

Tour Name: Chennai to Kanchipuram, Vellore, Pondicherry & Mahabalipuram (2 Days)

Tour Duration: 1 Nights/ 2 Days

Tour Map: <https://tinyurl.com/32a47d6w>

Tour Overview

Explore the South Indian Temple Trail on a journey from Chennai to Pondicherry. Discover the ancient temples of Kanchipuram, revered for their intricate carvings and spiritual significance. Visit Vellore's historic fort and temple, showcasing magnificent Vijayanagara architecture. Experience Pondicherry's unique blend of French colonial heritage and Tamil culture, with leisurely strolls along Promenade Beach. Explore Mahabalipuram's UNESCO-listed rock-cut temples, including the iconic Shore Temple and Arjuna's Penance, offering insights into South India's rich cultural and architectural heritage.

Tour Itinerary

Day 1: Chennai - Kanchipuram - Vellore - Pondicherry (295kms)

- After a fulfilling breakfast in Chennai, embark on a journey to Kanchipuram, renowned as the "City of Thousand Temples." Begin with Kamakshi Amman Temple, dedicated to Goddess Kamakshi, celebrated for its intricate carvings and vibrant religious rituals that attract devotees and visitors alike.
- Continue to Ekambareswarar Temple, one of the Pancha Bhoota Stalas representing the element of Earth. Marvel at its ancient mango tree and expansive temple complex, offering a serene ambiance steeped in spiritual significance.
- Proceed towards Vellore and explore Vellore Fort, a masterpiece of military architecture. Admire its massive ramparts, moat, and bastions that narrate tales of valor and history. Visit Jalakandeswarar Temple within the fort premises, renowned for its Vijayanagara-style architecture and exquisite sculptures.
- Drive onward to Pondicherry, a picturesque coastal town blending French colonial heritage with Tamil culture. Check-in at your hotel and unwind amidst the serene surroundings.
- Overnight stay in Pondicherry.

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

- Begin your day with breakfast and visit Auroville, an experimental township dedicated to human unity and spiritual evolution. Explore the awe-inspiring Matrimandir, an architectural marvel and center of Auroville's spiritual community, reflecting peace and unity.
- Discover the quaint charms of the French Quarter (Ville Blanche) in Pondicherry, characterized by its colonial-era architecture, tree-lined boulevards, and charming cafes. Enjoy a leisurely stroll along Promenade Beach, soaking in the serene views of the Bay of Bengal.
- Proceed to Mahabalipuram, a UNESCO World Heritage site renowned for its ancient rock-cut temples and sculptures dating back to the Pallava dynasty of the 7th and 8th centuries.
- Visit Shore Temple, an iconic structural temple overlooking the azure waters of the Bay of Bengal, dedicated to Lord Shiva and Vishnu. Marvel at its intricate carvings and coastal vistas.
- Explore Arjuna's Penance, a colossal open-air bas-relief depicting scenes from Hindu mythology and the Mahabharata, showcasing exquisite craftsmanship.
- Discover Pancha Rathas, monolithic rock-cut temples representing different architectural styles and dedicated to the legendary Pandava brothers of the Mahabharata epic.
- Optionally, visit Krishna's Butter Ball, a natural rock formation defying gravity, and Mahishasura Mardini Cave, known for its intricate carvings and historical significance.
- Relax at Mahabalipuram Beach, unwind with coastal cuisine, and reflect on your enriching journey through South India's cultural and historical treasures.
- Return to Chennai in the evening, concluding your memorable exploration with a heart filled with tales of antiquity and cultural richness.

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.

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- **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.