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17 NIGHTS / 18DAYS

SOUTHERN CITY TOUR

BANGALORE / MYSORE / OOTY / KODAIKANAL / RAMESHWARAM / KANYAKUMARI / TRIVANDRUM / COCHIN



Day 01: Arrive at Bangalore

Meet & greet on arrival and transfer to a hotel, depending on your arrival time, sightseeing visit to **Lal Bagh**- 240 acres of beautifully sculpted gardens, flowers abound, rare collection of tropical and sub-tropical plants. Glasshouse (built on the lines of London's Crystal Palace) covers 18000sq feet. Evening free for shopping at the famous streets in Bangalore and overnight.

Day 02: Bangalore / Mysore (140Kms/3Hrs)

Morning breakfast, checkout and proceed to Mysore, enroute visit **Srirangapatna**. On arrival, check in to a hotel. After lunch relax and later on in the evening visit **Chamundi Hill** - perched a top a hill-the 4.8m tall monolith of Nandi and the gigantic Mahishasura statue are added attractions Return to hotel and overnight.

Day 03: Mysore

Morning breakfast and proceed for full day sight seeing, visit **Maharaja Palace** - the palace is a splendid structure in the Indo-Saracenic Style, among its many attractions are a magnificent gold throne, **Art Gallery** - the art gallery in the Jaganmohan Palace houses an excellent collection of ceramics, sandalwood, ivory, stone, antique furniture and ancient musical instruments, **St. Philomena's Church** - this imposing Gothic structure with beautiful stained glass windows and lofty towers is a must see. Later on in the evening visit **Brindavan Garden** - the Krishna Raja Sagar Dam after sundown, when musical fountains and colored lights transform this place into a magical fairyland. Return to hotel and overnight.

Day 04: Mysore / Ooty (170Kms/5Hrs)

Morning breakfast and checkout and proceed to **Ooty**- Called the Queen of Hill Stations, picturesque, green Udhagamandalam better known as Ooty is the most popular hill station in the South, enroute visit Bandipur National Park and Mudumalai Wildlife Sanctuary, on arrival check in to a hotel. Evening free and overnight.

Day 05: Ooty

Morning breakfast, proceed for full day sight seeing visit to **Botanical Garden** - is spread over 22 hectares ascending the slopes on the hill, **Rose Garden** - the rose varieties planted in this park were assembled from

different sources. Initially, 17,256 rose plants from 1919 varieties have been planted, **Deer Park** - It is one of the high altitude animal park in India, **Doddabetta** - It is highest peak in the Nilgiris and the name Doddabetta literally means 'big mountain' which is so in reality, **Ooty Lake** - The Ooty Lake is the pride of the Blue Hills. It is central and strategic attraction, which is good for boating. Return to hotel and overnight.

Day 06: Ooty / Kodaikanal (280Kms/7Hrs)

Morning after returning from Wildlife Sanctuary have breakfast and proceed to Cauvery Fishing Camp. On arrival check into the camp and proceed for lunch. Afternoon fishing and evening free.

Day 07:Kodaikanal

Morning breakfast, full-day sight seeing visit to **Coakers walk** - runs along a steep slope on the southern side of Kodai. It offers some of the best views of the plains, **Green Valley View** - commands a beautiful view of the entire Vaigai Dam, this place was once known as “**Suicide point**”. The Lake - is the focal point in Kodai, boating can be done here, **Pillar Rocks** - Three boulders stand shoulder-to-shoulder, providing a majestic sight. It has a garden with lovely flowers, **Silent Valley View** - Just a little away from the Pillar Rock, provides a breathtaking view, **Berijam Lake View** - provides a panoramic landscape view of Berijam Lake, **Silver cascade falls** - the overflow of Kodai Lake comes down here as 180 foot high waterfalls. Return to hotel and overnight.

Day 08:Kodaikanal

Morning breakfast and full day free to explore on your own. Overnight.

Day 09: Kodaikanal / Madurai (120Kms/4Hrs)

Morning breakfast, checkout of the hotel/resort and proceed to **Madurai** - Known as the Athens of the East. On arrival check in to the hotel. Lunch and later on visit the famous **Meenakshi Temple** - has long been the focus of both Indian and international tourist attraction as well as one of the most important places of Hindu pilgrimage. Return to hotel, and overnight.

Day10:Madurai / Rameshwaram / Madurai (185Kms/4Hrs)

Morning breakfast, day excursion to **Rameshwaram** - small island in the Gulf of Mannar is a major pilgrim centre. Visit to **Sri Ramanathaswamy Temple** - situated near the sea on the eastern side, as massive sculptured pillars on either side and has the longest corridors in the world, **Kurusadai Island** - It is a Marine Biosphere, a paradise for the Marine Biologists and Nature lovers. Return to Madurai and overnight.

Day 11: Madurai / Kanniyakumari (240Kms/6Hrs)

Morning breakfast, check and proceed to **Kanniyakumari** - the land's end of India or the point where the three seas meet, enchanting Kanniyakumari or Cape Comorin is one of the most popular tourist spots in the South India. On arrival check in to a hotel and evening visit to **Vivekananda Memorial** - built on the Vivekananda Rock where the charismatic and philosopher Swami Vivekananda meditated and transformed himself. Return to hotel and overnight.

Day 12: Kanniyakumari / Kovalam (90Kms/2Hrs)

Morning breakfast, check and proceed to **Trivandrum – Kovalam** - is an internationally renowned beach with three adjacent crescent beaches. It has been a favorite haunt of tourists, on arrival transfer to a beach resort and rest of the day free. Overnight.

Day 13: Kovalam

Morning breakfast and proceed for a full day sightseeing, visit to **Vizhinjam Rock Cut Cave**- the granite cave here encloses a one-celled shrine with a loose sculpture, **Kuthiramalika (Puthenmalika) Palace Museum, Sree Chithra Art Gallery** - the collection also includes paintings from China, Japan, Tibet and Bali, **The Zoological Park** - it is like a small jungle in the heart of the city. A reptile house with different species of

snakes is also located in the premises, **University Observatory** - Located at the highest point in the city, one can have a bird's eye view of the city. Return to resort. Overnight.

Day 14: Kovalam

Morning breakfast and day free to relax at the beach or explore on your own for shopping. Overnight.

Day 15: Kovalam / Cochin (250Kms/6Hrs)

Morning breakfast, check and proceed to Cochin- commercial capital and the most cosmopolitan city of Kerala, Kochi is also known as the Queen of the Arabian Sea, on arrival transfer to hotel. Rest of the day free to relax. Overnight.

Day 16: Cochin

Morning breakfast and full day city sightseeing, visit to **Maritime Museum** - history, evolution and landmarks of the Indian Navy. **Indo- Portuguese Museum** - The museum today is an important center to understand the Indo-Portuguese, Christian Art heritage, **Fort Kochi** - turning it into one of the finest natural harbors in the world. Kochi thus became a haven for seafaring visitors from all over the world, **Vasco da Gama Square** - An ideal place to watch fishermen use nets is the Vasco da Gama square, **Willingdon Island** - man-made island is surrounded by beautiful backwaters. The island is the site of the city's best hotels and trading centers, **Bolghatty Island** - This lush, lovely island is famous for its palace of the same name. Return to hotel and overnight.

Day 17: Cochin

Morning breakfast and full day city tour visit to **St. Francis Church** - built completely of timber and later reconstructed in stone masonry, **Pierce Leslie Bungalow** - this charming mansion was the office of Pierce Leslie, this building reflects Portuguese, Dutch and local influences, **Loafer's Corner/Princess Street** - the traditional meeting place and hangout of the jovial fun loving people of the area. Return to hotel and overnight.

Day 18: Cochin

Morning breakfast, check out and transfer to Airport to your onward destination. Tour Ends.