



TASTE YOUR JOURNEY



South-East - Spiritual Journey (Tirupati - Pondicherry - Trichy - Madurai - Chennai)

Highlights of this trip!

Tirupati Balaji Temple - Tirumala



Tirupati Balaji Temple is one of the **sacred places** and among the **richest temples** in the world and perhaps the most crowded. On an average 50,000 to 100,000 devotees visit the Tirupati Balaji temple at Tirumala every day. Tirupati Balaji Temple, also called Tirumala Venkateshwara Temple is located in the Tirupati hills in Chittoor district of **Andhra Pradesh**, India.

The mad rush, non-stop chanting, high security, heavily adorned idol and the compelling aura around the deity – everything about Tirupati is simply alluring. **“Om Namo Venkatesaya. Om Namo Venkatesaya. Om Namo Venkatesaya.”** The powerful chanting inside the temple exudes a positive energy that stays with you long after you have left the temple premises.



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Sri Aurobindo Ashram - Pondicherry



Pondicherry, affectionately known as **“Pondy”**, and now officially called **Puducherry**, is a city and capital of the union territory – Pondicherry – of Southern India. Pondicherry is a gorgeous little place, unlike any other in India. If the fast pace of life has got on top of you while in India, Pondy is the perfect place to unwind. Pondy is known for the **French colonial vibes and beaches**.

One of the most famous places to visit while in Pondicherry is the Sri Aurobindo Ashram. Sri Aurobindo Ashram was established in 1926 by the Bengali philosopher Aurobindo Ghosh. The ashram is a **tranquil place** lined with pretty plants and gorgeous doors, but photography is not allowed. Visitors are asked to maintain silence while taking the ashram tour as there are many devotees **spending time in meditation**.

Brihadeeswarar Temple - Thanjavur / Tanjore



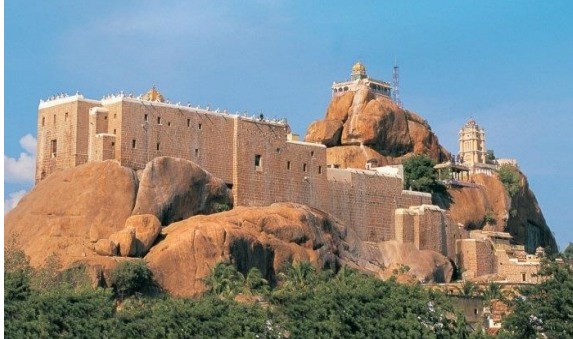
Thanjavur (Tanjore) - The **temple town** of Tamil Nadu, is home to some of the most exquisite examples of Tamil architecture, including a UNESCO World Heritage Site in the Brihadeeswara Temple. This **11th-century structure** is one of the foremost examples of Chola architecture and was constructed using some of the most advanced architectural techniques of the time. Apart from its visual grandeur, the temple also features several inscriptions that give a detailed account of the town’s history, going back **1,000 years**.

Don’t forget to shop as Thanjavur is most renowned for its unique **paintings and dancing dolls**.



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Rockfort / Thayumanaswami Temple - Trichy



The original name of Trichy is Tiruchirappalli and this ancient temple town caters for all tourist including history buff or a cultural enthusiast or even a run-of-the-mill vacationer.

One of the famous places to visit is the **Rockfort hill**. It is the most prominent landmark of the city, offering a **bird's eye view of Tiruchirappalli** along with the beautiful river Kaveri. Built on an ancient rock, Rockfort Hill is a union of historic events and architecture and temple complex. It is home to the famous temples of Thayumanavar, Uchi Pillayar and Manikka Vinayagar.

Meenakshi Temple - Madurai



Madurai is also known as the **cultural capital** of the Indian state of Tamil Nadu. The city of Madurai has many historical monuments and rich heritage of its own due to the influences of various dynasties.

Meenakshi Amman Temple, also known as Minakshi-Sundareshwara Temple, is one of the oldest and most important temples in India. The temple has a great mythological and historical significance. It is believed that **Lord Shiva** assumed the form of Sundareshwarar (the handsome one) and married **Parvati** (Meenakshi) at the site where the temple is currently located.

While in Madurai go **crazy shopping** from bangles to silks to handicrafts!



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Tentative Itinerary

Day 1: Mumbai - Tirupati

Catch train around 8:30 pm and approx. train journey 20hours. Overnight stay in train.

Day 2: Renigunta - Tirupati

Arrive at Renigunta junction around 4:30 pm and proceed towards Tirupati (30 mins drive). Later visit Jain temple. Overnight stay at Tirupati.

Day 3: Tirupati - Vellore - Kanchipuram - Pondicherry

After Breakfast we shall visit Tirumala Temple (45 mins drive). Today we shall proceed towards Pondicherry and enroute shall visit Vellore Golden Temple (3hrs drive) and later Kanchipuram (1.5hrs drive). Here we shall visit many famous temples and go for shopping. From here we shall leave for Pondicherry (1.5hrs drive) and if time permits shall visit famous Mahabalipuram Temple. Overnight stay at Pondicherry.

Day 4: Pondicherry - Tanjore - Trichy

After Breakfast we shall visit Sri Aurobindo Ashram and explore Pondicherry. In the afternoon shall proceed towards Tanjore (3.5hrs drive) and explore the city and visit many tourist spots. Later shall proceed towards Trichy. Overnight stay at Trichy.

Day 5: Trichy - Madurai

After Breakfast explore Trichy and visit tourist places including Jain temple, Rockfort Ganpathi Temple, local market and much more. Later proceed towards Madurai (2hrs drive). Overnight stay at Madurai.

Day 6: Madurai - Chennai

After Breakfast explore Madurai and visit Jain Temple, Meenakshi temple, local market. Later proceed towards Chennai (8hrs drive). Overnight stay at Chennai.

Day 7: Chennai - Mumbai

After Breakfast explore Chennai at your leisure and visit many famous tourist spots. In the evening we will leave for Mumbai. Today our trip ends and we return back to our home or next destination with new experiences and memories to cherish.

END OF TOUR WITH MEMORABLE SERVICES BY HOT ORANGE TRAVELS.

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