

Tour Name: Chennai, Kanchipuram, Vellore, Pondicherry & Mahabalipuram (3 Days)

Tour Duration: 2 Nights/ 3 Days

Tour Map: <https://tinyurl.com/5xkcx9mp>

Tour Overview

Embark on a captivating journey through the "Chennai, Kanchipuram, Vellore, Pondicherry & Mahabalipuram (3 Days) Tour". Discover the cultural tapestry of Chennai as you wander through historic landmarks like Fort St. George and the vibrant Marina Beach. Explore the sacred city of Kanchipuram, famed for its intricately carved temples and traditional silk sarees. Continue to Vellore to marvel at the Golden Temple and the imposing Vellore Fort, steeped in centuries of history. In Pondicherry, immerse yourself in the unique blend of French colonial charm and spiritual serenity at Sri Aurobindo Ashram and Auroville. Conclude your journey at Mahabalipuram, where ancient rock-cut temples and stunning coastal vistas await, including the Shore Temple and the breathtaking Pancha Rathas..

Tour Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Chennai

- Upon arrival in Chennai, you will be greeted by our representative who will assist with your transfer to the hotel.
- After checking in, take some time to relax and freshen up.
- Embark on a city tour of Chennai, starting with a visit to Marina Beach, one of the longest urban beaches in the world, ideal for a leisurely stroll.
- Explore Fort St. George, which houses the St. Mary's Church and the Fort Museum showcasing colonial-era artifacts.
- Visit the Government Museum, which offers a diverse collection of archeological and numismatic treasures.

Day 2: Chennai - Kanchipuram - Vellore - Pondicherry (295kms/6hrs approx)

- Start your day with breakfast at the hotel.
- Depart for Kanchipuram, renowned for its ancient temples and silk weaving.
- Visit the Kailasanathar Temple, celebrated for its intricate carvings and ancient architecture.
- Explore the Ekambareswarar Temple, dedicated to Lord Shiva, known for its massive temple complex and ancient banyan tree.
- Continue your journey to Vellore.
- Visit the Golden Temple, a stunning structure with gold-plated interiors and a serene atmosphere.
- Explore Vellore Fort, a grand historical fortification with a moat, temples, and a museum that offers insights into the region's past.
- Proceed to Pondicherry and check in at your hotel.

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- Enjoy the evening exploring Pondicherry at your leisure, perhaps strolling through the Promenade Beach or the charming streets of the French Quarter.

Day 3: Pondicherry - Mahabalipuram - Chennai (160kms/3hrs approx)

- Begin with breakfast at the hotel.
- Start your city tour of Pondicherry with a visit to the Sri Aurobindo Ashram, a spiritual community offering peaceful surroundings and an insight into its founder's philosophy.
- Explore Auroville, an experimental township dedicated to human unity and sustainable living, with its distinctive Matrimandir at the center.
- Walk through the French Quarter, admiring the well-preserved colonial architecture, including the beautiful churches and quaint cafes.
- Drive to Mahabalipuram, a UNESCO World Heritage Site known for its ancient rock-cut temples and sculptures.
- Visit the Shore Temple, an architectural marvel situated on the shores of the Bay of Bengal, renowned for its intricately carved granite structures.
- Explore the Pancha Rathas, a group of monolithic temples, each carved from a single rock and named after the five Pandava brothers from the Mahabharata.
- Admire Arjuna's Penance, a colossal bas-relief depicting scenes from Hindu mythology and showcasing impressive stone carving techniques.
- Return to Chennai in the evening and enjoy a drop-off at your hotel, concluding your 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	811	441	365	371	327	326	301	282
4★ Deluxe	947	505	429	436	392	390	365	346
5★ Luxury	1,290	704	597	603	559	558	533	514

Valid for Travel: 16 April 2027 to 20 September 2027

Persons	Solo	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
3★ Standard	795	418	342	348	304	303	278	259
4★ Deluxe	864	460	384	390	346	345	320	301
5★ Luxury	1,203	660	553	560	516	514	489	470

Single Room Supplement

3★ Standard: USD 80 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 152 | 5★ Luxury: USD 327

Triple Sharing Discount (Per Person)

3★ Standard: USD 12 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 23 | 5★ Luxury: USD 54

Price Includes:

- Assistance on arrival at airport.
- 2 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 2 nights' accommodation

3 Star Hotels

- Chennai x 1 night: ZONE By the Park/ Raj Park
- Pondicherry x 1 night: Shenbaga Hotel/ Anandha Inn Convention Centre

4 Star Hotels

- Chennai x 1 night: Accord Metropolitan/ The Park Chennai
- Pondicherry x 1 night: Le Pondy/ Accord Puducherry

5 Star Hotels

- Chennai x 1 night: Radisson Blu Hotel GRT Chennai/ Hilton Chennai
- Pondicherry x 1 night: Palais De Mahe/ La Villa

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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.