

South India Overland Tour – 21 Days

South India Highlights

- The hustle and bustle of Bombay home to Bollywood movies
- The historic Portuguese and Jewish town of Fort Cochin
- Old Goa town for history, churches and unique Goan cuisine
- The incredible ancient town of Hampi, dotted with temples from the 7th Century
- Opulent Mysore Palace and the centuries-old Devaraja Market, filled with spices and silk
- Ooty in the cool Nilgiri Mountains
- The green and lush backwaters of Allepey & Kumarakom
- The tea & spice plantations of Munnar
- The Spiritual hub of Gorkana and Om Beach
- Varkala and Kovalam, beautiful beach resorts overlooking the Arabian Sea
- Abundance of wellbeing Ayurvedic resorts, clinics & Ashrams



Daily Itinerary

Days 1 & 2 – Mumbai (Bombay)

- Arrive Mumbai International Airport, private taxi transfer to hotel
- Mumbai (formerly called Bombay) is India's largest city.
- Sites to visit, Gateway of India stone arch, built by the British Raj in 1924, Elephanta Island which with ancient cave temples dedicated to the Hindu God Lord Shiva
- South district of Colaba for shops and markets

Stay 2 nights Mumbai

Days 3, 4 & 5 – Goa

- Fly from Mumbai to the state of Goa, check into beach resort overlooking the Arabian coast
- Visit the Latin Quarter, Panjim and Old Goa, including the UNESCO World Heritage site, Basilica of Bom, Anjuna Markets, Cabo da Rama, one of Goa's most ancient forts
- Enjoy nightlife, restaurants and seafood on the beach

Days 6|7 – Gorkana

- After breakfast check out of hotel and drive 3-4 hours south to the Shiva coastal town of Gorkana
- Wander around this small and remote holy town, with four of India's most secluded and pristine beaches
- Visit the ancient temples devoted to Lord Shiva and wander the arrange of local markets

Days 8|9|10 – Hampi

- After leisurely breakfast, depart for a scenic drive from coastal Gorkana to Hampi
- Explore the
- Spend some days exploring the 7th Century temples and museums and relax by the cafes overlooking the River Tungabhadra
- Also southeast of Hampi, Daroji Bear Sanctuary is home to the Indian sloth bear

Day 11 – Bangalore

- Depart on early for drive or train to Bangalore, the capital city of Karnataka, sub continents capital of IT & technology
- Check into hotel, relax, dinner

Stay 1 nights Bangalore 4*

Days 12|13 – Mysore

- Depart after breakfast to one of South India's most green cities

- A center of sandalwood-carving, silk and incense production and yoga enthusiasts
- Mysore Palace is a magnificent edifice also known as the Amba Vilas Palace, it is the former palace of the royal family of Mysore and is still their official residence
- Also the bustling Devaraja Flower Markets

Days 14/15/16 – Ooty

- After breakfast depart to the beautiful Ooty Hills a popular town in the cool Nilgiri Mountains
- Enjoy a ride on the “Toy train” Situated at an altitude of 1858m
- Explore, the wonderful array of spice markets and tea plantations

Day 17 – Coimbatore

- Depart after breakfast for a scenic day trip to Coimbatore
- A small convenient town enroute to Kochi

Days 18|19 – Kochi

- Depart to Fort Cochin, a stunning location on the Arabian Sea
- Visit the Chinese Fishing nets, Portuguese temples and churches
- This area is enjoyable for wandering and relaxing in local cafes and bookstores

Day 20 – Allepey (Backwaters Private Houseboat)

- Depart in taxi south en-route the gateway of the famous Kerala Backwater canals
- Spend a day/night cruising in your own private houseboat, complete with private chef and all meals, stop through local villages and shop for seafood

1 overnight luxury houseboat

Days 21 – Kumarakom

- Disembark the houseboat after breakfast and continue onto village of Kumarakom
- Situated near Kottayam, Kumarakom is a sleepy little village on Vembanad Lake. It offers wide variety of flora, and a wonderful bird sanctuary spread across 14 acres, home for many migratory birds like Siberian stork
- Relax around the lake and stroll around the local villages

Day 22 – Trivandrum

- Depart Kumarakom mid-morning and transfer in taxi to Trivandrum international airport for flight back to Australia

Tour Package Includes:

- Tour Escort for whole journey – minimum 4 pax

- All airport, train station and hotel transfers in private taxi with driver
- 22 days Private Vehicle, for whole tour as per itinerary, with driver, inclusive of drivers expenses, road tolls, fuel, insurance, and parking
- Hotels – 21 nights – mix of 3* & 4* hotels inclusive of daily buffet breakfast
- All sightseeing excursions with local guides
- Meals – 1 main vegetarian meal per day (either lunch or dinner)
- Backwaters fully inclusive private house boat cruise (3 meals a day, with staff)
- Bottled Mineral Water & Wet wipes – for car journey
- Tour Contact in Sydney & Varanasi offices – Meredith Wilks, Mr. Sunit Tiwari

Tour Package excludes:

- International Airline tickets
- Comprehensive Travel insurance (compulsory) Tiwari provides 25% off Aussie Travel Cover
- Indian tourist visas
- Any shopping or items of personal nature
- Any meals food or drinks outside included meals as per itinerary
- Entrance fees to sightseeing
- Tipping to local staff and drivers
- Any costs associated with changing of the itinerary, such as cancelling hotels and re-booking and or

Details

- This is designed for families, couples, and singles
- Tour can operate with a minimum of 2 pax (4 pax for Tour escort)
- Itinerary can be adjusted in direction and any dates can be chosen

Hotels – Mix of 3 & 4 * boutique resorts & properties, to be confirmed at booking

Pricing – From *\$4,485 per person

*Is dependent on number of travellers (larger group higher discount)
Off season Prices are discounted by 20% – 1st May to 31st August

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