

Tour Name: Bangalore to Across the Temples in South India

Tour Duration: 10 Nights/ 11 Days

Tour Map: <https://tinyurl.com/yk39u5rt>

Tour Overview

Embark on a captivating journey through South India's rich heritage with our " Bangalore to Across the Temples in South India" tour. Begin in Bangalore, where vibrant markets and historic landmarks set the stage for your adventure. Travel to Vellore to marvel at the resplendent Sri Lakshmi Narayani Golden Temple and the historic Vellore Fort. Continue to Chennai, exploring colonial forts, ancient temples, and bustling city life. Experience the coastal charm of Pondicherry and the intricate craftsmanship of Mahabalipuram's monuments. Delve into the grandeur of Thanjavur's Chola temples and the unique architecture of Chettinad. Conclude your journey in the serene hill station of Yercaud before returning to Bangalore, filled with memories of South India's divine treasures.

Tour Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Bangalore

- Upon landing at Bangalore airport, our representative will warmly welcome you and transfer you to your hotel.
- Enjoy the remainder of the day at your leisure, exploring Bangalore's bustling markets, aromatic eateries, and lively streets. Overnight stay in Bangalore.

Day 2: Bangalore

- Start the day with a hearty breakfast at the hotel before embarking on a full day of sightseeing.
- Visit Lal Bagh Garden, a botanical haven featuring over 1,000 species of plants, a beautiful glasshouse, and a serene lake.
- Explore Cubbon Park, a sprawling green space in the heart of the city, ideal for a peaceful stroll amidst Bangalore's urban landscape.
- Discover Bangalore Fort, originally built by Kempe Gowda in 1537, with its remnants showcasing the city's historical importance.
- Tour Tippu's Summer Palace, known for its distinctive Islamic architecture, ornate wooden pillars, and historical significance as Tippu Sultan's residence.
- Visit the Bull Temple, dedicated to Nandi, the sacred bull of Lord Shiva, featuring a massive granite statue and vibrant local markets nearby.

Day 3: Bangalore - Vellore (220kms)

- After breakfast, set off for Vellore, arriving and checking in at your hotel.
- Visit the Sri Lakshmi Narayani Golden Temple, an architectural marvel gilded with 1500kg of pure gold, known for its opulent design and spiritual ambiance.

- Explore Vellore Fort, a massive fortress built by the Vijayanagara Empire, housing the ornate Jalakandeswarar Temple with its exquisite sculptures.
- Enjoy a tranquil evening stroll around the fort's ramparts, taking in views of the surrounding landscape. Overnight in Vellore.

Day 4: Vellore - Kanchipuram - Chennai (145kms)

- After breakfast, drive to Kanchipuram, known as the 'City of a Thousand Temples'.
- Visit the Kanchi Kamakshi Temple, renowned for its elaborate carvings and vibrant sculptures dedicated to the goddess Kamakshi.
- Explore Ekambareswarar Temple, one of the five Pancha Bootha Sthalams, dedicated to Lord Shiva, featuring a towering gopuram and sacred mango tree.
- Continue your journey to Chennai and check in at your hotel.
- Visit Fort St. George, a historic fort built by the British East India Company, housing a museum with colonial artifacts.
- Explore St. Mary's Church, the oldest Anglican church in India, known for its historic significance and beautiful stained-glass windows.
- Discover Kapaleeshwarar Temple, dedicated to Lord Shiva, famous for its Dravidian architecture and vibrant temple activities.
- Immerse yourself in art and culture at the Government Museum, which boasts an extensive collection of archaeological artifacts, and Dakshinachitra Museum, showcasing South Indian heritage and crafts.
- End the day with a serene visit to Santhome Cathedral, built over the tomb of St. Thomas, and a leisurely walk along Marina Beach. Overnight in Chennai.

Day 5: Chennai - Mahabalipuram - Pondicherry (160kms)

- After breakfast, journey to Pondicherry, stopping in Mahabalipuram to explore its historic temples and rock-cut wonders.
- Admire the Monolithic Temples, such as the Pancha Rathas, intricately carved monolithic structures dedicated to various deities.
- See Krishna's Butterball, a gigantic boulder perched precariously on a hill, and the Cave Temples with their ancient carvings.
- Visit the Shore Temple, an ancient marvel overlooking the Bay of Bengal, renowned for its intricate carvings and architectural significance.
- Explore The Arjuna Penance, a massive bas-relief depicting scenes from Hindu mythology, including the descent of the Ganges.
- Upon arrival in Pondicherry, visit Auroville, an international community dedicated to peace and sustainable living, and explore its unique architecture and philosophy.
- Discover the rich history of Pondicherry Museum, which showcases artifacts from French colonial times, and take a scenic drive through the quaint French Quarters. Overnight in Pondicherry.

Day 6: Pondicherry - Chidambaram - Gangaikonda Cholapuram - Darasuram - Thanjavur (180kms)

- Start with breakfast before driving to Thanjavur, making stops at Chidambaram to visit the Nataraja Temple, famous for its magnificent bronze statues of Lord Shiva performing the cosmic dance.

- Continue to Gangaikonda Cholapuram, known for the Brihadeeswarar Temple, a UNESCO World Heritage Site with its grand architecture and detailed sculptures.
- Visit Darasuram to see the Airavatesvara Temple, another UNESCO site, renowned for its intricate carvings and architectural elegance.
- Arrive in Thanjavur and enjoy the town's serene ambiance. Overnight in Thanjavur.

Day 7: Thanjavur - Trichy - Chettinad (140kms)

- Discover Thanjavur's architectural wonders, beginning with the Brihadeshwara Temple, a grand Chola temple famous for its massive dome and intricately carved sculptures.
- Proceed to Trichy for a brief visit, including the Rock Fort Temple, set atop a granite hill with panoramic views and the Ranganathaswamy Temple, known for its grand gopurams and extensive temple complex.
- Continue your journey to Chettinad and check in at your hotel. Relax after the journey. Overnight in Chettinad.

Day 8: Chettinad - Madurai (90kms)

- After breakfast, visit a few of Chettinad's grand mansions, known for their opulent architecture, exquisite marble, and teakwood details.
- Drive to Madurai and check in at your hotel.
- Explore Madurai's cultural gems, starting with the grand Meenakshi Temple, famous for its Dravidian architecture and vibrant sculptures.
- Visit Thirumalai Nayakar Palace, known for its majestic hallways, massive dome, and intricate stucco work.
- Discover the serene ambiance of Alagar Koil, a hill temple dedicated to Lord Vishnu, with beautiful surroundings and historical significance.
- Conclude with visits to Tiruparankundram Murugan Temple and Palamuthirsolai Murugan Temple, offering spiritual solace amidst natural beauty. Overnight in Madurai.

Day 9: Madurai - Yercaud (250kms)

- After breakfast, journey to the tranquil hill station of Yercaud, known for its scenic beauty and pleasant climate.
- Visit Sugavaneswarar Temple, a serene temple dedicated to Lord Shiva, set amidst lush greenery.
- Explore Christ Church, known for its beautiful stained-glass windows and peaceful environment.
- Enjoy nature at the cascading Kiliyur Falls, a picturesque waterfall surrounded by dense forests.
- Relax at the Japanese Garden, a beautifully maintained garden with serene landscapes and water features. Embrace the hill station's tranquility before concluding the day. Overnight in Yercaud.

Day 10: Yercaud - Bangalore (235kms)

- Drive back to Bangalore after breakfast, arriving and checking in at your hotel.

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- Explore Bangalore's vibrant markets, visit local attractions, or relax at the hotel, reminiscing about your South India temple tour. Overnight in Bangalore.

Day 11: Bangalore Departure

- After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your onward flight, marking the end of your enriching South India temple tour. Carry back cherished memories and experiences from this journey through time.

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	3,375	1,833	1,552	1,601	1,430	1,346	1,261	1,197
4★ Deluxe	3,813	2,061	1,780	1,829	1,658	1,574	1,489	1,425
5★ Luxury	5,332	2,891	2,489	2,538	2,368	2,284	2,198	2,134

Valid for Travel: 16 April 2027 to 20 September 2027

Persons	Solo	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
3★ Standard	3,207	1,730	1,448	1,497	1,327	1,243	1,157	1,093
4★ Deluxe	3,586	1,943	1,661	1,710	1,540	1,456	1,370	1,306
5★ Luxury	4,832	2,641	2,240	2,289	2,118	2,034	1,949	1,885

Single Room Supplement

3★ Standard: USD 457 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 667 | 5★ Luxury: USD 1,476

Triple Sharing Discount (Per Person)

3★ Standard: USD 78 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 114 | 5★ Luxury: USD 247

Price Includes:

- Assistance on arrival at airport.
- 10 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.

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- 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 10 nights' accommodation

3 Star Hotels

- Bangalore x 3 nights: Royal Orchid Central/ Ramada Bangalore
- Vellore x 1 night: Regency Sameera Vellore by GRT Hotel
- Chennai x 1 night: ZONE By The Park/ Raj Park
- Pondicherry x 1 night: Shenbaga Hotel/ Anandha Inn Convention Centre
- Thanjore x 1 night: Sangam Hotels
- Chettinad x 1 night: Chidambara Vilas/ Chettinadu Mansion
- Madurai x 1 night: JC Residency/ Hotel Royal Court
- Salem/ Yercaud x 1 night: ZIBE Salem by GRT Hotels/ Sterling Yercaud

4 Star Hotels

- Bangalore x 3 nights: Lemon Tree Premier/ Gokulam Grand Hotel & Spa
- Vellore x 1 night: Fortune Park Vellore
- Chennai x 1 night: Accord Metropolitan/ The Park Chennai
- Pondicherry x 1 night: Le Pondy/ Accord Puducherry
- Thanjore x 1 night: GReaT Trails Riverview Resort
- Chettinad x 1 night: Chidambara Vilas/ Chettinadu Mansion
- Madurai x 1 night: Fortune Pandiyan Hotel/ Regency Madurai by GRT Hotels
- Salem/ Yercaud x 1 night: Great Trails Yercaud by GRT Hotels/ Radisson Salem

5 Star Hotels

- Bangalore x 3 nights: ITC Gardenia, a Luxury Collection/ Vivanta Bengaluru, Residency Road
- Vellore x 1 night: Fortune Park Vellore
- Chennai x 1 night: Radisson Blu Hotel GRT Chennai/ Hilton Chennai
- Pondicherry x 1 night: Palais De Mahe/ La Villa
- Thanjore x 1 night: Svatma
- Chettinad x 1 night: Visalam Cgh Earth
- Madurai x 1 night: Courtyard by Marriott/ The Gateway Hotel Pasumalai
- Salem/ Yercaud x 1 night: Great Trails Yercaud by GRT Hotels/ Radisson Salem

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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.
- Liability Disclaimer: We are not responsible for delays, alterations, or expenses incurred due to natural hazards, flight cancellations, accidents, weather, sickness, political closures, or any unforeseen incidents.
- Damage, Loss, or Injury: We are not responsible for any loss, injury, or damage to persons, property, or otherwise, caused by acts of God, fire, accidents, machinery breakdowns, political disturbances, theft, epidemics, or other factors beyond our control.

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- Insurance: We do not offer insurance for accidents, sickness, theft, or other unforeseen circumstances. We recommend travelers arrange for insurance in their home country. All personal property and baggage are at the client's risk at all times.
- Unforeseen Circumstances: We are not responsible for costs arising from landslides, roadblocks, bad weather, or similar unforeseen circumstances.

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.