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8 Days 7 Nights India The Golden Chariot Train - The Southern Splendour

(check-in 3pm) Bangalore - Chennai - Puducherry - Tanjavur - Madurai - Thiruvananthpuram - Alleppey - Kochi - Bangalore (check-out 7am)

Enjoy the Exhilarating Packages with Pinnacle Travel!



Day 1: Monday – Arrival at Bangalore & board the The Southern Splendour (D)
Arrive at Bangalore's International Airport, you will be met and transferred to Check-in at Taj West End. Take delight in the high tea, especially organized for you while will be introduced to the Golden Chariot – The Southern Splendour journey that waits to begin. Later you can enjoy a short trip across the Chitakala Parishad and an exclusive cultural show. By 2000 hours you will assemble at the Yeshwantpur Railway Station where a traditional welcome later by the staff of the luxury train, you will be ushered to your cabins. Travel out of Bangalore and towards the first destination, Chennai.

Day 2: Tuesday – Chennai (B, L, D)

Arrive at Chennai early morning. Board on an exciting excursion to **Mamallapuram** located at a distance of about 58 km from Chennai. The attractions that you can visit while here include the **Temple of Rathas**, **The Penance of Bhagirath**, and most importantly the **Shore Temple - Savor** on a delectable. Lunch at Mahabalipuram and move ahead for sightseeing in Chennai. The various city attractions that you

may visit while here include **St. Mary's Church**, **Saint Thomas Cathedral**, and the **Fort St. George**, the **Kapaleeshwarar Temple**, the **National Art Gallery and Museum** etc. Dinner will be served aboard the train before you will proceed on to Puducherry.

Day 3: Wednesday – Puducherry (B, L, D)

Today, you will board the excursion that will take you across the once - **French colony** - Puducherry. The cobbled streets and the vast French styled mansions that are scattered around the city almost take one on a sojourn of France, rather than India. Feast yourself on the gorgeous attractions of **Auroville** and **Sri Aurobindo Ashram**. After lunch, visit to **French town**, go shopping or take a stroll in the Pristine Beach. Later, you will return to the train to proceed towards the next destination in the circuit, Tiruchirapalli.

Day 4: Thursday – Tiruchirapalli – Tanjavur (B, L, D)

Arrive at Tiruchirapalli, take a tour across Tiruchirapalli that is also known as Trichy. Visit the **Rock Fort Temple**, **Mathrubhuteshwar Shrine**, and the **Ucchi Pillayar Koil** that are housed here. Next, you will proceed towards **Tanjavur** which is most significantly known for its temples and its paintings. The **Brihadeshwara temple**, **Alangudi temple**, **Chandra Bagawan Temple**, and the **Schwartz Church** are a few of the topmost attractions that you will visit on this day.

Day 5: Friday – Madurai (B, L, D)

An ancient seat of learning and pilgrimage, Madurai is a modern Indian city that is still basking in the glory of the yesteryears. Visit the famous **Meenakshi Temple**, the majestic **Thirumalai Nayak Palace** and the **Thiruparangundram Temple**. Visit **Madurai Market Tour** before having a lunch. After lunch, shopping at **Poompuhar Handicrafts Emporium**.

Day 6: Saturday – Thiruvananthpuram & Kovalam (B, L, D)

Arrive in the first destination of Kerala - Thiruvananthapuram that is also the capital city of the state. Attractions you will visit on this day will be **Padmanabhaswamy Temple**, the **Napier Museum**, and the **Sri Chitra Art Gallery**. Later, around lunch time you will arrive in the **Kovalam Beach**. After lunch, you may explore the beauty of the beach and enjoy some moments in leisure there.

Day 7: Sunday – Alappuzha & Kochi (B, L, D)

Depart for Alappuzha and enjoy Houseboat cruise tour. After a sumptuous lunch at Kumarakom, you will proceed towards Kochi - your last destination in the circuit. Kochi, a sea port houses attractions such as the **Dutch Palace**, the **Jewish Synagogue**, and the **St. Francis Church**. In the evening, a special Kathakali dance performance will be arranged for you

Day 8: Monday – Bangalore (B)

Arrive in the city in the wee hours of the morning. Enjoy a leisurely breakfast onboard the train and then proceed towards the airport for your return journey back home or move ahead towards the next destination...

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