South India - A Heaven of Peace and Nature

The southern part of India oozes a distinct culture which makes it a treasure trove of warmth and history. With delicately designed temples, palm trees nestling the streets, twisted hills blanketed with emerald carpets and a happy aura, South India is a blissful retreat for all. This part of the country is blessed with plentiful far-stretched beaches, foaming water falls, dense forests, snaky lakes, remarkable backwaters and marvelous Wild Life Sanctuaries. South India is also loved for its delicious traditional food like dosas, vadas, idlis and uttapams served with delicious local chutneys. List of places to visit in south India is given below.

Kerala

Magnificent beaches, jungles flooding with wildlife, beautiful backwaters and mesmerizing dance forms – Kerala is a bag full of everything. Its prosperous natural offerings complement to its rich cultures, legends and art forms. Kerala houses some of the most fascinating beaches including Varkala, Bekal, Kovalam, Meenkunnu, Cherai Beach, Payyambalam Beach, Shangumukham and Muzhuppilangad Beach. For those visiting Kerala in search of best backwater experiences, Alleppey, Kumarakom, Thiruvallam, Kollam and Kasargod prove to be havens. The culture of Kerala exhibits multihued colors which reflect in its various art forms, cuisines, clothing and lifestyle.

Tamil Nadu

Tamil Nadu is a pleasurable treat for the lovers of historic monuments and temples. The ancient city of Madurai is located in the far south of the state, whereas the northern edge of the state has been occupied by the seaside capital of the Pallavas, Mamallapuram. The place also houses unending expanses of aqua with some renowned beaches like Marina Beach and Covelong beach. For the pilgrims, the temples of Tamil Nadu act as integral part of the traditions practiced here. Temples like Darasuram, Mayiladuthurai, Thiruvarur, Thirumanancheri, and Thirukarukavur are some of the most sacred places of the state.

Karnataka

Located in the South West of India, Karnataka brings in a huge number of travelers from all over the world. The credit for the booming tourism of Karnataka goes to its capital, Bangalore which has emerged as a leading IT center of the country. The state welcomes travelers with a wide range of experiences like flourishing valleys of pastures green in Coorg, cascading waterfalls and lush greenery at Kemmanagundi, major pilgrimage centers like Kollur Mookambika Temple and Udupi Krishna Temple and historical gems like Hampi, Belur, Halebid and Sravanabelagoa turning the pages of history.

Telangana

This is another one of the most popular places to visit in South India which has been crafted with waters of serenity and clay of nature. The state has preserved a rich historical and cultural and historical heritage. The main lures which entice travelers to visit this wonder land of South India are Hyderabad- the largest city of the State of Telangana, Warangal- featuring ancient

temples and monuments, Karimnagar- famous for its various pilgrimage spots, Khammam-known for its lakes, forts, temples and hot springs, and Mahbubnagar- the core of the Sathavahanas and the Chalukya Dynasties' rule. Even though Telangana is the newest christened state of South India, the place is worth a visit owing to its list of attractions.

Andhra Pradesh

Andhra Pradesh enjoys a blossoming tourism due to the famous Tirupati temple dedicated to 'Balaji', a form of Lord Vishnu. This site is considered to be extremely auspicious where thousands of worshippers visit every year. The place has rich cultural heritage and prehistoric architecture which can be seen in all the attractions here. Out of all the attractions, the most precious gems which boost the tourism of Andhra Pradesh are Laknnavaram Lake, Nagarjuna Sagar, Warangal Fort, Golkonda Fort and Araku. The food buffs must enjoy local dishes like Borugu Undalu, Attirasaalu, Masala Borugulu and rava laddu cooked in lip-smacking Indian spices.

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