

Tour Name: Vizag to Kovalam East Coast & Temple of Tamilnadu

Tour Duration: 15 Nights/ 16 Days

Tour Map: <https://tinyurl.com/yz3kb7n2>

Tour Overview

Embark on the "Vizag to Kovalam East Coast & Temple of Tamilnadu" tour, a coastal odyssey from Visakhapatnam to Kovalam. Explore Vizag's beaches and Kailasagiri Hill before journeying through historic Kakinada and Nellore's temples. Experience Chennai's bustling city life and the ancient wonders of Mahabalipuram. Delve into Pondicherry's French colonial charm and Tamil Nadu's architectural marvels in Thanjavur and Trichy. Conclude with tranquil moments in Kovalam, where pristine beaches and rejuvenating Ayurvedic therapies await, promising a journey of cultural immersion and coastal serenity.

Tour Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Vizag

- Arrive in Visakhapatnam (Vizag) and check into your hotel. Depending on your arrival time, take a leisurely stroll along the serene Ramakrishna Beach, known for its golden sands and peaceful atmosphere, or head to Kailasagiri Hill. From Kailasagiri, enjoy breathtaking panoramic views of the cityscape and the Bay of Bengal. Consider taking a cable car ride for an aerial view of Vizag.

Day 2: Vizag

- Begin your day at the INS Kursura Submarine Museum, a fascinating attraction housed in a decommissioned submarine. Explore its interior to learn about India's naval history and operations. Next, visit Kailasagiri Hill Park, known for its lush greenery, flower gardens, and a giant statue of Lord Shiva and Goddess Parvati. Enjoy the scenic views and relax amidst nature. Conclude your day with a visit to RK Beach, ideal for a relaxing evening by the sea.

Day 3: Vizag - Kakinada (155kms)

- Depart for Kakinada, a coastal city known for its beautiful beaches and cultural heritage. En route, stop at the Coringa Wildlife Sanctuary, a haven for mangrove forests and rich biodiversity. Take a boat ride through the sanctuary to spot various bird species and other wildlife in their natural habitat.

Day 4: Kakinada - Machilipatnam (255kms)

- Continue your journey to Machilipatnam, an ancient port town with a blend of Dutch and Indian influences. Explore Bandar Fort, a historic fort built by the Dutch in the 17th century, offering panoramic views of the Krishna River and the surrounding countryside. Visit the Panduranga Swamy Temple, known for its intricate architecture and spiritual significance, dedicated to Lord Panduranga (Lord Krishna).

Day 5: Machilipatnam - Nellore (300kms)

- Travel to Nellore, a city renowned for its agricultural richness and ancient temples. Begin your exploration at Sri Ranganathaswamy Temple, one of the largest temples in South India dedicated to Lord Vishnu. Admire its impressive gopuram (tower) and intricate sculptures depicting mythological scenes. Later, unwind at Nellore Beach, known for its tranquil shores and scenic beauty, perfect for a relaxing evening by the sea.

Day 6: Nellore - Chennai (275kms)

- Drive to Chennai, the vibrant capital city of Tamil Nadu. Start your day at Marina Beach, stretching along the Bay of Bengal and bustling with activities from morning walks to horse rides. Explore Fort St. George, a historic fort complex housing St. Mary's Church, the oldest Anglican church in India, and the Fort Museum, which displays relics from the British colonial era.

Day 7: Chennai - Mahabalipuram (120kms)

- Venture to Mahabalipuram, a UNESCO World Heritage site renowned for its ancient rock-cut temples and sculptures. Visit the Shore Temple, a 7th-century temple complex overlooking the azure waters of the Bay of Bengal. Explore Arjuna's Penance, an enormous rock relief depicting scenes from Hindu mythology and considered one of the largest open-air rock canvases in the world.

Day 8: Mahabalipuram - Pondicherry (120kms)

- Proceed to Pondicherry (Puducherry), a charming coastal town known for its French colonial architecture and spiritual centers. Explore Auroville, an experimental township promoting international unity and spiritual consciousness. Visit Sri Aurobindo Ashram, founded by Sri Aurobindo and the Mother, known for its serene atmosphere and meditation sessions.

Day 9: Pondicherry - Thanjavur (180kms)

- Drive to Thanjavur (Tanjore), known as the "Rice Bowl of Tamil Nadu" and famous for the Brihadeeswarar Temple, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Marvel at the

grandeur of the temple dedicated to Lord Shiva, with its towering vimana (temple tower) and intricate frescoes depicting Hindu deities and legends.

Day 10: Thanjavur - Trichy (60kms)

- Visit Trichy (Tiruchirappalli), home to the Rock Fort Temple complex, a prominent landmark atop a 273-foot high rock. Climb the 344 steps to reach the ancient temple dedicated to Lord Ganesha and enjoy panoramic views of the cityscape. Continue to Srirangam to explore Sri Ranganathaswamy Temple, one of the largest functioning Hindu temples in the world, known for its elaborate gopurams and religious significance.

Day 11: Trichy - Madurai (135kms)

- Proceed to Madurai, one of the oldest cities in India and a cultural hub of Tamil Nadu. Visit the iconic Meenakshi Amman Temple, a masterpiece of Dravidian architecture with its towering gopurams adorned with colorful sculptures depicting mythological tales. Explore Thirumalai Nayakkar Palace, a 17th-century marvel known for its grandeur and blend of Dravidian and Islamic architectural styles.

Day 12: Madurai - Rameshwaram (170kms)

- Travel to Rameshwaram, a sacred pilgrimage site known for its temples and pristine beaches. Visit Ramanathaswamy Temple, one of the twelve Jyotirlinga temples dedicated to Lord Shiva, renowned for its intricate corridors and massive pillared halls. Take a holy dip in the Agni Theertham, a sacred sea bathing spot believed to wash away sins according to Hindu mythology.

Day 13: Rameshwaram - Kanyakumari (320kms)

- Drive to Kanyakumari, the southernmost tip of mainland India, where the Arabian Sea, Bay of Bengal, and Indian Ocean converge. Visit Vivekananda Rock Memorial, built in honor of Swami Vivekananda's meditation on the rock and offering panoramic views of the surrounding seascape. Explore the Thiruvalluvar Statue, a towering monument dedicated to the ancient Tamil poet and philosopher, Thiruvalluvar.

Day 14: Kanyakumari - Kovalam (80kms)

- Proceed to Kovalam, a serene beach town known for its crescent-shaped beaches and Ayurvedic treatments. Relax on the pristine beaches or indulge in rejuvenating Ayurvedic massages and therapies. Optionally, visit Padmanabhapuram Palace, an ancient wooden palace showcasing Kerala's traditional architecture, or climb up Vizhinjam Lighthouse for panoramic views of the coastline.

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Day 15: Kovalam

- Enjoy a leisurely day exploring Kovalam's beaches, dotted with palm-fringed shores and gentle waves ideal for swimming and sunbathing. Visit local markets to shop for handicrafts and souvenirs, or opt for water sports activities such as surfing and parasailing. Relax and unwind amidst the natural beauty of Kovalam.

Day 16: Kovalam - Departure

- Transfer to Trivandrum (Thiruvananthapuram) Airport for your departure, concluding your memorable journey through India's East Coast and Grand Living Temples. Reflect on the diverse cultural heritage, scenic landscapes, and spiritual significance experienced throughout your travels.

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	5,296	2,839	2,423	2,482	2,185	2,140	1,977	1,854
4★ Deluxe	6,049	3,207	2,791	2,849	2,552	2,507	2,344	2,221
5★ Luxury	7,149	4,048	3,334	3,393	3,095	3,051	2,887	2,765

Valid for Travel: 16 April 2027 – 20 September 2027

Persons	Solo	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
3★ Standard	5,186	2,749	2,333	2,392	2,095	2,050	1,887	1,764
4★ Deluxe	5,758	3,060	2,644	2,703	2,406	2,361	2,198	2,075
5★ Luxury	6,623	3,800	3,086	3,145	2,847	2,803	2,640	2,517

Single Room Supplement

3★ Standard: USD 614 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 999 | 5★ Luxury: USD 1,556

Triple Sharing Discount (Per Person)

3★ Standard: USD 94 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 159 | 5★ Luxury: USD 240

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Price Includes:

- Assistance on arrival at airport.
- 15 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 15 nights' accommodation

3 Star Hotels

- Visakhapatnam x 2 nights: Best Western Ramachandra Hotel/ Keys Select Visakhapatnam - By Lemon Tree Hotels
- Kakinada x 1 night: Paradigm Sarovar Portico/ The Fern Residency Kakinada
- Machilipatnam x 1 night: Hotel SS Grand INN/ RK Good Times
- Nellore x 1 night: Minerva Grand/ Hotel Tejaswini Grand

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- Chennai x 1 night: ZONE By the Park/ Raj Park
- 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
- Rameshwaram x 1 night: Daiwik Hotel/ Vinayaga by Poppys
- Kanyakumari x 1 night: Sparsa Kanyakumari/ The Seashore Hotel
- Kovalam x 2 nights: Abad Harmonia Beach Resort/ Uday Suites Shanghumugham Beach

4 Star Hotels

- Visakhapatnam x 2 nights: The Park Hotel/ Fairfield by Marriott
- Kakinada x 1 night: Grand Kakinada by GRT Hotels/ Svenska Design Hotel
- Machilipatnam x 1 night: Hotel SS Grand INN/ RK Good Times
- Nellore x 1 night: Minerva Grand/ Hotel Tejaswini Grand
- 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
- Rameshwaram x 1 night: Daiwik Hotel/ Vinayaga by Poppys
- Kanyakumari x 1 night: Sparsa Kanyakumari/ The Seashore Hotel
- Kovalam x 2 nights: Estuary Sarovar Portico/ Uday Samudra Leisure Beach Hotel

5 Star Hotels

- Visakhapatnam x 2 nights: The Gateway Hotel Beach Road/ WH By ITC Hotels Deves Grand Bay
- Kakinada x 1 night: Grand Kakinada by GRT Hotels/ Svenska Design Hotel
- Machilipatnam x 1 night: Hotel SS Grand INN/ RK Good Times
- Nellore x 1 night: Minerva Grand/ Hotel Tejaswini Grand
- 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
- Thanjore x 1 night: Svatma
- Trichy x 1 night: Courtyard by Marriott
- Madurai x 1 night: Courtyard by Marriott/ The Gateway Hotel Pasumalai
- Rameshwaram x 1 night: The Residency Towers
- Kanyakumari x 1 night: Sparsa Kanyakumari/ The Seashore Hotel
- Kovalam x 2 nights: Raviz Kovalam/ Vivanta by Taj - Green Cove

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.

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- **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.