

SOUTH INDIA

GRANDEUR

15 Days / 14 Nights

Southern India offers content to crave for every driven traveler! May it be hill stations, backwaters, wildlife sanctuaries, ancient historical monuments, waterfalls, or architectural treasures, South India has it all! With an abundance of nature's beauty in its famous hill stations and golden sandy beaches, a roaring amount of wildlife, an architectural marvel of the century-old temples, and the glitter of the jazzing cities in South India have become the must-visits of India. The charms of the intricately carved temples, roaring victorious palaces, and unmatched bounties of nature, all leave the visitor speechless with the peaceful tranquillity of this land. Our South India tour package is all you read and will experience.

Highlights: Brindavan Gardens • Tirupati Temple • Meenakshi Amman Temple • Gandhi Memorial • Howah and Ashok Beach

Day 1: MYSORE (D)

Welcome to your Citibond South India Grandeur tour! On arrival, an English representative will greet you after immigration and customs and help transfer you comfortably to your hotel. Later will be transferred for Mysore local sightseeing at places like Chamundi Hills (temple dedicated to goddess Chamundi), Nandi Statue, Wax Museum, Mysore Zoo, St. Philominas Church, Tippu Summer Palace, Ranganath Swamy Temple, and Ranganthittu Bird Sanctuary. Dinner and overnight stay in Mysore.

Day 2: MYSORE (B/D)

Today, after breakfast, proceed to visit the world-famous Mysore Palace and in the evening visit Brindavan Gardens (KRS) which is famous for its musical color fountain. Dinner and overnight at a hotel in Mysore.

Day 3: MYSORE - BANGALORE (B/D)

After breakfast check out from the hotel and drive to Bangalore (approx. 3hrs). Upon arrival check in at the hotel and proceed for a local sightseeing tour of Bangalore which is the city of gardens. You visit several tourist destinations in Bangalore include the Vidhan Sabha, which houses the state's Legislature and Secretariat, and the Nandi Temple, which is one of the oldest temples in India, popularly known as the Bull Temple. Dinner and overnight stay at a

hotel in Bangalore

Day 4: BANGALORE - TIRUPATI (B/D)

After breakfast, start your road journey to Tirupati (approx. 5 hours). As you reach Tirumala Tirupati town, get transferred to the hotel for check-in formalities. Later, get ready for Darshan at Tirupati Temple, also known as Sri Venkateswara Swamy Temple. It is believed that this is the most frequented pilgrimage destination in the country. The ancient temple of Tirumala is placed on the top of a hill and is one of the richest temples in India. Dinner and overnight stay in Tirupati.

Day 5: TIRUPATI - CHENNAI (B/D)

Today, after breakfast, check out from the hotel and we will drive to Chennai (approx. 3hrs). Upon arrival, check-in at the hotel and proceed for Local sightseeing. The major tourist attractions in Chennai include the Fort St. George, St. Thomas Mount, San Thome Cathedral, Kapaleeswar Temple the National Art Gallery, and the beautiful marina. Dinner and overnight stay at a hotel in Chennai.

Day 6: CHENNAI - MAHABALIPURAM (B/D)

Today morning, breakfast at the hotel. Post-breakfast, check out from the hotel and drive to Mahabalipuram (approx. 2hrs).



Upon arrival, check-in at the hotel and later proceed for sightseeing in Mahabalipuram. Our guide will elaborately convey the history and facts based on below places of visit. Arjuna's Penance, Krishna Mandapam, Mahishasuramardini Cave, Shore Temple, and Sea Shore Temple. Monuments at Mahabalipuram Pancha Pandava Rathas Krishna's Butter Ball. Dinner and overnight stay at a hotel in Mahabalipuram.

Day 7: MAHABALIPURAM - PONDICHERRY (B/D)

After breakfast, checkout from the hotel and drive to Pondicherry (approx. 2hrs). Upon check-in at the hotel in Pondicherry. Later, proceed to experience the treasure and rich history of colonial buildings, churches, temples, and statues. Our tour will take you to the must-see sights. Admire Auroville Ashram, the famous promenade beach Manakula Vinayagar Devasthanam Temple, the Mahatma Gandhi Statue, and the French War Memorial. Dinner and overnight stay at a hotel in Pondicherry.

Day 8: PONDICHERRY - TANJORE (B/D)

After breakfast, at the hotel, check out and drive to Chidambaram (approx. 2hrs). In Chidambaram, visit the 1,000-year-old sacred site devoted to Shiva with 4 separate 7-storey towers around a central temple. After the visit, proceed to Gangaikonda Cholapuram to witness the beautiful temple

architecture, and proceed to Kumbhakonam, where you can view the stone sculpture carving sculpture carving and also the bronze casting. Later, proceed to Darasuram Temple and visit the Saree Weaving in the houses nearby. Reach Tanjore and check in to the hotel. Dinner and overnight stay at the hotel in Tanjore.

Day 9: TANJORE (B/D)

After breakfast, start your day with a sightseeing tour of Thanjavur, and visit Brihadeeswarar Temple (World Heritage Site), built in the 10th century, is the grandest architectural achievement of the Chola era. After lunch, proceed for an excursion to Trichy (approx. 54 kms/1 hr). Visit Rock Fort temple, which is a prominent landmark of the city. Later, a tour of Srirangam Island. Dinner and overnight stay at a hotel in Tanjore.

Day 10: TANJORE - MADURAI (B/D)

After breakfast, check out and proceed to Madurai. Upon arrival, check in to your hotel, and in the evening visit Thiruparankundram Lord Murugan Temple, Thirumalai Nayak Palace, and Koodal Alagar Temple. The palace is divided into two major parts, Swargavilasa and Rangavilasa, which include the Royal residence, Theatre, Shrine, Apartments, Armory, Palanquin Place, Royal Bandstand, Quarters, Pond, and Garden. After dinner, visit Meenakshi Amman Temple to witness the bed chamber ceremony - a unique experience in your life. Overnight stay at a hotel in Madurai.

Day 11: MADURAI - RAMESHWARAM (B/D)

After breakfast, we check out from the hotel and drive towards Rameshwaram (approx. 3hrs). On arrival in Rameshwaram, check in to your hotel. We then visit the

Ramnathaswamy Temple, dedicated to Lord Rama. This is one of the seven places in India where pilgrims pray for salvation. The place is unique with 22 holy springs and the longest corridor in India. Our next visit is to the five-faced Hanuman Temple. The temple also has a floating stone outside the temple exhibiting the famous stories from the Great Indian epic, Ramayana. Dinner and overnight stay at hotel in Rameshwaram.

Day 12: RAMESHWARAM - KANYAKUMARI (B/D)

Today, after breakfast, check out from the hotel and drive to Kanyakumari (approx. 5hrs). On arrival, check-in at the hotel in Kanyakumari. After some refreshments, get ready for a sightseeing tour to visit Gandhi Memorial and Devikanya Temple. Return after enjoying the magnificent and alluring view of the sunset in the southern tip of India. Dinner and overnight stay at a hotel in Kanyakumari.

Day 13: KANYAKUMARI (B/D)

After breakfast, enjoy a full-day visit to Kanyakumari. The small temple dedicated to Kanyakumari, or the youthful form of the primeval energy Shakti (Mother Goddess) is located on the seashore, in the town known by the same name. Kanyakumari was referred to by the British as Cape Comorian. Kanyakumari represents the site where the spiritual leader Swami Vivekananda spent days in meditation upon a rock off of the coast. A memorial built in his honor is accessible via ferry. There is also a recently built memorial to Tiruvalluvar, the author of the philosophical work Tirukkural - a treatise on the Indian way of life. Dinner and overnight stay at hotel in Kanyakumari.

Day 14: KANYAKUMARI - KOVALAM (B/D)

Today, after breakfast, check out from

the hotel and drive to Kovalam (approx. 2 hrs). Upon arrival, check-in at the hotel in Kovalam and proceed for local sightseeing. Silhouetted against lush palm groves, the crescent-shaped beaches of Kovalam are internationally acclaimed tourist destinations. Besides the three main beaches - Lighthouse Beach, Eve's (or Howah) Beach, and Ashok Beach, there are many more picturesque beaches all along the coast south of Kovalam starting from Vizhinjam up to Poovar. Dinner and overnight stay at a hotel in Kovalam.

Day 15: DEPART TO LONDON (B)

Breakfast at the hotel in Kovalam. Good times never end! As you get ready for the airport and your flight back home, relive the high points of your 'Citibond South India Grandeur' tour. We are confident you will join us again, sometime soon...

Departure dates

Departure	Number of days	Price per person
20-Nov-24	15 days / 14 nights	from £1999
11-Mar-25	15 days / 14 nights	from £1999

What's Included in Your Tour?

- International & domestic airfares (Economy Class)
- Accommodation as specified in the itinerary.
- Meals as mentioned in the itinerary.
- Sightseeing as mentioned in the itinerary.
- English-speaking tour manager throughout the tour.
- All transportation is in an air-conditioned private vehicle.

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