

Tour Name: South India Temple Tour

Tour Duration: 6 Nights/ 7 Days

Tour Map: <https://tinyurl.com/2ksxezt4>

Tour Overview

Embark on the "South India Temple Tour," a captivating journey through the heart of Tamil Nadu. This meticulously crafted itinerary takes you from the bustling city of Chennai to the sacred city of Madurai, uncovering a tapestry of historical landmarks, ancient temples, and cultural treasures along the way. Begin your adventure in Chennai, exploring its colonial heritage and vibrant temples before moving to the coastal town of Mahabalipuram, renowned for its UNESCO-listed rock-cut temples. Continue to the French-influenced charm of Pondicherry and delve into the regal history of Thanjavur, home to the magnificent Brihadeeswarar Temple. Experience the spiritual grandeur of Trichy's temples and the engineering marvel of the Kallanai Dam. Conclude your journey in Madurai, where the awe-inspiring Meenakshi Amman Temple and the rich cultural tapestry of the city await, leaving you with unforgettable memories of South India's glorious heritage.

Tour Itinerary

Day 1: Arrival in Chennai

- Upon arrival at Chennai airport, you will be greeted by a representative and transferred to your hotel. After check-in and some rest, embark on a comprehensive city tour of Chennai, covering the following heritage and cultural landmarks:
- Fort St. George: The first British fortress in India, with the St. Mary's Church, the oldest Anglican church in India, and a museum showcasing colonial artifacts.
- Kapaleeswarar Temple: A Dravidian-style temple dedicated to Lord Shiva, famous for its intricate carvings and towering gopuram.
- Government Museum: A historical museum with an impressive collection of sculptures, bronzes, and artifacts.
- Santhome Cathedral: A neo-gothic style church built over the tomb of St. Thomas, one of the twelve apostles of Christ.
- Vivekananda House: The house where Swami Vivekananda stayed, now a museum dedicated to his life and teachings.
- Basilica of the National Shrine of Our Lady of Health, Vailankanni: A beautiful church for those interested in architectural beauty and history.

- Overnight stay in Chennai.

Day 2: Chennai - Kanchipuram - Mahabalipuram (120 km, approx. 3 hours)

- After breakfast, drive to Kanchipuram, the "City of Thousand Temples." Visit:
- Kailasanathar Temple: A remarkable example of early Dravidian architecture, dedicated to Lord Shiva.
- Ekambareswarar Temple: Famous for its ancient mango tree and intricately designed gopurams.
- Varadaraja Perumal Temple: Dedicated to Lord Vishnu, this temple features impressive carvings and structures.
- Kamakshi Amman Temple: A historic temple dedicated to Goddess Kamakshi, known for its elegant architecture and serene ambiance.
- Continue to Mahabalipuram and check in at the hotel. Explore the UNESCO World Heritage Site, visiting:
- Shore Temple: A majestic temple overlooking the Bay of Bengal, known for its intricately carved sculptures.
- Five Rathas: Monolithic rock-cut temples shaped like chariots, each dedicated to different deities.
- Pancha Pandava Rathas: Another set of remarkable rock-cut temples named after the Pandavas of the Mahabharata.
- Arjuna's Penance: A giant rock relief depicting the story of Arjuna's penance.
- Cave Temples: Ancient rock-cut temples with beautiful sculptures and carvings.
- Overnight stay in Mahabalipuram.

Day 3: Mahabalipuram - Pondicherry (120 km, approx. 3 hours)

- After breakfast, drive to Pondicherry, a former French colony. Visit:
- Aurobindo Ashram: Founded by Sri Aurobindo, it serves as a center for spiritual practice.
- Auroville: An international township founded on the ideals of human unity, featuring the unique Matrimandir structure.
- Promenade Beach: Enjoy a relaxed walk along the scenic beachfront.
- French Quarter: Wander through the charming European-style streets with colonial-era buildings.

- Immaculate Conception Cathedral: A striking colonial-era church with a peaceful ambiance.
- Manakula Vinayagar Temple: A famous temple dedicated to Lord Ganesha, known for its vibrant architecture and spiritual significance.
- Overnight stay in Pondicherry.

Day 4: Pondicherry - Chidambaram - Gangaikonda Cholapuram - Darasuram - Thanjavur (180 km, approx. 5 hours)

- After breakfast, drive to Thanjavur, stopping en-route to visit:
- Nataraja Temple, Chidambaram: Dedicated to Lord Shiva in his cosmic dance form, known for its grandeur and intricate sculptures.
- Gangaikonda Cholapuram: A UNESCO World Heritage Site, the former capital of the Chola dynasty, featuring the majestic Brihadeeswarar Temple.
- Darasuram Temple: Another masterpiece of Dravidian architecture, a UNESCO-listed temple known for its sculptural beauty.
- Arrive in Thanjavur and visit:
- Brihadeeswarar Temple: Also known as the "Big Temple," this UNESCO World Heritage Site is one of South India's most magnificent temples, renowned for its massive dome and intricate sculptures.
- Thanjavur Palace: Explore the grand palace and its museums, showcasing the rich history of the Maratha rulers.
- Saraswathi Mahal Library: One of the oldest libraries in Asia, with a collection of rare manuscripts.
- Overnight stay in Thanjavur.

Day 5: Thanjavur - Trichy (60 km, approx. 1.5 hours)

- After breakfast, visit:
- Brihadeeswarar Temple: Also known as the "Big Temple," this UNESCO World Heritage Site is one of South India's most magnificent temples, renowned for its massive dome and intricate sculptures.
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- Drive to Trichy and check-in at the hotel. Later, visit:
- Rock Fort Temple: A historic temple perched on a 272-foot-high rock, offering panoramic views of the city.
- Sri Ranganathaswamy Temple: One of the largest temple complexes in India, dedicated to Lord Vishnu, with intricate carvings and a rich history.
- Jambukeswarar Temple: Dedicated to Lord Shiva, this temple is known for its beautiful architecture and tranquil atmosphere.
- Overnight stay in Trichy.

Day 6: Trichy - Madurai (130 km, approx. 3 hours)

- After breakfast, drive to Madurai, one of the oldest cities in South India. Visit:
- Meenakshi Amman Temple: A stunning temple dedicated to Goddess Meenakshi, known for its towering gopurams and intricate carvings.
- Tirumalai Nayak Palace: A magnificent palace built in the 17th century, featuring Indo-Saracenic architecture.
- Gandhi Memorial Museum: A museum dedicated to Mahatma Gandhi's life and his role in India's independence movement.
- Thirupparankundram Temple: A rock-cut temple dedicated to Lord Murugan.
- Vandiyur Mariamman Teppakulam: A large water tank and temple complex where the famous float festival is held.
- Overnight stay in Madurai.

Day 7: Departure from Madurai

- After breakfast, check out and transfer to Madurai airport for your onward journey, based on your flight schedule.

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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	2,136	1,164	985	999	889	876	814	768
4★ Deluxe	2,581	1,377	1,198	1,212	1,101	1,088	1,027	981
5★ Luxury	3,210	1,779	1,510	1,523	1,413	1,400	1,339	1,293

Single Room Supplement

3★ Standard: USD 254 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 487 | 5★ Luxury: USD 804

Triple Sharing Discount (Per Person)

3★ Standard: USD 42 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 80 | 5★ Luxury: USD 136

Price Includes:

- Assistance on arrival at airport.
- 6 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:

- Madurai - Chennai flight fare approx INR 4,500 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 6 nights' accommodation

3 Star Hotels

- 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

4 Star Hotels

- 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

5 Star Hotels

- 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

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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.
- **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.