

South India





WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

+5hrs 30

GMT

Best Time to Visit India is during cool, dry season between October to April when the weather is generally warm and sunny. The north, Delhi, Agra, Varanasi, Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh often offer clear blue skies, and temperatures in central India remains fairly comfortable. It is extremely cold and foggy in the Himalayas in December and January. Kerala and Tamil Nadu are also best to be visited between November to March.

Local Currency Indian Rupee

Country Dialing Code: + 91

Summary of your Itinerary



DATE	SUMMARY
DAY 01	Arrival Bangalore
DAY 02	Bangalore
DAY 03	Bangalore – Mysore
DAY 04	Mysore – Chennai
DAY 05	Chennai – Pondicherry
DAY 06	Pondicherry
DAY 07	Pondicherry – Mahabalipuram
DAY 08	Mahabalipuram – Chennai departure

Route Map



Bangalore



Mysore

Chennai



Mahabalipuram



Pondicherry





Itinerary in Detail:

23 JAN || Bangalore

We are holding the room from 15 Nov in order to provide immediate check-in to the guest as normal check-in time at the hotel is 1400 Hrs

24 JAN || Arrive Bangalore (BY 9W-235E @ 0045 HRS)

Early in the morning arrive at Bangalore airport, an ORANGE representative will be waiting for the guest outside the EXIT gate of arrival terminal, holding an ORANGE Placard mentioning guest name.

Meeting & assistance upon arrival and transfer to hotel.

Bangalore is the Capital City of Karnataka, is located in South-Eastern part of the State. A demographically diverse city, Bangalore has developed into one of India's major Economic hubs and is the fastest growing Metropolis in India. Bangalore is known as the Silicon Valley of India because of its pre-eminent position as the nation's leading IT Employer and Exporter. A well-planned city with tree-lined avenues, large number of lush green parks, gardens and lakes, Bangalore is aptly called as "Garden City of India".

After breakfast around 1000 Hrs; proceed for sightseeing tour of Bangalore City.

Visit the **Vidhana Soudha**, the beautiful Ulsoor Lake, which is ideal for boating, **The Lal Bagh**, which displays the beautiful concept of Horticulture, **The Bull Temple** dedicated to Nandi, the mount of Lord Shiva and the **charming Cubbon Park**. The park houses buildings that are aesthetically designed, magnificent statues of famous personalities, and rich flora and fauna.

Evening is free for leisure. **Overnight at the hotel.**

25 JAN || Bangalore – Mysore (150 Kms/03 Hrs Approx)

Today after breakfast guest will check-out from the hotel and drive to Mysore

The city serves as an ideal gateway/base for exploring the numerous places around Mysore which are popular tourism destinations. Mysore is the most popular tourist place in Karnataka. It has been popular because the King was in Mysore. The palace looks always majestic, especially on Sunday nights when it is fully lit up.

On arrival check-in at the hotel.

In the afternoon proceed to visit Mysore city. Visit **Tippu Sultan's Summer Palace**, the **St. Philomena's Church** and the **Mysore Zoo**. Later, visit the fascinating **Chamundi Hills** to see the grand Nandi Bull statue.

Overnight at the hotel

26 JAN|| | Mysore – Chennai (By Train)

Morning is free for leisure.

In the afternoon transfer to railway station in order to board the train **Shatabdi Exp: - 12008 Dep: 1415/Arr: 2125 Hrs** for Chennai

On arrival transfer to hotel for overnight stay

27 JAN|| | Chennai – Pondicherry (155 Kms/03.5 Hrs Approx)

Morning check-out from the hotel & proceed for half day sightseeing of Chennai city. Chennai city. Visit San Thome Cathedral, built in the 14th and 15th centuries, the famous temple of Lord Shiva, Kapaleeswara Temple & Chennai Museum.

After sightseeing drive to Pondicherry

On arrival check-in at the hotel for overnight stay

Thanks to its colonial past and laid-back lifestyle, Pondicherry has a special ambiance quite unlike any other city. The French influence combined with the local Tamil culture make for a charming mix. In the “French Quarter” many street names are displayed in both French and Tamil on characteristic blue enamel boards similar to the ones used in France.

28 JAN|| | Pondicherry

Today proceed to visit **Sri Aurobindo Ashram, Auroville** - Conceived as the 'Universal Town', the Auroville Ashram is a great epitome of community living. This is where people of different nationalities, culture, religion, traditions all come together to truly live in peace and harmony. Also visit **Pondicherry Museum**.

Overnight at the hotel

29 JAN|| | Pondicherry – Mahabalipuram (100 Kms/02 Hrs Approx)

Today guest will drive to Mahabalipuram.

On arrival check-in at the hotel.

Afternoon proceed to explore the city built in the 7th century, this ancient Pallava port, is today the sight of several antique sculptural marvels. In this ancient seaside town, shrines and huge sculptures cut-out of rocks more than 1200 years back during the reign of Pallava Kings in the region can be seen. Visit the seven pagoda-style Shore temples, Rathas, Arjuna's Penance, Krishna Mandapa, Shore Temple, Mahishasurmardini Cave, Varaha Mandapa and Mandapams, lashed by the waves of the sea and the seven rathas or temple chariots, a group of monolithic monuments & animal figures carved out of solid rock.

Overnight at the hotel

30 JAN|| | Mahabalipuram – Kanchipuram - Chennai (55 Kms/1.5 Hrs Approx)

Morning is free for leisure.

Afternoon late check-out from the hotel and drive to Chennai en-route visit of **Kanchipuram** - the ancient capital of the Pallavas and famous as a city of 1000 temples.

Later continue drive to Chennai.

On arrival enjoy farewell dinner at the hotel. Later transfer to airport in order to board the flight for onward journey.....

Day 09 || | Depart (BY 9W-236E @ 0230 HRS)

TOUR PROPOSAL

BASED ON 04/05 STAR HOTELS

CITY	HOTEL	WEBSITE	NIGHTS
Bangalore	Fairfield by Marriott	http://www.marriott.com/fairfield-by-marriott/india.mi	02
Mysore	Radisson	https://www.radissonblu.com/en/hotel-mysore	01
Chennai	Crown Plaza	www.crowneplaza.com/Chennai	01
Pondicherry	Maison Perumal	www.cghearth.com/maison-perumal	02
Mahabalipuram	Intercontinental	www.intercontinental.com/	01

**Above hotels based on base category of rooms*

COST INCLUDES:

- Accommodation on **Full board basis** on **Double Sharing** basis for 07 nights from dinner & Lunch on day 02 to breakfast on day 09 at hotels specified or at hotels of similar standard.
- **Lunch & Dinners at outside local restaurants or hotels.**
- **Transportation by Air-conditioned Coach.**
- **Services of an English Speaking National Guide.**
- **One Time entrance fees.**

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Any airfares + VISA fees.
- **Early check-in & Late check-out.**
- Expenses of personal nature such as laundry, mini bar charges, beverages, liquor, telephone charges, etc.
- Any other services not specified in above itinerary.
- Video and Camera permits at sites.
- Tips & Portage.
- **All Additional Entrance Fees should be paid directly by the guest.**

BANGALORE



MYSORE



CHENNAI



PONDICHERRY



MAHABALIPURAM



COMING TO INDIA

As a responsible organization with a high focus on quality, we feel there are some things a traveler should know and be prepared for, whilst visiting our destinations!

Arrival & Departure - India

Arrivals

There have been significant changes in the International Airports in India, not only in the major cities but also in the smaller ones. On arrival at the International Airport in India, you will of course have to go through immigration where you have to submit your debarkation form; this has a stub at the bottom that the customs officers collect.

Once the baggage is collected, one may be asked to X-ray the hand and checked luggage. Generally, travelers using the Green Channel are not stopped by Customs officials. Walking out towards the exit into the public area one would find our guest relationship executives with clients name on a placard to assist them till the hotel.

Meet & Greet

Our executive will be waiting as you exit gate after you cross the green channel in the cordoned area— He will be holding a placard with the clients name and the paging board will have the easily recognizable by a Orange Logo.

DURING SIGHTSEEING, IT IS GOOD TO CARRY YOUR OWN:

- Hand sanitizer
- Wet Tissues
- Bottled Water-Our transport will have sufficient supply of bottled water.
- Toilet Paper

DO NOT drink water from the tap or carafe, despite being told that it has been boiled and filtered. We suggest one to stick to bottled drinks or carefully iodized carafe water. Almost all hotels offer a complimentary bottle of mineral water per day – please use these. Ensure that the caps are sealed. All Orange Tours vehicles carry bottled water and you can buy more at most grocery stores.

India produces a wide variety of carbonated drinks including international brands such as Coke and Pepsi. Bottled mineral water, which is inexpensive, is also available in all cities and towns. Check that the seal is intact while buying bottled water, especially at railway stations and in small towns.

Time

India is GMT + 5.30hrs and does not have a daylight saving time. Though a large country, India has chosen to keep one time zone throughout the land; that is the reason we have the extra half hour.

Attire

Indians are conservative by nature. Many of the places one will be visiting have religious significance and we request you to respect this by being appropriately attired.

Ladies are advised not to wear scanty clothes such as halter necks and shorts, especially while sightseeing in old parts of any city. Trousers, Bermudas and capris are very acceptable. Ladies should carry a headscarf, especially while visiting places of worship.

Carry comfortable casual clothes, with perhaps one smart outfit for a special evening. Unless specified, you can wear open sandals just about everywhere.

Special Dietary Requirements

Most hotels in India cater to almost any dietary requirements that one may have. For any special requirements, please provide the information in advance so that the hotels of stay can be informed.

Power and Plugs

Most Indian hotels cater for all electrical plug types; they also have adapters to lend to guests. Shown here is the regular power plug found in India. Deluxe hotels provide for all kinds of chargers.

Shopping

You will have many shopping opportunities during the trip. India is great value; the exchange rates are very favorable and act as an advantage, but more importantly, India produces a large number of handicraft and craft items. One can easily have things shipped to one's house anywhere in the world, as most of the large stores, work with good carriers. It is advisable though to take a quick picture of your purchase so that you can match it with the goods you receive.

Medical Considerations

Like it or not certain areas of the world have mosquitoes that carry all sorts of unwanted things such as Malaria and Dengue Fever, parts of India are included in those areas of the world. Please check with the doctor or travel clinic regarding vaccinations for any vaccinations you need to take prior to coming to India.

Should you be taking any prescription medication, it is recommended to carry along the amount required for the duration of this trip (and a bit more).