

## Southern Splendour



**Duration:** 14 Nights / 15 Days

### **Itinerary:**

#### **Day 01: Arrive at Bangalore**

Meet on arrival at Bangalore Airport and transfer to a Hotel. **Bangalore** - the city boasts of spacious gardens, parks, tree-lined avenues, a profusion of flowering trees, lakes, earning it the sobriquet of "Garden City." The once-sedate cantonment settlement of the British has now spread way beyond the mud fort and the four towers constructed by Kempegowda in 1537. Depending on the arrival time, half-day city tour - visit **Cubbon Park, Vidhana Soudha** - this massive building houses the state Legislature and the Secretariat. Return to hotel and overnight.

#### **Day 02: Bangalore/Mysore**

Morning breakfast, checkout and proceed to Mysore, en route visit **Srirangapatna**. On arrival at Mysore check into hotel. After lunch relax and later visit **Chamundi Hill**-perched atop a hill the 4.8m tall monolith of Nandi and the gigantic Mahishasura statue and added attractions. Return to hotel and overnight.

### Day 03: Mysore

Morning breakfast and proceed for full day sightseeing, 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 closed lights transform this place into a magical fairyland. Return to hotel and overnight.

### Day 04: Mysore / Ooty

Morning breakfast, 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 into hotel, 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 part 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 part 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

Morning breakfast, checkout and proceed to **Kodaikanal** - the charm of Kodaikanal Hill station lies in its wooded slopes and gigantic trees. The mighty rocks, bowers, creeks and slopes captivate the visitors, check in on arrival to hotel. Rest of the day free to relax and overnight.

### 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**

Morning breakfast, checkout and proceed to Madurai-known as the Athens of the East. On arrival, check into a hotel. Lunch and later on visit the famous **Sri 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.

#### **Day 10: Madurai/Rameshwaram/Madurai**

Morning breakfast, day excursion to **Rameshwaram** - small island in the Gulf of Mannar is a major pilgrim center. 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 / Kanyakumari**

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

#### **Day 12: Kanyakumari / Kovalam**

Morning breakfast, check and proceed to **Kovalam**. 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. Return to hotel and 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 / Trivandrum**

Morning breakfast, check and proceed to Trivandrum Airport for onward journey. Tour ends.

#### **Inclusions:**

- Per person rates in Indian Rupees – applicable for minimum of 2 persons staying together sharing same room and vehicle with other combination.
- Accommodation with breakfast and taxes in specified or similar properties.
- Transportation by A/C Car, driver allowance, fuel, parking charges, interstate taxes as per the itinerary only. Driving from morning 08.00am to 20.00hrs

#### **Exclusions:**

- Lunch, dinner and personal expenses such as laundry, telephone calls, tips, etc.,
- Air / Train Ticket.
- Entry tickets, camera / video Camera fee.
- Local or accompanying guide charges
- Any items other than mentioned in cost includes.

#### **Term & Conditions:**

- Rates are not valid for peak Festive season i.e. New Year , Diwali , Pushkar fair etc.
- Rates are based on Hotels Subject to Availability at the time of making Reservation. In case of unavailability in mentioned hotels,alternate accommodation will be arranged in a similar category hotel.
- Rates are subject to change if there is any Fair & Festival, Major conference, events in travel destination
- Early check in / late checks out is subject to availability of rooms.
- Cancellation charges would be as per the company policy.
- Vehicle confirmed will be as per Itinerary and not at disposal. AC will work only in the plains and will be switched off during hill drives.
- All sightseeing mentioned are subject to weather conditions, political conditions & traffic conditions in the destination.
- Any sightseeing missed due to natural calamities / weather conditions is non-refundable.
- All entrances fees will be on direct payment basis as per Itinerary.

- It is not advisable to travel in night, if necessary supplement charge applicable

### **Travel Basics:**

- Passport and valid Visa
- Water Bottle with a Filtering System
- Daily Medications
- Phone Chargers
- Camera
- ID Proof
- Toilet Papers
- Walking Shoes
- Ear Phones
- Cap
- Power bank
- Sun Screen Lotion
- Wipes
- Ladies basics
- Mosquito Creame/bands/net depending upon your itinerary.

### **India Visa Guidelines:**

Yes, Australian passport holders **require a visa** to enter India for tourism, business, medical, or other purposes

**e-Tourist Visa (Most Common):** Valid for tourism, sightseeing, short-term yoga programs, and visiting friends/relatives.

Validity options: - 30 days (double entry), 1 year (multiple entry), 5 years (multiple entry)

**Stay limit:** 90 days per visit

#### **e-Business Visa**

For attending meetings, business discussions, or exhibitions

Valid for 1 year (multiple entries), 180 days stay per visa

#### **e-Medical Visa**

For short-term medical treatment in India

Valid for 60 days with triple entry

### **How to Apply:**

- Apply online via the official Indian government portal: <https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/evisa/>
- No physical visit required, Upload passport scan and photograph, Payment is made online, Approval typically within 3–5 working days

### **Documents Required:**

- Valid Australian passport (minimum 6 months validity from date of arrival)

- Recent passport-size photograph (as per specs)
- Copy of return/onward flight ticket may be asked
- Additional documentation for business or medical visas

### Booking Terms:

- Deposit of 25% of the package cost at the time of booking.
- Need 50% payment of the package cost, 60 days prior to departure date
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