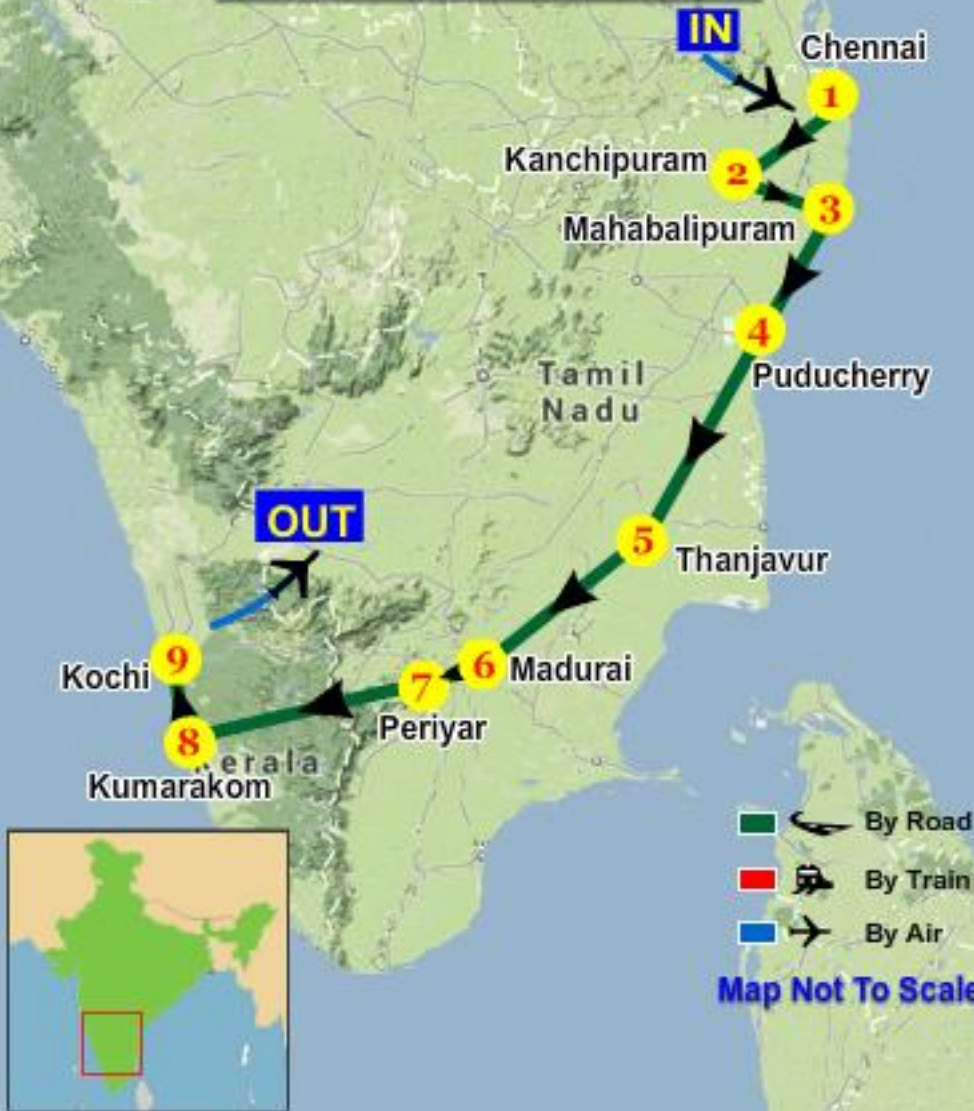




# South India Tour Map



731 km

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Incredible India

# ITC Grand Chola Chennai



South India, an unforgettable panorama of unique places, warm and friendly people. A new dimension in sights and spectacles, exquisite temples, jungle habitats, cool hills, joyous festivals, artistic crafts the excitement of each linger forever. Historically the states of South India remained untouched by the turmoil of the North. When the Aryans began their vast migration into India, each wave displaced some of the original inhabitants southward. The invasion of the South was never completed and Dravidian culture survived from ancient times without any real threat of extinction. The southern rulers traded by sea with the west, perhaps as long ago as the time of Babylon. Their kings patronized learning and the fine arts, a rich heritage enjoyed by the inhabitants even today. Silks & Spices includes some of the major highlights of the South, an area vibrating with community life, bazaars, smells, color, music and worship. Come feel the never-ending presence of a glorious civilization again.

## Day 1: Arrive Chennai

Stay at:- [ITC Grand Chola, Chennai](#)



# NAMASKAR!!

On arrival at Chennai airport, meeting assistance on arrival and transfer you to the Hotel. Overnight at the Hotel

# ITC Grand Chola Chennai



## Day 2: Chennai

Stay at:- [ITC Grand Chola, Chennai](#)

After breakfast you'll embark on a half-day sightseeing tour of India's fourth largest city, also called the "Gateway to the South". A lush green city famed for its temples, silk, music and dance. Enjoy the sense of serenity and spaciousness Chennai gives. Visit the museum's Art and Bronze Gallery (Closed on Fridays and Public holidays) Drive through Flower and Fruit market See the High court, Fort museum, and Saint Thomas Cathedral View one of the world's largest and most beautiful beaches, the Marina beach the remainder of the day is at leisure. Overnight at the Hotel



# Radisson Blu Temple Bay Mamallapuram





## Day 3: Chennai – Kanchipuram – Mahabalipuram

Stay at:- [Radisson Blu Temple Bay, Mahabalipuram](#)

After breakfast you will depart to Kanchipuram, the city of a thousand temples. One of the seven sacred cities of Hindus, the city is also famous for its silk weavers, who settled here some 400 years ago and has given it an enviable reputation. Later continue to Mahabalipuram, the ancient port of Pallavas. See the many marvelous monuments with sculptural panels, caves, Monolithic Rathas and Temples Visit Krishna Mandapam featuring the world s largest bas relief, a whale back shaped rock containing figures of gods, demi-gods, men, beasts, birds and representation of the entire creation Explore Shore Temple which is also one of the oldest in the south. Overnight at the Hotel.



An aerial photograph of the Dune Eco Village in Puducherry. The scene is dominated by a large, circular hut with a thick, brown thatched roof, situated on a green lawn. To the right, a colorful, multi-tiered shrine with a red and white patterned top and a golden finial stands on a raised platform. In the background, a white boat is docked on the grass. The area is lush with various types of palm trees and other tropical plants. A white canopy is visible behind the hut. The overall atmosphere is serene and eco-friendly.

Dune Eco Village  
Puducherry

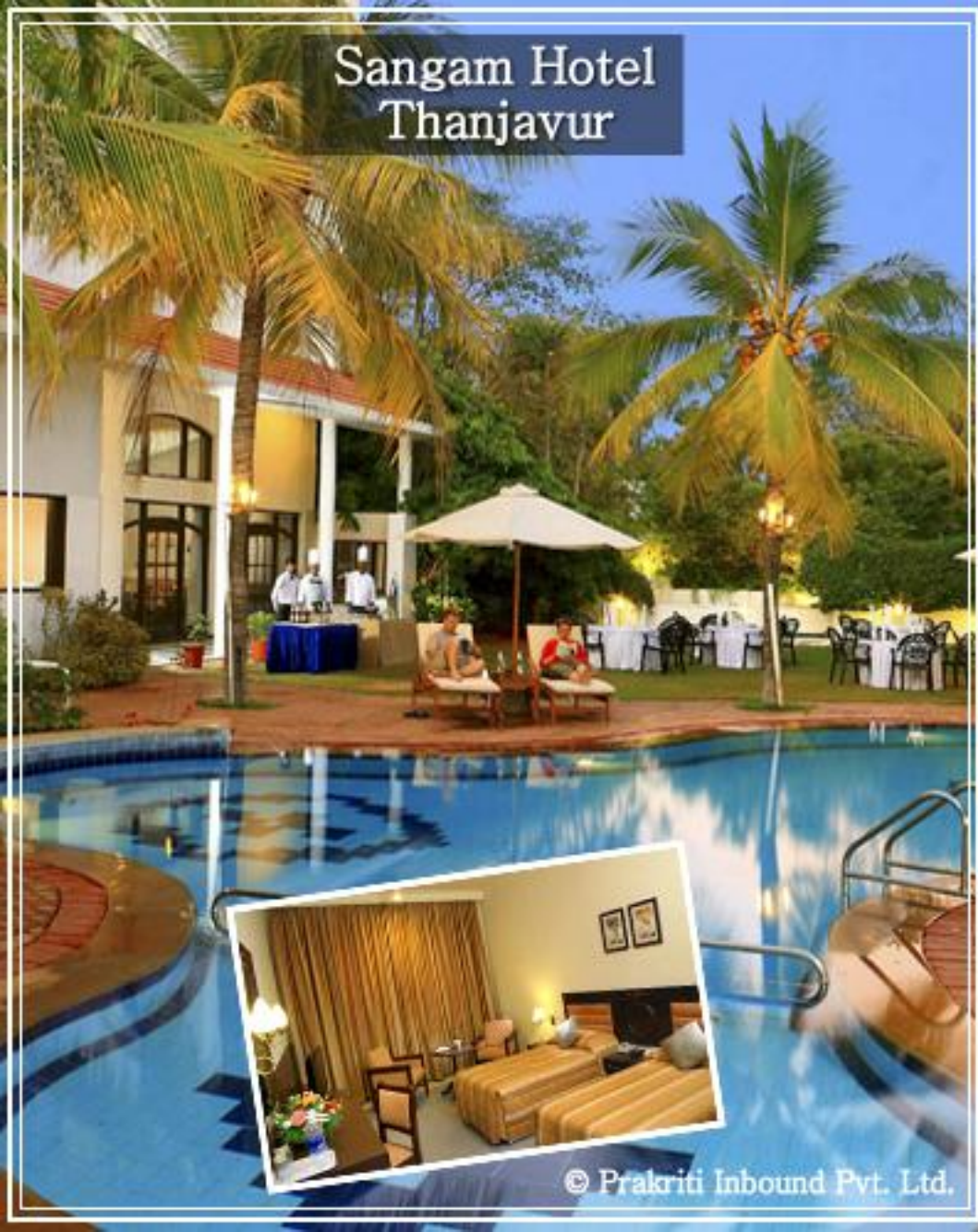
## Day 4: Mahabalipuram – Pondicherry

Stay at:- [Dune Eco Village, Pondicherry](#)

After breakfast, depart to Pondicherry where you will check into the hotel and freshen up. A former French colony, Puducherry is now a Union territory and a beautiful seaside town with traces of French culture still intact. Explore the city on a half-day tour. Enjoy the city's charming atmosphere and excellent restaurants. Visit Sri Aurobindo Ashram the final Resting place of Sri Aurobindo, a saint-cum-yogi who synthesized yoga and modern science. Visit the Museum which has rooms furnished with period furniture of French India: church of Sacred Heart of Jesus. Overnight at Hotel.



# Sangam Hotel Thanjavur



## Day 5: Pondicherry – Thanjavur

Stay at:- [Hotel Sangam, Thanjavur](#)

After a leisurely breakfast at the hotel, depart to Tanjore, a bustling market town in one of the main rice-growing regions of Tamil Nadu. The town is still full of lovely temples. En-route you may stop at Darasuram temple (built in memory of the White elephant - Airavath from the Gods family). After check in at your hotel, the remainder of the day is at leisure. Overnight at Hotel.



# Sangam Hotel Thanjavur



## Day 6: Thanjavur

Stay at:- [Hotel Sangam, Thanjavur](#)

This morning you will have the opportunity to explore Tanjore: Visit Brihadeshvara Temple Study the detailed inscriptions which depict temple life and the dancers, musicians, potters, goldsmiths and astrologers who lived there learn the history of traditional bronze casting and view masters at work using the lost-wax method. This method, used to create sacred temple bronzes during the Chola period, is still practiced and passed down through the generations today. This afternoon you will continue traveling to Madurai. This vast, pulsating city, one of the oldest cities in South India, dating back 2500 years, sprawls along the banks of the River Vaigai. Wander through the fun, packed streets filled with pilgrims, wandering cows, open-air kitchens and colorful bazaars. Overnight at Hotel.



# Hotel Heritage Madurai





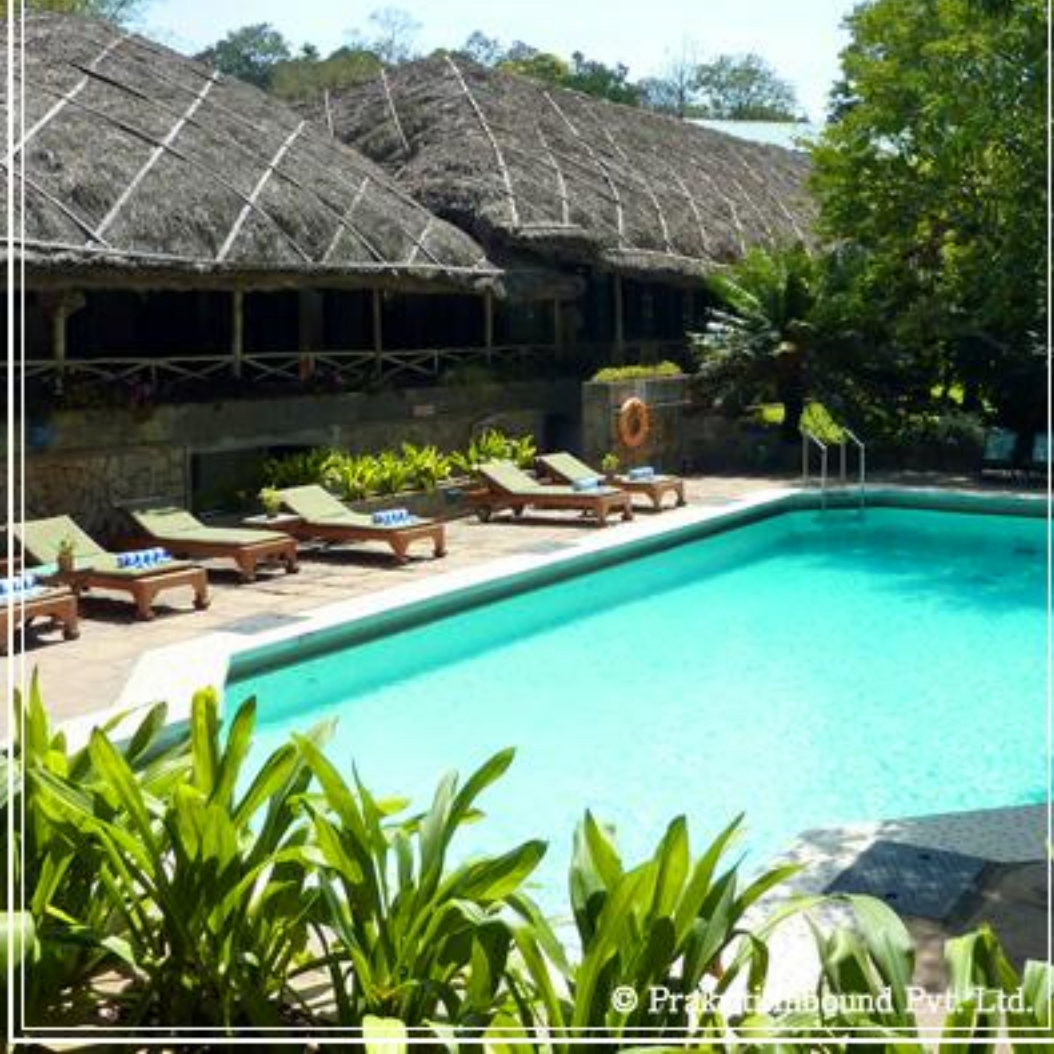
## Day 7: Thanjavur – Madurai

Stay at:- [Hotel Heritage, Madurai](#)

Spend the morning by getting under the skin of Madurai. Take a leisurely rickshaw ride with a friendly Wallah driving you through the maze of streets of this fascinating city. Pass through vegetable markets and see the locals haggling over the price. Stop to admire the 17th-century Thirumalai Nayak Palace, a fusion of classical Indian and European styles. Spend time in the Gandhi Museum exploring the maze of rooms dedicated to India's struggle for independence. Housed in the magnificent historic Tamukkam Palace, dating back to 1670, peruse the excellent India fights for freedom exhibition and the gallery dedicated to Gandhi's life. In the evening, take in the Light and Sound Show at the Thirumalai Nayak Palace, presented in English. Overnight at Hotel.



# Spice Village Thekkady



## Day 8: Madurai – Thekkady

Stay at:- [Spice Village, Periyar](#)

After breakfast depart to Periyar National Park, noted for its tigers, diverse wildlife and scenic beauty. This afternoon embark on an elephant program at Periyar. Half an hour ride. Timber dragging, Elephant bath & shower, Elephant feeding Photo session thereafter you will have the opportunity for a boat ride on Lake Periyar. On this evening boat ride, visitors can have the unique experience of viewing wildlife at close quarters from the safety of a boat on the lake, including the herds of wild elephants that come down to play in the lake. (Boat ride is subject to availability) Overnight at Hotel.



# Kumarakom Lake Resort Kumarakom



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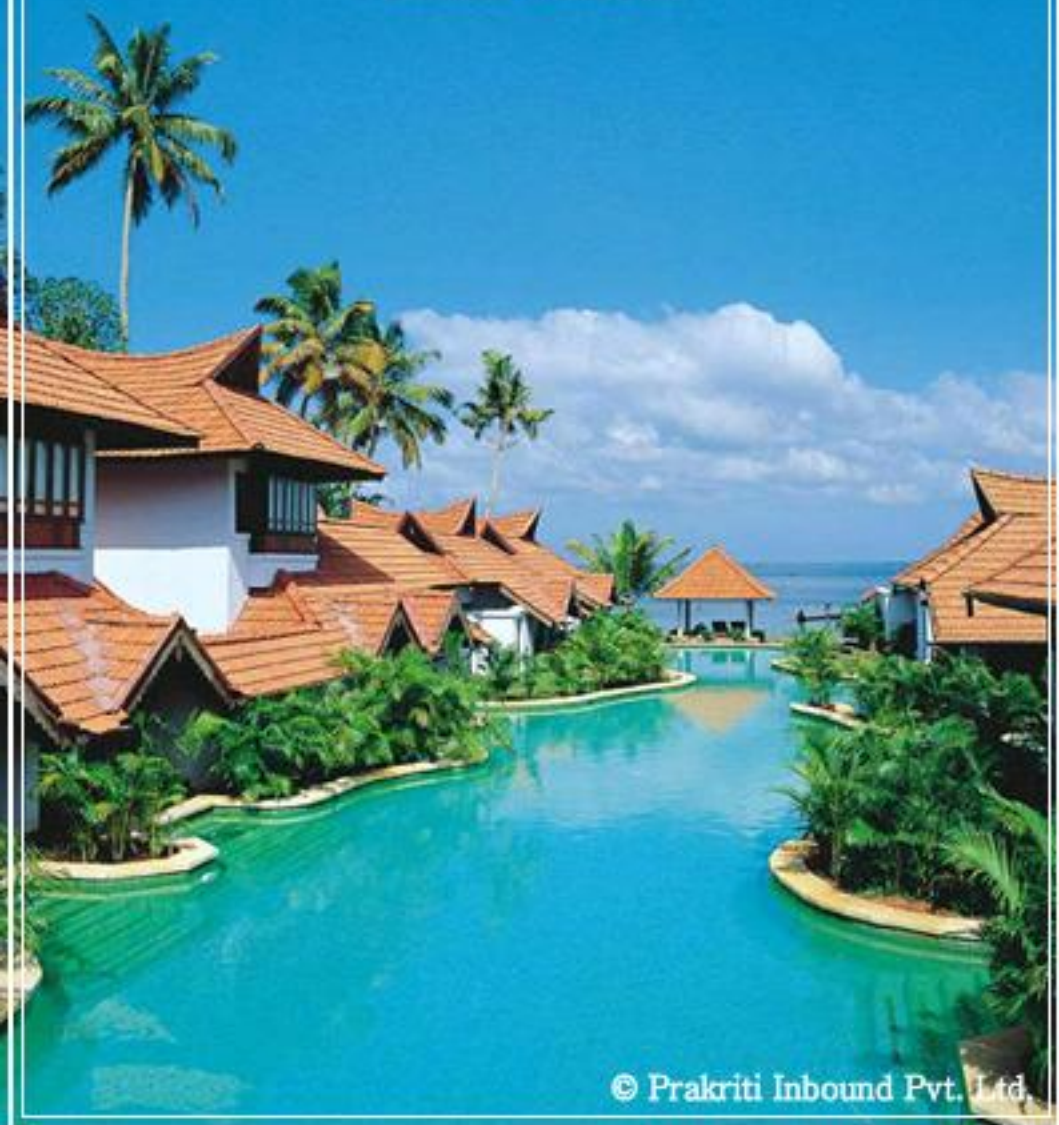
## Day 9: Thekkady - Kumarakom

Stay at:- [Kumarakom Lake Resort, Kumarakom](#)

After the breakfast depart to Kumarakom. The afternoon is at leisure. Overnight at the Hotel



# Kumarakom Lake Resort Kumarakom



## Day 10: Kumarakom

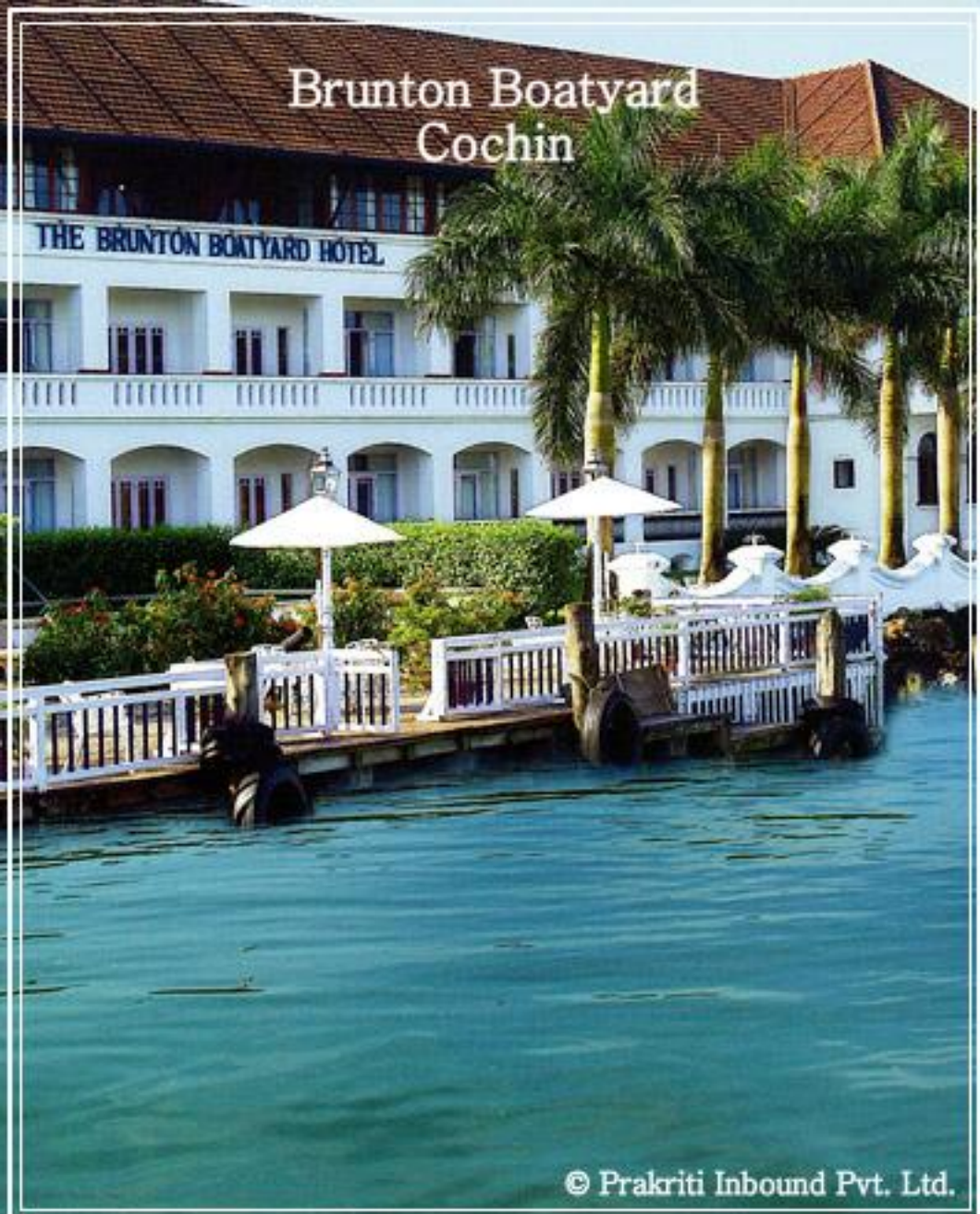
Stay at:- [Kumarakom Lake Resort, Kumarakom](#)

Enjoy a day at leisure in the village of Kumarakom. This little water world consists a cluster of little islands on the Vembanad Lake. Known as god s own country, use your day to take in unbelievably beautiful mangrove forests, coconut groves and emerald green paddy fields interspersed with enchanting waterways and canals adorned with while lilies. It is a breathtaking to experience a solitary and calm glide through this network of waterways. Overnight at the Hotel.



# Brunton Boatyard Cochin

THE BRUNTON BOATYARD HOTEL





## Day 11: Kumarakom – Cochin

Stay at:- [Brunton Boatyard, Cochin](#)

After breakfast depart to Kochi. This afternoon embark on sightseeing of Kochi, a city where medieval Portugal, Holland and England influences are still present. Kochi has a wealth of historical associations and beautifully sets on a cluster of islands and narrow peninsulas. Visit St. Francis Church, built in 1503 where Vasco da Gama s tombstone still stands. See nearby the Mattancherry Palace or Dutch Palace . Explore the central hall on the 1st floor, where the coronation halls of the rajas of Cochin once were. Discover rooms depicting scenes from the Ramayana and Puranic legends connected with Hindu gods. See one of the finest natural harbors on the Arabian Sea coast; enjoy the amazing Chinese fishing nets that line the entrance to the harbor mouth. See the Jew City with the Jewish Synagogue, constructed in 1568, with hand-painted, willow-pattern floor tiles brought from Canton in the mid-18th century by a Rabbi. In the evening, enthrall yourself with a special presentation of the colorfully costumed Kathakali Dance Drama. This mask dance form is originally from Kerala and 1500 years old. This classical dance has 24 mudras expressing the 9 emotions of serenity, wonder, kindness, love, valor, fear, contempt, loathing and anger. Overnight at the Hotel.



## Day 12: Depart Cochin

Transfer to Cochin Airport (COK) for your flight to onward destination.



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## **General guidelines while Traveling to Indian subcontinent**

### **Visa Formalities /Information**

- Foreign nationals wishing to travel to India are required to possess a valid passport of their country and a valid Indian visa. However, nationals of Nepal and Bhutan do not require visa to enter India and nationals of Maldives do not require visa for entry in India for a period up to 90 days (a separate visa regime exists for diplomatic/official passport holders).
- The Consular Passport and Visa (CPV) Division of the Ministry of External Affairs is responsible for issuing Indian visas to foreign nationals for their visit for various purposes. This facility is granted through various Indian missions abroad.
- Visa fees are non-refundable and subject to change without notice. The Embassy / High Commission/Consulate reserves the right on granting and deciding the type/duration of visa irrespective of the fees tendered at the time of making the application.
- Visa on arrival facility is limited to the below listed nationalities.  
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