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## **SOUTH INDIAN TOURIST CENTERS AND ATTRACTIONS**

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### **ABSTRACT**

The present article delineates the prominent tourist centers of South India on the basis of an extensive review of literature. South India is a region in the southern part of India. It includes the states Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamilnadu and Pondicherry. South India basically represents Dravidian culture. This region has enormous beaches, waterfalls, forests, lakes, backwaters, Wild Life Sanctuary etc. South India has several temples which are renowned the world over for their architectural beauty. Southern India is a heavenly abode of magnificent monuments, standing majestically from ages. The architecture of the South Indian monuments is breathtakingly beautiful and grand since they represent Dravidian architecture. The Southern Belt of India covers a rich geographic and cultural region that includes the entire Indian Peninsula. South India Beaches mainly takes in to account the beaches of Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Pondichery. South India has several backwaters which provide a pleasurable experience. These backwaters have excellent natural resources including forest and water which attract the travelers. South India is known for rich cultural heritage and religious affinity among the people. There are several colorful celebrations associated with South India. South India has several **wildlife sanctuaries** where both flora and fauna are found in abundance. There are wildlife sanctuaries in South India which are home to more than 500 species of mammals, 1225 varieties of birds, 1600 types of reptiles and amphibians and about 57,000 species of insects.

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