

Tour Name: Chennai to Pondicherry

Tour Duration: 1 Night/ 2 Days

Tour Map: <https://tinyurl.com/yc87a6ad>

Tour Overview

Embark on the "Chennai to Pondicherry," a captivating journey through South India's cultural and coastal treasures. Begin in Chennai, the vibrant capital of Tamil Nadu, where ancient temples and bustling markets await. Travel to Kanchipuram, renowned for its silk sarees and majestic temples dedicated to Hindu gods. Arrive in Pondicherry, a former French colonial town brimming with picturesque colonial architecture and serene beaches. Explore the French Quarter's charming streets, visit Sri Aurobindo Ashram for spiritual solace, and stroll along Promenade Beach. Journey to Mahabalipuram to marvel at UNESCO-listed rock-cut temples before returning to Chennai. This tour promises a blend of history, culture, and coastal beauty, ensuring an unforgettable escape into Southern India's enchanting allure.

Tour Itinerary

Day 1: Chennai - Pondicherry (235kms)

- Depart from Chennai and embark on a scenic drive to Pondicherry, with a stop en route in Kanchipuram, famous for its ancient temples and vibrant silk sarees. Explore the Kailasanathar Temple, dedicated to Lord Shiva and renowned for its exquisite Dravidian architecture dating back to the Pallava dynasty.
- Continue to the Ekambareswarar Temple, one of the largest temples in Kanchipuram dedicated to Lord Shiva, with a towering gopuram (gateway tower) and a vast temple complex featuring a sacred mango tree believed to be over 3,000 years old.
- Check into your hotel in Pondicherry, a former French colony known for its charming French Quarter (Ville Blanche) with colonial architecture, tree-lined boulevards, and serene promenades.
- In the afternoon, explore the serene grounds of Sri Aurobindo Ashram, founded by Sri Aurobindo Ghose and The Mother. Visit the Samadhi, a meditation room where their remains are enshrined, and experience the spiritual atmosphere.
- Take a leisurely stroll along Promenade Beach (Goubert Avenue), a popular waterfront promenade offering stunning views of the Bay of Bengal. Enjoy the sea breeze and witness the vibrant evening ambiance.

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- Return to your hotel for an overnight stay in Pondicherry, reflecting on the cultural richness and serene beauty experienced during the day.

Day 2: Pondicherry - Chennai (160kms)

- After breakfast at the hotel, check out and depart from Pondicherry towards Chennai, with a scenic drive along the East Coast Road.
- En route, visit Mahabalipuram (Mamallapuram), a UNESCO World Heritage site renowned for its ancient rock-cut temples and monuments dating back to the 7th and 8th centuries.
- Explore the Shore Temple, a structural temple facing the Bay of Bengal and dedicated to Lord Shiva. Admire its intricate carvings, including depictions of gods, goddesses, and mythical beasts.
- Discover Arjuna's Penance, an enormous rock-cut relief depicting scenes from Hindu mythology, including the descent of the Ganges and various deities.
- Visit the Five Rathas (Pancha Rathas), monolithic rock temples carved in the shape of chariots, showcasing exceptional Dravidian architecture and craftsmanship.
- Enjoy a delicious South Indian lunch at a local restaurant in Mahabalipuram, savoring traditional flavors and specialties.
- Continue your journey back to Chennai, reminiscing about the cultural treasures and coastal charm experienced during your Pondicherry City Break Private Tour.

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	509	269	217	221	191	190	173	160
4★ Deluxe	585	311	259	263	233	232	215	202
5★ Luxury	867	470	396	400	370	369	352	339

Valid for Travel: 16 April 2027 to 20 September 2027

Persons	Solo	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
3★ Standard	509	273	221	225	195	194	177	164
4★ Deluxe	555	292	240	244	214	213	196	183
5★ Luxury	780	426	353	357	327	326	309	296

Single Room Supplement

3★ Standard: USD 42 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 76 | 5★ Luxury: USD 221

Triple Sharing Discount (Per Person)

3★ Standard: USD 5 | 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.