



SOJZA 
TOURS CANADA

Women's Travel Group FESTIVALS OF SOUTH INDIA Jan 8-17, 2019

TOUR PRICES (PER PERSON)

Double Occupancy	\$4,775
Single Supplement	\$1,956
Internal Airfare Coach Class (Trichy to Chennai)	\$131
Sri Lanka Extension	
Based on minimum 6 pax	\$2,900
Single Supplement available	

Tour based on minimum 10 travelers

INCLUDES

- Accommodation on Twin sharing basis at the hotels mentioned above or similar
- Daily breakfast
- 2 Lunches & 5 Dinners
- All sightseeing by an Air-Conditioned transport including transfer of baggage by the same vehicle (1 piece per person)
- Entrances to the monuments
- Accompanying Escort
- Services of English speaking local tour guide during sightseeing tours only
- Services of our representative at airport on arrival/departures
- All present applicable government taxes.

NOT INCLUDED

- International Airfare
- Internal airfare (Supplement advised separately)
- Meals other than mentioned.
- Any services during leisure time.
- Airport taxes
- Visa fees and processing
- Insurance
- Tipping/gratuities
- Items of personal nature such as telephone, laundry, beverages, Any items not listed above.

If you have been on our wonderful North India trips, this is a must do winter adventure. Southern India and Sri Lanka, do one or both this January. The sights, sounds and aromas of India await as you wind your way through the lush landscapes and colorful markets of Kerala. The Portuguese, Syrian Christians, Jews and Dutch all left their mark on the cuisine and culture. One highlight is visiting during the Rice Festival! It's Trichy's most important festival, celebrating the harvest with music and ceremony. It's a special thanksgiving to God, the Earth and the Sun.

Day 1 - Jan 9 Arrive Cochin

Fly to Cochin in the state of Kerala (D)

A Welcome dinner is scheduled this evening.
Gateway Ernakulum (Executive Sea Facing)

Day 2 - Jan 10 Cochin

In Cochin, visit the Portuguese church built by St. Francis in 1562, the Jewish Synagogue, the famed Mattancherry Palace, and learn about the Chinese fishing nets. Enjoy an evening presentation of the colorful Kathakali dancedrama. Kathakali is a dramatic Hindu dance drama unique to Kerala utilizing vivid makeup and masks. (B)

Day 3 - Jan 11 Cochin to Kumarakom

Drive approximately 1 ¼ hours through rural India to Kumarakom.

Check in at COCONUT LAGOON. Your afternoon is at leisure. You may want to experience an Ayurvedic therapeutic massage, indigenous to this region, which is both relaxing and healing. We've arranged a sunset cruise before dinner. Coconut Lagoon (BD)

Day 4 - Jan 12 Cruise

This morning enjoy a boat ride through the series of canals and lagoons snaking their way through several tiny villages and tropical vegetation. Not only do the backwaters of Kerala link the state together, they are an integral element in maintaining ecological balance and

creating harmony with nature. Return to the hotel in the late afternoon. (BD)

Day 5 - Jan 13: Kumarakom / Madurai 6 hour drive

This morning drive to Madurai, the city that grew from drops of nectar that flowed from the locks of Shiva. We will stop on the way to visit a spice plantation. Many pilgrims through the narrow streets. The Puja ceremony performed nightly at the Meenakshi Temple this evening is fascinating. Heritage Hotel Madurai (BL)

Day 6 - Jan 14 Madurai Sightseeing

Visit Shree Meenakshi Temple, ThirumalaiNayak Palace, the Gandhi Museum, and Mariamman Teppakkulam Tank, site of the annual Teppam, or Float Festival. (BD)

Day 7 - Jan 15 Madurai / Trichy / Chennai (Madras)

Depart after breakfast for Tiruchirappalli (Trichy) Spend the day enjoying the spectacle of the annual Rice Festival before flying to Chennai this evening. (B)

ITC Chola Sheraton (Executive Club)

Day 8 - Jan 16 Kanchipuram & Mahabalipuram Excursion

Journey to Kanchipuram, with its many temples and visit the three that exemplify this sacred town—Kailasantha and Ekambareswara, dedicated to Lord Shiva, and Vaikuntaperumal dedicated to Lord Vishnu. Travel to the ancient Pallavan port of Mamallapuram and visit the last surviving shore temple, stone chariots and a bas-relief depicting Hindu legends. (BLD)

Farewell dinner this evening

Day 9 - Jan 17 Chennai (Madras) Sightseeing - Depart Chennai

The morning tour of Chennai includes stops at the Victoria Art Gallery, Bronze Gallery and Chennai Museum. The Fort St. George, San Thome Cathedral and Kapaleeswarar Temple complete your visit Bid India farewell and board