

Day05; Madurai – Coimbatore

After breakfast proceed to Coimbatore, known as “Manchester and Textile City of India” to visit Marudhamalai Murugan Temple and Dhyanalinga Temple. Overnight stay is at Coimbatore.

Day06: Coimbatore – Ooty

After breakfast Ooty also known as Udagamandalam is the "Queen of hill stations" and the capital of Nilgiris district. Nilgiris means "Blue Mountains". It is one of the coolest green hill resort India. It is a land of picturesque picnic spots situated at an altitude of 2,240 meters above sea level. Later visit Botanical Garden, Lake, Boathouse. Overnight stay is at Ooty.

Day07: Ooty – Mysore

After breakfast proceed to Mysore derived its name from a demon named Mahishasuran, who was killed by Chamundeeshwari. It is also known as "The City of Palaces". It is famous for its silk and also thriving sandal wood incense center and visit Srirangapatnam Sri Ranganathaswamy temple dedicated to God Ranganatha a manifestation of Vishnu, Chamundeeswari Temple, Mysore Maharaja's palace, which was designed by Henry Irwin and build between 1897 and 1912 and Brindavan Garden. Overnight stay is at Mysore.

Day08: Mysore – Bangalore

After breakfast proceed to Bangalore, which is the capital of Karnataka state, it is known as "The Garden City of India" "Silicon Valley of India", "Fashion Capital of India", "The Pub City of India". The city was founded in 16th century and witnessed great southern dynasties like the Kadambas, the Hoysalas and Vijayanagar emperors. It is rich in protected green gardens all around the city, Lakes, old Forts and Palaces and temples. Later visit Bangalore sightseeing tour by visiting ISKON temple (Hare Rama Hare Krishna) Lalbagh (Botanical) Garden, Tipu Sultan Summer Palace, Museum, Art Gallery, Vidhan Soudha (Secretariat of Karnataka State Legislative Assembly hall) and Cubbon Park. Overnight stay is at Bangalore.

Day09: Bangalore – Chennai

After breakfast proceed to Chennai, the gateway to southern India established in 1639 by the East India Company is one of the oldest cities of the country. Reach Chennai to visit Marina Beach, Anna Memorial, M.G.R. Memorial, Mylapore Kabaleeswarar Temple. Overnight stay is at Chennai.

Day10: Chennai: Drop

After breakfast, check out from the hotel and transfer to the airport. Leave our country carrying with you magical memories of our tour.

Quotation for 10Days/ 09Nights Splendor of South India Tour

No of Pax	2 Pax	4 Pax	6 - 8 Pax
Mode of Transport	Etios	Innova	Tempo Traveler
Tour Cost per Person	SGD 880/-	SGD 700/-	SGD 640/-

PACKAGE INCLUDES:

Hotel accommodation
Daily Breakfast
Transportation

TRANSPORTATION DETAILS:

All transfers and sightseeing by Air-condition Transport as per the itinerary.

Vehicle will be provide as per group size on sharing basis and Vehicle type cannot be confirmed till at the time of booking.

All toll, tax, parking, Driver Allowance & fuel cost all taxes.

Guests have to coordinate with the driver and guide, to leave the hotel on time so as to ensure that the sightseeing locations have reached on time.

HOTEL DETAILS:

The Hotels used are First Class Hotel ranging in the 3 Star Category.

Hotel accommodation is on Double Sharing Basis.

Daily buffet breakfasts at hotels.

The Hotels are subject to availability. In case of unavailability in the mentioned Hotels, alternate accommodation will be arranged in a similar category Hotel.

Standard Check-in at 12.00 Noon & Check-out at 09.00 AM. But for some Hotels, Check-in & Check-out at 10.00, 11.00 AM or 12.00 or 01.00 Noon it depends upon the Hotel rule. Kindly coordinate.

Non AC Rooms are provided in Hill Stations due to low temperature.

PACKAGE EXCLUDES:

Any Meals not mentioned in the itinerary.

Any entry fees for Monuments, Tourist Places, Temple, Monasteries, Gardens, Plantation, Park, Sanctuary, Forest, Rides, Safaris, Boating, Rafting, Skiing, Skating, Cable Car / Ropeway Rides, Helicopter Rides, additional sightseeing tours/ excursions not included in the itinerary.

Porter age at Hotels and Airports, Insurance, Tips, Guides, Room Service, Laundry, Mineral Water, Alcoholic or Non Alcoholic Beverages, Phone Calls, Room Heaters, Video Camera, Personal Nature viz etc.

Expenses caused by factors beyond our control like rail and flight delays, roadblocks, and vehicle mal-functions, political disturbances, strike etc

Air, Rail or Surface fare from / to your originating city of stay, unless specified.

Any item not specifically mentioned in "Inclusions" column.

TERMS & CONDITIONS:

The applicable rate of exchange for initial payment/ booking amount shall be determined by the prevailing rate on the date/ day of booking and balance payment will be charged as per the prevailing rates on that particular day

Any increase in the rate of exchange leading to increase in surface transportation and land arrangements which may come into effect prior to departure.

The tour price mentioned is applicable if there are more than 10 adult passengers travelling together on the tour. If there are less than 10 adult passengers on the tour, then a FIT supplement will be applicable.

It is mandatory to carry a valid photo identity card (Passport / Driving License / Voter ID card).

NOTES:

All sightseeing is subject to weather political conditions in the destination.

Do carry comfortable walking shoes and dresses.

Shopping would be on your own arrangements.

There will be peak season hike of minimum 20% from December 10 to January 15.

There will be a hike of minimum 10% in some of the hotels during the festival seasons.

Xmas and New Year supplement charges would be charged additional on actual.

Special dress code for all Temples: As per the dress code men have been advised to wear dhoti, shirt, pyjama or pant and shirt. Women and girls were advised to wear sari or churidar or half-sari.

Children: any fully-covered dress. Devotees wearing lungi, shorts, jeans, tight-leggings and any modern dresses should not be worn or taken inside the temple.

BOOKING POLICY

Deposit of 10% of the tour cost, if the booking is made before 30 days from the date of departure.

Deposit of 25% of the tour cost, if the booking is made between 16 to 30 days from the date of departure.

Deposit of 75% of the tour cost, if the booking is made between 8 to 15 days from the date of departure.

100% of the holiday cost if the booking is made between within 7 days from the date of departure.

CANCELATION POLICY:

16 to 30 days from the date of departure, 25% of the cost of the holiday.

8 to 15 days from the date of departure, 75% of the cost of the holiday.

7 days or less from the date of departure, 100% of the cost of the holiday.

PAYMENT POLICY:

Full Payment is required before the commencement of the Tour services in our bank.