

TEMPLES OF TAMIL NADU

DAY 1

Depart London Heathrow on your overnight British Airways flight to Chennai.

DAY 2

CHENNAI

You will be met upon arrival and transferred to your hotel, [VIVANTA BY TAJ - CONNEMARA](#).

Spend the afternoon on a sightseeing tour of the city.

DAY 3

Drive to Pondicherry, a 4 hour journey.

En route visit Mahabalipuram and the shore temples to see a world heritage site famous for stone carvings, caves and rock temples.

Stay in Pondicherry at [DE L'ORIENT](#) for two nights.

DAY 4

PONDICHERRY

This morning you will have half day city tour of Pondicherry.

A rich with French cultural heritage, dating back to the 17th century, is visible in the neatly laid roads, wide and vibrant beaches, beautiful promenades and architecturally imposing buildings.

You will also visit Aurobindo Ashram and Auroville, a township which starkly stands out from the surrounding traditional Indian villages and farms.

DAY 5

KARAIKUDI

Drive to Karaikudi, the capital of Chittinad.

An ideal base to explore surrounding areas, old historic buildings, take in some shopping and sample some local cuisine.

Spend 3 nights at [VISALAM](#).

DAY 6

CHETTINAD

Chettinad is well known for its mansions, temples and especially cuisine.

Chettinads are considered master chefs in the preparation and serving of food. They even have some dishes named after them, such as Chicken Chettinad.

Your sightseeing tour also includes a trip to Chettinad Palace, a famous Chettinad mansion also known as the Raja's palace at Kanadukathan.

DAY 7

Your sightseeing tour will start with a visit to the 10th century Brihadisvara Temple.

You will also visit the Palace, Tamil University Museum, Art Gallery and Saraswati Mahal Library which houses palm leaf & paper manuscripts.

During the afternoon you will visit the Rock Fort, a landmark of Trichy. The rock is one of the oldest in the world-approximately 3.800 million years, which makes it older than the Himalayas.

DAY 8

MADURAI

Drive to the famous temple town of Madurai.

This evening, visit Meenakshi temple to witness the Aarti ceremony in which Lord Shiva is carried in a palanquin accompanied by musicians, temple singers and priests to the temple of his consort Parvati to spend the night.

Stay for two nights at [HERITAGE MADURAI](#).

DAY 9

MADURAI

Today enjoy sightseeing of Madurai, the Meenakshi temple in the heart of the old town and the Tirumalai Nayak Palace where dance concerts are performed daily.

DAY 10

Today you will take a train to Chennai and then a road transfer to Covelong to spend 3 nights on the beach at [VIVANTA BY TAJ – FISHERMAN'S COVE](#).

DAYS 11 AND 12

COVELONG

Spend time on the beach relaxing or take a day trip to Chennai.

DAY 13

Transfer to Chennai for your flight to Heathrow with British Airways.