



## Coromondal To Malabar Coast

Coast to coast across south India, discovering how dramatically the landscape, culture, language and diet can change in a short distance in this fascinating country. See the beaches of Tamil Nadu, Pondicherry, temple towns, barren landscapes, green rolling hills, spice plantations, wildlife sanctuaries and the Backwaters of Kerala from a houseboat.



### DAY 1 • DEPART FROM UK

Depart from the UK on your overnight flight to Chennai.

### DAY 2 • ARRIVE CHENNAI

Arrive in Chennai and take a short transfer to Covelong, where you will stay at Fisherman's Cove for 2 nights on a bed and breakfast basis. The rest of the day will be at leisure.

### DAY 3 • PM TOUR CHENNAI

This morning will be spent in leisure. Later in the afternoon you will be taken for a guided sightseeing tour of Chennai.

### DAY 4 • TO PONDICHERRY

This morning drive to Pondicherry, en route visiting Mahabalipuram. Early evening walking tour to explore Pondicherry. You will stay at Le Duplex for 1 night on a bed and breakfast basis.

### DAY 5 • TO TANJORE

Today drive to Tanjore, en route visiting the temples of Chidambaram, Gangaikonda Cholapuram and Darasuram. You will stay at the Ideal River View Resort for 2 nights on a bed and breakfast basis.

### DAY 6 • FULL DAY TOUR TANJORE

Today enjoy a full day sightseeing tour of Tanjore.

### DAY 7 • TO KARAICKUDI

Today drive to Karaikudi, en route visiting the Temple of Trichy. You will arrive at the Bangla hotel at Karaikudi in the afternoon, where you will stay for 1 night on a bed and breakfast basis. The Bangla is a complex of quaint buildings built over the last 75 years, on the outskirts of Karaikudi. The rest of the day will be at your leisure.

### DAY 8 • TO MADURAI

After a leisurely breakfast, you will be driven to Madurai, arriving in time for lunch. You will stay at the Taj Garden Retreat for 1 night on a bed and breakfast basis. Later you will visit the Meenakshi Temple of Madurai for the evening ceremony.

### DAY 9 • MEENAKSHI TEMPLE • TO PERIYAR

This morning visit the Meenakshi Temple one more time. After an early lunch you will be driven to Periyar, where you will stay at the Spice Village for 2 nights on a bed and breakfast basis.

### DAY 10 • PLANATATION/JUNGLE WALKS

This morning you will be taken for a spice plantation walk. Later in the afternoon you will have a jungle walk followed by boat ride on the Periyar Lake for game viewing.

### DAY 11 • HOUSEBOAT ON BACKWATERS

After a breakfast, drive to Alleppey to board your houseboat. The Ketavallum, or houseboats, are based on the design of traditional rice barges, but today are recreated as comfortable air-conditioned vessels that cruise the Backwaters at a leisurely pace. Watch the world drift by on your private cruise as the crew serve you with superb food, and watch the sun go down at your overnight mooring before spending the night on the boat.

### DAY 12 • TO COCHIN • KATHAKALI DANCE

After seeing the sunrise and having breakfast on the boat, you will return to your mooring where you will be met and transferred to the Brunton's Boatyard where you will stay for 3 nights on a bed and breakfast basis. The afternoon is at leisure. In the evening you will see the traditional Kathakali Dance, including the dancers applying their makeup prior to the performance.

### DAY 13 • COCHIN • AT LEISURE

In the morning take a tour of the old town, visiting the Jewish Synagogue, the Mattancherry (or Dutch) Palace and St. Francis' Church. Later take a walk through the quiet shopping streets and see the Chinese Fishing nets on the beach. The afternoon is at leisure.

### DAY 14 • AT LEISURE

Full day at leisure for you to relax.

### DAY 15 • DEPART TO UK

Transfer to airport for return flight to UK.

### DATES

This tour is run on an individual basis, and can start any day, though we recommend between 1st October and 30th June.

### COST

Please see our Price Guide at the front of the brochure.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

Accommodation and food as described; programme of events as described; all entry fees to monuments; services of English speaking guide for sightseeing; air-conditioned car for sightseeing and transfers; portage at airports; all local taxes.

### PRICE EXCLUDES:

Flights; visas; camera fees; personal items such as drinks; laundry; phone calls; insurance; tips.

### DEPOSITS

A Standard Deposit is required for this tour as detailed in our Booking Conditions.

### OTHER INFORMATION

The flights listed in the itinerary are easily available from online agents. We will be happy to advise you about booking.

This tour can link with our other itineraries to create a bespoke itinerary for you.

It is possible to join the tour from any country of origin, so long as you arrive in Chennai during day two of the itinerary.