



SOUTHERN INDIA

Beyond Temples & Backwaters

Beyond north India's kingdoms and culture, Central India's jungles and South India's temple trails – there are a few detours for the discerning traveller; Along this way, one can tap into the urban pulse of Bangalore, retrace the history and traditions of Mysore, learn about the adventures of a saint who started coffee cultivations in India, capture the wildlife of Kabini and Wayanad in your cameras, smell the flavours of Mopilah cuisine at Thalassery and unwind in the tropical beaches of Neeleshwar.

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- 🌀 **Unravel** Mysore's regal history through its monuments and the crafts patronised by its rulers
- 🌀 **Connect** with Nagarhole's river-fed jungles on wildlife trails
- 🌀 **Learn** about the coffee and spice plantation of the Nilgiris in Wayanad
- 🌀 **Savour** Mopillah cuisine and mussel curries at Thalassery
- 🌀 **Rejuvenate** with spa treatments on the beaches at Neeleshwar

JOURNEY AT A GLANCE

DAY OF TRAVEL	DESTINATION	HOTEL	ROOM CATEGORY	DURATION OF STAY
Day 01	Bangalore	Taj Bangalore	Deluxe room	1 night
Day 02 & 03	Mysore	Radisson Blu	Superior	2 nights
Day 04 & 05	Nagarhole	The Serai, Kabini	Waterfront Verandah	2 nights
Day 06 & 07	Wayanad	Pepper Trail	Heritage Suite	2 nights
Day 08 & 09	Thalassery	Ayisha Manzil	Standard room	2 nights
Day 10, 11, 12	Neeleshwar	Neeleshwar Hermitage	Garden view cottage	3 nights
Day 13	Mangalore Departure			

MAP



PERIOD OF OPERATION

The pricing for this itinerary has been worked out on the basis of rates for the period of operation from 01 OCT'2020 Till 31 Mar'2021 with exceptions as mentioned below.

1: Peak Period Travel (19 Dec' 2020- 15 Jan' 2021) – Supplement given in Price document.

2: Radisson – Mysore
Dussehra festival period (16 – 27 Oct 2020) – Supplement given in Price document

3: Neeleshwar Hermitage
eriod (16 Jan – 28 Feb 2020) – Supplement given in Price document

4: Beside that there might be mandatory festival supplement for Diwali (13/14 Nov'2020) & Holi Festival (28/29 Mar'2021) & on Dussehra (25 Oct 2020). Hotels generally finalize it closer to date. Supplement if any will be advised at the time of request..

Please note: There is an Aero India show in Bangalore which takes place every alternate year in the month of February and it is scheduled for Feb'2021. The dates are not finalized yet however the event is for 04 days and hotels in Bangalore have supplement applicable during these dates. So will keep you update if any request falls on these dates.

Please Note: Many tours in Mysore is not operational on the day of Dussehra procession (25 Oct) and Ayudha Pooja. Dates might vary.

Silk Factory tour is closed on Sunday's and all Government holidays

GROUND TRANSPORT

Ground transportation will be provided using a Deluxe Air-Conditioned Toyota Innova for India for 02 paying participants and an Air-Conditioned Tempo Traveller for 04 -06 Paying Participants
Our vehicles are equipped with cold water and soft drinks, wet and dry tissues, hand-sanitizers.

DAY TO DAY ITINERARY

DAY 01: ARRIVAL AT BANGALORE

Meal Inclusion: None

Namaste and Welcome to India!

On arrival at Bangalore International airport you will be met by Travel Scope representative and transferred to your hotel.

Your stay in Bangalore:

Taj Bangalore is a walk away from the airport; the hotel is a contemporary accommodation with modern amenities and is ideal for those who don't want to be caught up in the city's bustle yet don't want to be cut off from it either

Website: [Taj Bangalore](#)

DAY 02: MYSORE via CHANNAPATNA & SRIRANGAPATNA

Meal Inclusion: Breakfast, Lunch

Journey time: 4-hour drive

After breakfast drive on towards Mysore – a city that has a charm of old-world royalty - a heritage of palaces, monuments and traditions; a city of spice, silk and sandalwood.

Making stops on the way to discover the

Included activities:

Channapatna Wooden Toy Factory (en-route) – try your hand at making a toy as you learn of the craft and history of making wooden dolls that has been passed on from generation to generation since the time of Tipu Sultan

Srirangapatna (en-route) – The tales of Tipu Sultan's island capital, anecdotes of the heritage city and trails of Anglo-Mysorean wars that were fought in the region.

Devraja market – Explore the ancient Devraja market from the days of the king Tipu Sultan that today sells everything from fruits and vegetables to flowers and spices.

Your stay in Mysore:

Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel, located in the city centre of Mysore, is a typical business class hotel that offers rooms and suites with modern décor and convenient amenities. Many rooms offer views of the Chamundil Hills and JW Golf Club as well.

Website: [Radisson Blu Plaza](#)

DAY 03: MYSORE

Meal Inclusion: Breakfast, Dinner

Mysore, the city of spice, silk and sandalwood has a charm of old-world royalty and religion. A capital of the Mysore Princely kingdom, where a legendary half-human, half-buffalo demon was vanquished by a goddess, the city is best known for the Mysore Palace – in its nightly avatar lit-up by 96000 lights, and the Dasshera festivities – celebrating the victory of good over evil.

Recommended activities:

Fabled fabrics – Visit the heritage Mysore silk factory, where sarees were exclusively made for the Royals. Witness the process of weaving from yarns to fabric and also learn to drape a saree the traditional south Indian way...

Maharaja's Mysore – Explore Mysore Palace, the lavish residence of the Wodeyar dynasty princes who ruled Mysore from the 14th to the 20th Century.

Home cooking experience (Optional) –start off at the local markets to buy fresh produce for your pot, continue into a local home where you can learn traditional recipes, and end with a delicious home-cooked meal with the hosts.

Mysore food trail (Optional) - Advent into a local food stalls, try delicacies like Mysore masala dosa, Mysore Pak and Mysore filter coffee, as you also discover the stories behind these fascinating creations.

DAY 04: NAGARHOLE

Meal Inclusion: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Journey time: 3-hour drive

Driving across the countryside further southwards, passing paddy fields and coconut groves, you will make your way through the Nagarhole National Park, much like the river Kabini does.

Check into your hotel on arrival. Lunch at hotel. Rest of the day at leisure.

Your stay in Nagarhole:

The Serai, Kabini is a luxury resort on the banks of the Kabini River perfectly situated for wildlife sightings. Each of the rooms and suites are uniquely themed and styled, and look out into the expanse of the Kabini River.

Website: [The Serai, Kabini](#)

DAY 05: NAGARHOLE

Meal Inclusion: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Nagarhole National Park named after the river of the same name that flows through it, was converted from a game reserve to a national park. Forming a corridor for wildlife along with nearby national parks, Nagarhole's dry deciduous habitat offers a refuge for a great variety of wildlife, with a rich mammal and bird population, more renowned for the Royal Bengal Tiger, Asian Elephant, Leopard and Dhole (wild dogs).

Keep your eye out for some of the park's key wildlife: wild boar, striped hyena, jackal, sloth bear, Indian leopard, Indian gaur as also over 270 species of birds.

Included activities (on shared basis):

Jeep Safari - through the forests of Nagarhole, the safari takes you through broad roads that break up the canopies to offer a glimpse of the wildlife.

Boat Safari - watch the wildlife along the banks of River Kabini, with its hills & streams

DAY 06: WAYANAD

Meal Inclusion: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Journey time: 4-hour drive

After breakfast, drive from Nagarhole to Wayanad – a rich rainforest-like habitat fringing the Western Ghats biodiversity hotspot; its landscape claimed by plantations of coffee, tea, spices, cocoa, plantain and vanilla that thrive amidst gushing waterfalls

Included activities:

Plantation Paths – Explore the coffee tea and spice plantation learn about the traditional methods of harvest

Your stay in Wayanad:

Pepper Trail is set amidst coffee-tea-and-spice estates, with a beautiful lake of wild lilies. The 140-year-old plantation bungalow rooms are charming & classy, and the treehouses built on ancient jackfruit trunks are great for wildlifers!

Website: [Pepper Trail](#)

DAY 07: WAYANAD

Meal Inclusion: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Pepper Trail has a constant symphony of birdsong and cicadas humming. The property has a beautiful lake with wild lilies reminiscent of Monet's paintings set amidst 200 acres of coffee-spice estates.

Included activities:

Birdwatching Trails - a birdsong symphony along the dense canopies and deep valleys

Boating - Sit back and let our oarsmen take you across on coracle ride on the retreat's private reservoir.

Culinary delight - Learn about Keralan cuisine in a cooking demonstration or participate hands-on gastronomic experience

DAY 08: THALASSERY

Meal Inclusion: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Journey time: 4.5-hours drive

On ward for Thalassery's tastiest mussels and distinct Mopillah Cuisine.

Check into your homestay on arrival.

On the coast of Kerala, Thalassery is the 'mussel capital' with one of the largest bivalves' catches. Learn Malabar recipes with an interactive cooking session at Ayisha Manzil. From selecting the right fish from the market to the sprinkle of spices - savoring the woody aroma of Thalassery's fresh pepper, let your hosts share their culinary expertise of the Mopillah Cuisine.

Included activities:

Moppilah Cuisine (Optional) - Learn about Moppilah cuisine over a culinary session with your hosts at Ayisha Manzil

Your stay in Thalassery:

Ayisha Manzil Heritage Home Stay lies along the Malabar Coast, situated on a hillock overlooking the Arabian Sea. This 140-year-old colonial style house, provides a captivating mix of west, east and house peculiarities bearing an aura of the past are furnished with family antiques, local knick knacks and rare clocks and musical instruments.

Website: [Ayisha Manzil](#)

DAY 09: THALASSERY

Meal Inclusion: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Theyyam, an art-drama and Kalari Payattu, a traditional martial art still prevalent here. While Theyyams are rituals practiced in temples, a school of Kalari near Thalassery helps you understand this ancient martial art of Kerala.

Included activities:

Fish Market Visit - select your fish from this busy centre where the freshest of local catch vies for attention

Theyyam - Witness part-dance part-extreme folk ritual performances that can be traced back to the Neolithic period.

Private Kalaripayattu performance - an ancient art said to have inspired all of Asia's martial techniques

DAY 10. 11 & 12: NEELESHWAR

Meal Inclusion: Breakfast, Dinner

Journey time: 2.5-hours drive

Neeleshwar encompasses all the beauty and culture of the south but offers empty beaches fringed by coconut plantations, tranquil inland waterways and lush hillside spice gardens. It is a place that nourishes the spirit and fosters a sense of creative tranquility with its activities revolving around Ayurveda, yoga and meditation.

Optional activities:

Explore Neeleshwar - Visit a local market or village temples or pedal around on cycles

Private Yoga and Meditation - Rejuvenate at this hidden tropical destination set in a secluded palm grove

Cooking class - Interact with the inhouse Chefs as they demonstrate South Indian and local Malabar traditional cuisines.

Ayurveda massage - Consult an Ayurveda doctor and choose from an array of therapies in the inhouse treatment centre

Your stay in Neeleshwar:

Neeleshwar Hermitage has been created to be a place that nourishes the spirit and fosters a sense of creative tranquility focusing on Ayurveda, yoga and meditation. The Hermitage offers an ongoing lecture series, musical and dance performances and guided tours to the local temples and festivals of Malabar.

Website: [Neeleshwar Hermitage](#)

Day 13: DEPARTURE FROM MANGALORE AIRPORT

Meal Inclusion: Breakfast,
Journey time: 2.5-hours drive

Pack your suitcases with the souvenirs you picked up along the way. Will transfer you to Mangalore airport where you will connect to your international flight.

The memories of the trip will keep you company on the long flight back home.

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TABLE OF PRICES:

Tour Cost	Price in Australian Dollars Per Person
Land Cost on Sharing Twin or Double	
02 Paying Participants	AUD 5500 Per Person
04 Paying Participants	AUD 4990 Per Person
Supplement for staying in Single Occupancy	AUD 2350 Per Person
APPROX. ADDITIONAL COSTS FOR PEAK PERIODS	
RADISSON – MYSORE (16 – 27 OCT) on Twin share for 02 nights	AUD 60 Per Person
Single Room Supplement for 02 nights	AUD 60 Per Person
NEELESHWAR HERMITAGE (16 JAN 2021 – 28 FEB 2021) on Twin share for 03 nights	AUD 65 Per Person
Single Room Supplement for 03 nights	AUD 31 Per Person
Supplement for Travel between period 22 Dec'2020 Till 05 Jan'2021 on Twin share	AUD 575 Per Person
Single Room Supplement	AUD 525 Per Person
ADDITIONAL COSTS FOR OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES	
MYSORE	
CULLINARY TOUR (04 Hrs Duration):	AUD 175 Per Person
FOOD TOUR (02 Hrs Duration) Evening 6 pm:	AUD 100 Per Person
THALASSERY	
COOKERY CLASS AT AYISHA MANZIL (Minimum 2 pax required)	AUD 50 Per Person
NEELESHWAR HERMITAGE	
Visit Of Local Market+ Town+ Village Temples Around Neeleshwar	AUD 75 Per Person
Cookery Class (01 Hour)	AUD 100 Per Person
Private Yoga Session (45 Mnt- 01 Hour)	AUD 75 Per Person
Private Meditation Session (Min 02 Days)	AUD 175 Per Person

All costs exclude international & domestic airfares as these are highly variable depending on the timing of flight bookings

Inclusions to Land Cost:

1. Accommodation for a total of 12 Nights as per hotel list and room category given below.
2. Meal plan as per itinerary
3. Ground Transportation by Air Conditioned vehicle as specified.
4. Services of English Speaking Local City Guide's as per itinerary.
5. Entrance Fee to Monuments.
6. Mineral Water and Soft Drinks in the vehicles.
7. Still Camera Fee
8. Tip for baggage at hotel, Airport, Local Guide's, Driver & paid meals.

Exclusions to the Land Cost

- 1) International & Domestic Air Fare.
- 2) Personal nature like Laundry, Telephone, Internet, and Drinks etc.
- 3) All alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages.
- 4) Travel and medical Insurance.
- 5) All expenses arising out of voluntary or involuntary re-routing of the program.
- 6) Video Camera fees at Monuments.

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