



TEMPLE TOUR (13 nights / 14 days)

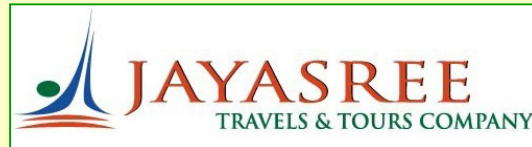
*A unique opportunity to experience the Temples of South India displaying
the age-old architectural marvel
A true value-for-money quality package !!!*

Highlights of the package:

- Meet, greet and assist at the airport.
- Welcome drink upon arrival.
- Accommodation in quality hotels at destinations.
- Private car with driver, at disposal, for the entire trip.
- Flexibility to choose the arrival and departure points.

Excludes:

- Airfares or any related taxes.
- Expenses of personal nature.



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Day 01: Chennai

Arrival at Chennai and transfer to Hotel. Rest of the day free. Overnight at Hotel.



Day 02: Chennai – Tirupati

Morning - proceed to Tirupati – A temple and pilgrim town. On arrival check in at Hotel. In the afternoon proceed for Darshan of Lord Balaji. Overnight at Hotel.



Day 03: Tirupati - Chennai

Morning - proceed for Chennai. Check in at Hotel. Relax in the evening. Overnight at Chennai.

Day 04: Chennai - Kanchipuram - Mahabalipuram

Morning - proceed to Mahabalipuram, enroute sightseeing of Kanchipuram. Late afternoon arrival at Mahabalipuram. Evening at leisure and overnight at Hotel.

Kanchipuram

The town of Kanchi was the capital of the ancient Pallavas. The Kailasanathar temple here is one of the grand Pallava monuments. The Kamakshi Amman temple at Kanchipuram is an ancient one and is associated with Aadi Sankaracharya of the 1st millennium CE. Overnight at hotel.



Day 05: Mahabalipuram



Morning- sightseeing of Mahabalipuram. Afternoon free and overnight at Hotel. Mahabalipuram, or Mamallapuram, was the chief seaport of the Pallavas who ruled over much of South India from as early as the first century B.C to the eighth century A.D., and it is now recognized as the site of some of the greatest architectural and sculptural achievements in India. Under the reign of Narasimha Varman (c. 630), this seaport began to grow as a great artistic center. The beautiful cave temples and gigantic open-air reliefs carved from blocks of granite date to the seventh century. Overnight at hotel.

Day 06: Mahabalipuram -Tanjore

Morning - proceed, to Tanjore. Late afternoon arrival at Tanjore and evening at leisure. Overnight at Hotel.

Tanjore:

Tanjore is visited by most of the foreigners who come to India to learn about its culture. Raja Raja Chola during his rule built the Tanjore Brihadeeswarar temple. Otherwise called 'Big Temple' (Periya Koil) the temple was built by the King on a sprawling piece of land. The greatness of this temple is marked by the enormous Lingam - the 'Brihadeeswarar' that is the prime deity of the shrine. The tall Lingam is reached by the Gurukkal (priests) through the stairs leading to the top. This temple is located about one km from the bus-stand. The famous name of the temple is RajaRajesuram and the earlier history says that the "Naimicharanya" hermits lived in the place where the temple was erected. The speciality of this temple is that it has been sculptured completely with stones without having the mountain around its surroundings.

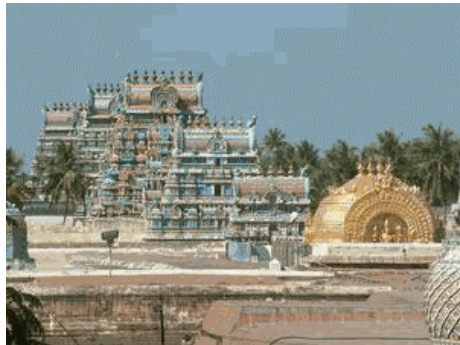


The tower of this temple was previously called as "Dhakshina Meru". This temple is facing along the East direction and it has three main entrances namely "Keralandagam", "RajaRajan" and "Anukkan". When we go through these three vayils, we can reach the inside of the vayils; it measures 500 m in length and 250 m in breadth. . In these Vayils, "Murugan" Temple, Anjaneyar Temple, Varahi Temple, Vinayagar Temple, Natarajar Temple and Karuvurar Temple " can be seen. Inside the Karuvurar Temple, a massive Linga is installed in a place called Avudaiyar.

Day 07: Tanjore – Trichy

Morning - sightseeing of Tanjore includes the famous Bragiteswara temple. Afternoon proceed to Trichyen route sightseeing of Trichy. Overnight at Hotel.

Tiruchirappalli, situated on the banks of the river Cauvery is the fourth largest



city in Tamil Nadu. It was a citadel of the early Cholas, which later fell to the Pallavas. Trichy is a fine blend of tradition and modernity built around the Rock Fort. Apart from the Fort, there are several Churches, Colleges and Missions dating back to the 1760s. The Nayaks of Madurai, now in Trichy built the town and its fort. This city has given great Tamil scholars whose contributions to the Tamil literature have been very significant. The

most famous land mark of this bustling town is the Rockfort Temple, a spectacular monument perched on a massive rocky outcrop which rises abruptly from the plain to tower over the old city. It was one of the main centers around which the wars of the Carnatic were fought in the 18th century during the British-French struggle for supremacy in India. The city is a thriving commercial centre in Tamil Nadu and is famous for artificial diamonds, cigars, handloom cloth, glass bangles and wooden and clay toys.

Day 08: Trichy - Madurai

Morning proceed to Madurai. Afternoon arrival at Madurai and evening at leisure. Overnight at Hotel.

Madurai One of South India's great temple towns, Madurai is synonymous with the celebrated Meenakshi Temple. Situated on the banks of river Vaigai, Madurai has a rich cultural heritage passed on from the great Tamil era more than 2500 years old. Madurai was an important cultural and commercial centre even as early as 550 AD. It was the capital city for the great Pandya kings.



Day 09: Madurai

Morning sightseeing of Madurai city and Madurai Meenakshi temple. Afternoon free. Evening visit the temple for night ceremony. Overnight at Hotel.

Day 10: Madurai - Kanayakumari

Morning proceed to Kanayakumari. Late evening arrival at Kanayakumari. Rest of the day free. Evening watch the sunset and return to the hotel for overnight.

Day 11: Kanyakumari

Morning - watch the sunrise and you will catch the boat to Vivekandha rock temple. Later visit the Kanyakumari Devi temple. Rest of the day free. Overnight at Hotel.

Day 12: Kanyakumari - Kovalam

Later proceed to Kovalam, enroute visit Padhamanabapuram palace & Suchindram temple. Evening arrival at Kovalam. Overnight at Hotel. Kovalam, situated 16 km South of Trivandrum and is one of the best beaches in India. On account of its natural location, it affords facilities for safe sea bath. A rocky promontory jutting into the sea renders the beach safe for sea bathing even in rough weather. Overnight at hotel.

Day 13: Kovalam –Trivandrum – Kovalam

Morning after breakfast you will be whisked off for a short city tour of



Trivandrum, the capital city of Kerala is a city with a blend of both ancient and modern architecture. You will be visiting the Padmanabhaswamy Temple (Only Hindus are allowed. Dress code: Men: Dhoti & Women: Sari), Horse Palace (Closed on Mondays), Napier Museum.

Overnight at Hotel.

Day 14: Kovalam –Trivandrum

Transfer to Trivandrum Airport in time for the flight to your next destination.