

Tour Name: Pondicherry, Thanjavur & Trichy

Tour Duration: 4 Nights/ 5 Days

Tour Map: <https://tinyurl.com/yc76vetz>

Tour Overview

Embark on the "Pondicherry, Thanjavur & Trichy" and delve into a journey that seamlessly blends rich history, architectural marvels, and serene coastal beauty. Begin your adventure in Chennai, a bustling metropolis steeped in culture, before venturing to Mahabalipuram, where ancient rock-cut temples and UNESCO World Heritage sites await exploration. Witness the majestic Shore Temple and the intricately carved Pancha Rathas, showcasing South India's architectural prowess. Continuing southward, immerse yourself in Pondicherry's quaint streets adorned with French colonial architecture, serene beaches, and vibrant markets. This expedition promises an enriching experience, offering glimpses into India's past while embracing the tranquility of its coastal charm.

Tour Itinerary

Day 1: Chennai - Pondicherry via Mahabalipuram (160kms)

- Depart Chennai after a delightful breakfast for Pondicherry, renowned for its French colonial architecture and serene ambiance.
- En route, visit Mahabalipuram, a UNESCO World Heritage site famous for its ancient rock-cut temples and sculptures dating back to the 7th and 8th centuries.
- Explore the Shore Temple, dedicated to Lord Shiva, overlooking the Bay of Bengal and showcasing Dravidian architectural styles.
- Visit the Pancha Rathas (Five Rathas), monolithic rock-cut temples shaped like chariots, each dedicated to different deities.
- Check-in at your hotel upon arrival in Pondicherry, where you can relax and enjoy the coastal town's peaceful atmosphere.

Day 2: Pondicherry

- After breakfast, visit Auroville, an experimental township promoting sustainable living and spiritual unity. Explore the Matrimandir, a golden sphere symbolizing human unity and divine consciousness, surrounded by serene gardens.
- Explore the French Quarter (Ville Blanche), strolling along Rue de la Marine to see colonial-era buildings with pastel facades, vibrant markets, and charming cafes.

- Visit the Pondicherry Museum, showcasing artifacts from the French colonial period, archaeological finds, and traditional Tamil art and culture.
- Relax at Promenade Beach, known for its scenic views, seafront promenade, and peaceful ambiance.

Day 3: Pondicherry - Thanjavur (185kms)

- Enjoy breakfast before departing for Thanjavur, famous for the Brihadeeswarar Temple, a UNESCO World Heritage site and masterpiece of Dravidian architecture.
- Visit the Brihadeeswarar Temple, marveling at its grandeur and intricate sculptures depicting Hindu gods and goddesses.
- Explore the Thanjavur Maratha Palace, showcasing a blend of Nayak and Maratha architecture, with a museum displaying royal artifacts, sculptures, and a library.
- Visit Sangeetha Mahal, an ancient music hall within the palace complex known for its acoustics and architectural beauty.
- Drive to nearby Darasuram to visit the Airavatesvara Temple, another UNESCO World Heritage site known for its exquisite architecture and intricate carvings.

Day 4: Thanjavur - Trichy (60kms)

- After breakfast, travel to Trichy (Tiruchirappalli), known for its vibrant culture and historical significance.
- Visit the Sri Ranganathaswamy Temple in Srirangam, one of the largest temples dedicated to Lord Vishnu, renowned for its Dravidian architecture and religious fervor.
- Explore the Rock Fort Temple, a historic fortification with temples dedicated to Lord Ganesh and Lord Shiva, offering panoramic views of Trichy and the Cauvery River.
- Visit the St. Joseph's Church, a beautiful Roman Catholic church known for its Gothic architecture and serene atmosphere.
- Explore the bustling markets around Teppakulam, a historic tank known for its annual float festival and vibrant market stalls.

Day 5: Trichy - Chennai (330kms)

- Have breakfast at the hotel before beginning your journey back to Chennai.
- En route, visit the DakshinaChitra Museum, showcasing the cultural heritage of South India through traditional artifacts, crafts, and demonstrations.

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- Conclude your tour in Chennai, reflecting on the cultural heritage, architectural wonders, and spiritual experiences gained throughout your journey.

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	1,406	766	641	652	580	577	536	506
4★ Deluxe	1,720	919	794	806	734	730	690	659
5★ Luxury	2,324	1,267	1,093	1,105	1,033	1,029	989	958

Valid for Travel: 16 April 2027 – 20 September 2027

Persons	Solo	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
3★ Standard	1,371	740	615	627	555	551	511	480
4★ Deluxe	1,599	855	730	741	669	666	625	595
5★ Luxury	2,101	1,160	985	997	925	922	881	850

Single Room Supplement

3★ Standard: USD 167 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 327 | 5★ Luxury: USD 633

Triple Sharing Discount (Per Person)

3★ Standard: USD 30 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 53 | 5★ Luxury: USD 122

Price Includes:

- Assistance on arrival at airport.
- 4 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.

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- 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 4 nights' accommodation

3 Star Hotels

- Pondicherry x 2 nights: Shenbaga Hotel/ Anandha Inn Convention Centre
- Thanjore x 1 night: Sangam Hotels
- Trichy x 1 night: Red Fox Hotel/ Hotel Blossoms

4 Star Hotels

- Pondicherry x 2 nights: Le Pondy/ Accord Puducherry
- Thanjore x 1 night: GReaT Trails Riverview Resort
- Trichy x 1 night: Courtyard by Marriott

5 Star Hotels

- Pondicherry x 2 nights: Palais De Mahe/ La Villa
- Thanjore x 1 night: Svatma
- Trichy x 1 night: Courtyard by Marriott

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

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- 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.

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- **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.