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16 NIGHTS / 17 DAYS

SOUTHERN DISCOVERYCHENNAI / MAMALLAPURAM / BANGALORE / HASSAN / COORG / BANDIPUR NATIONAL PARK /
OOTY / COCHIN

Day 01: Arrive at Chennai

Meet on arrival and transfer to budget or deluxe hotel. Sight seeing depending upon arrival and overnight.

Day 02: Chennai

Morning reach Karnataka Golf Association course at 0630hrs to tee off. Return to hotel at 10.00hrs for breakfast. Afternoon visit to Lalbagh, Cubbon Park, Vidhana Soudha, etc., overnight.

Day 03: Chennai / Mamallapuram / Chennai (64 Kms/2 Hrs)

Morning reach Karnataka Golf Association Course at 0630hrs to tee off. Return to hotel at 10.00hrs for breakfast, check out and proceed to Mysore, enroute visit **Srirangapatna**- Tippu's Summer Palace, Ranganatha Temple, Bird sanctuary, etc., on arrival check in to a hotel. Evening free and overnight.

Day 04: Chennai/Bangalore(5Hrs by Indian Super Fast Express Train– Shatabdhi Express)

Morning reach Jayachamaraja Wodeyar Golf Club at 0630hrs for tee off. Return to hotel at 10.00hrs for breakfast. Afternoon visit **Maharaja Palace**- built in 1911-12 by Wodeyar Rulers, the palace is a splendid structure in the Indo-Saracenic Style, among its many attractions are a magnificent gold throne displayed during the Dussara celebrations. It is an entirely modern structure continuing the Hindu and saracenic styles of Architecture, **Jaganmohana Art Gallery**- the art gallery in the Jaganmohan Palace house an excellent collection of ceramics, sandalwood, ivory, stone, antique furniture and ancient musical instruments, **Chamundi Hills**-perched atop a hill 13km outside Mysore city is the temple of Goddess Chamundeshwari. The 4.8m tall monolith of Nandi and the gigantic Mahishasura statue are added attractions. Evening free and overnight.

Day 05: Bangalore

Morning reach Jayachamaraja Wadiyar Golf Club to tee off and return to hotel at 10.00hrs for breakfast. Check out and proceed to Ooty, enroute visit Bandipur & Mudumalai Wildlife sanctuaries. On arrival check in to a hotel and evening visit Ooty Lake and Garden. Overnight.

Day 06: Bangalore / Hassan (180Kms/4Hrs)

Morning reach Wellington Gymkhana Club to tee off at 0630hrs and return to hotel at 10.00hrs for breakfast. Rest of the day free. Overnight.

Day 07: Hassan / Coorg (155Kms/4Hrs)

Morning breakfast, check out and proceed to Coimbatore airport or Railway station to board your flight or train.

Day 08: Coorg

Morning breakfast and proceed for full day sight seeing, visit to , **Raja Seat** -Raja's seat perched atop a hill, good for watching the golden sunset, **Abbey Falls** - Tucked away between private coffee and spice estates, Abbey Falls offers a splendid backdrop for picnics. Return to hotel and overnight

Day 09: Coorg / Mysore (125Kms/3Hrs)

After breakfast check out and proceed to Mysore, Enroute visit to **Bylakuppe**- One of the largest Tibetan settlements in South India, it is known for its monasteries, handicrafts, carpet factories, and an incense factory. On arrival, check into hotel. Lunch & visit **Srirangapatna - Island fortress of Tippu Sultan, Tippu's summer Palace, Mosque, and Sriranganatha Temple** and 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 10: Mysore

Morning breakfast. Visit to **Maharaja Palace** - the palace is a splendid structure in the Indo-Saracenic Style, among its many attractions are a magnificent gold throne. It is an entirely modern structure continuing the Hindu and Saracenic styles of Architecture, **Chamundi Hills** - perched a top a hill is the temple of Chamundeshwari, a tall monoliths of Nandi and the gigantic Mahishasura statue are added attractions and in the evening visit to Mysore's famous market, return to hotel and overnight.

Day 11: Mysore / Bandipur National Park (80 Kms/3Hrs)

Morning breakfast, check out and proceed to **Bandipur National Park**- Nestling in the foothills of the Nilgiris. It is one of the Tiger reserves in the country. It also forms part of Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve, which is one of the last refuges of endangered Asiatic wild elephants. On arrival check in to Bandipur Safari Lodge. Evening Jeep Safari into the Jungle and overnight.

Day 12: Bandipur National Park/ Ooty (90Kms/3Hrs)

Early morning after a cup of coffee/ tea, be lead by a trained naturalist into the Tiger Reserve on a nature walk. Get back to the Lodge in time for freshening up and breakfast. Check out and proceed to **Ooty**- called the Queen of Hill Stations, Picturesque, green Udhagamandalam better known Ooty is the most popular hill station in the South, on arrival check into a hotel. After lunch visit to Ooty Lake - is the pride of the Blue Hills. It is Central and strategic attraction, **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. Return to hotel and overnight.

Day 13: Ooty

Morning breakfast, half-day tour to **Coonoor** - is a small town with an equable climate that has made it in its own right, visit **Dolphins Nose** - Ideally visited in the morning, you can get a beautiful view of the Catherine falls from here, **Lamb's Rock**-this view point is within a reserve forest with a phenomenal view of vast stretches of forests all the way to the Coimbatore plains, **Law's Falls** - is a paradise for naturalists, **Katery Falls**- water from the Katery dam flows as a falls. This is one of the highest falls in the Nilgiris. Return to hotel, evening free and overnight.

Day 14: Ooty / Cochin (285 Kms/7Hrs)

Morning breakfast, checkout of the hotel/resort and proceed to **Cochin**- commercial capital and the most cosmopolitan city of Kerala, Kochi, in Ernakulam, is also known as the Queen of the Arabian Sea. On arrival check into hotel. Evening free and overnight.

Day 15: Cochin

Morning breakfast and full day city tour to Cochin **St. Francis Church** - these centuries old church at Fort Kochi was originally built completely of timber and later reconstructed in stone masonry, **Pierce Leslie Bungalow** - this charming mansion was the office of Pierce Leslie characteristic features are wood panels that form the roof of the ground floor, arched doorways, carved doors and sprawling rooms. Waterfront verandahs are an added attraction. **Loafer's Corner/Princess Street** - One of the earliest streets to be constructed in Fort Kochi, traditional meeting place and hangout of the jovial fun loving people of the area. Return to hotel and overnight

Day 16: Cochin

Morning breakfast and full day city sightseeing, visit to **Maritime Museum** - throws light on the genesis, 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. **Vasco da Gama Square** – an ideal place to watch fishermen use these nets is the Vasco da Gama square, a narrow promenade along the beach, **Willingdon Island** – it's a man-made island, surrounded by beautiful backwaters. The island is the city's best hotels and trading centres, the Port Trust and the headquarters of the southern naval command. **Bolghatty Island** - This lush, lovely island is famous for its palace of the same name. Evening return to hotel, and overnight

Day 17: Cochin

Morning breakfast, check out and transfer to Airport to board your flight for your onward journey. Tour Ends.