# **Tamil Nadu - Ancient Hindu Temples Pilgrimage - 7 Days / 6 Nights**

### 800.00 AUD

An exclusive group tour designed to visit historic Hindu temples in Tamil Nadu, South India. We carefully chosen the 12 important Hindu temples which are from 1000 to 2000 years old and also significant in our culture. Let us take you on a well-organized divine experience.

### **Overview**

Chennai -> Kanchipuram -> Kumbakonam -> Madurai -> Rameshwaram -> Trichy -> Chennai

## **ITINERARY**

We recommend that you arrive the day before the tour starting date. So you will have some time to catch up on sleep and do other preparations, if required. Upon arrival at Chennai International Airport, we will pick up and take you to your 4 Star accommodation.

## **DAY 1: CHENNAI - KANCHIPURAM**

We will start the day with a delicious breakfast and start our pilgrimage.

Mylapore (Thirumayilai) - Lord Kapaleeshwarar Temple:

- Temple built during the 7th century
- One among 276 Devara Padal Petra Sthalams [Sthalapuranam, Legend, Other Miracles to be explained during the pilgrimage]
- Lord Muruga performed penance in this temple before His war on demon Surapanma
- Lord Muruga, Valli and Deivanai grant darshan to devotees sitting on Iravadham. This is a rare darshan.
- Lord Shiva in the temple is Swayambumurthi

Thiruverkadu - Arulmigu Devi Karumari Amman Temple:

 Ambigai blessed Sun in this temple. [Sthalapuranam, Legend, Other Miracles to be explained during the pilgrimage]

Thiruverkadu - Sri Vedapureeshwarar Temple:

- Lord with his concert in wedding form.
- One among 276 Devara Padal Petra Sthalams [Sthalapuranam, Legend, Other Miracles to be explained during the pilgrimage]
- Lord Vedapureeshwara appeared on the Earth for imparting knowledge on the Sacred Vedas as a spiritual master.
- Four Vedas transformed into a Neem Tree and worshipped Lord Shiva, hence the name Thiruverkadu.

Start to Kanchipuram (1 hr 40 min - 74 kms). Overnight stay at Kanchipuram.

#### DAY 2: KANCHIPURAM - KUMBAKONAM

**Lord Ekambareswarar Temple** 

- One the tallest gopurams in India
- One among 276 Devara Padal Petra Sthalams [Sthalapuranam, Legend, Other Miracles to be explained during the pilgrimage]
- One of the Pancha Bhoota Sthalams representing earth.
- Lord Shiva in the temple is Swayambumurthi.

## Lord Kailasanathar Temple

Oldest Pallava temple still in existence and is declared an archaeological monument.

#### Sri Kamakshi Amman Temple

• One of the 51 Shakti Peeths [Sthalapuranam, Legend, Other Miracles to be explained during the pilgrimage]

## Sri Varadaraja Perumal Temple

• One among 108 Divya Desams [Sthalapuranam, Legend, Other Miracles to be explained during the pilgrimage].

Start to Kumbakonam (5 hrs 5 min - 254 kms). Overnight Stay at Kumbakonam

#### **DAY 3: KUMBAKONAM**

Lord Adi Kumbeshwarar Temple

• One among 276 Devara Padal Petra Sthalams [Sthalapuranam, Legend, Other Miracles to be explained during the pilgrimage]

**Lord Thenupuriswarar Temple at Patteeswaram** 

• One among 276 Devara Padal Petra Sthalams [Sthalapuranam, Legend, Other Miracles to be explained during the pilgrimage]

Lord Sri Swaminathaswamy Temple, Swami malai.

• One of the 6 Padai Veedus of Lord Murugan.[Sthalapuranam, Legend, Other Miracles to be explained during the pilgrimage]

Overnight stay at Kumbakonam.

### DAY 4: KUMBAKONAM - THANJAVUR - MADURAI

Start to Thanjavur in the morning. (1 hr 12 min - 40 kms)

**Lord Brihadeeshwarar Temple** 

• Darshan at Sri Brihadeeshwarar (Peruvudaiyar) Temple.

Start for Madurai after lunch (2 hr 57 min - 190 kms). Overnight stay at Madurai.

#### **DAY 5: MADURAI - RAMESHWARAM**

Sri Meenakshi Amman Temple

One among 276 Devara Padal Petra Sthalams [Sthalapuranam, Legend, Other Miracles to be explained during the pilgrimage]

Sri Subramaniya Swamy Temple, Thiruparankundram

One of the 6 Padai Veedus of Lord Murugan. [Sthalapuranam, Legend, Other Miracles to be explained during the pilgrimage]

Start to Rameswaram(3 hrs 10 min - 169 kms). Overnight stay at Rameshwaram.

#### **DAY 6: RAMESHWARAM - TRICHY**

**Lord Ramanathaswamy Temple** 

- One among 276 Devara Padal Petra Sthalams [Sthalapuranam, Legend, Other Miracles to be explained during the pilgrimage].
- Local sightseeing at Rameswaram.

Start to Trichy (4 hrs 7 min - 231 kms). Overnight stay at Trichy.

## **DAY 7: TRICHY - CHENNAI**

Srirangam Sri Renganathar temple

- It is the foremost of the eight self-manifested shrines (Swayam Vyakta Kshetras) of Lord Vishnu.
- It is also considered the first, foremost and the most important of the 108 main Vishnu temples (Divyadesams).

Start to Chennai post lunch and reach Chennai by night. (5 hrs 20 min - 330 kms).

*Note*: The above itinerary is personalizable based on the interests and preferences of the traveller. Most of the temples listed in this itinerary are very ancient with a great legend and associated significance. We recommend to visit the mentioned padal petra sthalams, as these temples are around 1000 - 2000 years old and various saints have sung beautiful hymns in praise of the gods here as they had their divine experiences. These wonders stand even today and help us remember our glorious past.

## **Hotel Details: 4 Star:**

Day 1 - Kanchipuram - GRT Regency

Day 2- Kumbakonam - Sara Regency

Day 3 - Kumbakonam - Sara Regency

Day 4 - Madurai - Poppys Hotel

Day 5 - Rameshwaram - Daiwik Hotel

Day 6 - Trichy - Hotel Femina

#### **INCLUSIONS:**

- TWIN SHARED ACCOMMODATION AND AIRPORT PICK UP & DROP.
- MEAL PLAN AS PER ACCOMMODATION TABLE
- TEMPLE VISITS & SIGHTSEEING AS PER THE ITINERARY
- INCLUSIVE OF TAXES AS OF NOW.
- PRIVATE A/C CAR WITH ENGLISH SPEAKING TRAVEL EXPERT.

#### **EXCLUSIONS:**

- Airfares to and from India
- Indian visas
- Travel Insurance (compulsory)
- Lunch and Dinner
- All attractions and entrance fees as per itinerary
- Occasional optional items not identified in itinerary description
- Tipping and personal expenses
- Bottled water and other beverages not included with meals
- The package does not include temple guide services and can be availed at an additional cost.

# **Specific Terms & Conditions For This Tour:**

- The package cannot be combined with any other offer.
- Refund on cancellation depends upon concerned hotel's cancellation policy.
- The above package's price may vary based on the date of booking and price may vary during national holidays, festivals, long weekends and New Year.