



**07 Nights / 08 Days**

**Trivandrum (Start) - Kanyakumari (1N) –Rameshwaram(1N) –Madurai(2N ) –  
Pondicherry (2N) –Mahabalipuram (1N)– Chennai (Departure)**

## Tour Itinerary

### **Day 01: Trivandrum – Kanyakumari (90Kms / 02 hrs. 50 mins)**

By 08 am drive to Kanyakumari, enroute visit **Padmanabhapuram palace** and **Sucheendram temple**.

PadmanabhapuramPalace: (CLOSED ON ALL MONDAYS)Manor of erstwhile Venad kings, Padmanabhapuram palace is a 16 the century marvel on wood. It flaunts the dexterity of Kerala's master carpenters. Carved wooden ceilings, slatted shuttered windows, intricate interlocking beams, sculpted door panels and pagoda like tiled roofs stand



testimony to the deftness of Architectures. Intricate carvings, murals and exquisite wall paintings reflect the prolific talent of the sculptors and painters who enjoyed the patronage of Travancore kings.

**Suchindram temple** is situated 13 km from Kanyakumari and is an important pilgrim centre. Suchindrum known as Gnanaranya, is well known for its sculptural wealth. It is one of the few temples in the country where the Trinity, Brahma, Vishnu and Ishvara, are worshipped. The temple enshrines Sri Sthanumalaya, the Trinity of God (Siva, Vishnu and Brahma). It is believed that the Trinity appeared here at the request of a sage, Atri, and his wife, Anusaya. Images of Vigneswari (a feminine form of Vinayaka), Goddess Aram Valartha Nayaki, Indra Vinayaka, Kala Bhairava and Saakahi Ganapathy are also enshrined. Inscriptions said to be of the 9th century are found in this temple.



**Visit Vivekananda Memorial later:** The memorial has been built on the Vivekananda Rock where the great philosopher - guide Swami Vivekananda went into meditation that transformed him into one of the most charismatic spiritual leaders of this century. The unique, structure was built in 1970 and is a blend of various architectural styles of India.



In the evening watch spectacular sunset and spend some leisure time at the beach.

- Overnight stay at the hotel in Kanyakumari.

**Day 02 : Kanyakumari – Rameshwaram ( 309 km / 5 hr. 33 min)**

Early Morning drive to Rameshwaram .

According to legend, this is the place from where the Hindu god Rama built a bridge, across the sea to Lanka to rescue his consort Sita from her abductor Ravana. The Ramanathaswamy Temple dedicated to the Hindu god Shiva is located at the centre of the town and is closely associated with Rama. The temple along with the town is considered a holy pilgrimage site for both Shaivites and Vaishnavites.



### Day 03: Rameshwaram - Madurai (174 km / 3 hr.)

After breakfast, drive to Madurai upon arrival check into hotel. Later proceed to the guided sightseeing tour of Madurai.

**The Meenakshi temple**, the main architectural attraction here, is an excellent example of Dravidian architecture, with gopurams or multi pillared halls, covered from top to bottom, in a profusion of multicolored images of gods, goddesses, animals and mythical figures. However, besides the temple, our tour includes a walk along the main street leading to the temple. The well-organized confusion caused by pilgrims in traditional clothes, pavement shops of all shades, holy men in robes of different colors etc add an unmistakable color and atmosphere to this fascinating Temple City.



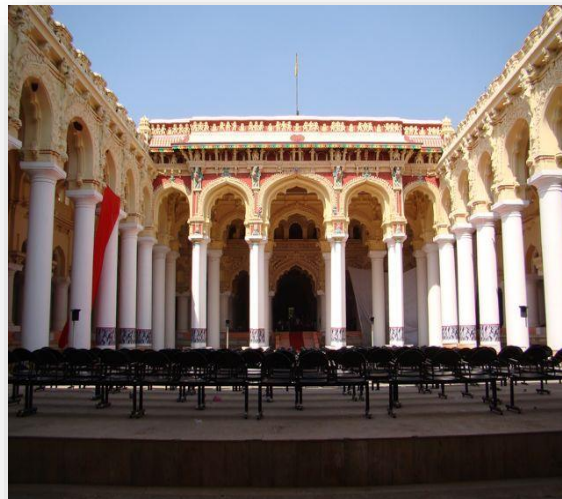
Evening we will witness Bed Chamber Ceremony at Madurai Meenakshi temple.

- Overnight stay at hotel in Madurai.

### Day 04: Maduari

## After breakfast sightseeing of Madurai,

**Thirumalai Nayakkar Palace** is a spectacle of Indo-Western palatial brilliance in Madurai. Built by King Thirumalai Nayak (or Nayakkar) in circa 1636, Thirumalai Nayak Mahal covers a large expanse of land in the city which is near to the Madurai Meenakshi Amman Temple. At noon have lunch at a local vegetarian restaurant. You will be taken to Murugansidli shop (Iddlis are small rice and lentil dumplings which are eaten dipped in a vegetable curry or with various chutneys.) or to Saravana Bhavan for a taste of typical South Indian vegetarian meal. Both places serve authentic south Indian vegetarian cuisine and are flocked by the local population.



## After lunch visit the largest flower market in South India.



- Overnight stay at hotel in Madurai.

## Day 05 : Madurai – Pondicherry ( 341 km / 5 hr. 50 min)

After breakfast, check-out from the hotel and drive to your next destination Pondicherry. On reaching the destination, check-in and relax for the rest of the day.

- Overnight stay at hotel in Pondicherry.

## Day 06 : Pondicherry

After breakfast, proceed on a guided tour of the city.

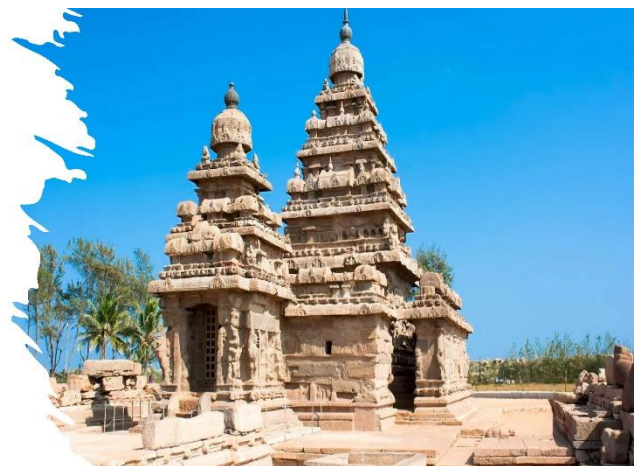


More than anything else, the Sri Aurobindo Ashram, where Sri Aurobindo and the Mother lived for the most parts of their lives, is a major attraction of this little city. The Pondicherry Museum is home to some of the most exquisite collections on architecture and sculpture. Pondicherry also has a pleasant beach alongside promenade and historical monuments. Some of the other interesting sites include the Bharti and Bharthidasan Memorial museums and the Church of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

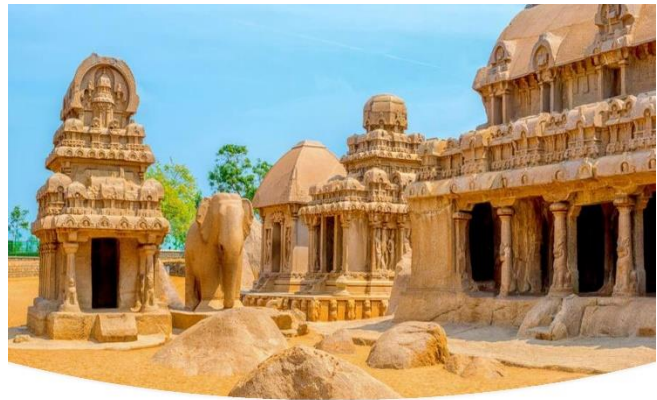
## **Day 07 : Pondicherry– Mahabalipuram (95 km / 1 hr. 50 min)**

After breakfast drive to Mahabalipuram, on enroute visit;

**Shore Temple** , is a structural temple, built with blocks of granite in Dravidian style and dates back to the 8th century AD. It is built on the seashore of Bay of Bengal with one wall constantly being washed by the sea. The temple is the masterpiece creation of the Pallavas and represents the zenith of the Pallava architecture. It is a combination of three shrines and features a Vishnu temple built in between two Shiva temples.



**Five Rathas** are the rock-cut temples in Mahabalipuram carved in the shape of a chariot and were built during the Pallava period. The five rathas are called the Draupadi Ratha, Dharamraja Ratha, Bhima Ratha, Arjuna Ratha and Nakula-Sahadeva Ratha, named after the five Pandavas and their wife of Mahabharata. The smallest and the simplest is the Draupadi ratha and the largest is the multi-storeyed Dharmaraja ratha scooped from a monolithic rock.



### **Day 08 : Mahabalipuram – Chennai (Departure) ( 57 km / 1 hr. 30 min)**

Today you will be dropped at Chennai airport/railway station as per your departure flight/train time.

**\*\*\* Tour Ends\*\*\***

### **Hotel Envisaged**

City	Nights	Deluxe	Premium	Luxury	MealPlan
Kanyakumari	01	Hotel Sea View	Annai Resorts & Spa	Anantya Resorts & Hotels	Breakfast
Rameswaram	01	Hotel Vinayaga	Daiwik Hotel	JKR Resort & Spa	Breakfast
Madurai	02	Hotel Poppys	GRT Regency	Heritage Madurai	Breakfast
Pondicherry	02	Shenbaga Hotel	The Promenade	Le Pondi	Breakfast
Mahabalipuram	01	Mamalla Heritage	Ideal Beach Resort	Radisson Blu Resort Temple Bay	Breakfast

### **Cost sheet**

PACKAGECOSTININR	Deluxe	Premium	Luxury
CostPerPersonwhen2PaxTravelling	52850	63000	70995
CostPerPersonwhen4 PaxTravelling	44365	54700	62500
Cost for Extra Person / Child with Bed(Hotel Cost Only)	13000	15500	20500

**The above package cost includes: -**

- Accommodation in double / Triple room at above mentioned hotel on bed and breakfast basis
- All transfers and sightseeing by A/C Sedan car for 1- 2 pax and ac Innova car for 03 to 05 pax
- Driver bata, toll & parking charges
- All applicable taxes

**The above cost does not includes: -**

- Camera charges
- Entrance charges
- Guide charges
- Those which are personal in nature
- All expenses that are not mentioned in the inclusions.



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