

Splendors of the South

9 days / 8 nights

Day 1: Arrive Chennai

This evening arrive in Chennai, formerly known as Madras, India's fourth largest city. Upon arrival you are met and transferred to your hotel.

Day 2: Chennai

Your afternoon tour of Chennai takes you to Victoria Art Gallery, Bronze Gallery and Chennai Museum. The Fort St. George, San Thome Cathedral and Kapaleeswarar Temple complete your visit. (B)

Day 3: Kanchipuram & Mahabalipuram

Today enjoy an excursion to Kanchipuram one of the seven sacred cities of India. Visit three of the country's best temples—Kailasanatha and Ekambareshwara, dedicated to Lord Shiva, and Sri Vaikuntha Perumal, dedicated to Lord Vishnu. Continue your excursion to the ancient Pallavan port of Mahabalipuram to visit the



7th century rock hewn monuments. The shore temple, the only surviving one of seven, is a unique example of a temple built of rock quarried elsewhere and carried to shore. (B)

Day 4: Chennai / Madurai

Today fly to Madurai. Upon arrival you are met and transferred to your Hotel. This afternoon embark on a sight-seeing tour of Madura, which includes Meenakshi Temple, Tirumala Nayak Palace—a gracious building in the Indo Saracenic style—Alagar Hills and Tirupara Kundra Rock temple. In the evening return to Meenakshi temple to witness the evening Puja ceremony. (B)

Day 5: Madurai / Thekkady

In the morning drive to Thekkady. Afternoon is at leisure. (B)

Day 6: Periyar Game Viewing / Kumarakom

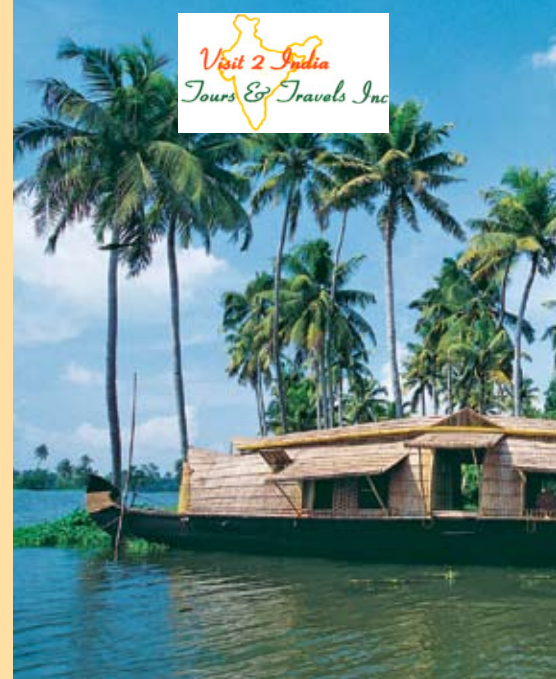
Enjoy early morning game viewing by boat on Periyar Lake. The motor launch drifts along the lake presenting close views of elephants, deer, bison and even leopards and tigers. Later in the morning drive to Kumarakom. Your afternoon is at leisure. Perhaps take advantage of the rich waters with a bit of fishing, or just relax and soak in the rich atmosphere of your surroundings. (B)

Day 7: Backwaters Cruise

In the morning set out to enjoy the Backwaters. Your boat cruises through the series of canals and lagoons snaking their way through several tiny villages and tropical vegetation. Not only do the backwaters of Kerala link the state together, they are an integral element in maintaining ecological balance and creating harmony with nature. Your afternoon is at leisure. (B)

Day 8: Kumarakom / Cochin

Take a cruise this morning on Vembanad Lake, site of a bird sanctuary. Later drive to Cochin, one of the most picturesque places in Kerala. Your tour this afternoon includes a visit to the Portuguese Church built by St. Francis in 1562, the Jewish Synagogue, the famed Mattancherry Palace, and the Chinese fishing nets—ingenious devices requiring little human attention. Tonight enjoy a presentation of the colorful costumed Kathakali dance drama. (B)



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Day 9: Depart Cochin

You will be transferred to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

	Dbi Occ	Sgl Supp
FIRST CLASS		
Jan 1 - Apr 15, 2006	\$1,995	\$715
Apr 16 - Sep 30, 2006	\$1,910	\$630
Oct 1 - Dec 31, 2006	\$2,210	\$895
DELUXE		
Jan 6 - Feb 28, 2006	\$2,365	\$965
Mar 1 - Apr 15, 2006	\$2,320	\$920
Apr 16 - Jun 30, 2006	\$2,080	\$650
Oct 1 - Dec 22, 2006	\$2,505	\$1,055
Oct 1 - Dec 31, 2006	\$2,725	\$1,280

Includes: Accommodations with daily breakfast, transfers, sightseeing tours as per the itinerary and applicable domestic airfare.

Temples of South India

8 days / 7 nights

Day 1: Arrive Chennai

Upon your arrival in Chennai you will be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel.

Day 2: Chennai

Your afternoon tour of Chennai takes you to Victoria Art Gallery, Bronze Gallery and Chennai Museum. The Fort St. George, San Thome Cathedral and Kapaleeswarar Temple complete your visit. (B)

Day 3: Kanchipuram Excursion / Mahabalipuram

Proceed to Kanchipuram, one of the seven sacred cities of India. Visit three of the best temples—Kailasanatha and Ekambareshwara, dedicated to Lord Shiva, and Sri Vaikuntha Perumal, dedicated to Lord Vishnu. In the afternoon, tour Mahabalipuram, where you will visit the seventh century rock hewn monuments. The shore tem-

ple, the only surviving one of seven, is a unique example of a temple built of rock quarried elsewhere and carried to shore. Check into your hotel. (B)

Day 4: Mahabalipuram / Pondicherry

In the morning drive to Pondicherry. In the afternoon visit the Botanical Gardens, Eglise De Sacre Coeur De Jesus, The Promenade, Government Park, Manakula Vinayagar Temple, Roman Rolland Library, Sri Aurobindo Ashram, French Institute, Museums and Art Galleries. (B)

Day 5: Pondicherry / Tanjore

Drive this morning to Tanjore, en route visit Nataraj Temple at Chidambaram, and also visit the temples at Kumbakonam. Arrive in Tanjore and check-in at the hotel. (B)

Day 6: Tanjore / Trichy

Morning tour of Tanjore, visiting Brihadeeswara Temple, The Palace, Sangeetha Mahal, Saraswati Mahal, Library, Raja Museum, Temple Museum and Schwarz Church. Later drive to Trichy where you will visit the Rock Fort, Sri Jambukeshwara Temple, Tiruvannaikaval, Srirangam, Museums and Art Galleries. (B)

Day 7: Trichy / Madurai

Depart for Madurai. In the afternoon visit Meenakshi Temple, Tirumalai Nayak Palace, Mariamman Tank and Koodal Alagar Temple. In the evening, visit Meenakshi Temple again for the evening prayer ceremony. (B)

Day 8: Depart Madurai

Transfer to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

	Dbi Occ	Sgl Supp
FIRST CLASS		
Jan 1 - Apr 15, 2006	\$1,540	\$395
Apr 16 - Sep 30, 2006	\$1,490	\$375
Oct 1 - Dec 31, 2006	\$1,680	\$495
DELUXE		
Jan 6 - Feb 28, 2006	\$1,870	\$670
Apr 16 - Sep 30, 2006	\$1,725	\$520
Oct 1 - Dec 22, 2006	\$1,995	\$745
Dec 23 - Dec 31, 2006	\$2,085	\$845

Includes: Accommodations with daily breakfast, transfers, sightseeing tours as per the itinerary and applicable domestic airfare.