

Tour Name: Chennai to Kanchipuram, Gingee Fort, Pondicherry & Mahabalipuram

Tour Duration: 1 Nights/ 2 Days

Tour Map: <https://tinyurl.com/nbuz22fm>

Tour Overview

Embark on a captivating journey through the "Chennai to Kanchipuram, Gingee Fort, Pondicherry & Mahabalipuram." Begin in Chennai, exploring ancient temples in Kanchipuram like Ekambareswarar and Kailasanathar, steeped in rich history and architectural marvels. Continue to Gingee Fort, an imposing hill fortress with a storied past, before heading to Pondicherry. Here, delve into the French colonial charm of the French Quarter and unwind along the serene Promenade Beach. In Mahabalipuram, discover UNESCO-listed wonders such as the Shore Temple, Arjuna's Penance, and the monolithic Five Rathas, each showcasing exquisite craftsmanship and ancient heritage. This journey promises a blend of cultural exploration, historical insights, and coastal beauty, making it a memorable experience through South India's diverse landscapes and rich heritage.

Tour Itinerary

Day 1: Chennai - Kanchipuram - Gingee Fort - Pondicherry (230kms)

- Depart from Chennai in the morning and drive to Kanchipuram, renowned as the "City of Thousand Temples" and famous for its silk sarees. Begin your exploration at Ekambareswarar Temple, dedicated to Lord Shiva and known for its ancient mango tree that is believed to be over 3,500 years old.
- Visit Kailasanathar Temple, the oldest structure in Kanchipuram built by the Pallavas in the 7th century. Admire its intricately carved pillars and richly sculpted walls depicting stories from Hindu mythology.
- Continue your journey to Gingee Fort, also known as Senji Fort, a formidable hill fortress with three hilltop citadels. Explore its extensive fortifications, granaries, temples, and the imposing Kalyana Mahal, a majestic palace complex.
- Proceed to Pondicherry, a quaint coastal town known for its French colonial architecture, serene beaches, and spiritual atmosphere. Check into your hotel and unwind amidst the laid-back charm of the French Quarter or take a leisurely stroll along the picturesque Promenade Beach.

Day 2: Pondicherry - Mahabalipuram - Chennai (160kms)

- After breakfast, embark on a scenic drive to Mahabalipuram, a UNESCO World Heritage site renowned for its ancient rock-cut temples and sculptures. Begin with a

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visit to the Shore Temple, a breathtaking example of Pallava architecture overlooking the azure waters of the Bay of Bengal. Marvel at its intricate carvings and serene ambiance.

- Explore Arjuna's Penance, a massive rock relief depicting scenes from the Mahabharata and Hindu mythology, showcasing exceptional craftsmanship.
- Discover the Five Rathas, monolithic rock-cut temples that resemble chariots dedicated to the Pandava brothers from the epic Mahabharata.
- Optionally, visit Mahabalipuram Beach for a relaxing break by the sea, or explore local handicraft shops offering exquisite stone carvings and artifacts.
- Return to Chennai in the evening, concluding your tour enriched with the cultural heritage, architectural marvels, and coastal beauty of Tamil Nadu.

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

Valid for Travel: Until 20 September 2027

Persons	Solo	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
3★ Standard	555	298	242	248	215	213	194	180
4★ Deluxe	631	336	280	286	253	251	232	218
5★ Luxury	913	499	417	424	390	388	369	355

Single Room Supplement

3★ Standard: USD 38 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 76 | 5★ Luxury: USD 221

Triple Sharing Discount (Per Person)

3★ Standard: USD 6 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 11 | 5★ Luxury: USD 43

Price Includes:

- Assistance on arrival at airport.
- 1 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 1 night accommodation

3 Star Hotels

- Pondicherry x 1 night: Shenbaga Hotel/ Anandha Inn Convention Centre

4 Star Hotels

- Pondicherry x 1 night: Le Pondy/ Accord Puducherry

5 Star Hotels

- Pondicherry x 1 night: Palais De Mahe/ La Villa

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.
- **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.