

Tour Name: Temple of Tamilnadu Tour from Chennai

Tour Duration: 7 Nights/ 8 Days

Tour Map: <https://tinyurl.com/y4xfy6uk>

Tour Overview

Embark on a captivating journey through the “Temple of Tamilnadu Tour from Chennai”. From the bustling streets of Chennai, where ancient temples and colonial landmarks blend seamlessly, to the spiritual oasis of Madurai with its majestic Meenakshi Amman Temple, each day unfolds a new chapter of South Indian heritage. Explore the architectural marvels of Thanjavur, home to the UNESCO-listed Brihadeeswarar Temple, and traverse the historic paths of Rameshwaram, known for its sacred Ramanathaswamy Temple and mythical Adam's Bridge. Delve into the cultural tapestry of Trichy and Vellore, where ancient forts and spiritual retreats offer glimpses into Tamil Nadu's rich past. This journey promises an immersive experience in India's cultural tapestry, where every step reveals a new treasure of history and spirituality.

Tour Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Chennai

- Arrival in Chennai and transfer to the hotel for check-in.
- Explore Fort St. George: Visit the 17th-century British fortress housing St. Mary's Church and the Fort Museum, displaying colonial artifacts.
- Visit Kapaleeshwarar Temple: Explore this ancient Dravidian-style temple dedicated to Lord Shiva, known for its towering gopurams (gateway towers) and intricate sculptures.
- Overnight in Chennai.

Day 2: Chennai - Vellore (140kms)

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Drive to Vellore.
- Enroute visit Kanchipuram:
- Kailasanathar Temple: Explore the oldest temple in Kanchipuram, dedicated to Lord Shiva and known for its exquisite Pallava architecture.

- Ekambareswarar Temple: Visit one of the Pancha Bhoota Stalas dedicated to Lord Shiva, with a massive mango tree and ancient inscriptions.
- Kamakshi Amman Temple: Pay homage at this ancient temple dedicated to Goddess Kamakshi, known for its spiritual significance and architectural beauty.
- Drive to Sripuram Golden Temple: Marvel at the golden exterior of this spiritual complex dedicated to Goddess Lakshmi.
- Explore Vellore Fort: Discover the 16th-century fort known for its double-walled construction and the Jalakandeswarar Temple inside.
- Overnight in Vellore.

Day 3: Vellore - Trichy (280kms)

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Drive to Trichy.
- Enroute visit Arunachaleswar Temple, Tiruvannamalai: Pay respects at this ancient temple dedicated to Lord Shiva, situated at the foothills of Arunachala hill. Then, continue the drive to Trichy.
- Visit Ramana Ashram, Tiruvannamalai: Explore the ashram founded by Ramana Maharshi, a spiritual retreat known for its peaceful atmosphere and teachings.
- Overnight in Trichy.

Day 4: Trichy - Madurai (135kms)

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Visit Rock Fort Temple, Trichy: Climb the rock-cut steps to explore the ancient cave temples dedicated to Lord Ganesha and Lord Shiva, offering panoramic views of Trichy.
- Visit Sri Ranganathaswamy Temple, Srirangam: Explore one of the largest functioning Hindu temples in the world, known for its 21 gopurams (gateway towers) and intricate sculptures.
- Drive to Madurai, check in at the hotel.
- Visit Meenakshi Amman Temple: Explore the iconic temple complex dedicated to Goddess Meenakshi and Lord Sundareswarar, known for its vibrant gopurams and intricate carvings.

- Visit Thirumalai Nayakkar Palace: Discover the 17th-century palace known for its Indo-Saracenic architecture and grandeur.
- Visit Gandhi Memorial Museum: Learn about the life and teachings of Mahatma Gandhi through exhibits, photographs, and memorabilia.
- Overnight in Madurai.

Day 5: Madurai - Rameshwaram (170kms)

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Drive to Rameshwaram.
- Visit Ramanathaswamy Temple: Explore the sacred pilgrimage site dedicated to Lord Shiva, featuring 22 sacred wells (theerthams) and intricate corridors.
- Drive over Pamban Bridge: View this historic bridge connecting Rameshwaram island to the mainland, offering scenic views of the Palk Strait and nearby islands.
- Explore Dhanuskodi: Visit the ghost town with serene beaches and remnants of a once-thriving settlement.
- View Adam's Bridge (Rama Setu): See the natural limestone shoals, believed to be remnants of the ancient bridge built by Lord Rama to Lanka in the epic Ramayana.
- Overnight in Rameshwaram.

Day 6: Rameshwaram - Thanjavur (250kms)

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Drive to Thanjavur.
- Enroute visit Chettinadu Mansions: Explore the opulent heritage homes known for their unique architecture, intricate woodwork, and vibrant decor.
- Visit Athangudi Tile-making Factories: Witness the traditional craft of making handmade, colorful tiles using local materials and techniques.
- Overnight in Thanjavur.

Day 7: Thanjavur - Pondicherry (180kms)

- Breakfast at the hotel.

- Visit Brihadeeswarar Temple, Thanjavur: Explore the UNESCO-listed temple known for its massive stone dome (vimana) and intricate carvings depicting mythological tales.
- Visit Thanjavur Palace: Explore the grand palace complex housing the Saraswathi Mahal Library with a rare collection of ancient manuscripts, artworks, and sculptures.
- Drive to Pondicherry via visiting Darasuram Airavatesvara Temple: Discover the 12th-century temple known for its exquisite stone carvings and architectural brilliance.
- Visit Gangaikonda Cholapuram Temple: Explore the ancient temple dedicated to Lord Shiva, constructed by the Chola King Rajendra I, showcasing Chola architecture at its peak.
- Overnight in Pondicherry.

Day 8: Pondicherry - Chennai (160kms)

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Explore Auroville: Visit this international township dedicated to human unity and sustainable living, centered around the Matrimandir.
- Visit Aurobindo Ashram: Explore the spiritual retreat founded by Sri Aurobindo, promoting integral yoga, meditation, and spiritual growth.
- Drive to Chennai, enroute visit Mahabalipuram: Explore the UNESCO World Heritage site known for its ancient rock-cut temples, including the Shore Temple, Pancha Rathas (Five Chariots), and Arjuna's Penance (Descent of the Ganges).
- Drop off at Chennai airport in the evening/night.

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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	2,405	1,308	1,088	1,097	976	977	908	857
4★ Deluxe	2,851	1,525	1,305	1,313	1,193	1,194	1,125	1,073
5★ Luxury	3,454	1,895	1,598	1,607	1,486	1,487	1,418	1,367

Valid for Travel: 16 April 2027 – 20 September 2027

Persons	Solo	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
3★ Standard	2,370	1,279	1,059	1,067	947	948	879	827
4★ Deluxe	2,628	1,409	1,189	1,197	1,077	1,077	1,009	957
5★ Luxury	3,117	1,730	1,434	1,442	1,322	1,322	1,254	1,202

Single Room Supplement**3★ Standard: USD 284 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 513 | 5★ Luxury: USD 823****Triple Sharing Discount (Per Person)****3★ Standard: USD 44 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 75 | 5★ Luxury: USD 131****Price Includes:**

- Assistance on arrival at airport.
- 7 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 7 nights' accommodation

3 Star Hotels

- Chennai x 1 night: ZONE By the Park/ Raj Park
- Vellore x 1 night: Regency Sameera Vellore by GRT Hotel
- 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
- Thanjore x 1 night: Sangam Hotels
- Pondicherry x 1 night: Shenbaga Hotel/ Anandha Inn Convention Centre

4 Star Hotels

- Chennai x 1 night: Accord Metropolitan/ The Park Chennai
- Vellore x 1 night: Fortune Park Vellore
- 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
- Thanjore x 1 night: GReaT Trails Riverview Resort
- Pondicherry x 1 night: Le Pondy/ Accord Puducherry

5 Star Hotels

- Chennai x 1 night: Radisson Blu Hotel GRT Chennai/ Hilton Chennai
- Vellore x 1 night: Fortune Park Vellore
- 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
- Thanjore x 1 night: Svatma
- Pondicherry x 1 night: Palais De Mahe/ La Villa

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.

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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.