

Tour Name: Active Large Temples of South India

Tour Duration: 4 Nights/ 5 Days

Tour Map: <https://tinyurl.com/5a5auc74>

Tour Overview

Embark on a captivating journey through Tamil Nadu's rich temple heritage with the "Active Large Temples of South India." Begin in Madurai, where the iconic Meenakshi Amman Temple awaits with its towering gopurams and intricate sculptures. Journey onward to Rameshwaram, famed for its sacred Ramalingeswarar Temple and the mythical Sethu Karai beach. Discover Chettinad's cultural richness before exploring Thanjavur, home to the majestic Brihadeeswarar Temple, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Conclude in Trichy, where the Rock Fort Temple and Sri Ranganathaswamy Temple highlight the architectural marvels and spiritual significance of Southern India's temple towns.

Tour Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Madurai

- Arrive in Madurai and transfer to your hotel for check-in and relaxation.
- Visit Meenakshi Amman Temple: Explore the iconic temple dedicated to Goddess Parvati (Meenakshi) and Lord Shiva, known for its towering gopurams (gateway towers) adorned with thousands of colorful sculptures depicting mythological figures.
- Explore Thirumalai Nayakkar Palace: Discover the 17th-century palace known for its Indo-Saracenic architecture, grand pillars, and intricate carvings.
- Stroll through the bustling streets of Madurai's old city, experiencing its vibrant markets and local life.

Day 2: Madurai - Rameshwaram (170kms)

- After breakfast, travel to Rameshwaram.
- Visit Sri Ramanathaswamy Temple: Explore one of the twelve Jyotirlinga temples dedicated to Lord Shiva, renowned for its elaborate corridors and sacred tanks.
- Explore Pamban Bridge: Marvel at India's first sea bridge connecting Rameshwaram Island to mainland India, offering scenic views of the sea.
- Relax at Dhanushkodi Beach: Enjoy the serene beach known for its pristine sands and panoramic ocean views.

Day 3: Rameshwaram - Chettinad - Thanjavur (250kms)

- Depart for Thanjavur via Chettinad after breakfast.
- Visit Athangudi Tile Factory: Witness the traditional craftsmanship of Athangudi tiles, known for their vibrant colors and intricate patterns.

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- Explore Chettinad Mansions: Discover the opulent architecture and unique cultural heritage of Chettinad's grand mansions.
- Continue to Thanjavur and visit the local markets to experience the region's traditional arts and crafts.

Day 4: Thanjavur - Trichy (60kms)

- After breakfast, visit Brihadeeswarar Temple:
- Marvel at the UNESCO-listed temple dedicated to Lord Shiva, renowned for its towering vimana and intricate sculptures.
- Explore Thanjavur Maratha Palace: Visit the historic palace complex housing the Saraswathi Mahal Library and art galleries.
- Drive to Trichy and visit the vibrant markets and bustling bazaars of the city.

Day 5: Trichy - Departure

- After breakfast, visit Sri Ranganathaswamy Temple in Srirangam:
- Explore one of the largest functioning Hindu temples dedicated to Lord Vishnu, renowned for its architectural grandeur and spiritual significance.
- Explore Rock Fort Temple: Climb the historic fortification with rock-cut temples dedicated to Lord Shiva, offering panoramic views of Trichy and the Cauvery River.
- Departure from Trichy for your onward journey, concluding your exploration of Tamil Nadu's largest active temples.

Package Price (USD Per Person Sharing Double/Twin Room)

Valid for Travel: 01 October 2026 – 15 April 2027

Persons	Solo	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
3★ Standard	1,339	730	613	629	560	554	515	486
4★ Deluxe	1,595	851	735	751	682	676	637	608
5★ Luxury	1,856	1,027	861	877	808	802	763	734

Valid for Travel: 16 April 2027 to 20 September 2027

Persons	Solo	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
3★ Standard	1,297	708	591	607	538	532	493	464
4★ Deluxe	1,487	796	680	695	626	620	581	552
5★ Luxury	1,636	920	755	771	702	696	657	628

Single Room Supplement

3★ Standard: USD 163 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 297 | 5★ Luxury: USD 432

Triple Sharing Discount (Per Person)

3★ Standard: USD 29 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 51 | 5★ Luxury: USD 76

Price Includes:

- Assistance on arrival at airport.
- 4 Nights' accommodation in selected price category hotels.
- Daily breakfast at hotels.
- Private AC car/van for airport transfers, sightseeing, and excursions as per the program.
- English speaking tour guide on sightseeing days (local guide in each city), as per program.
- Monument entrances and activities charges mentioned in the itinerary.
- Bottled drinking water in car.
- Government taxes.

Price Does Not Include:

- Any flight tickets.
- Camera charges at monuments if any.
- Meals other than mentioned in the inclusions.
- Expenses of personal nature like liquor, laundry, tips, telephone, fax, internet etc.
- Gratuities and optional activities.
- Anything not mentioned in inclusions.

Hotels used or similar for 4 nights' accommodation

3 Star Hotels

- Madurai x 1 night: JC Residency/ Hotel Royal Court
- Rameshwaram x 1 night: Daiwik Hotel/ Vinayaga by Poppys
- Thanjore x 1 night: Sangam Hotels
- Trichy x 1 night: Red Fox Hotel/ Hotel Blossoms

4 Star Hotels

- Madurai x 1 night: Fortune Pandiyan Hotel/ Regency Madurai by GRT Hotels
- Rameshwaram x 1 night: Daiwik Hotel/ Vinayaga by Poppys
- Thanjore x 1 night: GReaT Trails Riverview Resort
- Trichy x 1 night: Courtyard by Marriott

5 Star Hotels

- Madurai x 1 night: Courtyard by Marriott/ The Gateway Hotel Pasumalai
- Rameshwaram x 1 night: The Residency Towers
- Thanjore x 1 night: Svatma
- Trichy x 1 night: Courtyard by Marriott

Payment Policy:

- Deposit of 25% of the package cost at the time of booking.
- Deposit of 50% of the package cost, 30 days prior to arrival date
- Deposit of 100% of the package cost, 10 days prior to arrival date

Cancellation policy:

- Note: Written cancellation will be accepted on all working days, except Sundays. Any cancellation sent on Sundays will be considered on the next working day (Monday).
- X-mas and New Year Period (20 Dec to 05 Jan): The payment is non-refundable during this period.
- After Trip Commencement: If you cancel the trip after it has commenced, the refund will be limited to the amount we are able to recover from hoteliers/contractors. We are not responsible for refunds on unused hotel accommodations, chartered transportation, or missed meals.
- 61 days or more before the tour: No cancellation charges.
- Between 60 to 30 days before the tour: Cancellation charges equal to 20% of the full tour booking value.
- Between 30 to 15 days before the tour: Cancellation charges equal to 50% of the full tour booking value.
- Within 5 days before the tour or no show: Cancellation charges equal to 90% of the full tour booking value.

Our Liabilities & Limitations:

- Price Changes: After the finalization of the tour/service cost, if there are any hikes in entrance fees, taxes, fuel costs, or guide charges by the Government of India, these will be charged as extra.
- Role as Agent: Agora Voyages acts only as an agent for hotels, airlines, transporters, railways, and contractors providing services. All receipts, contracts, and tickets issued by us are subject to terms and conditions of the service providers.
- Itinerary Changes: All itineraries are sample itineraries intended to provide a general idea. We reserve the right to change the schedule based on factors such as weather, road conditions, or the physical ability of participants to ensure safety, comfort, and well-being.
- Rate Modifications: Our rates are based on negotiated rates with hotels and airlines. If the rates are modified by these service providers, we reserve the right to adjust the quoted rates accordingly. Hotel bookings are based on usual check-in and check-out times, unless otherwise indicated.

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Tipping

- Tipping is not included in our price. It is optional but often expected in the travel industry. There is no limit on the amount you can tip, though the average guideline is around \$10-15 per day for guides, drivers, and other crew members.

Trip Comments

- After your trip, we would love to hear your experience. Any photos, suggestions, or feedback will be greatly appreciated. While we strive to make every trip perfect, we acknowledge that there is always room for improvement. Your comments, whether positive or constructive, are invaluable to us.