

Tour Name: Bangalore to Backwater of Kerala & Temples of Madurai & Trichy

Tour Duration: 10 Nights/ 11 Days

Tour Map: <https://tinyurl.com/mr28x4us>

Tour Overview

Embark on an enchanting journey through South India with our "Bangalore to Backwater of Kerala & Temples of Madurai & Trichy" tour. Begin in the vibrant city of Bangalore, known for its rich cultural heritage and modern charm. Explore the serene backwaters of Alleppey on a traditional houseboat, and immerse yourself in the lush tea estates of Munnar. Discover the wildlife of Thekkady, the majestic temples of Madurai, and the architectural marvels of Trichy. This tour offers a perfect blend of natural beauty, cultural experiences, and historical landmarks, ensuring a memorable and diverse South Indian adventure. Enjoy comfortable accommodations, delicious local cuisine, and guided tours as you uncover the treasures of this captivating region.

Tour Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Bangalore

- Arrival in Bangalore and transfer to the hotel.
- Check-in at the hotel and freshen up after your journey.
- Evening at leisure to relax and explore the surroundings.
- Take a stroll through the nearby streets to get a feel of the vibrant city life.
- Option to explore MG Road, known for its bustling shopping areas, restaurants, and entertainment options.

Day 2: Bangalore

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Visit Lalbagh Botanical Garden, a sprawling garden with diverse plant species, renowned for its glasshouse inspired by London's Crystal Palace.
- Explore Bangalore Palace, a majestic palace reflecting Tudor-style architecture with ornate interiors, lavish gardens, and an audio guide tour.
- View Vidhana Soudha, an imposing neo-Dravidian legislative building, known for its grand architecture and illuminated at night.

- Discover Tipu Sultan's Summer Palace, a fine example of Indo-Islamic architecture with beautiful frescoes and historical exhibits.
- Visit Cubbon Park, a large green space in the city center, offering walking trails and a serene environment.
- Explore ISKCON Temple, a magnificent shrine dedicated to Lord Krishna with elaborate architecture and peaceful ambiance.

Day 3: Bangalore - Cochin (Flight)

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Morning flight to Cochin.
- Explore Fort Kochi, a historical area with colonial buildings, vibrant art cafes, and the iconic Chinese fishing nets.
- Visit St. Francis Church, India's oldest European church, where Vasco da Gama was once buried.
- See Mattancherry Palace, also known as the Dutch Palace, featuring Kerala murals and Portuguese architecture.
- Tour the Jewish Synagogue, a 16th-century synagogue with ornate interiors and rare antiques.
- Walk along Marine Drive, a picturesque promenade offering stunning views of the backwaters and the sunset.
- Visit the Indo-Portuguese Museum, showcasing artifacts that reveal the cultural influence of the Portuguese in Kochi.

Day 4: Cochin - Alleppey (60kms)

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Drive to Alleppey, famous for its picturesque backwaters.
- Enjoy a houseboat cruise on Vembanad Lake, experiencing the serene backwaters, traditional Kerala meals on board, and lush scenery.
- Visit Alappuzha Beach, known for its scenic beauty and the ancient Alappuzha Lighthouse.
- Explore Marari Beach, a tranquil spot ideal for relaxation and experiencing local village life.

Day 5: Alleppey - Thekkady (120kms)

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Drive to Thekkady, known for its wildlife sanctuary.
- Discover the Spice Plantation with a guided tour, learning about the various spices grown in the region and their uses.
- Witness a Kathakali Dance Show in the evening, experiencing the traditional dance-drama of Kerala.
- Visit the Elephant Junction, where you can interact with elephants and learn about their care.

Day 6: Thekkady

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Enjoy a guided trek in Periyar, observing the rich flora and fauna of the region.
- Experience Bamboo Rafting on Periyar Lake, offering a unique perspective of the wildlife sanctuary.
- Take a boat ride in Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary on Periyar Lake to see elephants, deer, and various birds in their natural habitat.
- Explore the Tribal Heritage Museum, showcasing the culture and traditions of the indigenous tribes of the region.

Day 7: Thekkady - Munnar (110kms)

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Drive to Munnar, a hill station known for its tea estates.
- Visit the Tea Museum to learn about tea production and the history of Munnar's tea industry, with exhibits and a demonstration of tea processing.

Day 8: Munnar

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Discover Pothamedu Viewpoint, offering panoramic views of the tea, coffee, and cardamom plantations.
- Visit Rose Garden, featuring a variety of flowers, spices, and fruits in a beautiful setting.

- Explore Eravikulam National Park, home to the endangered Nilgiri Tahr and offering stunning views of the Anamudi peak.
- Visit Echo Point, a picturesque spot where the natural echo phenomenon occurs, offering panoramic views and a serene environment.
- Visit Top Station, the highest point in Munnar, known for its breathtaking views of the Western Ghats.
- See the picturesque Chinnakanal Waterfalls, also known as Power House Waterfalls, located amid the Western Ghats.
- See the scenic Attukal Waterfalls, surrounded by rolling hills and lush greenery, perfect for nature lovers.
- Stroll through Blossom Park, a beautiful garden with exotic flowers, a serene lake, and boating facilities.

Day 9: Munnar - Madurai (160kms)

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Drive to Madurai, known for its ancient temples.
- Discover Meenakshi Amman Temple, an architectural marvel with intricate carvings, vibrant colors, and a bustling complex with daily rituals and ceremonies.
- Explore Thirumalai Nayakkar Palace, a 17th-century palace with grand arches, domes, and a light and sound show depicting its history.
- Visit Gandhi Memorial Museum, dedicated to Mahatma Gandhi, showcasing his life and contributions to India's independence.
- Stroll through the markets of Madurai, known for their traditional crafts, spices, and fabrics.
- Visit Koodal Azhagar Temple, a beautiful temple dedicated to Lord Vishnu, known for its intricate sculptures and architecture.

Day 10: Madurai - Trichy (140kms) / Bangalore (Flight)

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Drive to Trichy, home to impressive temples and historical sites.
- Climb to the Rockfort Temple, perched on a rock and offering panoramic views of the city after ascending 437 steps.

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- Explore Sri Ranganathaswamy Temple, one of the largest temple complexes in India, dedicated to Lord Vishnu with intricate architecture.
- Visit Jambukeswarar Temple, dedicated to Lord Shiva, known for its unique water shrine.
- Tour the St. Lourdes Church, a beautiful example of Gothic architecture in Trichy.
- Evening flight to Bangalore.

Day 11: Bangalore - Departure (Flight)

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Transfer to the airport for your departure flight.
- End of the tour with beautiful memories of South India.

Package Price (USD Per Person Sharing Double/Twin Room)

Valid for Travel: Until 20 September 2027

Persons	Solo	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
3★ Standard	3,070	1,715	1,538	1,593	1,439	1,383	1,303	1,243
4★ Deluxe	3,611	1,956	1,779	1,834	1,680	1,624	1,544	1,484
5★ Luxury	5,270	2,923	2,566	2,621	2,467	2,411	2,331	2,271

Single Room Supplement

3★ Standard: USD 462 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 762 | 5★ Luxury: USD 1,634

Triple Sharing Discount (Per Person)

3★ Standard: USD 74 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 119 | 5★ Luxury: USD 263

Price Includes:

- Assistance on arrival at airport.
- 10 Nights' accommodation in mentioned hotels or similar.
- Daily breakfast at hotels.
- Private AC car/van for airport transfers, sightseeing, and excursions as per the program.

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- English speaking tour guide on sightseeing days (local guide in each city), as per program.
- Monument entrances and activities charges mentioned in the itinerary.
- Bottled drinking water in car.
- Government taxes.

Price Does Not Include:

- Bangalore - Cochin & Trichy - Bangalore flight fare approx INR 10, 500 per person in economy class.
- Camera charges at monuments if any.
- Meals other than mentioned in the inclusions.
- Expenses of personal nature like liquor, laundry, tips, telephone, fax, internet etc.
- Gratuities and optional activities.
- Anything not mentioned in inclusions.

Hotels used or similar for 10 nights' accommodation

3 Star Hotels

- Bangalore x 3 nights: Royal Orchid Central/ Ramada Bangalore
- Cochin x 1 night: The Tower House/ The Killians
- Alleppey x 1 night: Deluxe Houseboat (AC During Night Only)
- Thekkady x 2 nights: Abad Green Forest/ Hotel Treetop
- Munnar x 2 nights: Abad Copper Castle/ Elysium Garden Hill Resort
- Madurai x 1 night: JC Residency/ Hotel Royal Court

4 Star Hotels

- Bangalore x 3 nights: Lemon Tree Premier/ Gokulam Grand Hotel & Spa
- Cochin x 1 night: Casino Hotel/ Le Maritime
- Alleppey x 1 night: Premium Houseboat (Full Time AC)
- Thekkady x 2 nights: Amritara Shalimar Spice Garden/ The Elephant Court

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- Munnar x 2 nights: Elixir Hills Resort/ Tea County Munnar
- Madurai x 1 night: Fortune Pandiyan Hotel/ Regency Madurai by GRT Hotels

5 Star Hotels

- Bangalore x 3 nights: ITC Gardenia, a Luxury Collection/ Vivanta Bengaluru, Residency Road
- Cochin x 1 night: Kochi Marriott Hotel/ Xandari Harbour
- Alleppey x 1 night: Luxury Houseboat (Full Time AC)
- Thekkady x 2 nights: Spice Village/ Hills & Hues
- Munnar x 2 nights: Chandys Windy Woods/ Blanket Hotel & Spa
- Madurai x 1 night: Courtyard by Marriott/ The Gateway Hotel Pasumalai

Payment Policy:

- Deposit of 25% of the package cost at the time of booking.
- Deposit of 50% of the package cost, 30 days prior to arrival date
- Deposit of 100% of the package cost, 10 days prior to arrival date

Cancellation policy:

- Note: Written cancellation will be accepted on all working days, except Sundays. Any cancellation sent on Sundays will be considered on the next working day (Monday).
- X-mas and New Year Period (20 Dec to 05 Jan): The payment is non-refundable during this period.
- After Trip Commencement: If you cancel the trip after it has commenced, the refund will be limited to the amount we are able to recover from hoteliers/contractors. We are not responsible for refunds on unused hotel accommodations, chartered transportation, or missed meals.
- 61 days or more before the tour: No cancellation charges.
- Between 60 to 30 days before the tour: Cancellation charges equal to 20% of the full tour booking value.
- Between 30 to 15 days before the tour: Cancellation charges equal to 50% of the full tour booking value.

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- Within 5 days before the tour or no show: Cancellation charges equal to 90% of the full tour booking value.

Our Liabilities & Limitations:

- Price Changes: After the finalization of the tour/service cost, if there are any hikes in entrance fees, taxes, fuel costs, or guide charges by the Government of India, these will be charged as extra.
- Role as Agent: Agora Voyages acts only as an agent for hotels, airlines, transporters, railways, and contractors providing services. All receipts, contracts, and tickets issued by us are subject to terms and conditions of the service providers.
- Itinerary Changes: All itineraries are sample itineraries intended to provide a general idea. We reserve the right to change the schedule based on factors such as weather, road conditions, or the physical ability of participants to ensure safety, comfort, and well-being.
- Rate Modifications: Our rates are based on negotiated rates with hotels and airlines. If the rates are modified by these service providers, we reserve the right to adjust the quoted rates accordingly. Hotel bookings are based on usual check-in and check-out times, unless otherwise indicated.
- Liability Disclaimer: We are not responsible for delays, alterations, or expenses incurred due to natural hazards, flight cancellations, accidents, weather, sickness, political closures, or any unforeseen incidents.
- Damage, Loss, or Injury: We are not responsible for any loss, injury, or damage to persons, property, or otherwise, caused by acts of God, fire, accidents, machinery breakdowns, political disturbances, theft, epidemics, or other factors beyond our control.
- Insurance: We do not offer insurance for accidents, sickness, theft, or other unforeseen circumstances. We recommend travelers arrange for insurance in their home country. All personal property and baggage are at the client's risk at all times.
- Unforeseen Circumstances: We are not responsible for costs arising from landslides, roadblocks, bad weather, or similar unforeseen circumstances.

Tipping

- Tipping is not included in our price. It is optional but often expected in the travel industry. There is no limit on the amount you can tip, though the average guideline is around \$10-15 per day for guides, drivers, and other crew members.

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Trip Comments

- After your trip, we would love to hear your experience. Any photos, suggestions, or feedback will be greatly appreciated. While we strive to make every trip perfect, we acknowledge that there is always room for improvement. Your comments, whether positive or constructive, are invaluable to us.