# South India Tour-2

# Duration :(12Nights / 13Days)

# Chennai - Mahabalipuram - Tanjore - Trichy - Madurai - Vythiri - Bangalore



## Day 1:-Arrive Chennai

Assistance on arrival in chennai airport and you will be met by our staff and transfer to your hotel transfer to your hotel rest of the day free overnight in chennai.



# Day 2:- Chennai - Mahabalipuram

Morning tour of chennai visiting museum, fort st. George and kapaleeswara temple later drive to mahabalipuram enroute visiting theosophical society at adayar on arrival in mahabalipuram check into your beach resort rest of the day free on the beach overnight in mahabalipuram.



# Day 3:- Chennai – Mahabalipuram

Morning visit shore temple, arjuna's penance - biggest bas relief in the world and leisure walk to five rathas witness the craftsmen making statues after noon free on the beach overnight in mahabalipuram.



# Day 4:- Mahabalipuram – Pondicherry 90kms / 3hrs

Leave for pondicherry, formerly a french colony check in at your hotel after noon sightseeing of pondicherry, the main attraction here is the aurobindo ashram which was founded by sri aurobindo in 1926. The ashram is one of the most popular in india with westerners, and is also one of the most affluent and evening explore the french buildings overnight in pondicherry.



After breakfast, drive to tanjore, enroute visit chidambaram natarajar temple, and gangaikonda cholapuram and

darasuram temples listed in unesco's world heritage monuments on arrival in tanjore check into your hotel after noon tour of tanjore visit the brahadeeswara temple which was built by chola king raja raja and is termed as the crowning glory of chola temple architecture, listed in world heritage monuments and also visit the tanjore palace which was constructed in 16th century and has huge corridors, spacious halls, observation and arsenal towers overnight in tanjore.



#### Day 6:- Tanjore – Karaikudi

After breakfast leave for karaikudi check into chettinad mansion after noon witness the hidden treasures of the chettinad region. Your excursion includes a visit to the chettinad palace, a textile weaving village, a tile making village and an antique's market evening enjoy chettinad cuisine overnight in karaikudi.



#### Day 7:- Karaikudi – Madurai

After breakfast, leave for madurai - one of the oldest cities in south india and has been a centre of learning & pilgrimage for centuries check in at your hotel after noon visit sri meenakshi temple which attracts thousands of pilgrims from all over india and also visit thirumalai nayak palace overnight in madurai.



#### Day 8:- Madurai – Thekkady

After breakfast, leave for thekkady, check in at your hotel afternoon boat safari on the lake of periyar to view the wild life and take spice tour – you will actually see the spices of kerala in its natural habitat overnight in thekkady.



#### Day 9:- Thekkady

Morning take bullock cart ride at 6.00am visit the farmlands of a village hidden in the valley behind the mountains of periyar tiger reserve and take elephant safari later visit thekkady spice market option to buy some spices of kerala overnight in thekkady.



Day 10:- Thekkady – Kumarakom 160kms / 4hrs

After breakfast leave for kumarakom –an enchanting backwater village check into your backwater resort rest of the day free and relax, evening take sunset cruise overnight in kumarakom.



## Day 11:- Kumarakom – Alleppey Houseboat Tour

After breakfast houseboat will pick you from your resort jetty at 12.30pm and cruise into the canals of vembanad lake to witness the traditional kerala village life remind unchanged for many years here your crew will prepare you delicious kerala meal on board, visit ancient temples, churches and meet local villagers to see their day today life overnight in houseboat.



## Day 12:- Alleppey – Cochin 85kms / 3hrs

After breakfast disembark from the houseboat in alleppey at 09.00am and drive to fort cochin check into your hotel after noon take tour of historic fort cochin visit the st. Francis church, oldest european church in india built in 1503 by portuguese; chinese fishing nets, traditional way of fishing introduced by the chinese and mattancherry palace evening watch the performance of kathakali dance show overnight in cochin.



Day 13:- Cochin Departure

Transfer to Cochin airport for your flight back home.