

9 Days Temple Tour of South

08 Nights / 09 Days

2N Chennai – 1N Mahabalipuram – 2 Pondicherry - 1N Tanjore – 2N Madurai

PACKAGE HIGHLIGHTS:

- Visit in Chennai – Fort St George, St. Mary's Church, museum, Kapeeshwara Temple, San Thome Cathedral, Government State Museum & National Art Gallery
- 2nd longest beach in world – Marina Beach
- Kanchipuram Temple complex
- Panch Rathas, Arjuna's Penance and the Shore Temple in Mahabalipuram
- In Tanjore, visit Brihadeshwara Temple, Tanjore Palace & Museum
- In Pondicherry, cover beaches, Aurobindo ashram, Museum, churches and Auroville
- Enroute Trichy - visit Rock Fort, Srirangam and Thiruvanaikkaval
- Temple tour in Madurai with Gandhi Memorial Museum
- Services of English-speaking guide during sightseeing tours
- Assistance at airport and sightseeing tours by private air-conditioned vehicle
- Start From Chennai and End in Madurai



ITINERARY:

Day 01 Arrival in Chennai: Meet our representative upon arrival in Chennai - the capital city of Tamil Nadu is sited on the Coromandel Coast of the Bay of Bengal. It has played a very crucial role in the traditional, historical and academic growth of the country, representing the different elements of the highest variety of the Dravidian civilization. Also, considered as the cultural hub of South India which is famous for its affluent heritage in classical dance, music, architecture, sculpture, crafts, etc. After reaching, proceed to hotel and check-in for overnight stay.

Day 02 Sightseeing in Chennai: Explore Chennai- Visit Fort St George, St. Mary's Church and a museum, Kapeeshwara Temple, San Thome Cathedral, Government State Museum & National Art Gallery. Drive past Marina Beach, the second longest beach in the world. Overnight in Chennai.

Day 03 Drive from Chennai – Mahabalipuram (65 kms / approx 1.30 hours): Drive to Mahabalipuram - the major seaport of the ancient Pallava kingdom based at Kanchipuram, and a wander round the town's great, World Heritage-listed temples and carvings inflames the imagination, especially at sunset. Take an excursion to Kancheepuram - Visit the Ekambaranatha Temple, Vaishnavite Vaikunta Perumal Temple, Varadharaja Perumal Temple, Kamakshi Temple, and Kailasanatha Temple. Overnight in Mahabalipuram.

Day 04 Drive from Mahabalipuram – Pondicherry (99 kms / approx. 3 hours): After breakfast check-out from the hotel and proceed to explore highlights of Mahabalipuram – covering Panch Rathas, Arjuna's Penance and the Shore Temple. Later, proceed to Pondicherry- the older part of this former French colony has a lot of quiet, clean, shady, cobbled streets, lined with mustard-yellow colonial townhouses numbered in an almost logical manner. You will probably spend most of your time in this part of town, old Pondicherry may well seem a sea of tranquility. On arrival, check-in to your hotel and enjoy a comfortable overnight stay.

Day 05 Sightseeing in Pondicherry: After breakfast, enjoy sightseeing of Pondicherry, starting with Aurobindo ashram - Founded in 1926 by Sri Aurobindo and a French-born woman known as 'the Mother', this spiritual community now has about 1200 members who work in the ashram's many departments. Also, cover church of sacred hearts of Jesus, Pondicherry Museum, beaches and a must-visit attraction of Pondicherry – Auroville. Overnight stay in Pondicherry.

Day 06 Drive from Pondicherry – Tanjore (170 kms / approx. 4 hours): After breakfast, check-out from the hotel and drive towards Tanjore. Arrive and check-in at the hotel. Rest of the day leisure at the hotel. Overnight in Tanjore

Day 07 Tanjore – Trichy – Madurai: After early breakfast, check-out from the hotel and explore Tanjore - Visit Brihadeshwara Temple, Tanjore Palace & Museum. Later drive towards Trichy (approx. 2 hours) and enroute visit Rock Fort, Srirangam and Thiruvanaikkaval. By evening, reach Madurai hotel (approx. 3 hours) for check-in and overnight stay.

Day 08 Sightseeing in Madurai – Excursion to Rameswaram: Visit the Meenakshi Temple, Gandhi Memorial Museum, Tirumalai Nayak and Koodal Azhagar Temple. In the evening, re-visit the Meenakshi Temple to witness the evening prayer ceremony at the temple. **(Optional) – Ramanathaswamy Temple –**

Ramesharam Jyotirlinga is one of the 12 Jyotirlinga of God Shiva. Overnight in Madurai.

Day 09 Departure from Madurai: After breakfast, you will be transferred to Madurai airport for return flight back home.

End of Services.

