

South India Heritage Tour

05 Nights/06 Days
Bangalore -1, Mysore -2, Ooty -2

Day 1

BANGALORE (ARRIVAL) + LSS 25 Kms



Arrive Bangalore, Check-in at Hotel. Later explore Bangalore – The Garden City of south India. We visit the **Lal Bagh** with a variety of old trees, fountains, lotus pools, terraces & an assortment of tropical and sub-tropical herbs. Government Buildings. Back to Hotel. Overnight stay.

DAY 2

BANGALORE - MYSORE (140 KM / 3 HRS) + LSS 30 Kms



After breakfast, checkout and drive to Mysore. Check-in at Hotel. Later visit - **Maharaja's Palace** built in Indo-Saracenic style with domes, turrets, arches and colonnades. The interior of the palace is a kaleidoscope of stained glass, mirrors and gaudy colours. The palace is especially magnificent on Sunday night and during festivals, gardens, shady avenues and sacred temples and retains some of the charm of the old world.

Evening: Visit to **Chamundi Hill Temple** - at a height of 1062mts. The 2000-year-old temple is dedicated to Goddess Chamundi. A seven storey, 40mts high tower, dominates the temple. A view of entire Mysore city from this hilltop is breath taking. Back to hotel. Overnight stay.

DAY 3

MYSORE >> SRIRANGA PATNA >> MYSORE (50 Kms)



After breakfast, full day trip to **Srirangapatna** is an island fortress-city is of great religious, cultural and historic importance. It is situated about 14 Kms. from Mysore. Srirangapatna is nestled in the banks of river Cauvery is about 3 Kms. in length and one Km. in breadth. The town derives its name from the presiding deity of Ranganatha Swamy temple situated at the western end of the island in the Cauvery River.

For a short while the city of Srirangapatna was the capital of the Mysore state, while Tipu Sultan was ruling Mysore. After the death of Tipu Sultan in 1799 the British shifted the capital back to Mysore. The town, temples, mosque and other historical monuments are surrounded by a strong stone fort with four gates. There are remains of Tipu's palace known as Lal Mahal, a Water Gate, two Dungeons, one at the north-east corner of the fort, another to the east of Delhi gate.

The **Ranganatha Swamy** Temple in Srirangapatna enshrines Lord Vishnu as Ranganatha. It is said that the Ganaga chieftain, Tirumalaiya built this temple in 894 AD. The Ranganatha Swamy Temple was later expanded by the Hoysalas, Vijayanagar monarchs, Mysore Wodeyars and Hyder Ali. The architecture is a mixture of the Hoysala and Vijayanagar styles. The temple has fort like walls and an intricately carved Gopura in Vijayanagar style of architecture. The idol of Lord Ranganatha is in reclining posture on the bed laid out by the serpent Aadi Sesha is about 4.5 meters in length. The main entrance has Chaturvimsati (four) pillars has the carvings of the 24 forms of Vishnu.

This **Dungeon** lies North of Ranganatha Swamy temple. The Vaulted dungeon measuring 30.5 meters width 12.2 meters height and is built of brick and mortar. The prisoners were chained to the stone slabs fixed on the East, North and West walls.

Dungeon is named after Colonel Bailey who died here in 1780 AD this Dungeon was used to imprison Captain Baird, Colonel Brithwite, Captain Rulay, Frazer, Samson and Lindsay by Tipu Sultan. During the siege of Srirangapatna, one of the cannons rolled back, pierced the ceiling and fell into the dungeon. One can see them still lying there.

Jama Masjid is a mosque located near the Bangalore Gate of the fort. Tipu Sultan built this masjid in 1787 after he ascended the throne of Mysore. It is said that he performed the first imamath himself. The Jama Masjid is a grand structure with two lofty minarets, there is about 200 steps leading to the top of the minarets from where one can have a view of picturesque surrounding area. There are five Persian inscriptions, one of this inscription mentions all the ninety-nine names of Allah.

The **Dariya Daulat Bagh** is situated outside the fort, on the island. Dariya-Daulat, "the wealth of the sea", referred to as the summer palace of Tipu Sultan, was built in the year 1784 AD is situated outside the fort, on the island. The palace is built in the Indo-Sarcenic style. Tipu Sultan laid out a garden here and constructed the Summer Palace in 1784 which was his favorite retreat. There are excellent mural paintings depicting the war scenes, the British and the French officers, the Sultan,

the Kings and others. The palace has been converted into a museum in which are displayed war weapons, paintings and coins of Tipu's period. One of the main feature of this museum is the famous oil painting "Storming of Srirangapattanam" by Sir Robert Ker Porter made in 1800. This historical painting depicts the final fall of Srirangapatana on 4th May 1799.

The **Gumbaz** is situated at the end of the town. This is the mausoleum of Tippu Sultan; his father Hyder Ali and mother Fathima Begum. Tippu built this magnificent structure in 1782-84. It is an impressive square structure, surmounted by a dome and surrounded by a corridor supported by pillars of black hornblende. The Gumbaz has a large well-shaped dome, it has beautifully carved ebony doors inlaid with ivory, and the Gumbaz has carved stone windows with excellent work on it and inscriptions. Inside the tomb Hyder Ali has been laid to rest in the middle and on either side are the tombs of his wife and son. Tippu's tiger stripes cover the walls of the Gumbaz. Back to hotel by evening. Overnight stay.

DAY 4

MYSORE - OOTY - COONNOOR (175 km / 5 hrs)



Train No: 661 - Udagamandalam Mettupalayam Passenger /Dep UAM: 15.00Hrs - Arr ONR: 16.00Hrs

After breakfast travel to Coonoor, Enroute visit to **Ooty (Udagamandalam)** is popularly referred to as 'Queen of Blue Mountains' is located at a height of 2,286 meters was the first established hill station in India. The British founded this popular hill station in the early 19th century as the summer capital of the Madras Government.

Board the **Toy train** to enjoy a trip from Ooty - Coonoor affording some spectacular views of the precipitous eastern slopes of the rain-forested Nilgiri. Arrive Coonoor, Check-in at Hotel. Overnight stay.

DAY 5

COONNOOR - OOTY - COONNOOR LSS 60 Kms



After Breakfast, full day sightseeing trip to **Botanical Gardens, Lake, Doddabetta, Mukurti Peak, the Pykara Dam and sprawling tea plantations**. Back to hotel by evening. Overnight stay.

Day 6

COONOOR - COIMBATORE (100 Kms/04 Hrs)



After breakfast, checkout and drop to Coimbatore Airport or Rly. Station for your onward destination.