



**Tour Name : Temples & Backwater Tour of South India**

**Duration ; 14 Nights / 15 Days**

**About the tour:**

Visit the two state of India. Tamil Nadu famous for its exquisite temples of which some are UNESCO World Heritage sites. See the largest & oldest active temples of Hindus in Thanjore, Trichy & Madurai. Rejuvenate yourself in French Colonial town Pondicherry by practicing Yoga in Auroville Ashram. Old monuments, exotic flora and fauna, lush vegetation, the delicate scent of spices and temples bells all characterize Kerala. Western Ghats in the tea-growing region of Munnar gives you a true sense of the sheer natural beauty. Explore the picturesque Periyar National Park & learn about spice plantation. Cruise along the beautiful Keralan backwaters & watch mesmerizing traditional Kathakali dance. At the end of tour relax on world famous Kovalam beach.

## Outline Itinerary

### **Day 01: Arrive Chennai**

Arrival Chennai airport assistance and transfer to hotel.

Later sightseeing of colonial Chennai which includes Churches, Fort, Museum and government buildings. Also visit Marina beach. Overnight at hotel.

### **Day 02: Chennai - Kanchipuram - Mahabalipuram (120kms/ 3hrs approx)**

Breakfast at hotel drive to Mahabalipuram via visiting Kanchipuram Temples. Arrive Mahabalipuram check in at hotel. Rest time free and easy to relax on the beach. Overnight at hotel.

### **Day 03: Mahabalipuram - Pondicherry (100kms/ 2hrs approx)**

Breakfast at hotel visit temple and monuments at Mahabalipuram. Afternoon drive to Pondicherry check in at hotel. Overnight at hotel.

### **Day 04: Pondicherry - Darasuram - Chidambaram - Thanjore (185kms/ 4hrs approx)**

Breakfast at hotel sightseeing of French colony, churches, Temple and Aurobindo Ashram.

Drive to Thanjore via visiting Darasuram & Chidambaram Temple. On arrival check in & overnight at hotel.

### **Day 05: Thanjore - Trichy (60kms/ 1.5hrs approx)**

Breakfast at hotel visit Brihadeshwara Temple & Thanjore Fort.

Drive to Trichy check in at hotel. Later visit Rock Fort Temple & Srirangam Temple. Overnight at hotel.

### **Day 06: Trichy - Madurai (140kms/ 3hrs approx)**

Breakfast at hotel drive to Madurai check in at hotel.

Later sightseeing of Meenakshi Temple, Tirumalai Nayak Mahal & Vaniyur Mariamman Teppakulam Temple. Overnight at hotel.

**Day 07: Madurai - Munnar (160kms/ 3hrs approx)**

Breakfast at hotel drive to Munnar which offer colorful landscape, breathtaking sights and mesmerizing view. The journey to Munnar is beautiful as the road stretches along the waterfalls. Arrive Munnar check in at hotel. Overnight at hotel.

**Day 08: Munnar**

Breakfast at hotel. Visit the Eravikulam National Park, a famous habitat of the rare mountain goats Nilgiri Tahr. Visit Tea Estate and delight in the sweet aroma of different types of tea grown here. Also visit Mattupetty Dam and Echo Point from where you can see the lustrous green carpet of the tea garden. Overnight at hotel.

**Day 09: Munnar - Periyar (Thekkady) (110kms/ 2hrs approx.)**

Breakfast at hotel drive to Periyar check in at hotel.

Late afternoon spice plantation tour and village visit. Overnight at hotel.

**Day 10: Periyar (Thekkady)**

Breakfast at hotel explore the park by boat. The special animals in this region include wild elephants, nilgiri langur monkeys, sambar deer, wild bison, and colorful birds. Overnight at hotel.

**Day 11: Thekkady – Alleppey (135kms/ 3hrs approx)**

Breakfast at hotel drive to Alleppey. Board a houseboat from here and glide over the enchanting backwaters of Kerala. Houseboat stay includes lunch & dinner on board.

**Day 12: Alleppey – Cochin (60kms/ 1.5hrs approx)**

After breakfast disembarks houseboat and drive to Cochin check in at hotel.

Later sightseeing tour of Cochin - one of few places in India that has managed to preserve the remnants of its colonial past with utmost care. Visit The Chinese fishing nets, St. Francis Church, Santa Cruz Basilica, Jewish Synagogue and the Mattancherry Palace. Overnight at hotel.

**Day 13: Cochin - Kovalam (beach) (200kms/ 4hrs approx)**

Breakfast at hotel drive to Kovalam check in at hotel. Rest day free and easy for personal activities & relax on the beach. Overnight at hotel.

**Day 14: Kovalam**

Breakfast at hotel day free and easy for personal activities & relax on the beach. Overnight at hotel. (Transport not included this day)

**Day 15: Kovalam - Departure**

Breakfast at hotel as per flight schedule transfer to airport to board flight for onward destination.

**Price details:**

Price using 3 star hotels valid from 1st October 2019 till 31st March 2020									
Particular	Per person price staying in SINGLE occupancy rooms			Per person price sharing DOUBLE/ TWIN occupancy rooms			Per person price sharing TRIPLE occupancy rooms (double room with extra bed)		
Currency	INR	Euro	USD	INR	Euro	USD	INR	Euro	USD
1 person	₹262,868	€ 3,505	\$4,044	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2 person	₹181,912	€ 2,425	\$2,799	₹141,213	€ 1,883	\$2,173	N/A	N/A	N/A
3 person	₹160,515	€ 2,140	\$2,469	₹149,770	€ 1,997	\$2,304	₹113,676	€ 1,516	\$1,749
4 person	₹152,610	€ 2,035	\$2,348	₹139,890	€ 1,865	\$2,152	₹105,772	€ 1,410	\$1,627
5 person	₹142,279	€ 1,897	\$2,189	₹126,976	€ 1,693	\$1,953	₹95,441	€ 1,273	\$1,468
6 person	₹140,478	€ 1,873	\$2,161	₹124,724	€ 1,663	\$1,919	₹93,640	€ 1,249	\$1,441
7 person	₹134,832	€ 1,798	\$2,074	₹117,667	€ 1,569	\$1,810	₹87,994	€ 1,173	\$1,354
8 person	₹130,597	€ 1,741	\$2,009	₹112,374	€ 1,498	\$1,729	₹83,759	€ 1,117	\$1,289
Child 5-11yrs	₹28,162			€ 375			\$433		
Child below 5yrs	Free								
H B supplement	₹11,262			€ 150			\$173		
Additional night in Chennai	₹5,515	€ 74	\$85	₹3,125	€ 42	\$48	₹2,574	€ 34	\$40
Price using 4 star hotels valid from 1st October 2019 till 31st March 2020									
Particular	Per person price staying in SINGLE occupancy rooms			Per person price sharing DOUBLE/ TWIN occupancy rooms			Per person price sharing TRIPLE occupancy rooms (double room with extra bed)		



Currency	INR	Euro	USD	INR	Euro	USD	INR	Euro	USD
1 person	₹313,818	€ 4,184	\$4,828	N/ A	N/ A	N/ A	N/ A	N/ A	N/ A
2 person	₹207,971	€ 2,773	\$3,200	₹141,213	€ 1,883	\$2,173	N/ A	N/ A	N/ A
3 person	₹186,574	€ 2,488	\$2,870	₹149,770	€ 1,997	\$2,304	₹136,007	€ 1,813	\$2,092
4 person	₹178,670	€ 2,382	\$2,749	₹139,890	€ 1,865	\$2,152	₹128,103	€ 1,708	\$1,971
5 person	₹168,339	€ 2,245	\$2,590	₹126,976	€ 1,693	\$1,953	₹117,772	€ 1,570	\$1,812
6 person	₹166,538	€ 2,221	\$2,562	₹124,724	€ 1,663	\$1,919	₹115,971	€ 1,546	\$1,784
7 person	₹160,891	€ 2,145	\$2,475	₹117,667	€ 1,569	\$1,810	₹110,325	€ 1,471	\$1,697
8 person	₹156,657	€ 2,089	\$2,410	₹112,374	€ 1,498	\$1,729	₹106,090	€ 1,415	\$1,632
Child 5-11yrs	₹45,374			€ 605			\$698		
Child below 5yrs	Free								
H B supplement	₹19,044			€ 254			\$293		
Additional night in Chennai	₹8,088	€ 108	\$124	₹4,412	€ 59	\$68	₹3,431	€ 46	\$53
Price using 5 star hotels valid from 1st October 2019 till 31st March 2020									
Particular	Per person price staying in SINGLE occupancy rooms			Per person price sharing DOUBLE/ TWIN occupancy rooms			Per person price sharing TRIPLE occupancy rooms (double room with extra bed)		
Currency	INR	Euro	USD	INR	Euro	USD	INR	Euro	USD
1 person	₹437,904	€ 5,839	\$6,737	N/ A	N/ A	N/ A	N/ A	N/ A	N/ A
2 person	₹278,768	€ 3,717	\$4,289	₹149,596	€ 1,995	\$2,301	N/ A	N/ A	N/ A
3 person	₹248,989	€ 3,320	\$3,831	₹149,770	€ 1,997	\$2,304	₹180,728	€ 2,410	\$2,780

4 person	₹241,085	€ 3,214	\$3,709	₹139,890	€ 1,865	\$2,152	₹172,824	€ 2,304	\$2,659
5 person	₹230,754	€ 3,077	\$3,550	₹126,976	€ 1,693	\$1,953	₹162,493	€ 2,167	\$2,500
6 person	₹228,952	€ 3,053	\$3,522	₹124,724	€ 1,663	\$1,919	₹160,692	€ 2,143	\$2,472
7 person	₹223,306	€ 2,977	\$3,435	₹117,667	€ 1,569	\$1,810	₹155,046	€ 2,067	\$2,385
8 person	₹219,072	€ 2,921	\$3,370	₹112,374	€ 1,498	\$1,729	₹150,811	€ 2,011	\$2,320
Child 5-11yrs	₹56,193			€ 749			\$865		
Child below 5yrs	Free								
H B supplement	₹27,868			€ 372			\$429		
Additional night in Chennai	₹18,456	€ 246	\$284	₹9,228	€ 123	\$142	₹7,868	€ 105	\$121

**Note: Euro & USD prices are subject to change in case of any fluctuation in currency exchange rate. Please check the currency exchange rate of the day for exact price in your currency. In any case our INR price will remain unchanged and shall be treated as final price.**

### Included in price:

- Garland welcome and assistance of our office representative at airport
- 14 nights/ 15 days accommodation in below mentioned hotels or similar
- Daily breakfast at hotel.
- Accommodation in Alleppey Houseboat includes all meals.
- Bottled drinking water in car
- Private English speaking guide in each cities on sightseeing days.
- Private Chauffer driven air-conditioned deluxe car for airport transfers, sightseeing & excursion as per program.
- 01 Time monument entrance fees mentioned in the itinerary. (Almost all places of tourist interest are included in our itinerary)
- Kathakali dance show ticket in Cochin
- Boat safari on Pariyar River in Thekkady.
- Applicable GST (Government taxes)

### Not Included in price:

- Any flight ticket (international/ domestic)
- Any insurance
- Main meal e.g. lunch & dinner unless mentioned in price includes OR supplement for same is opted.
- Personal expenses such as alcoholic beverages, laundry, telephone, internet, etc.
- Anything else not mentioned in the itinerary or under "Includes"

### Hotels used or similar in above price

Day	City	3* Hotels	4* Hotels	5* Hotels
1	Chennai	Raj Park/ MGM East Woods	The Raintree/ ccord Metropolitan	ITC Grand Chola/ The Leela Palace
2	Mahabalipuram	INDeco Hotels/ Mamalla Beach Resort	Ideal Beach Resort/ Confluence The Banquet & Resort	Radisson BLU Resort Temple Bay/ Fisherman's Cove
3	Pondicherry	Shenbaga Hotel/ Annamalai International	Le Pondy/ The Windflower Resort & Spa	Palais De Mahe



4	Thnjore	Grand Gardenia/ Oriental Towers	Sangam Hotels/ Ideal River View Resort	Svatma
5	Trichy	Red Fox Hotel/ Grand Gardenia	Sangam Hotels	Sangam Hotels
6	Madurai	Astoria by Sparsa/ Madurai's Residency	GRT Regency/ Fortune Pandiyan Hotel	Heritage Madurai/ The Gateway Hotel Pasumalai
7	Munnar	Fort Munnar/ Abad Copper Castle	Nature Zone Jungle Resort/ Fragrant Nature Munnar	Chandys Windy Woods/ Tea County
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9	Pariyar (Thekkady)	Abad Green Forest/ Hotel Treetop	The Elephant Court/ Cardamom County	Spice village/ Cardamom County
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11	Alleppey	ATDC Houseboat/ Dream Boats	ATDC Houseboat/ Dream Boats	Xandari Riverscapes/ Lakes & Lagoons
12	Cochin	The Dune Hotel/ Abad Plaza	Casino Hotel/ The Avenue Regent	Xandari Harbour/ Le Meridien
13	Kovalam	Harmonia Beach Resort/ Sagara Beach Resort	Esturay Island Resort/ Uday Samudra Leisure Beach Hotel	Vivanta by Taj - Green Cove/ The Leela Kovalam Beach
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14	Departure			

#### **Payment Policy:**

- Deposit of 25% of the package cost at the time of booking.
- Deposit of 50% of the package cost, 30 days prior to arrival date
- Deposit of 100% of the package cost, 7 days prior to arrival date

### **Cancellation policy:**

Note: Written cancellation will accept on all working days, except Sunday, Any cancellation sent on Sunday's will be considered on next working day (Monday).

For the X-mas and New Year period from 20 Dec to 05 Jan the payment is non-refundable.

In case you cancel the trip after commencement, refund would be restricted to a limited amount only which too would depend on the amount that we would be able to recover from the hoteliers/ contractors we patronize.

For unused hotel accommodation, chartered transportation & missed meals etc. we do not bear any responsibility to refund.

- Cancellation before 30 days – no cancellation fees only bank charges.
- Cancellation before 29 -15 days – 25% of the invoice plus bank charges.
- Cancellation before 14 –7 days - 50% of the invoice plus bank charges.
- Cancellation before 6 – 3 days - 75% of the invoice plus bank charges.
- Cancellation before 2 days – Now show 90% of the invoice.

### **Our Liabilities & Limitations:**

Please note that after the finalization of the Tour/ service Cost, if there are any Hike in entrance fees of monuments / museums, Taxes, fuel cost or guide charges – by Gov. of India, the same would be charged as extra.

Agora Voyages act only in the capacity of agent for the hotels, airlines, transporters, railways & contractors providing other services & all exchange orders, receipts, contracts & tickets issued by us are issued subject to terms & conditions under which these services are provided by them.

All itineraries are sample itineraries, intended to give you a general idea of the likely trip schedule. Numerous factors such as weather, road conditions, the physical ability of the participants etc. may dictate itinerary changes either before the tour or while on the trail. We reserve the right to change any schedule in the interest of the trip participants' safety, comfort & general wellbeing.

Our rates are based on the prevailing rates as negotiated by us with the hotels, airlines etc. Hotels and Airlines retain the right to modify the rates without notice. In case of such changes the rates quoted before the modification, can be changed by us according to the modifications by hotels or airlines. All hotel bookings are based on usual check in and check out time of the hotels until unless indicated in the itinerary.

We shall not be responsible for any delays & alterations in the program or expenses incurred – directly or indirectly – due to natural hazards, flight cancellations, accident, breakdown of machinery or equipment's, breakdown of transport, weather, sickness, landslides, political closures or any untoward incidents.

We shall not be responsible for any loss, injury or damage to person, property, or otherwise in connection with any accommodation, transportation or other services, resulting – directly or indirectly – from any act of GOD, dangers, fire, accident, breakdown in machinery or equipment, breakdown of transport, wars, civil disturbances, strikes, riots, thefts, pilferages, epidemics, medical or custom department regulations, defaults, or any other causes beyond our control.

We do not have any insurance policy covering the expenses for accident, sickness, loss due to theft, or any other reasons. Visitors are advised to seek such insurance arrangements in their home country. All baggage's & personal property/s at all times are at the client's risk.

We will not be responsible for any costs arising out of unforeseen circumstances like landslides, road blocks, bad weather, etc.

### **Tipping**

Tipping is not included in our price. Tipping is optional, and at times expected in travel trade. Obviously there is no limit to how much you can tip and some guests who enjoy and appreciate the services of Guides, driver and other crew will and have tipped much more than our average tipping guideline of about \$10-15 per day.

### **Trip Comments**

When you return from your trip, please share your experience with us. Any photos, suggestions will be appreciated. Although we try our best, Tourism is a trade, which cannot be perfect and there will always remain a room for improvement. Your comments (both criticism and compliments) are invaluable to us and we look forward to hearing from you, upon your return.