

SCENIC SOUTH - 22 Days / 21 Nights

From USD 1668 onwards

Tour Code
GITC/IB/005

KOVALAM ALLEPPEY KUMARAKOM PERIYAR COCHIN COIMBATORE OOTY MYSORE HASSAN HOSPET BADAMI BIJAPUR GOA							
CATEGORY	PERIOD	MEAL PLAN	PRICE PER PERSON			MIN. PAX	FROM - TO
			1/2 DBL	SGL SUPPL	1/3 TPL		
Superior	04/01/06 -09/30/06	BB	1668	499	1311	02	Kovalam - Goa
Superior	10/01/06 -12/15/06 & 01/16/07- 03/31/07	BB	1986	733	1570	02	Kovalam - Goa
Superior	12/16/06 -01/15/07	BB	2103	815	1661	02	Kovalam - Goa
Deluxe	04/01/06 -09/30/06	BB	2196	736	1821	02	Kovalam - Goa
Deluxe	10/01/06 -12/15/06 & 01/16/07 -03/31/07	BB	2899	1242	2350	02	Kovalam - Goa
Deluxe	12/16/06 -01/15/07	BB	3556	1719	2848	02	Kovalam - Goa

DAY 01 : TRIVANDRUM - KOVALAM

Arrival at Trivandrum. You will be greeted and assisted at the Airport by GITC representative and transferred to Kovalam. Located 16 kms from Trivandrum, Kovalam, one of Kerala's most popular beaches is the perfect place for a seaside holiday. Check in at hotel for 01 night. Rest of the day at leisure.

DAY 02 : KOVALAM - ALLEPPEY

[176 kms/ 4 hrs]
Breakfast. Check out and drive to Alleppey, often called 'Venice of the East'. The town's commercial centre lives in a maze of canals. On arrival, embark on a Houseboat for an overnight cruise upto Kumarakom through the scenic backwaters of Kerala. All meals on board.

DAY 03 : KUMARAKOM

Breakfast. Disembark at Kumarakom and check in at a resort for 02 nights. A beautiful destination of mangroves forest, green paddy fields & coconut groves interspersed with enchanting waterways, Kumarakom is a cluster of little islands situated on Vembanad Lake. Rest of the day at leisure.

DAY 04 : KUMARAKOM

Breakfast. Forenoon, take a stroll to the bird sanctuary. This sanctuary is an ornithologist's paradise and a favourite haunt of migratory birds. Rest of the day at leisure.

DAY 05 : KUMARAKOM - PERIYAR [132 kms/ 4 hrs]

Breakfast. Check out and drive to Periyar. Periyar is one of the well known wildlife sanctuaries of South India and is famous for wild animals especially elephants. The splendid artificial lake formed by the Mullaperiyar dam adds to the charm of the park. Check in at hotel for 01 night. Afternoon, boat cruise at Periyar Lake to watch wildlife.

DAY 06 : PERIYAR - COCHIN

[192 kms/ 5½ hrs]
Breakfast. Check out and drive to Cochin. Cochin the 'Queen of Arabian Sea' is one of the most interesting cities of India and has one of the finest natural harbours in the world. Check in at hotel for 02 nights. Evening, watch the spectacular Kathakali dance in a local theatre.

DAY 07 : COCHIN

Breakfast. Sightseeing of Fort Cochin covering Jewish Synagogue, St. Francis Church, Dutch Palace and Chinese fishing nets. Rest of the day at leisure.

DAY 08 : COCHIN - COIMBATORE

[214 kms/ 5 hrs]
Breakfast. Check out and drive to Coimbatore which is popularly referred to as the Manchester or Detroit of the South for its textile manufacturing and engineering goods. Check in at hotel for 01 night. Rest of the day at leisure.

DAY 09 : COIMBATORE - METTUPALAYAM - OOTY

[30 kms/ 1 hr + 4 hrs]
Morning (0600 hrs), drive to Mettupalayam Railway station to catch Toy Train to Ooty. This smart little hill train chugs up daily to Ooty from Mettupalayam covering plantations, tea garden, lush forest and pretty little stations on its four hour climb to Ooty. Check in at hotel for 02 nights. Rest of the day at leisure.

DAY 10 : OOTY

Breakfast. Sightseeing of Ooty covering Botanical Garden, Lake, Doddabetta, Mukurti Peak and sprawling tea plantations. Rest of the day at leisure.

DAY 11 : OOTY - MYSORE

[164 kms/ 4 hrs]
Breakfast. Check out and drive to Mysore. Until Independence, Mysore was the seat of maharajas for the princely state of Mysore, which

covered about one-third of present-day Karnataka. Check in at hotel for 02 nights. Rest of the day at leisure.

DAY 12 : MYSORE

After breakfast proceed for sightseeing of Mysore, covering Chamundi Hill and Mysore Palace. Later visit Summer Palace of Tipu Sultan and Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary. Mysore a city of palaces and gardens is famous for its silk, sandalwood and jasmine.

DAY 13 : MYSORE - HASSAN

[80 kms/ 2 ½ hrs]
Breakfast. Check out and drive to Hassan. En route visit Shravanbelagola, famous for the world's tallest monolithic statue of Jain Monk - Bahubali. Check in at hotel for 01 night. Afternoon, visit Belur & Halebid. Belur, known as the Southern Banaras is famous for the temple of Chennakeshava. Halebid, known as Dwara Samudra, has several strikingly beautiful Hoysala temples & Jain shrines.

DAY 14 : HASSAN - HOSPET

[375 kms/ 7 hrs]
After breakfast check out and then proceed to Hospet. This is a typical county town of Karnataka. situated 13 kms from Hampi. Check in at hotel for 02 nights.

DAY 15 : HOSPET - HAMPI - HOSPET

Breakfast and then proceed for an excursion to Hampi. Hampi was once the seat of the great Vijayanagar Empire and now one can see the Vijayanagar ruins here. It is one of the most mesmerizing historical sites of South India.

DAY 16 : HOSPET - BADAMI

[150 kms/ 4 hrs]
Breakfast. Check out and drive to Badami. En route visit Aihole & Pattadakal. These world heritage sites have a set of temples, which display the successive Dravidian

temple architecture and traces of North Indian Nagara style. Check in at hotel for 02 nights. Rest of the day at leisure.

DAY 17 : BADAMI

Breakfast. Half day sightseeing of the town. Picturesquely situated in countryside, Badami has several Hindu and Jain temples, a Buddhist cave, carvings and inscriptions. Rest of the day at leisure.

DAY 18 : BADAMI - BIJAPUR

[175 kms/ 4 ½ hrs]
Breakfast. Check out and drive to Bijapur. Bijapur has the feeling of a North Indian Muslim city with its array of mausoleums, mosques and Mughal palaces. Gol Gumbaz dominates the landscape for miles around in this historic city. Check in at hotel for 01 night. Rest of the day at leisure.

DAY 19 : BIJAPUR - GOA

[375 kms/ 8 hrs]
Breakfast. Check out and drive to Goa. Evening, arrival at Goa. Check in at a beach resort for 03 nights. Referred to as the 'Pearl of the East', Goa, with its natural scenic beauty, attractive beaches, churches & temples, feasts & festivals and above all hospitable population has got an ideal tourist profile and a timeless charm. The captivating combination of the sun, sand and the sea makes Goa the picture perfect spot for rejuvenation & beach holiday.

DAY 20 & DAY 21 : GOA

Breakfast. Day at leisure.

DAY 22 : GOA

On time transfer to the Airport to connect flight for onward destination.

Tour Concludes!



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INCLUSIONS: 20 nights accommodation in double room on twin sharing basis on BB plan. Overnight Houseboat cruise on FB plan. All transfers, sightseeing and excursions as per the itinerary in A/c medium car. Service of a local English speaking guide wherever applicable. One time normal boating at Periyar. Kathakali ticket. Toy train ticket. Entrance tickets. Arrival & departure assistance. All currently applicable taxes (any Govt. or State taxes subsequently introduced will be extra). EXCLUSIONS: Expenses of personal nature such as hard/soft drinks, still/video camera fees at monuments, laundry, phone/fax, tips & gratuities and travel insurance. Flight tickets. Any increase in fuel costs. Any other item not mentioned in the above clause 'inclusions'. Xmas and New Year eve supplement.