

# SPICE & TEA PLANTATION TOUR OF INDIA

Handcrafted Tour

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### DAY 01: ARRIVE - BANGALORE

Arrive at Bangalore airport. Meet and greet upon arrival at Bangalore airport. Welcome with fresh flower garlands and transfer to hotel for check-in. Stay overnight at the hotel.

### DAY 02: BANGALORE – CHICKMAGALUR (245 KMS)

Morning after breakfast drive to Chickmagalur enroute visit Sravanbelagola. After the visit of Sravanbelagola continue drive to Chickmagalur. Upon arrival check in at Hotel. Stay overnight at the hotel.

### DAY 03: CHICKMAGALUR

Morning after breakfast visit Coffee and Tea Estates. This is a unique tea estate as it has got tea and coffee. In the same estate mix – factory visit, tea garden visit, interaction with the Manager. After the tour of Coffee and Tea Estates drive back to Hotel. Stay overnight at the hotel.

### DAY 04: CHICKMAGALUR - MYSORE (170 KMS)

Morning after breakfast drive to Mysore enroute visit Belur and Halebid. After the visit of Belur and Halebid continue your drive to Mysore enroute visit SRIRANGAP-ATNAM. Upon arrival check into hotel. Stay overnight at the hotel.

### DAY 05: MYSORE

Morning half day city sightseeing tour of MYSORE visiting the palace of Maharaja built in 1911-12. Also visit the Nandi Bull. Afternoon visit Brindavan Garden one of the best and most beautiful garden in India. Stay overnight at the hotel.

### DAY 06: MYSORE – OOTY (160 KMS)

Morning after breakfast drive to Ooty. Upon arrival check in at hotel. Stay overnight at the hotel.

### DAY 07: OOTY

Morning after breakfast start the day with a visit to the tea gardens and surrounding areas. Stay overnight at the hotel.

### DAY 08: OOTY - MUNNAR (240 KMS)

Morning after breakfast drive to Munnar. Upon arrival Munnar check in at hotel. Stay overnight at the hotel.

### DAY 09: MUNNAR

Morning after early breakfast proceed to visit Tata Tea Museum is its official name but it's also known as Nalluthanni Estate where it is located or Kannan Devan Tea Museum. Afternoon visit an authentic tea estate to see tea processed in the tradition orthodox method there is no better place to go than the Kolukkumalai Tea Factory! The factory can only be accessed by jeep up a windy estate road from Suryanelli village, with lovely views of the valley and hills. The trip to the factory along with a jeep ride which is an experience in itself. Stay overnight at the hotel.

### DAY 10: MUNNAR - PERIYAR (90 KMS)

Morning after breakfast drive to Periyar. Upon arrival Periyar check-in at hotel. Afternoon enjoy nature walk cum spice garden plantation tour & visit organic farm in the resort. Stay overnight at the hotel.

### DAY 11: PERIYAR

Early morning around 0500 Hrs proceed for Jungle trekking into the National Park with Forest guide. After enjoying the nature walk back to hotel by 0930 hrs. After breakfast time at leisure. Afternoon Visit to Ramakkalmedu view point - Ramakkalmedu is a hill station located about 15 Km from Carmelia. The main tourism importance of this place is the presence of excellent wind from TamilNadu. Rolling green hills and the fresh mountain air make Ramakkalmedu an enchanting retreat. The hills top also offers a panoramic view of picturesque villages of Bodi and Cumbum on the Eastern slope of the western ghats. Stay overnight at the hotel.

### DAY 12: PERIYAR

Morning after breakfast full day excursion visit to Kailasam. Kailasam is an exceptionally beautiful property of Carmelia Haven, full of tea & Cardamom plantations. Kailasam offers long strolls through plantations and a visit to our tea processing factory besides opportunities for mountain safaris, bird watching and trekking. Also, you get to see how Cardamom is smoked in our Cardamom smoke-house here. A plantation that stretches over acres of terrain land and vast forest areas will gift you with unforgettable memories. Stay overnight at the hotel.

### DAY 13: PERIYAR – COCHIN (160 KMS)

Morning after breakfast drive to Cochin. Upon arrival check in at hotel. Evening witness the Kathakali dance performance. Stay overnight at the hotel.

### DAY 14: COCHIN

Morning after breakfast proceed for sightseeing for a city tour of Cochin visiting the Mattancherry Palace. The Dutch substantially renovated it after 1663. Hence it is also called the Dutch Palace. The St. Francis Church, India's oldest European-built church. Vasco de Gama, the first European to reach India by sailing around Africa, died in Cochin 1524 and was buried here for 14 years before his remains were transferred to Lisbon in Portugal. His tombstone still stands. The Jewish Synagogue, constructed in 1568, is the oldest synagogue in the region. Also visit the Chinese Fishing Nets, showing the traditional methods of sea fishing and the spice markets, a rich-trading center in medieval times.

Afternoon visit the famous the Spice Market through Jew Town has lost much of its earlier glory, it has retained its status as an important centre of spice trade. The exotic odour of the finest ginger, cloves, cardamom, turmeric and pepper, also known as black gold, emanate from the spice warehouses lining the street and fills it. The bustling trade of spices is evidenced in the trucks going to and away from the warehouses, loads being taken in and out using pushcarts, and the sight of workers drying, sorting and packing spices. Stay overnight at the hotel.

### DAY 15: COCHIN – DEPARTURE

In time transfer to Cochin airport to board the flight for onward destination.

## COME AND DISCOVER THE BEAUTY OF SPICE & TEA PLANTATION TOUR OF INDIA

The Nilgiris are the oldest Tea plantations of Southern India, these estates nestled in the midst of lush green & mysterious rainforests producing Tea all-round the year – the Nilgiris are famous for producing the Oolong & Black Tea. With abundance of wildlife & natural beauty both of these hill stations a paradise for the nature lover.

The history of the South Indian spices can be traced back to 7,000 years. It is a chequered history of lands, discovered or destroyed, kingdoms built or brought down wars won or lost, treaties signed or flouted, favors sought or offered. Even today, South Indian spices hold the same spell. In Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh, the cultivation of paprika and a chili variety with high color value and low pungency is increased. Within the past one decade, the international trade in spices has grown by leaps and bound

### Tour Highlight

- ★ Enjoy nature walk cum spice garden plantation tour.
- ★ Visit some fantastic Ramakkalmedu view point
- ★ Visit Tea & Coffee estate & interaction with estate manager.



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