

Tour Name: Golden Triangle & South India Temples

Tour Duration: 12 Nights/ 13 Days

Tour Map: <https://tinyurl.com/43ayhtfn>

Tour Overview

Embark on an unforgettable journey through India's rich heritage and diverse cultures, starting in the bustling capital city of Delhi, where historic landmarks like Qutub Minar and India Gate await. Witness the grandeur of the Taj Mahal and Agra Fort in Agra, then explore the vibrant city of Jaipur with its majestic Amber Fort and intricate Hawa Mahal. Continue your adventure in Chennai, delving into its colonial history and vibrant traditions before moving to the coastal town of Mahabalipuram, renowned for its ancient rock-cut temples. Experience the French charm of Pondicherry and the architectural splendors of Thanjavur, Trichy, and Madurai, home to some of South India's most magnificent temples and palaces. This comprehensive tour offers a deep dive into India's past and present, from the Mughal and Rajput eras to the Dravidian marvels of the south.

Tour Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Delhi

- Arrive in Delhi and transfer to your hotel.
- Rest and relax after your journey.

Day 2: Delhi

- Start with breakfast at the hotel.
- Marvel at the tallest brick minaret in the world, Qutub Minar, a UNESCO World Heritage site known for its Indo-Islamic architecture and intricate carvings.
- Visit the Bahá'í House of Worship, Lotus Temple, shaped like a lotus flower and known for its serene ambiance and beautiful gardens.
- Explore the tomb of the Mughal Emperor Humayun, Humayun's Tomb, a UNESCO World Heritage site with its impressive Persian-style architecture and lush gardens.
- Pay homage to Indian soldiers who died in World War I at India Gate, and visit the Amar Jawan Jyoti, an eternal flame commemorating soldiers martyred in various wars.

- Drive along Rajpath to view Rashtrapati Bhavan, the President's residence, a blend of Mughal and Western architectural styles.
- Relax in Lodhi Garden, a historical park with beautifully landscaped gardens and ancient monuments.

Day 3: Delhi - Agra (210kms)

- Start with breakfast at the hotel.
- Travel to Agra.
- Arrive in Agra and check-in at the hotel.
- Visit the iconic white marble mausoleum, Taj Mahal, known as a UNESCO site and symbol of eternal love.
- Explore the red sandstone Agra Fort, a UNESCO site featuring palaces, mosques, and gardens.
- Discover the "Baby Taj," Itmad-ud-Daulah, a Mughal mausoleum known for its intricate marble inlay work.
- Visit local marble factories to see the art of marble inlay work known as "Pietra Dura."

Day 4: Agra - Jaipur (245kms)

- Start with breakfast at the hotel.
- En route, explore Fatehpur Sikri, an abandoned Mughal city and UNESCO World Heritage site known for its well-preserved architecture.
- Visit Abhaneri to see Chand Baori, a stunning stepwell showcasing ancient Indian engineering and carvings.
- Travel to Jaipur and check-in at the hotel.

Day 5: Jaipur

- Start with breakfast at the hotel.
- Visit Amber Fort, a hilltop fort known for its artistic Hindu-style elements and panoramic views. Enjoy an elephant ride or jeep safari to the fort.
- Explore the royal residence City Palace, showcasing a blend of Rajasthani and Mughal architecture, housing museums and courtyards.

- Discover Jantar Mantar, an astronomical observatory with impressive stone instruments used for astronomical measurements.
- Admire the Palace of Winds, Hawa Mahal, known for its intricate lattice work and windows designed for royal ladies to observe street festivals.
- Visit Birla Temple and enjoy a shopping experience.

Day 6: Jaipur - Chennai (flight)

- Start with breakfast at the hotel.
- Fly to Chennai, a vibrant metropolis on the Bay of Bengal.
- Check-in at the hotel and relax.

Day 7: Chennai - Mahabalipuram (60kms)

- Start with breakfast at the hotel.
- Meet your guide and driver and half-day city tour covering city historic landmarks and Kapaleeshwarar Temple.
- Travel to Mahabalipuram and visit:
- Explore the Shore Temple, a UNESCO site, a structural masterpiece dedicated to Lord Shiva, situated overlooking the Bay of Bengal.
- Marvel at the monolithic rock-cut temples, Pancha Rathas, each carved in the shape of a chariot dedicated to the Pandava brothers.
- Relax on Mahabalipuram Beach with a backdrop of ancient rock-cut temples and sculptures.

Day 8: Mahabalipuram - Pondicherry (100kms)

- Start with breakfast at the hotel.
- Journey to Pondicherry.
- Visit Aurobindo Ashram, a spiritual community founded by Sri Aurobindo, offering tranquility and yoga sessions.
- Stroll through the French Quarter, known for its colonial architecture, boutiques, and cafes.
- Relax on Paradise Beach, known for its clear waters and golden sands.

Day 9: Pondicherry - Thanjavur (180kms)

- Start with breakfast at the hotel.
- Embark on a scenic drive to Thanjavur, renowned as a cultural hub of Tamil Nadu.
- En route, explore the following historical sites:
- Visit Chidambaram and the Nataraja Temple, dedicated to Lord Shiva in his dancing form, known for its stunning architecture and religious significance.
- Discover the majestic Gangaikondacholapuram Temple, built during the Chola dynasty and renowned for its intricate sculptures and grandeur.
- Explore the Airavatesvara Temple in Darasuram, a UNESCO World Heritage site known for its exquisite carvings, particularly the musical steps that produce different sounds when tapped.
- Continue your journey to Thanjavur and check-in at the hotel for an overnight stay.

Day 10: Thanjavur - Trichy (60kms)

- Start with breakfast at the hotel.
- Visit Brihadeeswarar Temple, a UNESCO site and architectural marvel of the Chola dynasty, known for its grandeur and spiritual significance.
- Discover Thanjavur Royal Palace and Art Gallery, showcasing the history and art of the Nayak and Maratha rulers.
- Journey to Trichy, known for its temples and cultural heritage.
- Visit Sri Ranganathaswamy Temple, one of the largest Hindu temples in India, dedicated to Lord Vishnu, renowned for its intricate carvings and religious fervor.
- Climb up to Rock Fort Temple, a historic temple complex offering panoramic views of Trichy and the Cauvery River.
- Explore Srirangam Island, known for its religious and cultural significance, connected to Trichy by bridges.

Day 11: Trichy - Madurai (135kms)

- Start with breakfast at the hotel.
- Drive to Madurai, an ancient city of temples and traditions.

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- Explore Meenakshi Amman Temple, a vast temple complex dedicated to Goddess Meenakshi and Lord Sundareswarar, featuring towering gopurams and vibrant sculptures.
- Visit Thirumalai Nayakkar Palace, a 17th-century palace known for its Indo-Saracenic architecture and grandeur.

Day 12: Madurai - Delhi (flight)

- Start with breakfast at the hotel.
- Fly back to Delhi for your departure.
- Check-in at the hotel and relax or explore local markets for souvenirs.

Day 13: Delhi - Departure

- After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your onward journey, concluding your memorable 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	3,919	2,171	1,875	1,945	1,751	1,719	1,613	1,533
4★ Deluxe	4,624	2,536	2,240	2,310	2,116	2,084	1,978	1,898
5★ Luxury	5,971	3,375	2,925	2,995	2,801	2,770	2,663	2,584

Valid for Travel: 16 April 2027 to 15 September 2027

Persons	Solo	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
3★ Standard	3,811	2,089	1,793	1,863	1,669	1,638	1,531	1,451
4★ Deluxe	4,205	2,310	2,014	2,084	1,890	1,858	1,752	1,672
5★ Luxury	5,303	3,000	2,550	2,620	2,426	2,394	2,288	2,208

Single Room Supplement

3★ Standard: USD 552 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 892 | 5★ Luxury: USD 1,553

Triple Sharing Discount (Per Person)

3★ Standard: USD 72 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 130 | 5★ Luxury: USD 246

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Price Includes:

- Assistance on arrival at airport.
- 12 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:

- Jaipur - Chennai & Madurai - Delhi flight fare approx INR 15, 500 per person in economy class.
- 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 12 nights' accommodation

3 Star Hotels

- Delhi x 2 nights: Dee Marks Hotel & Resorts/ Emerald Hotel
- Agra x 1 night: Howard Plaza the Fern/ Hotel Atulyaa Taj
- Jaipur x 2 nights: ZONE By THE Park/ The Fern Residency
- Chennai x 1 night: ZONE By the Park/ Raj Park

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- Mahabalipuram x 1 night: INDeco Hotels/ Ideal Beach Resort
- Pondicherry x 1 night: Shenbaga Hotel/ Anandha Inn Convention Centre
- Thanjore x 1 night: Sangam Hotels
- Trichy x 1 night: Red Fox Hotel/ Hotel Blossoms
- Madurai x 1 night: JC Residency/ Hotel Royal Court
- Delhi x 1 night: Dee Marks Hotel & Resorts/ Emerald Hotel

4 Star Hotels

- Delhi x 2 nights: The Hans/ The Royal Plaza
- Agra x 1 night: Radisson Hotel/ Holiday Inn
- Jaipur x 2 nights: Lemon Tree Premier/ The Fern An Ecotel Hotel
- Chennai x 1 night: Accord Metropolitan/ The Park Chennai
- Mahabalipuram x 1 night: Chariot Beach Resort/ Confluence The Banquet & Resort
- Pondicherry x 1 night: Le Pondy/ Accord Puducherry
- Thanjore x 1 night: GReaT Trails Riverview Resort
- Trichy x 1 night: Courtyard by Marriott
- Madurai x 1 night: Fortune Pandiyan Hotel/ Regency Madurai by GRT Hotels
- Delhi x 1 night: The Hans/ The Royal Plaza

5 Star Hotels

- Delhi x 2 nights: Le Meridien/ The Grand New Delhi
- Agra x 1 night: Courtyard by Marriott/ Trident Hotel
- Jaipur x 2 nights: Hilton Jaipur/ Radisson City Center
- Chennai x 1 night: Radisson Blu Hotel GRT Chennai/ Hilton Chennai
- Mahabalipuram x 1 night: Radisson BLU Resort Temple Bay/ WH By ITC Hotels, Kences Palm Beach
- Pondicherry x 1 night: Palais De Mahe/ La Villa

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- Thanjore x 1 night: Svatma
- Trichy x 1 night: Courtyard by Marriott
- Madurai x 1 night: Courtyard by Marriott/ The Gateway Hotel Pasumalai
- Delhi x 1 night: Le Meridien/ The Grand New Delhi

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.