

# *Wild South India.*

## *General information about the tour itinerary and the proposal.*

### ITINERARY

1. Taking full pre-cautions in dealing with COVID 19 – wearing face mask, use of the sanitizers in public places, keeping social distance as per WHO guidelines.
2. Our services are mindful of hygiene throughout the tour.
3. The itinerary is for the age group *from (15 yrs to 80 years)*
4. This itinerary introduces us to cultural, historical and natural (wildlife) aspect of Southern India.
5. The itinerary covers the highlights of Southern India (Kerala, Tamilnadu and Karnataka)
6. During the trip, the travel is on the plains as well as some hilly areas. There are some challenges in the itinerary.
7. The time taken to travel mentioned in the itinerary is only indicative - they will vary as the time will depend on the days traffic and road conditions.
8. The pace of the itinerary is neither slow nor very fast.
9. The itinerary can be re-worked as per your interest.

### GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROPOSAL

1. The price is based on 01 paying person in a Single Room and 02 paying persons sharing ONE room
2. The validity of the price is from October 2021 till April 2022
3. This is only an indicative price and will vary under the following circumstances
  - The price is based on the taxes, which are currently applicable. In case there is any change in the taxations, the cost will vary.
  - The price will also vary as per the dates – if they fall during the festival periods, then the cost changes as the destination charges the event or festival supplement

- Also, due to the festival or event the duration of stay is amended accordingly
4. In this itinerary, some of the festivals or events, which can be experienced are:
    - Pongal Festival which is celebrated in Tamilnadu. It starts on 14 January and end on 17 January ( every year)
  5. In some cases, even though the festivals might not take place in the cities included in the itinerary, but could be in a city close by, then also there could be change in the cost.

## HOTELS/MEALS

1. The hotels follow the guidelines issued by the Government and World Health Organization to handle COVID-19 – the health, safety and hygiene protocols are followed
  - Mandatory use of Protective gears i.e. mask for all our staff members and suppliers while present at the hotel premises.
  - Regular temperature checks upon entering the hotel
  - Sanitization of personnel, suppliers, associates and guests, of all surfaces
  - Deep cleaning and disinfection of lobby areas, guestroom, and restaurants.
  - Ensuring social distancing in lobby, restaurant and all such areas.
  - Use of hands free sanitizer stations in all areas including restaurant.
  - Sanitizing of guest luggage, supplies and such like.
- 2 The hotels included are a mix of modern and heritage in the 3 star to 4 star category.
- 3 **In Top slip** the accommodation will be very basic.
- 4 We suggest the hotels, which has locational advantage - centrally located or close to the monuments.
- 5 The check in time at the hotels are 1400 hrs and check out time varies between 1100 to 1200 hrs.
- 6 The meal plan is only Room with breakfast at all cities except at Top Slip and Kabini. The breakfast is buffet and will be served at the coffee shop and designated area of the hotels. The timings are between 0700 to 1030 hrs (it varies from hotel to hotel)

- a. Top slip – Breakfast and Dinner will be provided.
  - b. Kabini - All meal breakfast, Lunch and Dinner will be provided.
7. During the meals – mineral water, soft drinks or any other kind of drinks are not included.

## TRANSPORT/DRIVER

1. We have taken all precautions towards COVID 19 – Hygiene and using mask by our drivers. The vehicle will have hand sanitizers and guests will also be provided with good quality masks.
2. The vehicle included is a MEDIUM SIZED AIR CONDITIONED VEHICLE, which will be comfortable to travel on the Indian roads
3. The vehicles are insured and our drivers are well trained.
4. They are well versed with the roads and the destinations.
5. The drivers can understand English at a communicative level, if only spoken slowly.
6. The usage of the vehicle is as per the itinerary
7. When you are on the road using our vehicle – mineral water is with compliments (02 bottles per person per day)

## LOCAL GUIDES

1. The guides will be different in each city. They will speak English.
2. They will take you around the city – talk about the city in general, highlight the historical facts of the city, explain the history of the monuments
3. The guide will also explain to you the do's and don't's during the city tour
4. They will be with you during the activity, which has been included during the tour like Kathakali Dance show in Kochi.

## NATURALIST GUIDES

English speaking Naturalist Guide will be provided during the following activities –

- Visit of Eravikulam National park, Munnar (the park is closed between January till March due to the calving season of Nilgiri Thar)
- Visit of Indira Gandhi National Park, Topslip.
- Shared Boat ride in Kabini National Park.
- Shared Vehicle Safari in Kabini National Park.
- Nature walk in Periyar National Park.

## ENTRANCE FEES TO THE MONUMENTS

1. We have included onetime MONUMENT FEE to each monument as mentioned in the itinerary
2. The guide will be taking care of the same when he is accompanying you.
3. There are camera fees at each monument – the fees vary from monument to monument and also depends on the model and make of the camera
4. The monuments open in the morning (the opening hours vary from monument to monument) and generally close by the sunset
5. The tickets will be sold till an hour before the close of the monuments – the guide or our office in each city will guide you about the opening and closing timing of the monument
6. During the visit of some monuments there are restrictions – be it with regards to the dress or restriction on photography, which will be communicated to you by the guide or our respective office.

## FEW MAIN ATTRACTIONS DURING THE TOUR

1. Kathakali Traditional Dance show at local theatre in Kochi.
2. Visit of Eravilukam National park by walk. (Park is closed between January and February due to breeding time in Nilgiri Thar which may be extended till March.
3. Visit of Indira Gandhi National park in Topslip.
4. Nature walk in Periyar National park (below 12 years age is not allowed)

5. Shared Boat ride in Periyar Lake. (it is operated by Government only and crowded with local people).
6. Shared boat ride in Kabini ( 16 to 18 Pax in one Boat)
7. Shared vehicle safari in Kabini (16 to 18 pax in one vehicle).
8. Visit of Srirangapatnam the capital of Haider Ali and his son Tipu Sultan
9. Experience of **TOY TRAIN** between Ooty to Coonoor operated by Nilgiri Mountain Railway.

## **SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES (OPTIONAL AT ADDITIONAL COST)**

In addition to the activities, which we have included, we can also suggest other activities as per your interest:

1. Explore Fort Kochi by bicycle in the morning
2. Cooking Demonstration with Dinner in Kochi
3. Bamboo Rafting and Hiking in Thekkady