



Tailor Made Travel: India

Golden Goa and the South

DAY 1 Arrive Chennai. Transfer to Mahabalipuram. On arrival check in hotel. Afternoon visit Mahabalipuram. Overnight at the hotel.

DAY 2 Mahabalipuram-Kanchipuram-Mahabalipuram. Morning visit “Kanchipuram”. Afternoon: city sightseeing tour. Later drive past Fort St. George, Marina Beach and San Thome Cathedral. Overnight at the hotel.

DAY 3 Mahabalipuram – Pondicherry. Morning, leave for Pondicherry. Afternoon: Half day sightseeing of Pondicherry. Visit the museum (which has rooms furnished with period furniture of French India) Church of Sacred Heart of Jesus. Overnight at the hotel.

DAY 4 Pondicherry – Tanjore. Morning, leave for Tanjore. En route visit Chidambaram golden Natraja temple. Overnight at the hotel.

DAY 5 Tanjore. Morning visit Chola temple of Brihadishwara. Evening free for independent activities. Overnight at hotel.

DAY 6 Tanjore – Trichy – Madurai. Morning drive to Trichy. Visit Trichy’s ancient temples dedicated to Lord Ganapathi. The ascent is climaxed by magnificent view of the sacred Kaveri River. Visit Srirangam, a massive temple dedicated to Lord Vishnu which contains within its walls a bazaar, as well. Transfer to connect train for Madurai. On arrival meeting and assistance at Railway Station and transfer to hotel. On arrival check in hotel. Overnight at Hotel.

DAY 7 Madurai. Morning city tour visiting Great Meenaskhi Temple. Later visit the Tirumala Nayak Palace. Evening free for independent activities. Overnight at the hotel.

DAY 8 Madurai – Periyar. Morning: leave for Periyar. On arrival check in hotel. Evening free for independent activities. Overnight at the hotel.

DAY 9 Periyar. Morning visit spice plantation. Evening boat trip on the lake. Periyar Wild Life Sanctuary. Overnight at hotel.

DAY 10 Periyar – Kumarakom. Morning: leave for Kumarakom. On arrival check in hotel. Overnight at the hotel.

DAY 11 Kumarakom. Morning embark houseboat. Cruise on the backwaters. The backwater cruise takes off through a network of canals with a backdrop of villages and coconut trees on the shores. Overnight at Hotel

DAY 12 Kumarakom – Cochin. Morning drive to Cochin. On arrival check in hotel. Afternoon: Half day tour of the satellite towns of Kochi (Cochin) and Ernakulam comprises visits to the Dutch Palace, the Jewish Synagogue - St. Francis Church and the Santa Cruz Basilica. The tour ends in the Fort Kochi area where you can walk through the historical Dutch and Portuguese buildings. Overnight at the hotel.

DAY 13 Cochin – Bangalore – Mysore. Morning transfer to Airport to connect flight for Bangalore. On arrival meeting and assistance at Airport and drive to Mysore. On arrival in Mysore, check-in at Hotel.

DAY 14 Mysore. Morning Half day city tour of Mysore. Afternoon excursion to Srirangapatnam (summer palace of Tipu Sultan, the Gumbaz). Overnight at hotel.

DAY 15 Mysore-Bangalore-Goa. Morning drive to Bangalore to connect flight for Goa. On arrival meeting and assistance at Airport and transfer to hotel. Overnight at hotel.

DAY 16 Goa. Free day for independent activities. Overnight at hotel.

DAY 17 Goa. Morning half day tour of Goa, Jewel of India, studded with a number of churches that remain as silent but forceful witnesses to the intense religious history of the land. The churches in Goa largely reflect European architectural styles. Majority of the churches in Goa were built during the Portuguese regime. Evening free for independent activities. Overnight at hotel.

DAY 18 Goa – Mumbai. Pick up from hotel to connect flight for Mumbai. On arrival meeting and assistance and transfer to hotel. Evening free for independent activities. Overnight at hotel.

DAY 19 Mumbai. Morning visit Elephanta Caves. Afternoon half day city tour visiting Gateway of India, Fish Aquarium, Jain Temple, hanging gardens on the slopes of Malabo Hills offering nice view of Marine Lines & Chow patty Beach, Kamala Nehru Park, Main Bhutan (Where Mahatma Gandhi used to stay) then to Dhobi Gnat. Also drive past Fagan church, Flora Fountain (Bombay nerve center), colorful Crawford Market and Marine Drive. Also visit Prince of Wales Museum. Overnight at the hotel.

DAY 20 Leave Mumbai. Transfer to International Airport to connect flight for onward destination