



SPLENDOR OF SOUTH INDIA – TAMILNADU & KERALA

February 2025 – Dates TBD (12 days)



CHENNAI, 2 nights (Hotel [Raintree](#) OR Similar)

~ Tamil Nadu's capital, keeper of South Indian artistic, religious and culinary traditions.

- Visit Colonial part of Chennai
- Visit a classical dance school of Bharatnatyam
- See the shore temples of Mahabalipuram

PONDICHERRY, 2 nights (Hotel [Dune De LOrient](#) OR Similar)

~ The largest French colony in India.

- Visit the French quarters of this historic town
- Stay in the oldest heritage boutique hotel

TANJORE, 1 night (Hotel [Tanjore Hi](#) OR Similar)

- See Thanjavur paintings and traditional art of bronze-casting workshop
- Visit the Brihadeeshwara Temple, a 1000-year-old temple of Lord Shiva

MADURAI, 2 nights (Hotel [JC Residency](#) OR Similar)

- Meenakshi Amman temple, with its 170ft-high psychedelic *gopuras* (towers)
- Visit the colorful flower market
- Enjoy a lunch of Anglo-Indian cuisine at a local home

MUNNAR, 2 nights (Hotel [Windemere Estate](#) OR Similar)

~ South India's largest tea-growing region carpeted in emerald-green tea plantations

- Visit Tea plantations and a Tea Museum
- Enjoy tea tastings
- Visit TATA NGO supporting specially abled children

KUMARAKOM (day visit),

~ An entrancing backwater destination – offers unworldly natural beauty and charm.

- Cruise on the backwaters in a traditional Kerala houseboat with lunch

MARARI BEACH, 2 nights (Hotel [Marari Beach Resort](#) OR Similar)

- A serene beach in a local fishing village

KOCHI – DEPART

~ The Queen of the Arabian Sea, a mix of Portuguese, Dutch and colonial British Raj

- Tuk Tuk's ride through Colonial Fort Kochi