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13) KERALA AND TAMILNADU (SOUTH INDIA) TOUR

Duration: 11 Days/10Nights

Destination: Cochin – Munnar – Thekkady – Alleppey – Trivandrum – Kanyakumari – Madurai – Trichy – Tanjore – Pondicherry - 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

Explore mist covered mountains and tea plantations of Munnar

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 – Munnar

After breakfast proceed to Munnar, Beautiful Hill Station has gentle Hills covered with velvety Tea Plantations, Forests, lake and Reservoirs and a small Wildlife Sanctuary in the Vicinity. Munnar set amid South India, most dramatic mountain scenery. Munnar is the commercial center of some of the world's highest tea growing estates enroute visit Valara Waterfalls and Cheeyapara Waterfalls. Later visit Mattupetty Dam, Eravikulam National Park, Anaimudi, Kundala Lake, Tea plantations and Eco Point. Overnight stay is at Munnar.

Day03: Munnar – 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 - 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.

Day05: Alleppey Houseboat – Kovalam – Trivandrum

After breakfast proceed to Trivandrum to have darshan in Sri Padmanabhaswamy Temple. Evening drive to Kovalam to view the scene of Arabian waves embracing virgin sands in Kerala -Gods own country. Overnight stay is at Trivandrum.

Day06: Trivandrum – Kanyakumari

After breakfast proceed to Kanyakumari which is formerly known as “Cape Comorin”. Kanyakumari Beach has spectacular stretches of sands and the amazing sunrise and sunset views are the reasons enough to draw tourists. Later visit Kanya Devi Amman Temple which is located on the seashore in the youthful form of the primeval energy is dedicated to Goddess Paarvati and Vivekananda Rock, Gandhi Mandapam, Tiruvalluvar Statue. Overnight stay is at Kanyakumari.

Day 07: Kanyakumari – 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.

Day08: Madurai – Trichy

After breakfast proceed to Trichy which is situated on the banks of Kaveri River is a blend of history and tradition as well as pilgrim centre. Trichy is a dominating center city of Tamil Nadu with magnificent fort and temples. Later visit one of the famous landmark of Trichy, Rockfort with Ganesh temple on the top of hill as known as Uchi Pillaiyar temple with 83m high rock, it is one of the oldest in the world. Then you will visit SriRanganathaswamy Temple at Sri Ranganam, a temple dedicated to Lord Vishnu. Overnight stay is at Trichy.

Day09: Trichy – Tanjore – Pondicherry

After breakfast proceed to Tanjore to visit Big Temple called as Bragatheeswarar Temple, the famous world Heritage monument one of the most famous landmarks of Tanjore built in at the beginning of the 12th century by the greatest Chola emperor Raja Raja Chola King. Later proceed to Pondicherry, “The Capital of the French Colonies in India” since the 17th century and visit the Aurobindo Ashram, Auroville and Pondi Beach. Overnight stay is at Pondicherry.

Day10: Pondicherry – Mahabalipuram – Chennai

After breakfast proceed to Mahabalipuram, built in the 7th century, this ancient city is said to be a sculptor's delight, boasting of some of India's most and sublime rock-cut art for which it is now a World Heritage site visit Five Rathas, Arjuna Penance, Krishna Mandapam, Shore Temple and Beach. Later proceed to Chennai to visit Marina Beach, Anna Memorial, M.G.R. Memorial, Mylapore Kabaleeswarar Temple. Overnight stay is at Chennai.

Day11: 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 11Days/ 10Nights 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 940/-	SGD 740/-	SGD 690/-

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.