

## Blissful South India with Roke - 2024 || 20 Days || Oct 14 - Nov 2

#	Date	Activity	Details	Overnight
1	10/14, Mon	Arrive in Chennai	Trip starts at 4 pm with a welcoming dinner and a circle for getting to know each other in person and setting the guidelines and intentions for the trip.	Chennai
2	10/15, Tue	Drive to Mamallapuram	Stop at Dakshinachitra, a cultural museum and arrive at the hotel. Go out for a beach walk around the shore temples and get ready for a few days which are going to be full.	Mamallapuram
3	10/16, Wed	Stay in Mamallapuram	Visit ancient sites: Rathas, Arjuna's Penance, Krishna Mandapa, Mahishasuramardini Cave, Varaha Mandapa and Mandapams, and the seven rathas (chariot temples).	Mamallapuram
4	10/17, Thu	Drive to Pondicherry	Visit Cluny Embroidery center, paper making factory, Manakula Vinayagar Temple, Church, & Gobar market. Follow up with a short rickshaw ride through various sights of Pondicherry including some historical buildings.	Pondicherry
5	10/18, Fri	Stay in Pondicherry	In the morning visit Auroville, a collective for conscious living. Later visit the Ganesh Temple for Elephant Blessing activities. Also attend the night temple ceremony in the temple.	Pondicherry
6	10/19, Sat	Drive to Chidambaram	Visit Nataraja Temple and Pichavaram mangrove forest.	Chidambaram
7	10/20, Sun	Drive to Tranquebar	Visit Fort Dansborg, the town gate, and the Old Danish Cemetery.	Tranquebar
8	10/21, Mon	Drive to Chettinad	Visit the Tile factory, historical sights, weaving center, and local market.	Chettinad
9	10/22, Tue	Drive to Madurai	Visit Saint Mary's Cathedral church and the snake exhibition center.	Madurai

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10	10/23, Wed	Stay in Madurai	Visit Sri Meenakshi Temple and Tirumalai Naicker. Also visit the Madurai fruit, flower, vegetable market which is one of the largest in Tamil Nadu. Evening a walking tour of Madurai.	Madurai
11	10/24, Thu	Drive to Munnar	Visit the Tea Museum, spice plantation and Old CSI church. Later visit several non-profits and engage with their activities: Srithi, Aranya, and Dare.	Munnar
12	10/25, Fri	Stay in Munnar	Make your own cup of tea starting with picking the leaves and ending with that delicious sip at the Lockhart Tea factory.	Munnar
13	10/26, Sat	Drive to Periyar	Visit to Spice Plantation and the Periyar National Park.	Periyar
14	10/27, Sun	Drive to Houseboat	Play with elephants and then drive to the jetty to board the houseboat. Enjoy the backwaters of Kerala while riding on the Houseboat.	Houseboat
15	10/28, Mon	Drive to Kochi	Enjoy a walking tour of Kochi followed by a Kathakali dance show.	Kochi
16	10/29, Tue	Stay in Kochi	Visit Fort Cochin & Mattancherry covering the Dutch Palace, the Jewish Synagogue, the St. Francis Church, and Chinese fishing nets.  Afternoon is free for Ayurveda Sessions (not included)	Kochi
17	10/30, Wed	Fly to Kolkata	Meet women of Sappho, a queer women and feminists group. The North India trip members join us on this day.	Kolkata
18	10/31, Thu	Drive to Amadpur	Explore the village and enjoy Kali Puja.	Amadpur
19	11/1, Fri	Stay in Amadpur	Spend time with the tribal women and enjoy the late night immersion ceremony of Goddess Kali.	Amadpur
20	11/2, Sat	Fly out to USA	Drop-Off (Airport)	-

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- Mahabalipuram, Tamil Nadu 603104, India
- Puducherry, India
- Chidambaram, Tamil Nadu, India
- Tharangambadi, Tamil Nadu 609313, India
- Madurai, Tamil Nadu, India
- Munnar, Kerala 685612, India
- Periyar, Kerala, India
- Alappuzha, Kerala, India
- Kochi, Kerala, India

