


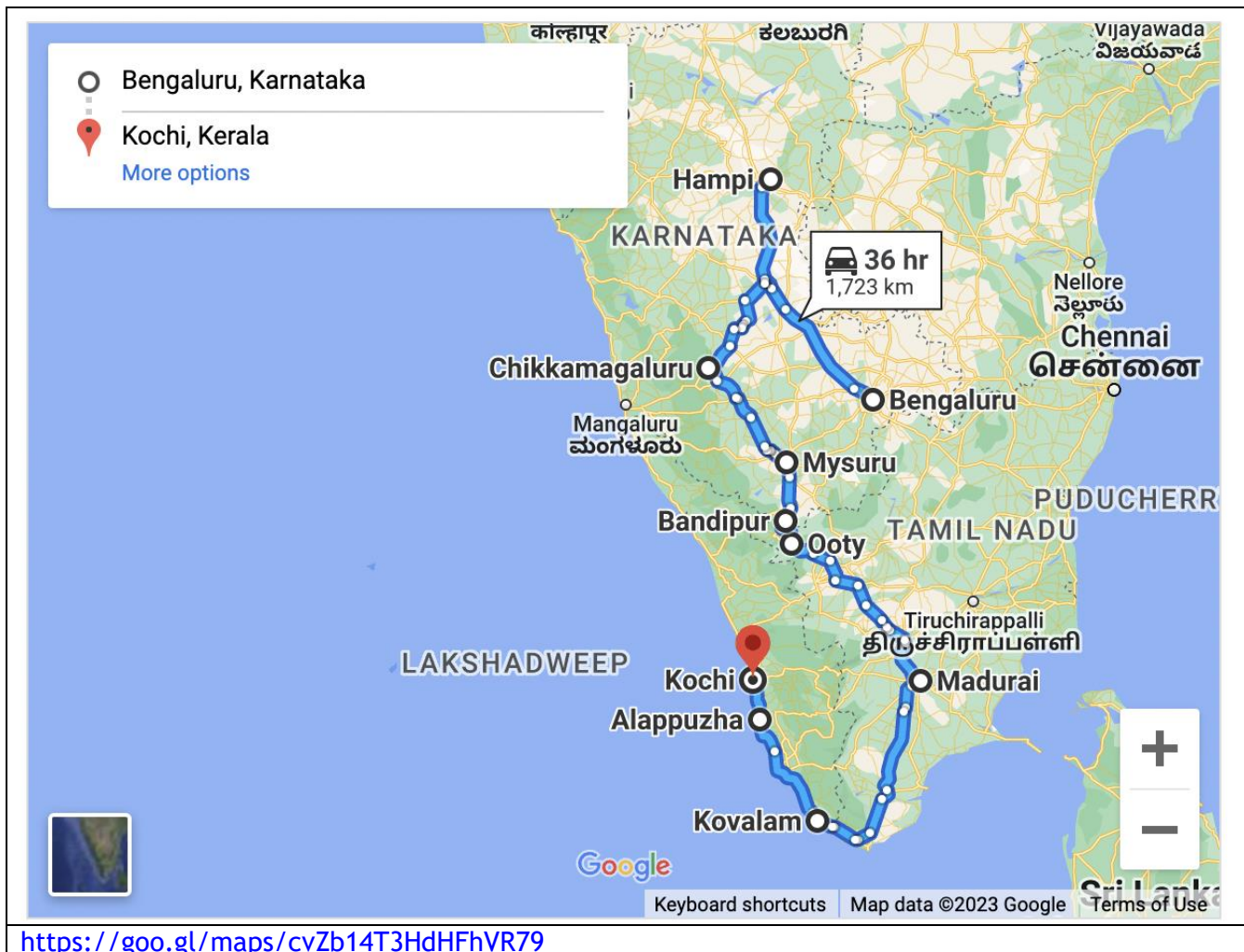


Sunny South India
An Adventure with Sudhakar S Selwyn Jan-2024

Base Trip		Hotels	Post Trip		Hotels
<u>19 Nights</u> <u>01 to 19 Jan 2024</u>			<u>5 Nights</u> <u>19 to 24 Jan 2024</u>		
Bangalore	2 Nights	Vivanta by Taj	Chennai 2 nights		Taj Club House
Hampi	3 Nights	Hampi Boulders	Mamallapuram 2 nights		Radisson Temple Bay
Chikmagalur	2 Nights	Gateway Taj	 		
Mysore	2 Nights	Metropole Orchid			
Bandipur	1 Nights	Jungle Resorts			
Ooty	2 Nights	Savoy Ooty			
Madurai	2 Nights	Gateway Taj			
Kovalam	2 Nights	Udaya Samudra Beach Resort			
Houseboat	1 Nights	Houseboat			
Kochi	2 Nights	Taj Malabar			

Unique Features of this Adventure		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Single Supplement (Only 3 rooms) Only 12 Travellers for this trip Unique Hotels and Lodges in every destination 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hike in the ruins of Hampi Learn about coffee processing Exclusive Jeep Safari in the National park Toda Tribal Home visit Day in a Fishing Village 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Heritage walk in Mysore Participate in Farmer's festival in Madurai House boat overnight in lake Heritage ride in Kochi

<p>INCLUSIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Twin /Single Bedded Rooms All meals as per the Program Domestic air tickets All entrance fees All the local Guide Fees Services of Tour Leader All Airport transfers Bottled water, soda and soft drinks Gratuities for Porters, Meals & miscellaneous 	<p>Exclusions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. International Airfare 2. Health and Trip Insurance 3. Visa Fees 4. Gratuities of House Keeping, Guides, Driver, Tour Leader
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Dates	Places	Activity	Hotels
Day 1 01 Jan 2024 Monday	Bengaluru	Arrival transfer to Hotel in Bengaluru City Bengaluru (also called Bangalore) is the capital of India's southern Karnataka state. The center of India's high-tech industry, the city is also known for its parks and nightlife. Former royal residences include 19th-century Bangalore Palace, modeled after England's Windsor Castle, and Tippu Sultan's Summer Palace, an 18th-century teak structure From the late 20th century, the city became a center of high-technology industry (notably ICT), and several large multinational technology corporations opened offices there. On arrival, you will be transferred to the Hotel and the rest of the day is free. No Meals are included for this day https://www.vivantahotels.com/en-in/vivanta-bengaluru-residency-road/?utm_source=google&utm_medium=local&utm_campaign=vivanta_bengaluru_residency_road&utm_content=vivanta_bengaluru_residency_road_gmb	Vivanta by Taj
Day 2 02 Jan 2024 Tuesday	Bengaluru	Today, we explore the Old Bengaluru city and explore the Tippu Palace We will have lunch in a local restaurant. In the afternoon, we will set in for a walk in the Botanical Garden. We will have our welcome Dinner together today.	Vivanta by Taj B, L, D
Day 3 03 Jan 2024 Wednesday	Hampi	This morning after our breakfast, we will be transferred by road to Hampi (Vijayanagar), our destination for the next three nights. Vijayanagar, (Sanskrit: "City of Victory") great ruined city in southern India and the name of the empire ruled first from that	Hampi Boulders B, L, D

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		<p>city. The site of the city, on the Tungabhadra River, is now partly occupied by the village of Hampi in eastern Karnataka state; the ruins at Hampi were designated a UNESCO World Heritage site in 1986.</p> <p>Chronicles left by Persian and European travelers, particularly the Portuguese, said that Hampi used to be a prosperous, wealthy, and grand city near the Tungabhadra River, with numerous temples, farms, and trading markets. By 1500 CE, Hampi-Vijayanagar was the world's second-largest medieval-era city after Beijing and probably India's richest at that time, attracting traders from Persia and Portugal. The Vijayanagar Empire was defeated by a coalition of Muslim sultanates; its capital was conquered, pillaged, and destroyed by sultanate armies in 1565, after which Hampi remained in ruins.</p> <p>On arrival, after a 7-hour Bus ride, we check into our hotel which is very nicely built on the banks of River Tungabdra.</p> <p>Today we settle in the Resort, Hampi Boulders and have dinner together.</p> <p>https://www.hampisboulders.com/</p>	
Day 4 04 Jan 2024 Thursday	Hampi	<p>This morning, after our breakfast, we set in to explore Vithala temple and its surroundings.</p> <p>We go to a local restaurant for lunch and later get back to our hotel.</p> <p>In the after, we spend time around the villages near the Resort.</p>	Hampi Boulders B, L, D
Day 5 05 Jan 2024 Friday	Hampi	<p>This morning, we explore the Hampi Bazar and the surrounding ruins.</p> <p>We have an opportunity to climb to the top of a small hill for a stunning view of the ruins.</p> <p>After lunch in the ruin city, we return to our hotel and explore the rock beds.</p> <p>Later in the afternoon, we drive to a sun set viewpoint.</p>	Hampi Boulders B, L, D
Day 6 06 Jan 2024 Saturday	Hampi Chikmagalur	<p>This morning after a early breakfast, we set for a drive through the deccan plateau to reach the coffee town of Chikmagalur Deccan Plateau, upland region of Karnataka state, southern India. The plateau has an area of about 73,000 square miles (189,000 square km) and an average elevation of about 2,600 feet (800 meters). The name of the plateau is derived from Karnad ("Land of Black Soil").</p> <p>The Deccan Plateau is composed of ancient volcanic rocks, crystalline schists, and granites of Precambrian age (i.e., about 542 million to 4.6 billion years old).</p> <p>After a long and a scenic drive through the plateau landscape we arrive in our hotel and have dinner together</p>	Gateway Taj B, L, D
Day 7 07 Jan 2024 Sunday	Chikmagalur	<p>This morning, after breakfast, we explore the beautiful and intricately carved temple of Halebedu, an architectural marvel of Hoysala Dynasty.</p> <p>Later we return to hotel and after a break we learn about the Coffee processing industry of Chikmagalur which is the coffee capital on India.</p> <p>Later, Dinner at our Hotel Gateway</p>	
Day 8 08 Jan 2024	Chikmagalur Mysore	<p>After our breakfast, we continue our journey through the plateau region and reach Mysore. Enroute, we stop at a small town where we climb a small hill to explore the Jain edifice, a free standing, magnificent, monolithic statue of Lord Gomateswara. The edifice was built approximately 800 years back.</p> <p>Later we continue to drive towards the most beautiful and palatial city of Karnataka.</p> <p>On arrival check in to our Heritage Hotel, Metropole.</p> <p>In the late afternoon, we explore the market of Mysore.</p>	Metropole B, L, D

Day 9 09 Jan 2024	Mysore	Mysore (or Mysuru), a city in India's southwestern Karnataka state, was the capital of the Kingdom of Mysore from 1399 to 1947. In its center is opulent Mysore Palace, seat of the former ruling Wodeyar dynasty. The palace blends Hindu, Islamic, Gothic and Rajput styles. Mysore is also home to the centuries old Devaraja Market, filled with spices, silk and sandalwood. We explore the city of Mysore and the neighborhood Srirangapatanam, a historical ruin city. We will have lunch in a local restaurant.	Metropole B, L, D
Day 10 10 Jan 2024	Mysore Bandipur	After a relaxed breakfast, we drive a short distance to reach one of the best national parks of India, the Bandipur. After check into our Jungle lodge, we set in for a game drive in the jeeps. Bandipur National Park, an 874-sq.-km forested reserve in the southern Indian state of Karnataka, is known for its small population of tigers. Once the private hunting ground of the Maharajas of Mysore, the park also harbors Indian elephants, spotted deer, gaurs (bison), antelopes and numerous other native species. The 14th-century Himavad Gopalaswamy Temple offers views from the park's highest peak	Jungle Lodges B, L D
Day 11 11 Jan 2024	Bandipur Ooty	There is an optional Game drive this morning before breakfast. Later after breakfast, we drive to one of the highest peaks, of Southern India, Ooty. The Drive takes you through some breathtaking views of the hills and valleys. On arrival we check into our Hotel, Savoy Ooty.	Taj Savoy B, L, D
Day 12 12 Jan 2024	Ooty	Ooty (short for Udhagamandalam) is a resort town in the Western Ghats mountains, in southern India's Tamil Nadu state. Founded as a British Raj summer resort, it retains a working steam railway line. Other reminders of its colonial past include Stone House, a 19th-century residence, and the circa-1829 St. Stephen's Church. Its 55-acre Government Botanical Garden lies on the slopes of Doddabetta Peak. Toda , pastoral tribe of the Nilagiri Hills of southern India. Numbering only about 800 in the early 1960s, they were rapidly increasing in population because of improved health facilities. The Toda language is Dravidian but is the most aberrant of that linguistic stock. The Toda live in settlements of from three to seven small thatched houses scattered over the pasture slopes; built on a wooden framework, the typical house has an arched roof in the shape of a half barrel. The Toda traditionally trade dairy products, as well as cane and bamboo articles, with the other Nilagiri people, receiving Baḍaga grain and cloth and Kota tools and pottery in exchange. Kurumba jungle people play music for Toda funerals and supply various forest products. Toda religion centres on the all-important buffalo. Ritual must be performed for almost every dairy activity, from milking and giving the herds salt to churning butter and shifting pastures seasonally. There are ceremonies for the ordination of dairymen-priests, for rebuilding dairies, and for rethatching funerary temples. These rites and the complex funeral rituals are the major occasions of social intercourse, when intricate poetic songs alluding to the buffalo cult are composed and chanted. Today we have opportunity relax and take a stroll through the Botanical Garden and the Toda Village. We visit the Toda family and learn about their life and their style of embroidery. We will have lunch in a local restaurant. Dinner will be on your own.	Taj Savoy B, L,

Day 13 13 Jan 2024	Ooty Madurai	Today we will be ready to embark on a long drive from the hills to plain of Tamilnadu. The farmers of Tamilnadu, are also gearing up to the forthcoming farmer Festival “Pongal”. We will reach our hotel in Madurai, late in the afternoon, and check in to our hotel.	Gateway Taj B, L, D
Day 14 14 Jan 2024	Madurai	Madurai is an energetic, ancient city on the Vaigai River in the South Indian state of Tamil Nadu. Its skyline is dominated by the 14 colorful gopurams (gateway towers) of Meenakshi Amman Temple. Covered in bright carvings of Hindu gods, the Dravidian-style temple is a major pilgrimage site. We will explore the Temple Town, Madurai, and its neighborhood today. We will have opportunity to explore the festival activities also. Lunch in local restaurant. Dinner will be on your own.	Gateway Taj B, L,
Day 15 15 Jan 2024	Madurai Kovalam	This morning after our breakfast, we drive to the cape of India (Kanyakumari) and proceed further on the west coast to reach Kovalam a fishing village Overnight check in to a Beach resort and have dinner	Udaya Samudra Resorts B, L, D
Day 16 16 Jan 2024	Kovalam	Today, time for us to relax on the beach and explore the fisherman village. Lunch in a local restaurant. Dinner on our own	Udaya Samudra Resorts B, L
Day 17 17 Jan 2024	Kovalam Alleppey	After breakfast, we drive to Alleppey to board our houseboat and cruise in the Vembanad Lake. Alleppey is located on the banks of the prismatic Vembanad Lake , this gorgeous city is the ‘Mecca’ for the backwater vacationers on a Kerala trip! Fringed with lush coconut groves, adorned with endless lagoons, and embraced by the charm of silent backwaters, Alleppey is a paradise for the visitors! Owing to the swaying beauty and enchanting charm of this city, it is also often called the ‘Venice of the East’, and is one of the most popular backwaters destinations in Kerala. Our Houseboat cruises in the Kuttanad region which is covering the Alappuzha, Kottayam Districts is well known for its vast paddy fields and geographical peculiarities. We have the very basic facilities on board in the Houseboat. Each room has its own private restrooms and sleeps two people. All our meals will be served on board. The boats will anchor at a convenient place for overnight.	Houseboat B, L, D
Day 18 18 Jan 2024 Thursday	Kochi	After we check out from the Houseboat, we drive to the famous town, Kochi on the west coast. Kochi, set among picturesque lagoons and backwaters, attracts a considerable tourist trade. At Fort Cochin is St. Francis Church, built by the Portuguese in 1510 and reputedly the first European church on Indian soil. It was for a time the burial place of Vasco da Gama before his remains were taken to Portugal. Other churches as well as Hindu temples, mosques, and the historic synagogue at Mattancheri all stand in the area. The Jewish community in Kochi was the oldest in India, claiming to date from the 4th century CE. Almost all of its several thousand members had emigrated to Israel by the late 20th century On arrival, we will have Lunch and Check in. We explore the Jewish neighborhood this afternoon and learn about one of the oldest surviving synagogues of India. Later we have dinner together.	B, L, D
Day 19 19 Jan 2024 Friday	Kochi	After a relaxed breakfast, we take a heritage walk to explore the Portuguese and Dutch influenced houses in the Fort Kochi area. In the afternoon, you will be able to choose one of the many restaurants available in Fort Kochi for your own lunch. In the evening, we join again for a sunset cruise.	

		Today will have in our farewell dinner.	B, D
Day 20 20 Jan 2024 Saturday	Kochi	Transfer to International Airport to connect your flight.	

Post Trip

Day 1 20 Jan 2024 Sunday	Kochi Chennai Mamallapuram	This morning, we will be transferred to Airport to connect flight to Chennai, and we continue drive to reach the beach resort of Mamallapuram Enroute lunch in a local restaurant On arrival, we take a walk to the ancient port settlement and learn about the beautifully sculptured figures and edifices out of the granite hills. Later we join for our dinner together at a beach restaurant.	GRT Temple Bay B, L, D
Day 2 21 Jan 2024 Monday	Mamallapuram	We relax in the resort for breakfast and after lunch, we will explore a fishing village nearby. Later, time for us to explore the Mamallapuram market for our shopping. In the evening we join again for our dinner.	B, D
Day 3 22 Jan 2024 Tuesday	Chennai	This morning after a relaxed breakfast, we depart to the Tamilnadu capital city and explore the George Town, the old market set up by the East India Company during their hay days. Later we will have lunch in a local restaurant. We will be able to have on your own time after lunch to explore the shopping opportunities of Chennai (Spices, Silk, cotton, and handicrafts) Dinner will be on your own as we have plenty of options near our hotel	Taj Club House B, L
Day 4 23 Jan 2024 Wednesday	Chennai	Today, we will explore the ancient living neighborhood, Mylapore of Chennai. We will join today again for our farewell dinner.	Taj Club House B, D
Day 5 24 Jan 2024 Thursday		Departure to International Airport	

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