

Classic South India

Duration: 9 Days / 8 Nights

Day	Location	Details	Meal
1	Arrive Chennai	On arrival at Chennai you will be met by our representative and transferred to hotel (Hotel Check-in time is 1400hrs). Depending on the flight timings, your accommodation will be booked. Day free to relax at hotel and get accustomed to Indian weather and timings. Overnight in Chennai.	
2	Chennai	After breakfast leave for sightseeing tour of Chennai city visiting Mylapore temple, Kapileshwar temple, Fort St. George Museum, St. Mary's Church and the Marina beach. Rest of the day free for independent activities. Overnight in Chennai.	Breakfast
3	Chennai to Kanchipuram (Approximate drive time: 1.30hrs)	After breakfast check-out and leave for Mahabalipuram by road en-route visit Kanchipuram, an ancient city of thousand temples is one of the seven most sacred pilgrim centres for the Hindus. Continue drive up to Mahabalipuram, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. On arrival transfer to hotel. Overnight in Mahabalipuram.	Breakfast
4	Mahabalipuram to Pondicherry (Approximate drive time: 03hrs)	After breakfast, proceed for guided city tour visiting the fascinating rock carvings and temples for which the city is famous. Also visit Arjuna's Penance, the world's largest bas-relief, beautifully carved from solid granite. Visit a local sculpture studio to see how the stone is carved. Return to hotel. Afternoon check-out from the hotel and leave for Pondicherry. On arrival transfer to hotel. Overnight in Pondicherry.	Breakfast
5	Pondicherry	Breakfast at hotel. Morning proceed city tours visiting, French coastal settlements, Raj Niwas, The Romain Rolland Library, Pondicherry Museum (Closed on Monday), The holy heart of Jesus Church and The Institute if Indian History and Aurobindo. Overnight in Pondicherry.	Breakfast
6	Pondicherry to Tanjore (Approximate drive time: 06hrs)	After breakfast check-out and leave for Tanjore. On arrival transfer to hotel. Later proceed to the Brihadeeswarar temple or the Big Temple - built by the greatest Chola emperor "Raja Chola", is the dynasty's finest contribution to Dravidian temple architecture and the Saraswathi Mahal Library where over 30,000 Indian and European manuscripts written on palm leaf and paper are preserved. Overnight in Tanjore.	Breakfast
7	Tanjore to Madurai (Approximate drive time: 03hrs)	After breakfast check-out and leave for Madurai known as the "Athens of the East". On arrival transfer to hotel. In evening visit Meenakshi Temple for the Prayer ceremony during which god Shiva is lead to the bedroom of his wife. Overnight in Madurai.	Breakfast
8	Madurai	After breakfast proceed to local flower and vegetables markets followed by visit to the weaver's colony. Continue, to admire the 17th century Thirumalai Nayak Palace, and the Gandhi Memorial museum. Overnight at Madurai.	Breakfast
9	Depart Madurai		Breakfast

Highlights:

- 8 Nights Accommodation on twin sharing basis.
- Meals- 8 Breakfasts.
- All transfers & excursions by Chauffeur driven Air-Conditioned Tata Indigo.
- Services of English Speaking Local Guides during sightseeing as per the itinerary.
- Entrance Fees at sightseeing monuments as per itinerary.
- All presently applicable taxes

Package Exclusions:

- Air Fare to/ from/ within India & airport tax.
- Gratuities to drivers/ helpers and local guides.
- Expense of personal nature viz telephone calls, laundry, beverages etc.
- Insurance charges.
- Camera fees at monuments.
- Increase in taxes or fuel rates so as to cause increase in transport rates
- Other services which has not been specified in "Cost includes"

NOTES:

- The official check-in time at all the hotels is 1400 hrs and check-out time is 12 Noon.
- Sometimes due to VIP/ Foreign Dignitaries visit, monuments remain closed for public/ tourist due to security reasons. In such cases we will try to re-schedule visit to particular monument if time permits.
- The above mentioned hotels will only be confirmed on availability at the time of booking. If otherwise suitable alternatives will be suggested prior to confirmation.
- All transfer times mentioned above are subject to variations depending on traffic flow and road conditions.