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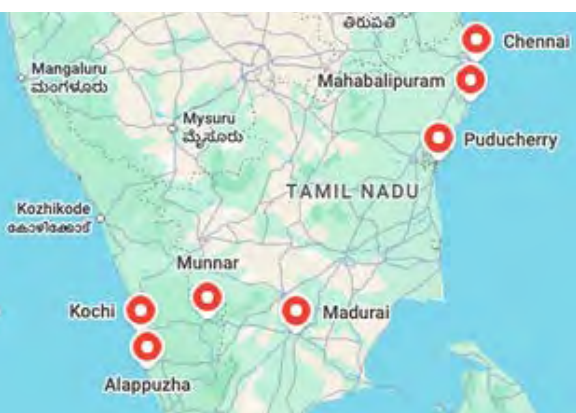
THE WORLD. YOUR TRIP. YOUR WAY

11 DAYS / 10 NIGHTS

INDIA'S SOUTHERN SPLENDOURS

Chennai, Mahabalipuram, Puducherry, Madurai, Munnar, Alleppey, Cochin

Embark on a captivating journey through South India as you explore the vibrant city of Chennai, the ancient temples of Mahabalipuram, and the French colonial charm of Puducherry. Dive into the spiritual heart of Madurai, unwind amid the misty hills of Munnar, drift through the tranquil backwaters of Alleppey, and wrap up your adventure in the historic port city of Cochin. This private guided tour blends rich heritage, scenic beauty, and unforgettable experiences.



DAY 1: CHENNAI

Arrive at Chennai Airport and meet and greet. After a ceremonial welcome, transfer to your hotel. Chennai, formerly known as Madras, is a vibrant South Indian city renowned for its rich cultural heritage. It is a center for classical music and dance and is celebrated for its diverse and flavorful cuisine. A bustling metropolis and major economic hub, Chennai also serves as a gateway to South India.

Night in Chennai



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DAY 2: CHENNAI – MAHABALIPURAM (60 kms)

Proceed for a half-day city tour of Chennai. Visit Fort St. George, the first English fortress in India, along with the Fort Museum and St. Mary's Church. Continue to Kapaleeshwarar Temple, known for its striking Dravidian architecture, and San Thome Basilica, built over the tomb of St. Thomas. Enjoy a relaxing stroll along Marina Beach, one of the longest urban beaches in the world. Later, drive to Mahabalipuram. Arrive and check in at the hotel.

Night in Mahabalipuram

DAY 3: MAHABALIPURAM – PUDUCHERRY (95 kms, 2hrs)

Explore the highlights of Mahabalipuram, beginning with Pancha Rathas, a complex of five monolithic chariots showcasing Pallava-era rock-cut architecture. Continue to Arjuna's Penance, an impressive open-air rock relief depicting scenes from the Mahabharata. See Krishna's Butter Ball, a massive balancing granite boulder, and conclude at the iconic Shore Temple, one of the oldest structural stone temples in South India, set against the sea. Later, drive to Puducherry. Arrive and check in at the hotel.

Night in Puducherry



DAY 4: PUDUCHERRY

Start your day in Puducherry with a visit to the charming French Quarter (White Town). Enjoy a leisurely walk along the Promenade, soaking in the sea breeze while admiring landmarks like the Mahatma Gandhi Statue and the French War Memorial. Wander through picturesque streets lined with colonial-era buildings, showcasing a blend of French and Tamil architecture, and see highlights such as the Notre Dame des Anges Church. Later, visit Sri Aurobindo Ashram, a peaceful spiritual retreat founded by Sri Aurobindo and The Mother. Spend time at the serene Samadhi and explore the ashram surroundings. In the afternoon, continue to Auroville, an experimental township dedicated to the ideal of human unity in diversity, bringing together people from across the world in a unique cultural and spiritual community.

Night in Puducherry

DAY 5: PUDUCHERRY – MADURAI (325 kms, 7hrs)

The day begins with an early breakfast in Puducherry. Drive towards Madurai, with an en route visit to Srirangam, home to the renowned Sri Ranganathaswamy Temple, one of the most important temples dedicated to Lord Vishnu, celebrated for its grand Dravidian architecture. Continue the journey with necessary stops along the way. Arrive in Madurai by late afternoon and transfer to the hotel for check-in. In the evening, visit the iconic Meenakshi Amman Temple, a masterpiece of Dravidian architecture. Explore its vast complex, admire the intricate sculptures and towering gopurams, and witness the unique "Palli Arai" (Putting to Bed) ceremony, a significant nightly ritual.

Night in Madurai



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DAY 6: MADURAI - MUNNAR (160 kms, 5hrs)

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel. Later, visit Thirumalai Nayak Palace, a 17th-century palace built by King Thirumalai Nayak and an excellent example of Indo-Saracenic architecture, featuring grand courtyards, towering pillars, and intricate carvings. Proceed to Munnar. Arrive by afternoon and transfer to the hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure to relax and enjoy the scenic natural beauty of this hill station.

Night in Munnar

DAY 7: MUNNAR

Enjoy an adventurous Kolukkumalai Jeep Safari through rugged terrain, hairpin bends, and steep inclines. Take in breathtaking views as the jeep stops at scenic spots overlooking tea plantations, hills, and valleys. Arrive at the Kolukkumalai Tea Estate, one of the highest tea plantations in the world. Enjoy a guided tour of the tea factory to learn traditional tea processing methods, followed by a tea tasting session featuring freshly brewed varieties. Keep your camera ready—this journey is as spectacular as the destination.

Night in Munnar

DAY 8: MUNNAR - ALLEPPEY (165 kms, 5hrs)

Drive from Munnar to Alleppey on a scenic route through winding roads, offering beautiful views of the Kerala countryside. The journey takes approximately 4–5 hours. Arrive at the houseboat docking point in Alleppey and embark on a leisurely cruise lasting the afternoon. Drift through narrow canals and waterways, passing lush paddy fields, riverside villages, local fishermen, and vibrant scenes of daily life. Enjoy the region's rich flora and fauna, with frequent opportunities to spot birds. Lunch and dinner will be served on board, allowing you to relax and fully immerse yourself in the tranquil surroundings.

Night on a houseboat (AC works from 8pm to 6am)

DAY 9: ALLEPPEY - COCHIN

Begin the day in Alleppey with a relaxed breakfast, enjoying local flavors and the serene beauty of the backwaters. After breakfast, drive to Cochin through the picturesque Kerala countryside, with glimpses of local life along the way. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel. In the evening, experience a captivating Kathakali dance performance, Kerala's classical dance form renowned for elaborate costumes, striking makeup, expressive facial movements, and intricate storytelling. Return to your hotel for an overnight stay in Cochin.

Night in Cochin

DAY 10: COCHIN

Enjoy a half-day tour of Cochin, designed to showcase its rich history, diverse culture, and scenic beauty. Cochin's heritage blends colonial influences with its vibrant present as a major trading hub. Begin with the iconic Chinese Fishing Nets, witnessing the traditional fishing method and learning about their history. Visit St. Francis Church, India's oldest European church, famously linked to Vasco da Gama's burial. Explore the Santa Cruz Basilica with its Portuguese-era architecture and stained glass windows. Take a leisurely stroll along Fort Kochi Beach & Promenade, enjoying the sea breeze and local life. Continue to the Dutch Palace, noted for its murals, portraits, and royal artifacts. End the tour at Jew Town & Paradesi Synagogue, exploring antique shops, spice markets, and one of the oldest active synagogues in the Commonwealth.

Night in Cochin

DAY 11: COCHIN - DEPART

This wonderful experience has come to an end. Transfer to the airport for your departure flight home.



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THE PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- 10 nights accommodation with daily breakfast, double occupancy
- 2 lunches and 1 dinner on houseboat in Alleppey
- Private transport by a/c Toyota Innova or similar
- Sightseeing as per itinerary with private English speaking local tour guides
- Rickshaw ride in Mahabalipuram & Puducherry
- Kollukumalai Jeep Safari in Munnar
- Tea tasting experience in Munnar
- Evening Kathakali dance performance in Cochin.
- Entry fees to monuments listed in the program
- Packaged drinking water in the vehicle

THE PACKAGE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Flights, unless mentioned in the inclusions
- Meals not included, beverages
- Optional excursions
- Gratuities to hotel staff, guides, drivers, etc.
- Personal expenses
- Visa for India \$

HOTELS OR SIMILAR

CHENNAI	GRT GRAND 4*+
MAHABALIPURAM	RADISSON 4*+
PONDICHERY	PALAIS DE MAHE 4*
MADURAI	COUTYARD BY MARRIOTT 4*+
MUNNAR	FRAGRANT NATURE 4*+
ALLEPPEY	BLUE JELLY DELUXE HOUSE BOAT 4*
COCHIN	BRUNTON BOATYARD 4*+

LAND PACKAGE 11 DAYS /10 NIGHTS, PRICE PER PERSON

DAILY DEPARTURE	DOUBLE OCCUPANCY
May 1 - September 15, 2026	\$ 3,899
September 16 - December 10, 2026	\$ 4,599
January 10 - April 15, 2027	\$ 4,649
Single room supplement	on request

Rates are valid for the specified period only; any overlap will be re-priced

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