



**Bains Travel**  
Your Travel Experts

## BEST OF SOUTH INDIA 10 nights / 11 days



### **DAY 01      ARRIVE CHENNAI & DRIVE TO MAHABALIPURAM**

Met and assistance on arrival at CHENNAI. Drive 1 hour (60 kms) to your beach resort at MAHABALIPURAM, where you are booked to stay for two nights.

### **DAY 02      IN MAHABALIPURAM**

Mahabalipuram with its picturesque location on a rocky outcrop between the beach and a lagoon is a happy combination of history, good beaches, hassle-free tourism and fabulous fish and lobster. It is renowned for its series of charming RATHAS and the spectacular carved relief depicting ARJUNA'S PENANCE. The magnificent SHORE TEMPLE built by king Rajasimha in the seventh century houses the shrines of both Shiva and Vishnu. The KRISHNA MANADAPAM has a bas-relief of Lord Krishna lifting the Govardhan hill on his fingertips. Return to your hotel late in the afternoon for overnight stay.

### **DAY 03      TO PONDICHERY**

After breakfast drive to Pondicherry, a French colony on the coastline of India. During your afternoon tour visit SRI AUROBINDO ASHRAM, where Sri Aurobindo and the Mother lived for the most parts of their lives. The PONDICHERY MUSEUM is home to some of the most exquisite collections on architecture and sculpture. Pondicherry also has a pleasant beach alongside promenade and historical monuments.

### **DAY 04      TO MADURAI**

Drive today to the temple city of MADURAI. In Madurai the architectural marvels of the temples and the exquisite sculptures fascinate all those who have a look at them. You can also participate in the many festivals and regale in the rich tradition of the locals. Some of the major attractions in the city are the MEENAKSHI TEMPLE, TIRUMALAI NAYAK MAHAL, GANDHI MUSEUM, KOODAL AZHAGAR TMEPLE, VANDIYUR MARIAMMAN TEPPAKULAM etc.

**DAY 05      TO PERIYAR**

Today we drive from the busy and bustling temple town of Madurai to the quiet jungle resort of PERIYAR. It is one of the finest sanctuaries for studying the Indian Elephant in its home. Arrive and check-in at your hotel. In the afternoon you will be taken around to see some spice plantations. Overnight is at the hotel.

**DAY 06      TO TRIVANDRUM & TO KOVALAM**

Early morning proceed for boat ride in the Lake Periyar to see the wildlife in the park.

Drive to Kovalam enroute enjoying a quick tour of TRIVANDRUM. Dating back to 1880, the NAPIER MUSEUM building is a combination of the Kerala, Mughal, Chinese and Italian architectural styles. The building has a unique natural air-conditioning system. The SRI CHITRA ART GALLERY houses paintings from the Mughal, Rajput and Tanjore schools of art. Later continue your drive of another 30kms to arrive at your beach resort. Evening is at leisure to explore the beaches. Overnight is at the hotel.

**DAY 07      IN KOVALAM**

The day is at leisure to explore the beaches. Overnight is at the hotel

**DAY 08      TO ALLEPEY**

We take another drive today to the backwaters of Alleppey. On arrival in Alleppey you will be taken to your House Boat. Each boat has a fully equipped kitchen and an experienced cook to prepare authentic Kerala cuisine with seafood specialities and fresh vegetables. The waterways of Kerala play a major role in the economy of the state as they link remote villages and islands with the mainland. Overnight is on board.

**DAY 09      TO COCHIN**

You will get up early today by chirping of birds and occasional ripples in the water. Your breakfast will be cooked before your eyes by your expert boat-crew. After breakfast check out of the houseboat and drive down to Cochin. Being a major harbor from the times of the British and Portuguese, Cochin has a rich heritage of forts, churches and temples. Arrive and check-in at the hotel. Rest of the day is at leisure.

**DAY 10      IN COCHIN**

Breakfast followed by a sightseeing tour of Cochin visiting the Dutch Palace, (Closed on Fridays), Jewish synagogue (closed on Friday & Saturdays), Chinese fishing nets & St. Francis Church. Dutch Palace was built by the Portuguese and presented to the Raja of Cochin in 1555 AD. The Jewish Synagogue, built in 1568 AD, Fort Kochi, St. Francis Church, and the Chinese Nets.

Later drive to Mattencherry area to stroll in the animated bazaar. Afternoon is at leisure to explore this ancient port town. In the evening there is a visit to the cultural centre to see the traditional dance form of Kathakali. Overnight is at the hotel.

**DAY 11      DEPART COCHIN**

In time transfer to the International airport to board your flight for onward destination

**End of the Tour**



Hotel Envisaged:

City	Nights	Hotels Envisaged or Equivalent
Mahabalipuram	02	MGM Beach Resort
Pondicherry	01	Le Dupleix
Madurai	01	GRT Regency (earlier Madura Park Inn)
Periyar	01	Jungle village
Kovalam	02	Uday Samudra
Alleppey	01	AC House Boat
Cochin	02	Old Courtyard

**Tour Cost: (Validity: 01 OCT 2008 – 19 DEC 2008 & from 10 JAN – 31 March 2009)**

Details	Tour Cost
02 Pax	<b>US\$ 1729 per person</b>
Entrance fees supplement	<b>US\$ 19 per person</b>

Cost Inclusions:

1. Accommodation on twin sharing basis at hotels mentioned above or similar.
2. Meal Plan: **Daily buffet breakfast & Dinner** at the hotels. **ALL MEALS** during the stay on board the house-boat at Alleppey
3. Air-conditioned transport for airport / intercity transfers / sightseeing tours as per the itinerary.
4. Services of an English speaking local guide as per the itinerary.
5. 01 boat ride at Lake Periyar
6. Kathakali Dance Performance in Cochin
7. All applicable taxes on the mentioned services.

Cost Exclusions:

1. Any expenses of personal nature like tips, laundry, table drinks etc.
2. Any other meal other than specified above.
3. Any other item or service not otherwise specified above.
4. Any entrance fees to the monuments. **(Refer to supplement quoted above)**

PLEASE NOTE:

1. The above quotation is valid for the specified period of travel only.
2. Rates are **NOT VALID** for travel between **19 DEC'08 – 10 JAN'09**

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

### RESERVATION AND REGISTRATION

A deposit of CA\$300 per person is required at the time of registration. The deposit will confirm your reservation until 60 days prior to trip departure, at which time the balance of the cost of the trip is due. If reservation is effected within 60 days of commencement of travel, the entire amount is to be submitted at the time of confirmation. All tour participants must complete, sign and date a tour registration form. You will receive immediate confirmation and a pre departure information package that will include Visa/passport requirements, insurance information, health information, recommended reading list, clothing suggestions and other travel tips.

### CANCELLATION & REFUNDS

Full Refund, minus CA\$100.00 per person handling charge will be made if a cancellation is received in writing no less than 60 days prior to departure. Thereafter the following fees will be imposed based on the number of days prior to departure:

- 59-30 days CA\$300 per person
- 29-15 days 50% of the tour cost
- 14-8 days 75% of the tour cost
- within 7 days of departure 100%

### TRAVEL INSURANCE

Trip insurance is required for our trips. An insurance application form for our all inclusive travel insurance which includes trip cancellation, medical and other coverage, will be sent to you on receipt of your booking. Please note: An insurance waiver must be signed if you do not wish to purchase our policy.

### TOUR COST

Tour cost and what it includes are listed in the itinerary for each tour, unless indicated otherwise. On the tour itinerary, the tour fee includes: accommodations in double occupancy and most meals, all transportation during the tour, entrance fees for parks and other areas, and services of the tour guide. Tour costs are based on group rates and no refunds will be given for unutilized services for any reason whatsoever.

Items not included in tour costs:

- Visa and passport charges
- Departure taxes
- Extra meal not included in itinerary
- Items of personal nature (i.e. laundry, medical expenses, personal clothing)
- Emergency evacuation Personal travel insurance

All Tour prices are in CAD (Canadian Dollars)

### TOUR DATES DELAYS AND ROUTE CHANGES

Since schedules are determined up to a year and a half in advance, changes in dates may have to be made. It is also possible that route changes, delays or postponements may be necessary. This could happen due to inclement weather, political restriction or any other cause. In this event you will have no obligation in respect of charges, except as follows:

- If the land content of the tour is delayed, we will arrange, at no additional expense to you, accommodation for you for the duration of the delay.
- If the scheduled place of departure, of the land content of the tour is changed, we will arrange, at our expense, substitute means of transportation from the original point of departure to the rescheduled point of departure.
- If the scheduled duration of the land content of the tour is shortened more than 24 hours, we will make a refund based on the number of complete days the trip was shortened.
- Bains Travel reserves the right to cancel any tour prior to departure, in which case any payment you have made to Bains Travel will be refunded in full. You will not be entitled to make any further claims for compensation for damages, for any loss, consequential damages, expenses, loss of time or inconvenience which may result from such cancellation.

### IMPORTANT NOTE

All services described herein are organized by Bains Travel Ltd. Notice is hereby given that all arrangements made on behalf of customers are made by organizers on the sole condition that the organizers shall not be held responsible for any injury, death, accidents, and delays, loss, damage, or irregularity which may be occasioned through acts of any company and/or persons engaged in carrying out arrangements and services described herein or otherwise in connection herewith. The information contained on this website is correct to the best of the organizer's knowledge, but the organizer accepts no liability for any inaccuracies therein. The organizer reserves the right to alter any itinerary or service at any time without penalty to the organizer. Any additional expenses or cancellation costs shall be borne by the customer. The organizer reserves the right to withdraw or refuse any service to any customer at the discretion of the organizers. Payments of deposit are taken as acknowledgement of and agreement to the above items.

### AIR CARRIER RESPONSIBILITY TOP

Tour and guide services, hotel accommodations, restaurants, and all other services except carriage by air as provided by the airlines are furnished by the contractors who are independent and so do not act for, or on behalf of the airlines. The acceptance of this order of participations on the tour, by the passenger or his assignees shall be deemed to be consent to an acceptance by such person(s) of the above and if any further conditions and that the airlines shall not be liable or responsible in any way whatsoever for the accuracy of any representations regarding such tour services, nor shall the airline be liable or responsible for any connection with such tour services other than its liability under the ticket and tariff provision of carriage by air furnished by it. Bains Travel is a licensed British Columbia Travel Agency. All participants on Bains Travel tours are covered by the terms of BPCPA (British Columbia Consumer Protection Authority) Reg. #3376. Payments received are held in trust