

# BEST OF SOUTH INDIA

Featuring - Alleppey, Chennai, Kanchipuram, Kochi, Madurai, Mahabalipuram, Pondicherry, Thanjavur, Thekkady, Trichy

DURATION	GROUP SIZE	AIRPORT	PRICE STARTING FROM
13 Nights / 14 Days	22 People	New York (JFK/EWR)	Twin Occupancy Price Per person - \$2,599.00 Single Supplement Price Per Person - \$799.00

## OVERVIEW

Unfold the essence of South India with this thoughtfully crafted itinerary. Begin your journey in Chennai, a vibrant city blending colonial history with Dravidian culture. Explore the sacred temples of Kanchipuram, marvel at the seaside rock carvings in Mahabalipuram, and soak in the bohemian spirit of Pondicherry. Witness the architectural wonders of the Chola dynasty in Thanjavur, and feel the spiritual pulse of Madurai at the Meenakshi Temple. Continue to the lush green hills of Thekkady, where spice plantations and the Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary await. Cruise through the tranquil backwaters of Alleppey aboard a traditional houseboat, and conclude your tour in the artistic, multicultural city of Kochi, where Portuguese, Dutch, and Indian influences harmoniously converge. With heritage walks, temple visits, unique optional experiences, and a diverse culinary landscape, this tour offers an unforgettable blend of spirituality, history, nature, and coastal charm.

## DEPARTURE

Start Date	End Date	Departure Gateway	Price Per Person
21 Jan, 2026	03 Feb, 2026	New York (JFK/EWR)	\$2599



## INCLUSIONS

- ◆ 12 nights' accommodation on double/twin sharing at hotels as mentioned in the itinerary
- ◆ 12 breakfasts
- ◆ 01 Lunch and 01 Dinner at the House Boat
- ◆ Arrival and Departure Airport Transfers
- ◆ English-speaking guide for all sightseeing as per itinerary
- ◆ Transportation in Deluxe Tourist Vehicle
- ◆ All sightseeing with admissions
- ◆ Services of English-speaking driver & guide
- ◆ **International return airfare ex-New York (Please check with us for pricing from other cities)**
- ◆ All taxes and surcharges
- ◆ All local applicable taxes

## EXCLUSIONS

- ◆ All other meals & other sightseeing or services
- ◆ Gratuities for meals, tourist guides, drivers
- ◆ Visa fee & Travel Insurance
- ◆ Personal expenses such as alcoholic and other beverages, telephone calls, and laundry
- ◆ Any other services or Items not mentioned above as included

# ITINERARY

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## DAY 1 Depart - USA/CANADA - CHENNAI

Brace yourself! Today marks the beginning of your incredible South India journey as you arrive in the vibrant city of Chennai, ready to soak in its rich culture and charm.

## DAY 2 ARRIVAL IN CHENNAI

Welcome to Chennai! Upon arrival at Chennai International Airport, you'll be greeted and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is free at leisure. If you arrive earlier in the day, you can choose from the **Optional excursions** to explore some of the city's highlights at a relaxed pace.

Overnight in Chennai

## DAY 3 CHENNAI (EXPLORE THE CITY) [B/-/-]

In the morning after breakfast start your day exploring the cultural and historical sites of Chennai. Begin with a visit to Fort St. George, the oldest British fort in India, and then head to the Government Museum, which houses a remarkable collection of South Indian artifacts and sculptures. Continue with a visit to Mylapore, one of Chennai's oldest neighborhoods, where you'll see the iconic Kapaleeshwarar Temple.

Overnight in Chennai

## DAY 4 CHENNAI - KANCHIPURAM - MAHABALI PURAM [B/-/-]

After breakfast, start your day with a drive to Kanchipuram, about 75 km from Chennai, taking roughly two hours. Known as the "City of a Thousand Temples," Kanchipuram is a treasure trove of Dravidian architecture. Visit the Ekambareswarar Temple, dedicated to Lord Shiva, with its towering gopuram and sprawling courtyard, followed by the Kailasanathar Temple, renowned for its intricate sandstone carvings. After a local lunch featuring Tamil cuisine, explore the Kamakshi Amman Temple, dedicated to Goddess Parvati, vibrant with devotees and rituals. Continue your journey to Mahabalipuram, a coastal town just 70

km away, about a 1.5-hour drive. Check into a beachside resort and spend the evening relaxing at Mahabalipuram Beach, where the sound of waves sets a serene mood, or browse local handicraft shops for stone carvings and souvenirs.

Overnight in Mahabalipuram

## DAY 5 MAHABALIPURAM - PONDICHERRY (Approx. 2 hours) [B/-/-]

Start the day with a leisurely breakfast, and if you wish, take a walk along the quiet beaches of Mahabalipuram. Afterward, you'll drive to Pondicherry, the French colonial town on the eastern coast. Upon arrival, you can explore the French Quarter with its beautiful colonial buildings and tree-lined streets. Visit the Sri Aurobindo Ashram and relax by the Promenade Beach. In the evening, stroll through the Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and enjoy a peaceful evening at one of the town's charming cafés.

Overnight in Pondicherry

## DAY 6 PONDICHERRY - THANJAVUR (Via CHIDAMBARAM) [B/-/-]

After breakfast, leave Pondicherry and head towards Chidambaram, which is about 2.5 hours away. Here, you'll visit the famous Nataraja Temple, dedicated to Lord Shiva in his cosmic dance form. This is a perfect example of Chola architecture and an important pilgrimage site. Continue your drive to Thanjavur, the cultural capital of Tamil Nadu, where you'll arrive after another 3.5-4-hour drive. Relax at your hotel upon arrival and enjoy a free evening.

Overnight in Thanjavur

## DAY 7 THANJAVUR (SIGHTSEEING) [B/-/-]

Today, you'll explore the grandeur of Brihadeeswarar Temple, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the finest examples of Chola architecture. Marvel at the massive stone carvings and the intricate details that make this temple a masterpiece. You'll also visit the Thanjavur Palace, which houses the Saraswathi Mahal Library, famous for its collection of ancient palm leaf

manuscripts. If you're interested in art, take some time to view the Chola bronzes in the Art Gallery. Return to your hotel or in the evening, you may want to enjoy the local food or shop for traditional Thanjavur paintings.

Overnight in Thanjavur

#### DAY 8 THANJAVUR – MADURAI (via TRICHY) [B/-/-]

After breakfast, this morning, you'll leave for Madurai, stopping en route at Trichy (about 1.5 hours from Thanjavur). In Trichy, visit the Srirangam Temple, one of the largest functioning Hindu temples in the world, and the Rock Fort Temple, which provides stunning views of the city. Continue your drive to Madurai (approximately 2 hours). Upon arrival, check in to your hotel and relax.

Overnight in Madurai

#### DAY 9 MADURAI (EXPLORING THE CITY) [B/-/-]

Start your day by visiting the spectacular Meenakshi Amman Temple in the morning light, known for its intricate carvings and vibrant gopurams (temple towers). Next, explore the Thirumalai Nayakkar Palace, an example of Indo-Saracenic architecture. If time permits, take a walk through the local markets, known for their handloom textiles and jasmine flowers. Afterward, enjoy a relaxing afternoon at leisure. You might also want to visit the Gandhi Memorial Museum or the Alagar Kovil temple if you're interested in exploring further.

Overnight in Madurai

#### DAY 10 MADURAI – THEKKADY (Approx. 4 hours By Road) [B/-/-]

Today, travel from Madurai to Thekkady, set in the heart of the Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary in Kerala. On arrival, check into your hotel or resort and take time to relax amidst the beautiful hills. In the afternoon, you can go for an **(Optional)** spice plantation walk, where you'll see cardamom, pepper, and other spices growing naturally in the region. Alternatively, you can enjoy a cultural performance such as Kathakali dance or Kalaripayattu (Kerala martial arts).

Overnight in Thekkady

#### DAY 11 PERIYAR WILDLIFE SANTUARY [B/-/-]

Start the day early with a boat ride on Periyar Lake, where you may spot elephants, wild boars, bison, and a variety of birds. The serene ride through the sanctuary offers the best chance to see wildlife in their natural habitat. The rest of the day is free for you to explore or relax. You can choose an **(Optional)** elephant experience or an Ayurvedic massage to rejuvenate yourself after the boat ride.

Overnight in Thekkady

#### DAY 12 THEKKADY – ALLEPPEY BACKWATERS (Approx. 4 hours By Road) [B/-/-]

After breakfast, leave Thekkady and drive to Alleppey. Upon arrival, board a traditional Kerala houseboat (Kettuvallam) and set off on a scenic cruise through the famous backwaters. Enjoy freshly prepared local cuisine onboard as you glide past lush paddy fields, small villages, and coconut groves. This tranquil experience is one of the highlights of Kerala.

Overnight on Houseboat in Alleppey

#### DAY 13 ALLEPPEY – KOCHI (Approx. 1.5 hours By Road) [B/-/-]

In the morning after breakfast, disembark the houseboat and drive to Kochi. Upon arrival, begin your exploration of this vibrant coastal city. Visit Fort Kochi, where you can see the famous Chinese fishing nets and explore the Dutch Palace, Jewish Synagogue, and St. Francis Church, the site where Vasco da Gama was originally buried. Kochi is also known for its art galleries and cafés, so take some time to enjoy the local culture.

Overnight in Kochi

#### DAY 14 KOCHI - DEPARTURE [B/-/-]

Today after breakfast, depending on your flight schedule, you will be transferred to Kochi International Airport for your departure, bringing an end to your unforgettable journey through South India.

**Note:** The above itinerary is created only based on breakfast, but other meals are left to the traveler's preference.



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