



## TOUR DETAILS

Destination:	Treasures of Tamilnadu Tour Package
Routing:	01N Chidambaram - 01N Thanjavur - 01N Madurai - 01N Rameswaram - 01N Trichy - 01N Mahabalipuram - 01N Kanchipuram
Duration:	07 Nights & 08 Days

## TOUR ITINERARY

### Day 01 : Chennai - Chidambaram

Our representative will welcome you at Chennai Railway Station or Airport drive to Chidambaram - a temple town well known for Thillai Nataraja Temple spread over an area of 40 acres. On arrival at Chidambaram, check in to the hotel and then visit the temple is dedicated to Lord Shiva in the form of Nataraja (as a divine dancer) and other deities such as Shivakami Amman, Ganesh, Murugan and Govindaraja Perumal (Vishnu). The Nataraja Temple here is associated with the Pancha Bhoota (five elements) specifically the element of Sky/Space (Akasha). Return to the hotel and overnight stay at the hotel.

### Day 02 : Chidambaram - Gangaikonda Cholapuram - Kumbakonam - Thanjavur (Tanjore)

Morning after breakfast, check out the hotel and drive to Gangaikonda Cholapuram - known for 10th century Brihadeeswarar Temple dedicated to Lord Shiva (UNESCO World Heritage Site). The temple is considered as one of the largest temples in the country and is a fine example of the grandeur of Dravidian style of architecture of the Chola dynasty. The idol of Nandi is sculpted in such a way that it reflects the sunlight to the sanctum. Then drive to Kumbakonam - known as a temple city due to the prevalence of a number of temples here. On arrival visit Adi Kumbeswarar Temple - the oldest Shiva Temple, Mahamaham tank - one of the most prominent landmarks of the town and Chidambaram - Kumbakonam - Thanjavur - Madurai - Srirangam Tour Airavatesvara Temple at Darasuram is one among the three famous temples in Tamil Nadu that were built by the Chola Kings. (UNESCO World Heritage Site). Then proceed to Swamimalai - popular for Swaminathaswamy Temple dedicated to god Murugan. The temple is second abode of Murugan among six (Arupadaiveedugal). The shrine of the presiding deity, Swaminathaswamy is located atop a 60 feet hillock and the shrine of his mother Meenakshi (Parvathi) and father Shiva (Sundareswarar) is located downhill. According to Hindu belief, Swamimalai is where Muruga preached what as called as 'Pranava mantra' to his own father, Shiva, at a young age. Then drive to Thanjavur (Tanjore). On arrival at Thanjavur, check in to the hotel and overnight stay at the hotel.



### **Day 03 : Thanjavur (Tanjore) - Madurai**

Morning after breakfast, check out the hotel and visit Brihadeeswara Temple, the biggest attraction of Thanjavur and also known as the Big Temple (UNESCO World Heritage Site). This architectural marvel temple built during 11th century by Raja Raja Chola, the Great Chola emperor. The vimana tower above the sanctum is one of the tallest in South India. Then drive to Madurai - the cultural capital of Tamilnadu. On arrival at Madurai, check in to the hotel and proceed for sightseeing at Madurai, visit Meenakshi Sundareswarar Temple, a historic Hindu temple located in the southern banks of river Vaigai. The complex houses 12 gateway towers called gopurams, ranging from 45-50m in height, the tallest being the southern tower, 51.9 metres (170 ft) high. Then visit Arulmigu Koodal Azhagar Temple, Thirumalai Nayakkar Palace. Return to the hotel and overnight stay at the hotel.

### **Day 04 : Madurai - Rameswaram**

After breakfast at 8 AM check out from Hotel and proceed for sightseeing at Madurai, visit Meenakshi Sundareswarar Temple, a historic Hindu temple located in the southern banks of river Vaigai. The complex houses 12 gateway towers called gopurams, ranging from 45-50m in height, the tallest being the southern tower, 51.9 metres (170 ft) high. Then visit Arulmigu Koodal Azhagar Temple, Thirumalai Nayakkar Palace. Then drive to Rameswaram - a prominent Hindu pilgrim center located on Pamban Island. On arrival at Rameswaram, check in to the hotel and overnight stay at the hotel.

### **Day 05 : Rameswaram - Tiruchirappalli (Trichy)**

After breakfast at 8 AM check out from Hotel and proceed for sightseeing of Rameshwaram - visit Agnitheertham - is one of the most visited Tirthams of Rameswaram for a holy bath, Ramanathaswamy Temple - renowned for its magnificent corridors and massive sculptured pillars. Then visit Ramjharoka Temple, Dhanushkodi and Adam's Bridge. Then drive to Tiruchirappalli also known as Trichy - known for most prominent historical monuments. On arrival on Tiruchirappalli, check in to the hotel and then visit to Sri Ranganatha Swamy temple at Thiruvarangam (Srirangam) - a Hindu temple dedicated to Lord Ranganatha Swamy and also the first, foremost and the most important of the 108 main Vishnu temples. There are 21 magnificent and huge towers. Sri Ranganatha Swamy temple lies on an islet formed by the twin rivers Cauvery and Coleroon. This temple is also known as Thiruvaranga Tirupati, Periyakoil, Bhoologa Vaikundam and Bhogamandabam. If time permits, visit nearest Jambukeswarar Akilandeswari Temple - dedicated to Lord Shiva (as Jambukeswarar) and Goddess Parvathi (as Akilandeswari). The temple is associated with the Pancha Bhoota (five elements) specifically the element of Water (Jala). Return to the hotel and overnight stay at the hotel.



**Day 06 : Tiruchirappalli (Trichy) - Mahabalipuram**

Morning after breakfast, check out the hotel and drive to Mahabalipuram (Mamallapuram). On arrival proceed for the sightseeing of Mamallapuram (Mahabalipuram) known for the UNESCO World Heritage Site of 7th and 8th century Hindu Group of Monuments. It has been the ancient port of the Pallava rulers. During their reign, the Pallava rulers constructed a number of architectural marvels such as caves, sculptural panels, temples and Monolithic rathas. On arrival, check in to the hotel and visit 8th century Mahabalipuram Seashore Temple - one of the finest examples of Dravidian style of architecture. Then proceed to visit Krishna Mandapam - dedicated to Lord Krishna, it is the world's largest cave-cut Hindu temple. The walls of this temple consist of several depictions, including those of Lord Krishna, humans, birds and demi-gods. Arjuna's penance - a giant open-air rock relief carved in the mid-seventh century. Then proceed to Cave Temples - over ten rock-cut temples dating back to the 7th century. Finally, visit Pancha (Five) Rathas - also called as Paandava Rathas, it is a group of 5 monolithic temples, each erected in a different architecture styling. Return to the hotel for overnight stay.

**Day 07 : Mahabalipuram - Kanchipuram**

Morning after breakfast, check out the hotel and drive towards Kanchipuram - once the capital of Pallava kings and well known as centre of education where people were coming here to gain knowledge about Hinduism, Jainism and Buddhism. On arrival at Kanchipuram, check on to the hotel and then visit Kamakshi Amman Temple - dedicated to goddess Kamakshi, the ultimate form of Goddess Lalitha Maha Tripurasundari (Parvati), Varadharaja Perumal Temple - dedicated to Lord Vishnu and one of the Divya Desams, the 108 temples of Vishnu visited by Alwars, Kailasanathar Temple - 7th century temple dedicated to Lord Shiva built by Pallava king Rajasimha (Narasimhavarman II), Ekambareswarar Temple - a hindu temple dedicated to Lord Shiva and associated with the Pancha Bhoota (five elements) specifically the element of earth (Prithvi), Kumarakottam Temple - dedicated to Lord Murugan, then Shopping at Kanchipuram for well known for its hand woven silk sarees. Return to the hotel and overnight stay at the hotel.

**Day 08 : Kanchipuram - Chennai (Drop)**

In the morning, after breakfast, check out the hotel at Kanchipuram and drive to Chennai. On arrival at Chennai, you will be transferred to the Airport or Railway Station. Treasures of Tamilnadu Tour Package from Chennai Tour Package ends with the delightful memories.



## INCLUSIONS

Places Covered:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chidambaram</li><li>• Gangaikonda Cholapuram</li><li>• Kumbakonam</li><li>• Swamimalai</li><li>• Thanjavur</li><li>• Madurai</li><li>• Tiruchirappalli ( Srirangam and Samayapuram)</li><li>• Rameswaram</li><li>• Mahabalipuram</li><li>• Kanchipuram</li></ul>
Meals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Daily Buffet Breakfast.</li><li>• 04 Indian Jain/Vegetarian/Non-Vegetarian Dinners.</li></ul>
Accommodation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 01 Night at 3 Star / 4 Star / 5 Star in Chidambaram</li><li>• 01 Night at 3 Star / 4 Star / 5 Star in Thanjavur</li><li>• 01 Night at 3 Star / 4 Star / 5 Star in Madurai</li><li>• 01 Night at 3 Star / 4 Star / 5 Star in Rameswaram</li><li>• 01 Night at 3 Star / 4 Star / 5 Star in Trichy</li><li>• 01 Night at 3 Star / 4 Star / 5 Star in Mahabalipuram</li><li>• 01 Night at 3 Star / 4 Star / 5 Star in Kanchipuram</li></ul>
Transportations Related	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Airport Transfers</li><li>• Hotel Transfers.</li><li>• Parking / Toll / Driver Bata / Fuel Cost.</li><li>• Tips to car /coach drivers for the duration of the tour is included</li></ul>

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