# 17D 16N Thrivandrum Southindia Tour

#### Day 01: Arrival Trivandrum - Kanyakumari

On arrival at Trivandrum, airport/railway station meet our Fly Global Travels representative, board the cab & cover half-day Trivandrum tour visit Padmanabha Swamy Temple, Shri Chitra Art Gallery and the Museum. Later drive to Kanyakumari. Kanyakumari is located at the southernmost tip of the Indian subcontinent at the confluence of three major water bodies videlicet the Arabian Sea, Bay of Bengal and Indian Ocean. Visit the Padmanbhapuram Palace, Suchithram Temple, Devi Kanyakumari Temple, Vivekananda Memorial, and Triveni Sangamam. Later return back to hotel for an overnight stay at Kanyakumari.

#### Day 02: Kanyakumari - Rameshwaram

Morning proceed for an exciting trip to Rameshwaram. On reaching, a full day excursion to Rameswaram, one of the 12 Jyotirlingas in India. The holiness of this place is clear from the belief that even your trip to Kashi is incomplete without your trip to Rameshwaram. The Ramnathswami temple here dedicated to Lord Shiva is thronged by millions of pilgrims every year. Overnight stay at Rameshwaram.

#### Day 03: Rameshwaram - Madurai

After an early morning breakfast, drive to Madurai; on arrival check-in into hotel. Later proceed for a local sightseeing tour of Madurai. Places of tourist interest include the imposing Meenakshi Temple, Thirumalai Nayakar Mahal, Gandhi Museum, Azhagar Koil and the Vandiyur Mariamman Teppakulam. Overnight at Madurai.

# Day 04: Madurai - Palani - Trichy

Morning after breakfast at hotel, proceed to Trichy. En-route via Palani. Early morning proceed to Palani to visit Palani Murugan temple. Complete the temple darshan in Palani & move to Trichy. Trichy was the citadel of the Chola dynasty in the medieval period. See the Lord Robert Clive's house, Srirangam temple, Rock-Fort temple, Ganapati temple on hilltop and Shiva temple. Overnight stay at Trichy.

# Day 05: Trichy - Tanjore - Velankanni

Post breakfast, move to Tanjore. Cover the half day city tour of Tanjore; covering the tourist places like Brahadeeswara temple (the second largest monolithic sculpture Nandi), the Royal palace complex - which houses library and museums. Proceed for an exciting trip to near by tourist destination Velankanni. The tour shall include a visit to the famous The Arokiya Madha Church or Velankanni Basilica. Overnight stay at Velankanni.

# Day 06: Velankanni - Chidambaram - Pondicherry

Morning have breakfast, drive to Chidambaram, home to the most popular Nataraja temple dedicated to the Lord Shiva. Proceed to Pondicherry post lunch. Pondicherry was once the French settlement, which is now home to the Aurobindo Ashram and Auroville. Also go to the beach where you can relax perfectly for the whole of the evening. Pondicherry is undoubtedly the seat of Yoga. Overnight stay at Pondicherry.

# Day 07: Pondicherry - Mahabalipuram - Chennai

Today drive to Mahabalipuram, the only shore temple surviving in India. The place is famous for its monolith temples that made it a World Heritage Site; have an afternoon tour of these temples at Mahabalipuram. After admiring the prevalent and astonishing rock cut art, proceed to Chennai. Overnight stay in Cheennai.

#### Day 08: Chennai

Today tour the tourist places in Chennai namely, the Kapaleeswarar temple, Santhome Church, Fort Museum and National Art Gallery. Overnight stay in Chennai.

# Day 09: Chennai - Tirupati

Morning have breakfast, drive to Tirupati. On arrival, check-in at hotel. Later you will be dropped at tirumala for a darshan. After darshan; visit Tiruchanoor temple & return back to hotel. Overnight stay at Tirupati.

#### Day 10: Tirupati - Vellore - Bangalore

After an early morning breakfast, check out from the hotel & drive to Vellore. The tour show pieces for this day are a visit to Vellore and the immensely popular Golden Temple at Vellore. Post lunch, Bangalore. On arrival, transfer to the hotel. After fresh up, proceed for half day city tour of Bangalore, the capital of Karnataka. Bangalore today is Asia's fastest growing cosmopolitan city. Visit Vidhana Soudha, Venkatappa Art Gallery, Vishweshwaraiah Technological Museum, Cubbon

Park, Lalbagh Gardens, Tipu's Palace, Iskon Temple, Bull Temple & Forum - biggest shopping mall in India. Overnight stay at Bangalore.

#### Day 11: Bangalore - Mysore

After early morning breakfast, proceed to Mysore. Mysore is one of the major cities of Karnataka. Today, Mysore is a vibrant city teeming with tourists and visitors. It is known the world over for its exotic sandalwood and rich silks. Its grand and imposing palaces, majestic temples, gardens leave an ever-lasting impression on the visitor. On the way, visit Sriranganatha Temple, Daria Daulat Bagh, The Gumbaz, Tippu's Palace & Fort, The Mysore Palace, Chamundi Hill, St. Philomena's Church, The Mysore Zoo & Brindavan Gardens. Overnight at Mysore.

# Day 12: Mysore - Ooty (140 kms)

After having the breakfast, proceed to Ooty, the land where green mountains and azure sky roll down to embrace quivering beds of crimson roses below. Ooty is better known as the queen of hill station, 7300 ft above sea level. On arrival, check in hotel. Evening take a boat ride at Ooty lake and overnight stay at Ooty.

### Day 13: Ooty

After breakfast proceed for a sight-seeing tour in and around Ooty covering the Botanical Garden, Dodda Betta, film shooting locations. Drive out onward sightseeing to Coonoor from Kelti valley view, Winlock downs, Lamb's rock and in Coonoor visit Dolphin's Nose, Sim's Park, Wellington Island etc. In evening return back to hotel & overnight stay at Ooty.

# Day 14: Ooty - Cochin

After enjoying the breakfast, proceed to Cochin. On arrival at fort Cochin, proceed for a local tour which covers Dutch Palace, Jewish Synagogue, St. Francis Church, chinese fishing nets. Visit the Cochin beach in the evening. Later return back to hotel for an overnight stay at Cochin.

#### Day 15: Cochin - Houseboat

Morning after breakfast, transfer to deluxe houseboat to enjoy the 22 hours of backwater cruise from Kumarakom to Alleppey. This journey is considered to be one of the best attractions. The houseboat is fully furnished with single and double bedrooms, sundeck, private balcony and a kitchen. It also comprises a chef, oarsmen & cabin assistant. The materials that go into the making are all local and eco-friendly bamboo poles, coconut fiber ropes, bamboo mats, coir carpets etc. Overnight stay in the Houseboat.

### Day 16: Alleppey - Kovalam

Morning have breakfast at houseboat, check out and drive to Kovalam. On arrival you will be transferred to beach resort. The white sands of Kovalam beach are the best in Kerala. You are promised with a relaxed stay at the palm fringed beaches. Rest of the day is at leisure to relax on the beach shore. Overnight stay at the resort.

# Day 17: Kovalam - Trivandrum Departure

Its time to bid farewell, and later transfer to trivandrum airport/railway station to board your flight/train to onward destination with happy memories.

Trip To	South India Temple Tour
Duration	17Day 16Nights
No. of People	2 Adults
No. of Rooms	1 room on twin sharing basis
Hotel Category	Standard property
Destinations	Hotels Provided
Kanyakumari	Hotel Tri Sea
Rameshwaram	Blue Coral Cottage
Madurai	Hotel Supreme
Trichy	Gajapriya
Velankanni	Hotel Seagate
Pondicherry	Executive Inn
Chennai	Emerald Park
Tirupati	Kalyan Residency
Bangalore	Luciya International
Mysore	President
Ooty	Sapphire Grand
Cochin	Hotel Excellency
Alleppey	Deluxe Houseboat AC
Kovalam	Palmleaves Beach Resort
Transportation	Tempo Traveller Ac [Private]
Validity of Quote	Till
Tour Travel Period	2013

#### Package Inclusions

- Accommodation on twin sharing basis
- All transfers and sight seeing
- 1 Night accommodation with breakfast at hotel in Kanyakumari
- 1 Night accommodation with breakfast at hotel in Rameshwaram
- 1 Night accommodation with breakfast at hotel in Madurai
- 1 Night accommodation with breakfast at hotel in Trichy
- 1 Night accommodation with breakfast at hotel in Velankanni
- 1 Night accommodation with breakfast at hotel in Pondicherry
- 2 Nights accommodation with breakfast at hotel in Chennai
- 1 Night accommodation with breakfast at hotel in Tirupati
- 1 Night accommodation with breakfast at hotel in Bangalore
- 1 Night accommodation with breakfast at hotel in Mysore
- 2 Nights accommodation with breakfast at hotel in Ooty
- 1 Night accommodation with breakfast at hotel in Cochin
- 1 Night accommodation with breakfast + lunch + dinner in Houseboat
- 1 Night accommodation with breakfast at hotel in Kovalam
- Transportation by Tempo Traveller Ac
- All toll, taxes, parking, driver fee & fuel cost

# **Package Exclusions**

- Meals not mentioned in the itinerary
- Tirupati Darshan Tickets
- Air/Train tickets, insurance & entry fee for monuments
- Porter-age at hotels and airports, shopping & guide charges
- Tips, beverages, mineral water, laundry, personal expenses, etc.
- Any items not shown in package includes