

Sample Itinerary: Southern India
Bangalore * Puttaparthi * Cochin * Alleppey * Munnar * Cochin
14 nights / 15 days

Summary of itinerary:

Day 1: 19 Feb 20: Bangalore
Day 2: 20 Feb 20: Bangalore
Day 3: 21 Feb 20: Bangalore – Puttaparthi
Day 4: 22 Feb 20: Puttaparthi
Day 5: 23 Feb 20: Puttaparthi
Day 6: 24 Feb 20: Puttaparthi
Day 7: 25 Feb 20: Puttaparthi
Day 8: 26 Feb 20: Puttaparthi
Day 9: 27 Feb 20: Puttaparthi – Cochin
Day 10: 28 Feb 20: Cochin
Day 11: 29 Feb 20: Cochin – Alleppey
Day 12: 01 Mr 20: Alleppey – Munnar
Day 13: 02 Mar 20: Munnar
Day 14: 03 Mar 20: Munnar – Cochin
Day 15: 04 Mar 20: Depart Cochin

Detailed itinerary:

Day 1: Arrive Bangalore

Upon arrival Bangalore Airport you will be met upon and transferred to your hotel.

Rest of the day at leisure

Overnight Bangalore

Day 2: Bangalore

Breakfast the hotel, followed a morning half day sightseeing tour of the "Garden City" visiting the Lal Bagh laid out by Tipu Sultan and his father in the 18th century which has a variety of old trees, fountains, lotus pools, terraces and an assortment of tropical and sub-tropical herbs. Also visit the Bull Temple and drive past the Government Secretariat, Vidhan Soudha (Legislature building) and Cubbon Park.

Continue your visit to the Shiva Temple, the temple is considered as one of the most beautiful Shiva temples in the world and it is marked by a 65 feet tall figure of Lord Shiva carved in White Marble. The entrance of this temples is marked with a 25 ft. Shivalinga that represents the sacred form of the deity.

Overnight Bangalore





Day 3: Bangalore - Puttaparthi - by road, 4 hours

After breakfast check out from the hotel and drive to Puttaparthi.
Hotel check in and rest of day free to explore on your own

Day 4: Puttaparthi

Day at leisure to explore your own activities.

Day 5: Puttaparthi

Day at leisure to explore your own

Day 6: Puttaparthi

Day at leisure to explore your own

Day 7: Puttaparthi

Day at leisure to explore your own

Day 8: Puttaparthi

Day at leisure to explore on your own

Day 9: Puttaparthi – Bangalore- by road, 4 hours -Bangalore – Cochin – by air

In time transfer to airport to board flight for Cochin.
You will be met upon arrival Cochin and transferred to your hotel
Rest of the day at leisure
Overnight Cochin

Day 10: Cochin

Day at leisure to explore on your own.
The vehicle will be at your disposal for 8 hrs or 80kms - within the city limits
Overnight Cochin



Day 11: Cochin – Alleppey -by road- 75kms, 2 hours

Morning breakfast at the hotel. After breakfast, have half day sightseeing of Cochin which is till today influenced by culture of medieval, Portugal, Holland and England. You visit St. Francis Church, built in 1503 by Portuguese Franciscan friars where Vasco da Gama was buried for 14 years before his remains were transferred to Lisbon. His tombstone still stands. Nearby is the Mattancherry Palace or “Dutch Palace” (closed on every Friday and public holidays) The central hall on the 1st floor was the coronation hall of the rajas of Cochin. Other rooms depict scenes from the Ramayana and Puranic legends connected with Hindu gods. Amazing are the Chinese fishing nets. These cantilevered fishing nets line the entrance to the harbour mouth. They were introduced by traders from the courts of Kublai Khan. You also see the Jew City with the Jewish Synagogue (closed on every Friday and Saturday and public holidays), constructed in 1568, with hand-painted, willow-pattern floor tiles brought from Canton in the mid-18th century by a Rabbi, who had trading interest in that city. After having visits, drive to Alleppey, On arrival board a houseboat. Cruise around Alleppey, the backwaters cruise takes off through a network of canals with a backdrop of villages and coconut trees on the shores.

Overnight on board the houseboat.

**Day 12: Alleppey – Munnar – by road, 4hours**

After breakfast disembark from houseboat and drive to Munnar on arrival check in hotel.

Munnar: One of the Most popular hill stations in India, Munnar is situated at the confluence of three Mountain streams-Mudrapuhza, Nallathanni and Kundala.

Overnight Munnar

Day 13: Munnar

At 09h00 start the full day sightseeing in Munnar. Visit - Mattupetty Lake & Dam, Echo Point, Kundale Lake. Eravikulam (Rajamalai) National Park is the natural habitat of highly endangered species of mountain goats called Nilgiri Tahr or Nilgiri Ibex (*Hemitragus hylocrius*). Tourists visiting Eravikulam (Rajamalai) National Park can find small herds of Nilgiri Tahr grazing along the grasslands. Nilakurinji plants, rare species limited to the hill ranges of Munnar, can be found along the hill sides of this national park. Later visit the Tea Museum (Closed on Monday) - The Tata Tea Museum diligently portrays the growth of Munnar tea estates, veritably conveyed through some of the displays like the rudimentary tea roller to the modern fully automated tea factory. Visitors to the museum can satiate their curiosity on various stages of tea processing and learn a thing or two about the production of black tea. After a small shopping in Munnar town - Back to the hotel and overnight stay at the hotel



Day 14: Munnar – Cochin, by road, 4 hours

After breakfast check out from the hotel and drive to Cochin, on arrival check-in at the hotel.
Overnight Cochin

Day 15: Depart Cochin

Hotel check out and in due time transfer to the airport for your onward flight
Service ends

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