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8 Days Tamil Nadu temple and heritage tour

Tamil Nadu, India | Spiritual Tour

Duration: 7N/8D

Cities: Madurai - Trichy - Tanjore - Pondicherry - Tirupati - Chennai

Itinerary
Day 1 - Arrival in Madurai – Temples & Palace Exploration Greet and meet on arrival at Madurai Airport • Drive to hotel for check-in and refresh • Visit the Meenakshi Temple, dedicated to Goddess Meenakshi, with its towering gopurams rising above the city • Explore the Tirumala Nayak Palace, an Indo-Saracenic masterpiece known for its intricate stucco work on domes and arches • Dinner at own cost and overnight stay at the hotel in Madurai
Day 2 - Madurai to Trichy – Temples & Heritage Exploration Breakfast at the Hotel • After breakfast, check out from the hotel and drive to Trichy (140 km, approx. 2 hrs) On arrival, refresh at the hotel and proceed for sightseeing: • Rockfort Temple – climb 434 steps carved into the rock, passing shrines along the way, leading to the Lord Shiva temple at the top with panoramic views of the sacred Kaveri River • Srirangam Temple – a massive temple complex dedicated to Lord Vishnu, featuring an internal bazaar and intricate architecture • Return to the hotel for overnight stay in Trichy
Day 3 - Trichy to Thanjavur – Heritage & Temple Exploration Breakfast at the Hotel After breakfast, check out from the hotel and drive to Thanjavur (60 km, approx. 1 hr) Proceed for morning sightseeing in Thanjavur: • Brihadisvara Temple – a 1000-year-old UNESCO World Heritage site built by Raja Raja Chola I, dedicated to Lord

Shiva, showcasing exemplary Chola architecture
- Thanjavur Maratha Palace Complex (Aranmanai) – the former residence of the Bhonsle rulers, famous for its bronzes, handicrafts, and historical significance
- Explore the city's silk industry, renowned for producing some of the finest silk in India
- Overnight stay at the hotel in Thanjavur

Day 4 - Thanjavur to Pondicherry – Chola Heritage & Sacred Temples

Breakfast at the Hotel

After breakfast, drive to Pondicherry (195 km, approx. 4 hrs), with stops at:

- Gangaikonda Cholapuram – historic town and former Chola capital, home to a magnificent Shiva temple built by King Rajendra Chola
- Chidambaram – visit the Nataraja Temple, a 1,000-year-old sacred site dedicated to Lord Shiva, featuring four 7-storey towers surrounding the central sanctum
- Continue the drive to Pondicherry
- On arrival, check in to the hotel for overnight stay

Day 5 - Pondicherry – Spiritual & Cultural Exploration

Breakfast at the Hotel

After breakfast, proceed for full-day sightseeing of Pondicherry:

- Matrimandir – spiritual edifice at the heart of Auroville, dedicated to Integral Yoga
- Auroville – the "City of Dawn," founded by The Mother of the Sri Aurobindo Ashram
- Arikamedu – ancient Chola port city
- Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Jesus – iconic colonial-era church
- Promenade Beach – scenic coastal walkway
- Shri Aurobindo Ashram – spiritual center and peaceful retreat
- Return to the hotel for overnight stay in Pondicherry

Day 6 - Pondicherry to Tirupati via Vellore – Spiritual Journey

Breakfast at the Hotel

- After breakfast, check out from the hotel and drive to Vellore
- Visit the Golden Temple (Sripuram) – a stunning golden temple complex set amidst lush hills at Thirumalaikodi village, 8 km from Vellore
- Continue the drive to Tirupati and check in at the hotel
- Later, proceed for darshan at Tirumala Venkateswara Temple, located atop the Seven Hills, one of the most visited and revered pilgrimage sites in the world
- Darshan tickets should be pre-booked online for a smooth experience
- Overnight stay at the hotel in Tirupati

Day 7 - Tirupati to Chennai – Heritage & Spiritual Exploration

Breakfast at the Hotel

- After breakfast, check out from the hotel and drive to Chennai (150 km, approx. 4 hrs)
- On arrival, check in at the hotel and refresh

Proceed for sightseeing in Chennai:

- Kapaleeshwarar Temple – colorful Dravidian-style temple dedicated to Lord Shiva, originally established in the 7th century
- Vivekananda Illam – historic residence of Swami Vivekananda, now a permanent exhibition on his life
- Government Museum & Fort Museum – explore art, history, and culture

- Drive past Marina Beach and San Thome Church
- Return to the hotel for overnight stay in Chennai

Day 8 - Chennai – Departure

Breakfast at the Hotel

- After breakfast, check out from the hotel and enjoy some local sightseeing or last-minute shopping in Chennai.
- Later, transfer to Chennai Airport or Railway Station for your onward journey.
- Depart with wonderful memories of your South India spiritual and cultural tour.
- End of services.

Package Description

Take a trip of a lifetime through the middle of Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh, where devotion, history and culture are interspersed perfectly. Start your journey in Chennai the thriving capital city of the coast located on the Bay of Bengal, home to landmarks from the colonial era like Fort St. George, the exquisite St. Mary's Church, as well as the revered Kapaleeshwarar Temple. Continue on to Trichy the city of history situated within and the Kaveri as well as the Kollidam Rivers, renowned for its stunning Sri Ranganathaswamy Temple and the famous Rock Fort Temple, both with breathtaking Dravidian architecture.

Continue your journey Continue your journey to Pondicherry Explore Pondicherry, the perfect beach destination with its French colonial style, mustard-colored homes, charming boutiques and a tranquil promenade. It is located in the town of Tanjore (Thanjavur), marvel at the splendor and splendor of Brihadeeswarar temple which is which is a UNESCO World Heritage site, and discover its royal Thanjavur Maratha Palace and the historic manuscripts in the Saraswathi Mahal Library. Explore the vibrant culture of Madurai the place in which the majestic Meenakshi Amman Temple is lit up with colors, lights and ancient rituals. Finish your journey with a visit to Tirupati located within the majestic Tirumala hills in the area in which you will find the Sri Venkateswara Temple and the Kapileswara Swamy Temple radiate tranquility and love.

Inclusions

- Pickup from Madurai Railway Station/Airport and drop at Chennai Railway Station/Airport
- 02 Standard Room on Double occupancy
- 07 Nights at Hotel (01 Night Stay in Madurai, 01 Night Stay in Trichy , 01 Night Stay in Tanjore , 02 Nights Stay inPondicherry, 01 Night Stay in Tirupati, 01 Night Stay in Chennai
- 07 Breakfast Per Person
- Tours/ Sightseeing
- Tours and Transfer on Private Basis
- Assistance from Company end

Exclusion

- Flight Ticket
- Visa (If Applicable)
- Meals (Other Than specified in Inclusion)
- Travel Insurance (Recommended)
- Cost of any other services not specifically mentioned in inclusions
- Personal and incidental expenses
- Entrance ticket (Other Than specified in Inclusion)
- Transfers other than specified in the inclusions
- Early Check-In & Late Check-Out

Cancellation Policy
-Amendments are not allowed once booking is confirmed and non-refundable -No Shows are non refundable