



Komilla Sutton Temple Trips

13 Feb to 28 February 2017

Six Abodes of Lord Murugan: Mars Temples Tour

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Lord Murugan is the deity for the planet Mars. This trip is planned as a pilgrimage to planet Mars. We will also be visiting some shrines connected to the nine planetary gods, Navagrahas and other important temples. Komilla Sutton will accompany the trip.

The Six Abodes of Lord Murugan are Tiruthani Subramaniam Temple, Arulmigu Swaminatha Swami Temple Swamimalai, Palamudhir Cholai, Madurai Dandayudhapani Swamy Murugan temple Palani, Thiruparankundram Murugan temple Madurai and Tiruchendur Murugan temple, Tiruchendur. During the trip we will visit the following cities and their temples - Thirutani, Kumbakonam, Chettinad, Rameshwaram, Devipattnam, Madurai, Palani, Thiruchendur - all in Tamil Nadu, India

Check in 13 Feb and Check out 28 Feb 2017.

Day 1: Monday, February 13– Chennai & Mahabalipuram (60Kms / 2 hours drive)

Arrive at Chennai International airport which has flights from all major airlines & transfer from Chennai airport to Ideal Beach Resort. (Transfer is not included in the cost). Your room will be available from 2pm on 13 February.

8:00 pm Group dinner to be shared with the Fresh Talents conference delegates.
Day free to relax.

Overnight stay at Ideal Beach, Mahabalipuram



Day 2: Tuesday, February 14– Mahabalipuram – Kumbakonam via Gangaikondacholapuram Travel (300 Kms – 07 hours drive)

8.00 am – Drive from Mahabalipuram to Kumbakonam, On the way visit to Gangaikondacholapuram. It was erected as the capital of the Cholas by Rajendra Chola I, at the beginning of the 11th century C.E. This great temple of Shiva is next only to the Brihadeshwara temple at Thanjavur in its monumental nature and surpasses it in sculptural quality.
Lunch will be on the way – Cost to be shared.

Overnight stay at Hotel Paradise Resort / Kumbakonam



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Day 3: Wednesday, February 15 – Kumbakonam - Workshop with Komilla on Mars in the chart, the impact Mars on life, personality and relationships.

10:00 am – 4:00 pm – Lord Murugun is the deity for Mars and he protects the Sarpa energy in the form of Lord Subramanya. Lord Murugun temples are also visited to do remedy for planets – Mars and Rahu Ketu. The workshop will explain the main temples visited as well as Komilla will look at the charts of the participants to talk about remedies and how to maximize the spiritual potential of this trip.

5:00 pm – White Ganesha temple – It is close to the hotel. Lord Ganesha is the brother of Lord Murugun. This is a beautiful temple and we seek the blessings for our successful trip.

8:00 pm – Welcome dinner

Overnight stay at Hotel Paradise Resort / Kumbakonam

Day 4: Thursday, February 16– Kumbakonam - Arulmigu Swaminatha Swami Temple

9:00 am – Arulmigu Swaminatha Swami Temple, Swamimalai

This is the first of the six temples we visit. Today is Shasti Tithi which belongs to Lord Murugun. We will be doing an abhishekham to Lord Murugun.



4:00pm - Agniswarar temple, Kanjanur. This is the temple for Shukra (Venus). We will be visiting it as transit Mars is with Venus during the trip.

Overnight stay at Hotel Paradise Resort / Kumbakonam

Day 5: Friday, February 17 – Kumbakonam – Karaikudi (150 Kms / 4 hours' drive)

8:00 am - Drive to Karaikudi, Chettinad. On the way we will visit Village temple of Ayyanar & if time permists also visit local tiles factory known as Athangudi tiles Evening - visit to the old market nearby to the hotel.

Dinner included in cost.

Overnight stay at Hotel Bangala / Karaikudi

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Day 6: Saturday, February 18– Karaikudi - Pillayarpatti temple (10 Kms / 20 Minutes' drive)

9:00 am Visit to Karpaka Vinayakar temple, Pillayarpatti. The presiding deity of the temple is Karpaka Vinayakar or Lord Ganesha. This is a very famous temple to worship lord Ganesha. People from all over the state come to the temple for the worship of Pillayar, the Lord of Wisdom. It is one of the 9 temples of the Nagarathar Chettiar community of Chettinad, Tamilnadu.



4pm - Shanmughanathar Temple, Kunnakudi – Lord Murugan has six faces in the form of Shanmughan. The Belief is that Sage Agasthya worshiped here.

Dinner included in cost.

Overnight stay at Hotel Bangala / Karaikudi

Day 7: Sunday, February 19– Karaikudi to Rameshwaram (150 Kms – 3.5 hours drive)

8:00 am Drive from Chettinad to Rameshwaram enroute visit to Devipatinam and the navagraha temples by the sea. Devipattinam is a coastal village. It is also known as Navashabashanam. Legends say that Lord Ram worshipped Navagraha (Nine Planets) here. There is a temple in this village dedicated to the Devi (Goddess) attributed for naming the place Devipattinam (Place of the Goddess). The local belief holds that Devi killed the demon Mahishasura at this spot.



Dinner included in cost.

Overnight stay at Hotel Daiwik / Rameshwaram

Day 8: Monday, February 20– Rameshwaram

8.00 am – Visit Ramanathaswamy temple. According to the Ramayana, Rama, the seventh incarnation of god Vishnu, is believed to have prayed to Shiva here to absolve sin of killing a brahmana, committed during his war against the demon king Ravana in Sri Lanka. Rama wanted to have the largest lingam to worship Shiva. He directed Hanuman, to bring the lingam from Himalayas. Since it took longer to bring the lingam than anticipated, Sita, the wife of Rama, built a small lingam out of the sand from the beach, which is believed to be the lingam in the sanctum. We will visit the temple tanks. They are 64 tirthas, holy water bodies in and around Rameshwaram. The primary sea shore near the temple is called Agni tirtha. Bathing in these tirthas is a major aspect of Rameshwaram. Be prepared to bathe in these waters (optional).

Dinner included in cost.

Overnight stay at Hotel Daiwik / Rameshwaram



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Day 9: Tuesday, February 21– Rameshwaram – Madurai (180 Kms – 4 hours drive)

9:00 am – Leave for Madurai. Check in at hotel on arrival.

4:00 pm - Visit Meenakshi Amman temple. It is dedicated to Parvati, known as Meenakshi, and her consort, Shiva, here named Sundareswarar. It is a spectacular temple which was built in 17th century.



Overnight stay at Hotel GRT Regency / Madurai

Day 10: Wednesday, February 22–Madurai - Thiruparankundram Murugan temple

0545 AM: Heritage walking tour. In the morning to see the everyday activity of the people – we will return back to hotel for Breakfast.

9.30 am - Visit to the Thiruparankundram Murugan temple (Second of the six abodes of lord Murugan). God here is worshipped as Lord Subramanyam and this is where he wedded Sri Deviani, daughter of lord Indra, the leader of Devas, in the presence of Sun and Moon. There are important carvings of Sun & the Moon plus a shrine for Guru Dakshina murti & Navagraha.



5:00 pm – Sunset dinner at Taj Gateway. The hotel has a spectacular view of Meenakshi temple, both during the day and at night. Cost included

Overnight stay at Hotel GRT Regency / Madurai

Day 11: Thursday, February 23–Madurai to Palani (120 Kms – 3 Hours' drive each way)

7.00 am - Excursion visit from Madurai to Palani, Dandayudhapani Swamy Murugan temple (Third of the six abodes of Lord Murugan). This is the temple of the ascetic lord Murugan & one of the most important pilgrimage sites for Murugan. Lunch at Palani. Cost to be shared.



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Day 12: Friday, February 24—Madurai to Palamudhicholai temple (25 Kms / 45 Minutes' drive)

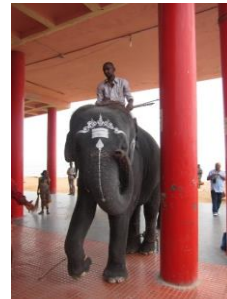
8:00 am – visit Palamudhicholai Murugan temple, Thiruvanniyu (Fourth of the six abodes of lord Murugan). Lord Murugan known as Lord Subhramanya with His consorts Valli and Devasena adorn the sanctum of the temple.



Overnight stay at Hotel GRT Regency / Madurai

Day 13: Saturday, February 25—Madurai Thiruchendur Murugan temple (180 Kms / 4 Hours drive Each way)

7:00 am - Excursion visit to Thiruchendur Murugan temple (Fifth of the six abodes of Lord Murugan). The six sparks from Lord Shiva became six headed and twelve armed lord Murugan due to the embraced by goddess Parvati. Lord Murugan came to Tiruchendur to destroy the demon, Surapadma. This temple celebrates that victory. It is located on the shores of Bay of Bengal. Lunch at Tiruchendur. Cost to be shared



Overnight stay at Hotel GRT Regency / Madurai

Day 14: Sunday, February 26—Madurai to Tiruthani

11:00 am - Board flight from Madurai to Chennai (1hour). On arrival transfer from Chennai airport to Tiruthani and check in at the hotel (from Chennai to Tiruthani is 60 Kms / 2 hours drive).

7:00 pm - Night visit to Tiruthani Subramaniam Temple. Our hotel is a few miles from the temple. This is one of two visits.

Overnight stay at hotel GRT Regency / Tiruthani

Day 15: Monday, February 27—Tiruthani Subramaniam Temple

9:00 am – Morning visit to Tiruthani Subramaniam Temple.

This is the last of the Murugun temples we visit.

This is where LordSubramanya stayed after destroying the demon Surapadman. Lord Subramanya married Valli - one of his two consorts at Tiruthani

8:00 pm – farewell dinner.



Tuesday, February 28 - Free transfer to Chennai airport (60 Kms / 2 hours drive)

10:00 am - Free transfer to Chennai airport to board your onward flight journey with Happy memories and blessings. Please book your flights after 4:00 pm on 28th Feb.

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Hotel Information:

Destination	Hotel	Websites
Mahabalipuram	Ideal Beach Resort	http://www.idealresort.com/
Kumbakonam	Paradise Resort	http://www.paradiseresortindia.com
Chettinad (Karaikudi)	Bangala	http://www.thebangala.com
Rameshwaram	Daiwik	http://www.daiwikhotels.com
Madurai	GRT Regency	https://www.grthotels.com/madurai
Tiruthani	GRT Regency	https://www.grthotels.com/tiruttani