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| **ITINERARY FOR KODAIKANAL AND MADURAI.** | | |
| **DAYS** | **PROGRAM** | **STATUS** |
| **DAY-1** | **Night departure from railway station to Kodaikanal.** | **O/N**  **Journey** |
| **DAY-2** | **Morning arrival @ railway station & proceed to Kodaikanal (3 hours’ drive)**  **Check-in rooms.**  **After breakfast, sightseeing of Kodai; visit:**  **Coakers walk, Green valley view, Pillars rock, Pine forest.** | **Halt @ Kodaikanal** |
| **DAY-3** | **After breakfast, sightseeing of Kodaikanal; visit:**  **Bear shola falls, Karunji temple, Dolphin’s nose, Silver cascade falls.** | **Halt @ Kodaikanal** |
| **DAY-4** | **After breakfast, depart to Madurai & visit: Meenakshi temple.**  **Drive to railway station & depart to Bangalore.** | **O/N**  **Journey** |
| **DAY-5** | **Morning arrival @**  **Bangalore railway station.** | **Tour concludes** |

**KODAIKANAL:**

* **Coaker’s walk:** Constructed by **Lt. Coaker in 1872** on whom it has been named, Coaker’s Walk is **a narrow pedestrian path** which is approximately **one km** in length. This mountain road is just half kilometer away from the Kodaikanal Lake. Running along the **slope edges** on the southern of the Kodai Road, the Coaker’s Walk **starts near the van Allen hospital and joins the main road above St. Peter's Church.** Coakers Walk is about **2133 metres above sea level. During winter,** the temperature wavers between **8 degrees Celsius to 17 degrees Celsius.**
* **Green valley view:** As the name suggest, this place offers an amazing **view of the plains, valleys and hills.** Breath taking view of the **Vaigai dam** makes for an experience worth remembering. The green valley View is **formerly called as Suicide Point**. It received its name **because of the dangerous valley which is deep and dense.** The **valley below the point is more than 5000 feet drop.**
* **Pillar rocks:** Pillar rocks constitutes of **three granite boulders** and **each of a height of 400 feet** standing shoulder to shoulder. The **chamber between the two pillars is called Devil's kitchen.** The **vertical height** of the rocks is almost **122 meters (400 feet).**
* **Pine forest:** Pine Forests are **a result of the efforts of Mr. Bryant,** who had stated the **pine plantations in order to grow the timber.** Plantation was done in the year of **1906.** Umpteen numbers of pine trees, stands majestically. This forest is **surrounded by vegetation of mushrooms,** often called as **magic mushrooms,** which are said to be **hallucinogenic (illusionary).**
* **Kurinji Andavar temple:** Dedicated to **Lord Muruga,** Muruga referring to **'God of hill'**. In Tamil language, the word **Kurinji means 'hill region' and Andavar means 'God'.** The temple has also connection with the **Kurinji flower** which **blooms on the hill once in 12 years.** The temple also **presents** tourists a breath taking view of the **Vaigai dam and Palani hills.**
* **Bear shola falls:** The **Bear Shola Falls** **derived its name** from the **fact that bears used to come to this fall for drinking water and ‘Shola’ is a type of forest** that surrounds the cascade. It is a **part of the Parappar River stream,** which later takes the name of **Tevankarai Aar** when it reaches downhill.  Also, the **forest area** of the Western Ghats situated near the falls is **a biodiversity hotspot.**
* **Dolphin’s nose:** Dolphin’s Nose is **a flat rock** located at the edge of the cliff. Located at an **altitude of 6,600 ft,** it is **protruding flat rock which resembles to the nose of a dolphin.** Thus this natural formation of the rock is called as Dolphin’s Nose. It offers a **view of the valley and the areas around** which includes the **Periyakulam town and Vaigai Lake.**
* **Silver cascade falls:** Silver Cascade falls is **180 feet high** and is **a result of the overflow of Kodai Lake** over a steep cliff. **Frothy water** coming down through **piles of rocks** and hence the name. The **water** is also said to have **medicinal value.**

**MADURAI:**

* **Meenakshi temple:** A templededicated to **Lord Shiva and his consort, Goddess Parvati.** The complex houses **14 magnificent Gopurams or towers** including **two golden Gopurams** for the main deities. The temple consists of the **twin temples** of God Shiva and Goddess Meenakshi, **each one as high as about nine storeys.** The structures that are standing today date mostly from the **12th to the 18th century.** The **image of Goddess** Meenakshi is said to be **carved out of a single emerald.** According to the legend of this temple, the **marriage of the goddess Meenakshi to Shiva** actually took place in Madurai.