

Twenty-Seven Nakshatra Temples India Trip 2024

THE 27 NAKSHATRA TEMPLES INDIA TRIP 2024

Tamil Nadu

January 24 to February 9, 2024

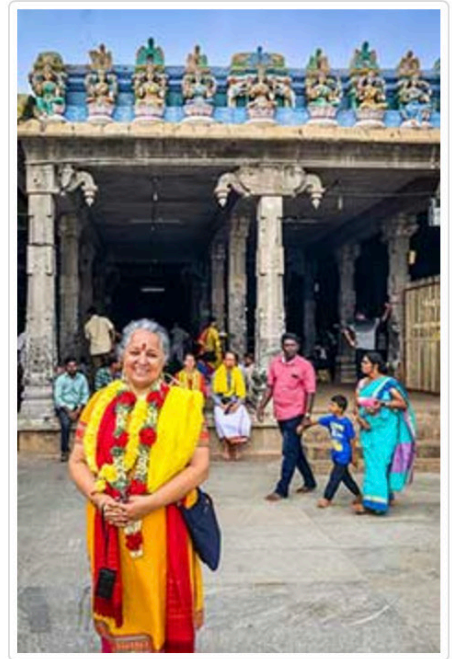
Nakshatras are the stars in Vedic astrology of prime importance. There are temples in Tamil Nadu, India that connect to specific Nakshatras where their energy is most intense. Devotees visit these Nakshatra temples to do remedies related to these Nakshatras.

During this Nakshatra Temple Trip, we will visit all twenty-seven Nakshatras to know and understand them. This trip is a rare pilgrimage for Vedic astrologers. It took Komilla many years to organize this trip as some temples are obscure and inaccessible. Finally, however, she visited all the Nakshatra temples to create this exceptional itinerary for the best experience and connection to the 27 Nakshatras.

We will visit some Grand Temples dedicated to the Nakshatras, such as the Meenakshi and the Chidambaram temples. However, the beauty of this trip will be in the visits to smaller temples that are gorgeous and powerful – yet remote.

"A trip not to be missed."

— KOMILLA



We will do many rituals, pujas, abhishekas and prayer ceremonies during this pilgrimage – everyone will share in the costs when we do a group program. We also need to give Dakshina to the priests who perform them.

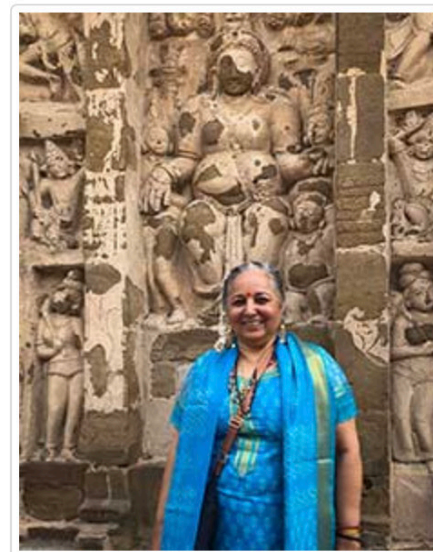
The trip begins and ends in Chennai - Flights from many international destinations land in Chennai.

ITINERARY

Wednesday, January 24

Arrive in Chennai

- **ARRIVAL** at Chennai Airport, our tour executive will meet and assist you.
- **TRANSFER** from Chennai Airport is included.
- **IF EARLY** | The hotel is included in the cost of the trip for the 24th January; *you must book extra nights if you arrive earlier.*
- **HOTEL CHECK-IN** time is 4:00 PM.
- **RELAX** The day is free for all.
- **HOTEL** Overnight stay is at the GRT Grand Hotel, Chennai.



Thursday, January 25

Chennai to Kanchipuram, Rohini, Kailasanathar, and Ekambareswarar Koil Temples

8:00 AM | Leave for Kanchipuram | 80 Kms - 2-1/2 Hour Drive

On arrival at Kanchipuram, we will visit the Kailasanathar Temple. From 685-705 AD, Narasimha Varman II, ruler of the Pallava Dynasty, built this temple. The sandstone compound contains a large number of carvings. The structure has 58 small shrines dedicated to various forms of Shiva. It is a stunning temple. There is a rare idol of Jyeshtha Devi, connected to Jyeshtha Nakshatra.

Check-in Hotel GRT Regency: The GRT Regency is an executive GRT Hotel, the best place to stay in Kanchipuram.

LUNCH | *(included)*



4:00 PM

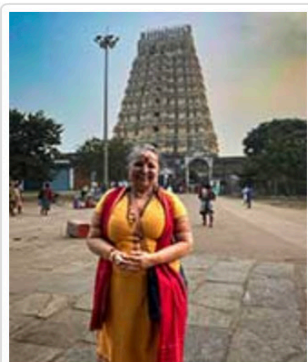
Pandava Dhootha Perumal Koil Temple for Rohini

The Pandava Dhootha Perumal Koil Temple is one of the oldest temples in Kanchipuram, built by the Pallavas in the 8th century.

Ekambareswarar Koil br The Ekambareswarar Koil is an important Shiva temple. It represents the earth element in Panchmahabhuta.

8:00 PM DINNER | Welcome Vegetarian Dinner *(included)*

Overnight stay - The GRT Grand Hotel, Kanchipuram



Friday, January 26

Kanchipuram - Shravana Temple

9:00 AM | Prasanna Venkatesa Perumal Koil for Shravana

In this temple, Lord Vishnu stands among Shiva Lingas, showing no difference between Shiva and Vishnu. According to the Sthala Purana - Moon lost his power and luster due to the curse, and his wife did a long penance to Lord Vishnu at this temple. Lord Vishnu gave his blessing; the Moon's curse would get modified, and he would regain his energy.

LUNCH *(included)*



4:00 PM | Kamakshi Amman Temple

Kamakshi is a form of Goddess Parvati. The Pallava built this beautiful temple. It is a Shakti Peeth where the navel of Sati Devi fell. There are 51 Shakti Peeth for the goddess Durga, and Kamakshi is very important.

DINNER *(included)*

EVENING | Chitragupta Swamy Temple

Chitragupta is the keeper of Aakashik records and is connected to Ketu.

Overnight stay at Hotel GRT Regency, Kanchipuram



Saturday, January 27

Kanchipuram Fly to Madurai | Meenakshi Temple for Mula

7:00 AM | Drive to Chennai Airport

11:45 AM | Fly from Chennai to Madurai

This time may be subject to change. The flight is one hour. Flight is included in the costs.

*** There are baggage weight restrictions on Indian flights – you may need to pay for excess baggage if it exceeds the limit. ** Komilla will let you know of the baggage limitations after you book.*

LUNCH *(included)*

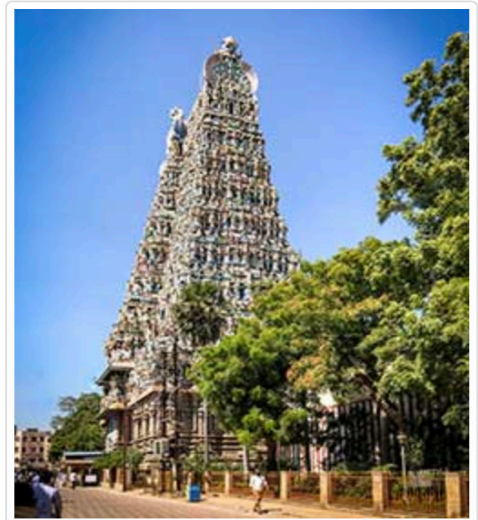


4:00 PM | Meenakshi Temple for Mula Nakshatra

This temple is one of the most spectacular temples in the ancient city of Madurai. The temple complex has four nine-story gopurams (outer, raja), one seven-story gopuram, five five-story gopurams, two three-story, and two one-story gold-guided sanctum towers. It is a fabulous temple to visit. We will have a guide who will help us experience the best of the temple.

DINNER *(included)*

Overnight Stay at Courtyard by Marriott



Sunday, January 28

Madurai - Vishakha, Chitra and Magha Temples - Full Day Program

7:00 AM

Kuruvithurai Pralayanathar Temple for Vishakh | One-Hour Drive

This is a beautiful small temple, full of serene positive energy.

Chittirairatha Vallabha Perumal Koil temple for Chitra | 30 Minute Drive

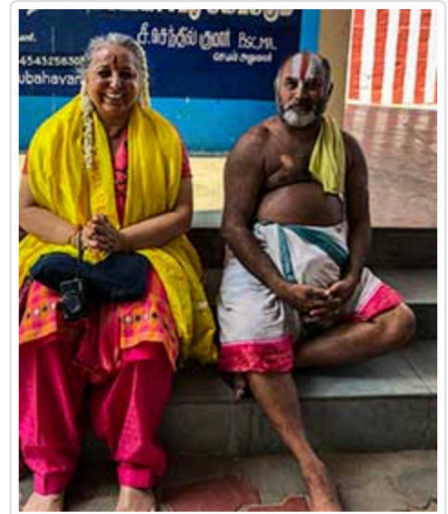
The Temple of Chitra is large and ancient. Outside the temple is a smaller temple for Guru Dakshinamurti.

LUNCH Highway Restaurant *(Costs not included - direct payment for the lunch)*

4:00 PM Mahalinga Temple for Magha | One-and-a-Half-Hour Drive

DINNER *Dinner included*

Overnight Stay at Courtyard by Marriott



Monday, January 29

Madurai - Ashlesha Temple, Thiruparankundram

8:00 AM Sri Subramanya Swamy Visit to Sri Subramanya Swamy Temple at Thiruparankundram for Ashlesha Nakshatra.

We do the Abhisheka at the "Utsavar Sanctum" (near the main sanctum) will take one-and-a-half hours.

Sage Parashara | Visit the idol for Sage Parashara; he is said to have visited this temple.

LUNCH On our own - the afternoon is free.

5:00 PM DINNER | Taj Gateway Pasumalai Hotel

You will enjoy spectacular views of Meenakshi temple and Madurai from here.

Included.

Overnight Stay at Courtyard by Marriott



Tuesday, January 30

Madurai to Trichy via Purva Bhadra and Uttara Phalguni Temples, Ucchi Pilliyar Temple

6:00 AM | Sri Tiruvaneswar Temple for Purva Bhadra

According to the temple Sthala Purana story, Kala Bhairava created the seven weekdays when Moon was in Purva Bhadra nakshatra. This is a remote village where we drive through the green farms to get to it. The temple is old and not in such good condition. Sri Tiruvaneswar temple was built in 1000 AD, and Indra worships here with Airavat, his white elephant in the formless form. The donation of clothes at this temple is especially auspicious.

Mangalyeswarar Koil for Uttara Phalguni is known to grant wishes for those who want to get married. It also heals family disputes. Devotees come to seek blessings as soon as their marriage is finalized.

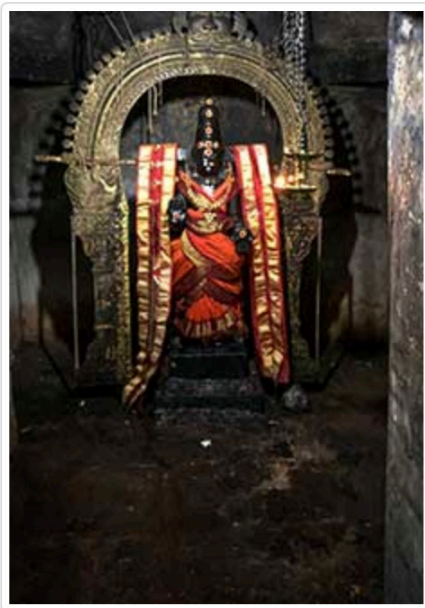
LUNCH *Included*

5:00 PM | Ganesha Ucchi Pilliar Rockfort Temple on the Hilltop

This 7th-century temple is mystical, with spectacular views of Trichy. There are 437 Steps cut into the rock to reach this hilltop temple.

DINNER *Included*

Overnight Stay at Courtyard by Marriott



Wednesday, January 31

Trichy - Revati and Swati Temples

7:00 AM

Kailasanathar Koil for Revati blesses all devotees. Usually, they offer 27 items in this temple, one for each Nakshatra. The shops outside the temple will sell these items, which we can purchase according to our budgets. Kailasanathar Koil Temple helps all who visit to overcome negativity and health issues. It is a special place to worship Varuna.

LUNCH *Included*

4:00 PM | Jambukeswara Temple

Jambukeswara is the temple for Swati Nakshatra and represents the water element of the Panchamahabhuta, five great element temples.

Sri Rangam

A visit to Sri Rangam, the spectacular temple for Lord Vishnu, will follow.

DINNER *Included*

Overnight stay at the Courtyard by Marriott



Thursday, February 1

Trichy to Karaikudi, Chettinad | Uttara Ashadha Temple on the way to Karaikudi



8:00 AM | Sri Brahmapureeswarar Meenakshi Sundareswarar Temple for Uttara Ashadha

Brahma visited this temple after Shiva cut off his fifth head. It is a powerful temple that devotees go to when they need blessings to have children or if marriage is blocked. Uttara Ashadha Nakshatra is in the first position of all other 26 stars. All other 26 Nakshatra deities offer special Pooja to Uttara Ashadha when Moon is in their Nakshatras.

LUNCH *Included*

3:00 PM | Karpaga Vinayagar Temple "Ganesh Temple" in Pillaiyarpatti & Kundrakudi Murugan Temple

These are two very important temples for Lord Ganesha and Lord Murugan.

From 'The Bangala', it will take 30 min-40 min drive to 'Kundrakudi Murugan Temple' and from that Murugan Temple, it will take another 15 min drive to 'Karpaga Vinayagar – Ganesh Temple' in Pillaiyarpatti.

The Kundrakudi Murugan Temple is located on the top of the hill, and there will be around 150- 200 steps.

Both temples are spectacular.

DINNER *Included*

Overnight stay at the The Bangala



Friday, February 2



Chettinad – Pushya Nakshatra Temple, Karaikudi | 2-HOUR DRIVE

8:00 AM | Akshayapureeswarar Temple for Pushya & Saturn

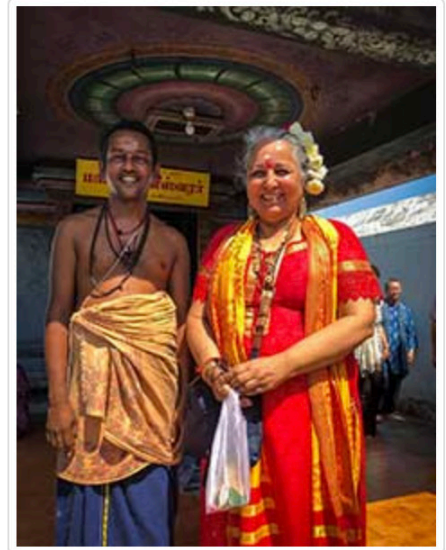
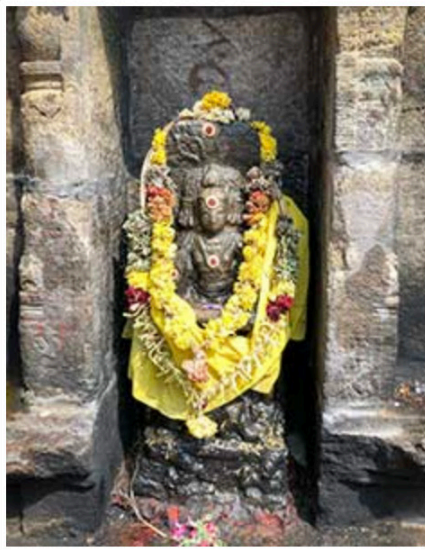
Akshayapureeswarar Temple is where Lord Saturn went after his legs were broken to pray to Lord Shiva. His prayers were successful, and his legs healed. The Akshayapureeswarar is a temple where people go for Pushya Nakshatra and Saturn. Lord Saturn is with his two wives, Jyeshta Devi and Manda Devi, dressed in their wedding gear. Saturn is said to visit this temple regularly to pray in his invisible form.

LUNCH & DINNER *Included*

EVENING | Free or Optional

Optionally, visit the Painted Havelis of Chettinad and the saree weaving centre. Chettinad is famous for handwoven cotton sarees – we will visit one of the best places to buy them. Chettinad Havelis represent the faded grandeur of wealthy traders of Chettinad. Now they have all moved out – their Havelis survive in their faded grandeur.

Overnight stay at Bangala Karaikudi





Saturday, February 3

Chettinad – Uttara Bhadra

8:00 AM | Sahasra Lakshmeeswarar Koil Temple for Uttara Bhadra

The Sahasra Lakshmeeswarar Koil Temple is where Goddess Lakshmi worshipped Lord Shiva with 1000 lotuses; hence, it is called Sahasra Lakshmeeswarar. It is a small but powerful temple; the priest is very special, and his chanting voice is extremely powerful. This is a remote temple far off any tourist map, yet people come here to worship to gain the blessing of Lord Shiva.

According to the myth, Sages Angiras, Ahir Budhnya, Vishvakarma and Agni come to pray in their invisible form regularly. This temple is also connected to Lords Surya and Agni; therefore, doing Homa (Fire Ceremony) is important. We will do Homa to Lord Shiva here.

LUNCH | Arranged at the temple by the priest

DINNER *Included*

Overnight stay at the Bangala Karaikudi



Sunday, February 4

Chettinad to Kumbakonam via - Purva Ashadha, Krittika, Dhanishta Temples



9:00 AM | Sri Akashapureeswarar Temple for Purva Ashadha

People visit this temple to pray for business success. Visiting the temples will enable early marriage as well as peace and prosperity.

LUNCH | Ideal River Resort *Included*

4:00 PM | Sri Varadaraja Perumal Temple for Jyesta

Shri Brahammagnana Pureeswarar for Dhanishta | This temple remains in a state of disrepair, and it is part of the trip's aim to visit neglected temples and show our support to them.

DINNER *Included*

Overnight stay at the Indeco Hotel, Kumbakonam



Monday, February 5

Kumbakonam - Hasta and Purva Phalguni and Shatabhishak Temples



8:00 AM | Sri Krupakupareswarar Temple for Hasta

Sri Krupakupareswarar grants mercy to all who visit him, and he gives peace of mind and clears confusion for devotees. Great Siddhas visit this temple in their astral bodies, so has powerful energy for learning and wisdom. Temple is old and remote.

Sri Kalyanasundareswarar Swamy Temple – For Purva Phalguni (One hour from Hasta). This temple is famous for giving blessings for marriage and love. Couples visit this temple after marriage to seek the blessing of the deities

LUNCH Thali Lunch at Anna Lakshmi Restaurant in Quality Inn Viha | Included

4:00 PM | Agnipureeshwarar for Shatabhishak Temple

Here Agni worshipped Lord Shiva. A Rare form of Sri Agni (fire God) with two faces, seven flames, seven hands, four horns and three feet is worshipped at the temple.

DINNER Included

Overnight stay at the Indeco Hotel, Kumbakonam

Tuesday, February 6

Kumbakonam - Bharani, Krittika and Mrigasira Temples LONG DAY



7:00 AM | Full Day Programme - We will visit three temples.

Gaathra Sundareswarar Koil for Krittika Nakshatra. Gaathra Sundareswarar Koil at Kanjanagaram,

Sri Agneeswarar Temple for Bharani (30-40 min drive from Gaathra Sundareswarar Koil). Bharani temple is old and not in good repair. The priests requested us to come again to bring attention to this beautiful and powerful Nakshatra temple.

LUNCH | Vegetarian lunch at Neembrana Bungalow on the Beach Tranquebar | *Included*

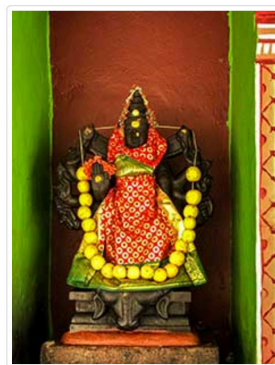
4:00 PM | Kathiramangalam Vana Durga for Mrigasira

The presiding deity is Shri Vana Durga Parameswari Amman. It is believed that she visits Kashi during the nights and comes back during the day.

Devotees make Archana prayer to remedy various issues by using flowers like Senthamarai for money, Malligai for peace, Sevanthi for debit clearance, Sevvarali for united family, Manoranjitham for couples, Marikolunthu for relationships, Sembaruthi for business, Roja for marriage. These flowers will be available outside the temple if you want to partake in any of these remedies.

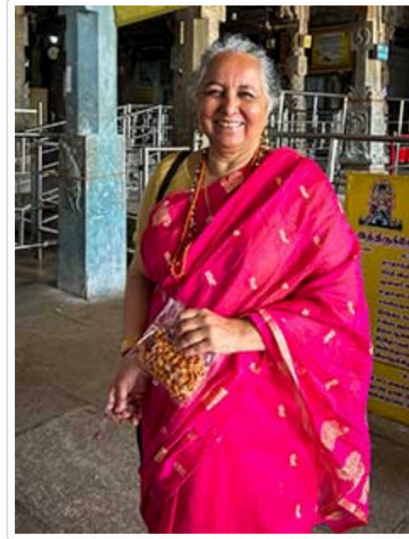
DINNER *Included*

Overnight at Indeco Hotel, Kumbakonam



Wednesday, February 7

Kumbakonam - Punarvasu and Anuradha



CHECK OUT | Move to the Mantra Koodam

9:00 AM | Apatsahayesvarar Temple, Alangudi for Punarvasu.

This is also a temple for Jupiter and Guru. We will do a special Shasti Perti puja here for one of our guests.

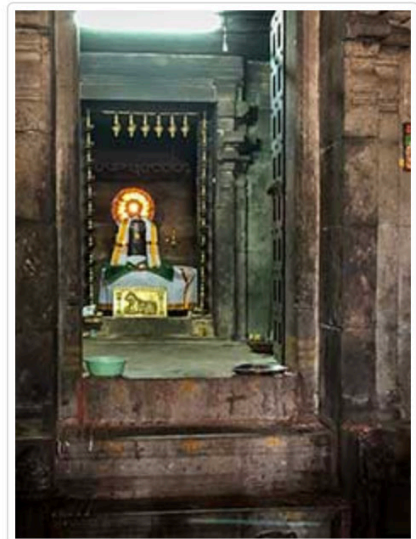
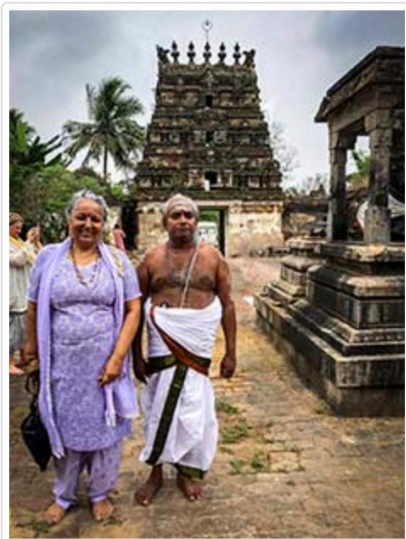
LUNCH | Mantra Koodam *Included*

4:00 PM | Shri Mahalakshmiswarar Temple for Anuradha

This old temple is a special Ganapati temple known as Selva Ganapati. People come to worship Lord Ganesha and ask for blessings to relieve them from their problems.

DINNER *Included*

Overnight at the Mantra Koodam Hotel, Kumbakonam



Thursday, February 8

Kumbakonam - Ashwini Temple 2-1/2-HOUR DRIVE



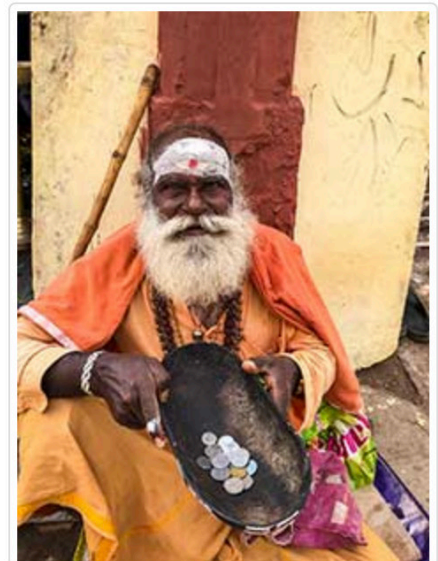
6:00 AM | Shri Piravi Marundeeswarar for Ashwini.

The Ashwini is a beautiful old temple –The energy is so powerful and special.

LUNCH | On the way | Not Included (direct payment for lunch)

8:00 PM | Farewell Dinner | Included

Overnight at the Mantra Koodam Hotel, Kumbakonam



Friday, February 9

Kumbakonam – Ardra Temple Chidambaram- Chennai 7-8-HOUR DRIVE



8:00 AM | Nataraja Temple, Chidambaram, for Ardra

This is a spectacular temple where Sage Patanjali came down to watch the cosmic dance of Lord Shiva. It represents the Aakash element and represents wisdom and knowledge. The main festival of this temple is when the full Moon is in Ardra Nakshatra.

LUNCH | Saradharam *Included*

LAST DAY

TRANSFER TO CHENNAI AIRPORT.

*** IMPORTANT Book flights that leave after 11:00 PM ***



--- TOUR ENDS ---

NOTE: All meals included within your trip purchase are vegetarian.

Date	Location	Hotel	Lunch	Dinner
24 JAN	Chennai	Grand Hotel by GRT	No	No
25 JAN	Kanchipuram	GRT Regency - an executive 3-star hotel	GRT Regency	GRT Regency
26 JAN	Kanchipuram	GRT Regency	GRT Regency	GRT Regency
27 JAN	Madurai	Courtyard by Marriott	Courtyard by Marriott	Marriott
28 JAN	Maduri	Courtyard by Marriott	No	Marriott
29 JAN	Madurai	Courtyard by Marriott	No	Taj Gateway Pasumalai
30 JAN	Chettinad	The Bangala	The Bangala	The Bangala
31 JAN	Chettinad	The Bangala	The Bangala	The Bangala
1 FEB	Chettinad	The Bangala	Lunch - By Priest Sahasra Lakshmeeswarar Temple	The Bangala
2 FEB	Trichy	Courtyard by Marriott	Marriott	Marriott
3 Feb	Trichy	Courtyard by Marriott	Marriott	Marriott
4 Feb	Kumbakonam	Indeco Hotel	Ideal River View	Indeco
5 FEB	Kumbakonam	Indeco Hotel	Anna Lakshmi, Quality Inn VIHA	Indeco
6 FEB	Kumbakonam	Indeco Hotel	Bungalow on the Beach	Indeco
7 FEB	Kumbakonam	Mantra Koodam	Mantra Koodam	Mantra Koodam
8 FEB	Kumbakonam	Mantra Koodam	No	Mantra Koodam
9 FEB	DEPARTURE	NO Hotel	Sardaram	No

Per Person Price Includes:

- Your Room
 - Breakfast at the hotel
 - Lunches where marked *(Included)*
 - Dinners where marked *(Included)*
 - Dinner at GRT Regency (Jan 25, 26)
 - Dinner at Marriott (Jan 27, 28 & Feb 2, 3)
 - Dinner at Taj Gateway Pasumalai (Jan 29)
 - Dinner at The Bangala (Jan 30, 31 & Feb 1)
 - Dinner at Indeco (Feb 4, 5, 6)
 - Dinner at Mantra Koodam (Feb 7, 8)
 - Lunch at GRT Regency (Jan 25, 26)
 - Lunch at Courtyard by Marriott (Jan 27)
 - Lunch at The Bangala (Jan 30, 31)
 - Lunch by the Priest Sahasra Lakshmeeswaror Temple (Feb 1)
 - Lunch at Marriott (Feb 2, 3)
 - Lunch at Ideal River View (Feb 4)
 - Lunch at Anna Lakshmi, Gauthiy Inn VHA (Feb 5)
 - Lunch at Bungalow on the Beach (Feb 6)
 - Lunch at Mantra Koodam (Feb 7)
 - Lunch at Sardaram (Feb 9)
 - AC Tempo Traveller Vans for the transfers and sightseeing with knowledgeable drivers
 - All the expenses related to transport - during day trips
 - Economy Flight for Chennai to Madurai - One-Way - Luggages is restricted on Indian flights - please be aware as you will be responsible for any charges related to excess baggage.
 - Individual Arrival transfer service in Chennai (from Chennai airport to Chennai hotel) on or before 24 January, according to your flight schedule
 - All the expenses related to the Car, like fuel, toll, parking fee, driver.
 - Accompanying Escort Service- Parthiban (including his accommodation, food and Escort Fee) - from 24 January to 09 February.
 - Complimentary Wi-Fi in the Van.
 - Complimentary mineral water bottles in vehicles
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Per Person Cost DOES NOT Include:

- Flight to India
- Insurance
- Lunch & Dinner except as specified in the itinerary by *Included*
- Entrance fee, Camera fee, tips and personal expenses like phone, laundry, portorage, WiFi (WiFi is included at most places, but in rare instances, be prepared to pay)
- January 24 or February 9, early check-in or late check-out at the hotels
- Dakshina offerings for the Temple Priests, Archana, Flowers/ Garlands for the deities, Abhishekams rituals and cost for any Pooja-related arrangements at the temples
- Anything which is not mentioned in the inclusion list above
- Medical Expenses
- Services before Jan 24 and after February 9, 2024

CANCELLATION POLICY

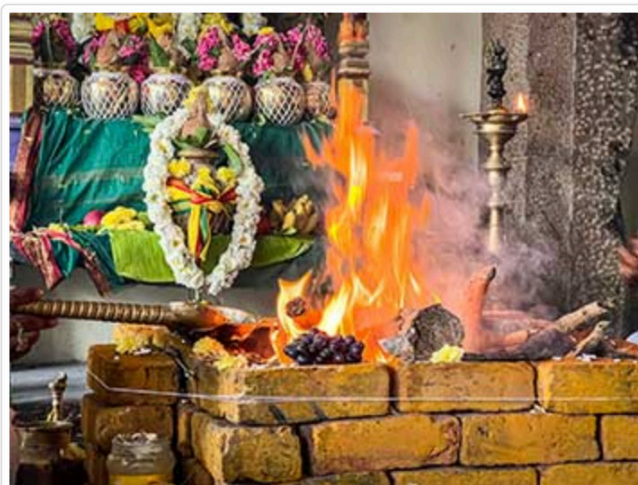
\$250.00 service charge on all refunds - no refunds are available after August 30, 2023.

COVID POLICY

Covid is a known illness that periodically surges and declines based on new variants. We will be taking precautions during the trip, but you must judge the risks of traveling for yourself. Unfortunately, refunds are **unavailable after August 30, 2023**, despite surges or new variants.

***** IMPORTANT ***** It is vital to purchase Travel Insurance as you purchase your airline ticket. Travel Insurance is not only beneficial for the times we are in due to Covid but in all cases, should you become too ill or injured to board a plane to fly home. In addition, Travel Insurance typically includes air ambulance transportation back home - be sure to check your policy, though, as each policy may differ in what it contains.

It also may be possible to find an insurance company or, depending on your credit card agreement, to purchase insurance for your India Trip - but you must do this on your own. Unfortunately, there is no way for us to indemnify your trip purchase.



ACCOMMODATIONS AIR TRAVEL TO CHENNAI, INDIA - NOT INCLUDED!

Check-in January 24, 2024 - Check-out February 9, 2024

***** IMPORTANT ***** To purchase a Shared Room, you must pre-arrange it with a friend. Due to the different levels of caution people choose regarding Covid, everyone who wishes to share a room must make that agreement before selecting the "shared-room" option.