Shani Temples of Tamil Nadu India Trip 2026

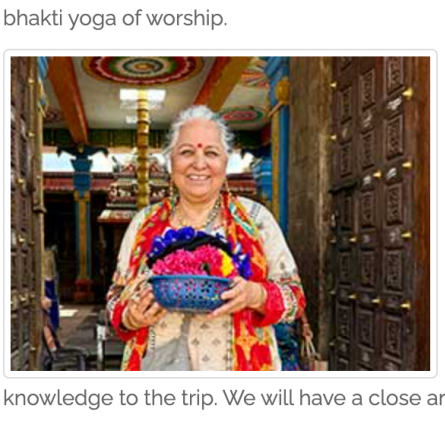
THE SHANI TEMPLES OF TAMIL NADU INDIA TRIP 2026

TAMIL NADU – CHENNAI, KUMBAKONAM, CHETTINAD, RAMESHWARAM

February 1 to 16, 2026

This pilgrimage is dedicated to Lord Saturn, who represents karma and our need to address the issues that past lives have brought in this life. This pilgrimage is to Saturn temples - large and small, well-known and obscure. There are many Saturn temples in Tamil Nadu, all promising Mangala or auspiciousness. One of the interesting features of the Saturn temples is that Lord Shani is honoured as Mangala (auspicious) or Preeti (loving). Saturn temples are full of joy and blessings for devotees undertaking this special journey.

This pilgrimage will help deal with past life karma, difficult transits, including Sade Sati, Ashtama Shani, Saturn dasha, and the challenging karmic issues in the natal chart. It is a wonderful journey through remote Tamil Nadu, where worship of Saturn and lord Shiva is part of the tradition expressing bhakti yoga of worship.



Komilla has curated this special pilgrimage for students and followers of Jyotisha Vedic astrologers. Join this joyful journey to receive blessings from the many auspicious Saturn Temples.

The priest at one of the Saturn temples said, 'Only those whose punya (good deeds) are ready to fructify to allow their karma to be purified undertake these pilgrimages'.

Komilla has visited Tamil Nadu many times and will bring her vast knowledge to the trip. We will have a close and personal experience in each temple.

The Saturn Temples of Tamil Nadu trip begins and ends in Chennai, where flights from many international destinations land.

ITINERARY

Sunday, February 1

Arrival at Chennai airport – transfer to GRT Grand

- **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 trip cost for the February 1 night; *you must book extra nights if you arrive earlier.*
- **HOTEL CHECK-IN** time is 4:00 PM.
- **RELAX** The day is free for all.
- **DINNER (included)** 8:00 PM at Patti Veedu for authentic Tamil Nadu vegetarian food.
- **HOTEL INFO** Overnight stay at Hotel GRT Grand.

Monday, February 2

Chennai

Pozhichalur Sri Agatheeswarar Shani Temple (1 hour drive)

Kapaleshwara Temple (1 hour drive)

8:00 AM | This is a full-day program as we visit two temples.

Pozhichalur Sri Agatheeswarar Temple for Saturn. Lord Shani (Saturn) worshipped Lord Shiva to eliminate his sins. This is one of the most powerful temples for Saturn worship, after the Thirunallar Temple.

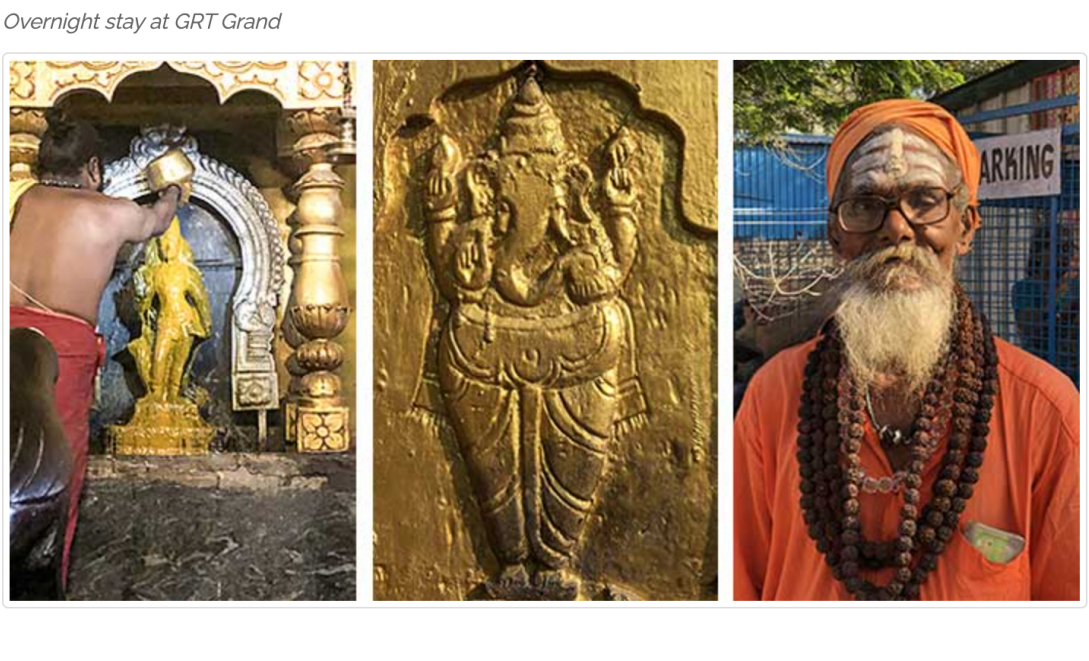
Kapaleshwara Temple—This is a Shiva temple with a very impressive Navagraha shrine and a standalone Saturn temple.

LUNCH | at Amethyst *(included)*

AFTERNOON | FREE - GRT has an excellent spa.

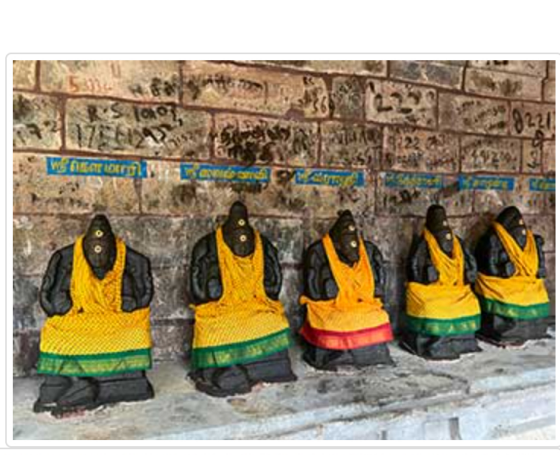
DINNER | GRT *(included)*

Overnight stay at GRT Grand



Tuesday, February 3

Chennai to Kumbakonam (5 hour drive)

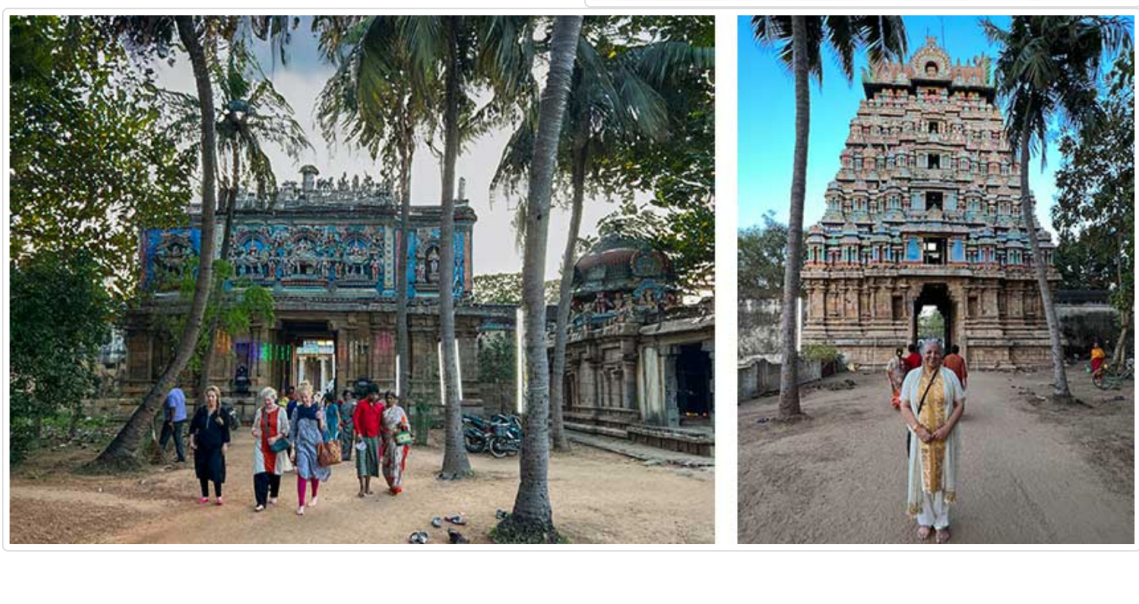


7:00 AM | Leave for Kumbakonam

5:00 PM | Optional visit to Thiruvalansuzhi Pilliyar Kovil (White Ganesha temple) and Arulmigu Swaminatha Swamy Thirukoil (Swamymalai temple for Lord Murugan).

Overnight stay at Indeco Hotel, Kumbakonam.

Lunch and dinner are included.



Wednesday, February 4

Kumbakonam

Karaiyur Eswara Vasal Lord Mangala Shaniswarar Temple (1-1/2 hr drive)

This is a small and powerful Saturn temple hidden in the forest. The Saturn here is called Mangala Shani, which means auspicious Saturn. He grants blessings to his devotees and removes all the obstacles. We will be doing a special prayer ceremony and Abhishekham at the temple.

Abhishekham – Cost to be shared.

5:00 PM | Optional visit to Adi Kumbeshwara Temple for Lord Shiva

We will see the nakshatra on the ceiling and a powerful Navagraha shrine. This is the main temple for the city of Kumbakonam.

(Dinner included)

Overnight stay at Indeco Hotel, Kumbakonam.

Thursday, February 5

Kumbakonam

Shri Mahalakshmiswarar (1-1/2hour drive)

Shri Mangala Shaniswarar Temples (45 minute drive)

8:00 AM | Shri Mahalakshmiswarar Temple for Anuradha

This is an ancient temple that features a special Ganapati temple, known as Selva Ganapati. People come to worship Lord Ganesha and ask for blessings to relieve them from their problems. We are visiting the Anuradha temple, as Saturn rules Anuradha Nakshatra.

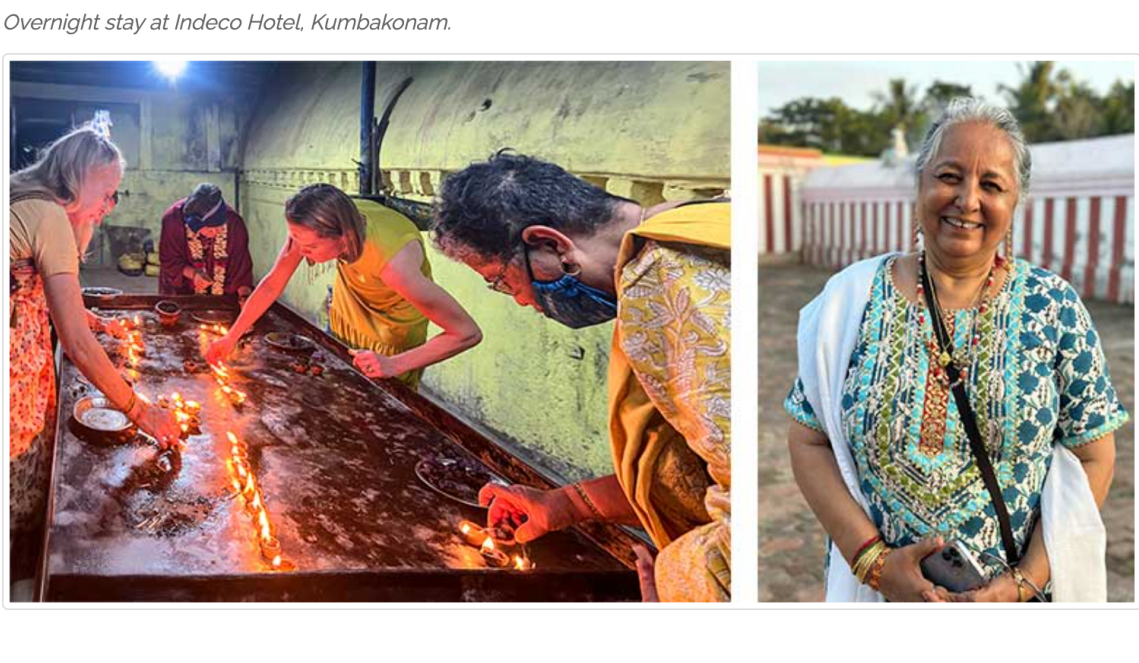
3:30 PM Shri Mangala Shaniswarar Temple, Thirunariyur, Natchiarkoil

This temple has Lord Shani, his two wives, Manda Devi and Jyeshta Devi, and two sons, Gulika and Mandi—the full Saturn family. There is a separate shrine for Lord Saturn, which has been recently renovated.

We will be doing a special Abhishekham just for our group. The cost per person will be INR 1000 (Approx. 12 USD), and you will need to give extra Dakshina to the priest according to your wish.

(Lunch & Dinner included)

Overnight stay at Indeco Hotel, Kumbakonam.



Friday, February 6

Kumbakonam

Sri Punukeeswarar (1-1/2 hour drive)

Sri Solieshwarar Temples (20 minutes drive)

8:00 AM | Sri Punukeeswarar Temple, followed by Sri Solieshwarar Temple

Sri Punukeeswarar temple is where Lord Indra went to remove Lord Shiva's curse. Indra went to Daksha's yagya, and Lord Shiva cursed him to become a punugu—a kind of cat.

There is a special shrine for Lord Shani, who is in the form of Preeti, Love and affection, which he showers on his devotees.

Sri Solieshwarar temple (Amritham Kalasa Shanishwara) is in Kuttalam. There is no Navagraha in this temple; only Surya (the Sun) and Chandra (the Moon), who are Lord Shiva's two eyes. Saturn is in the form of Patala Shaneeshwara, as he is self-manifested, and we cannot see the lower part of his body. He is also known as Amritham Kalasa Shanishwara, full of nectar and positive energy.

5:00 PM | Optional visit to Shree Nagaraja temple. The oldest temple (7th century) of Kumbakonam. Highlights are the twelve Aditya Chakra, Navagraha and Rahu shrines.

SHOPPING Chennai Silks

(Lunch & Dinner included)

Overnight stay at Indeco Hotel, Kumbakonam

Saturday, February 7

Kumbakonam to Chettinad (5 Hours)

Thirukollikadu Pongu Shanishwarar Temple

7:00 AM | Thirukollikadu Pongu Shaniswarar Temple *(2-hour drive)*

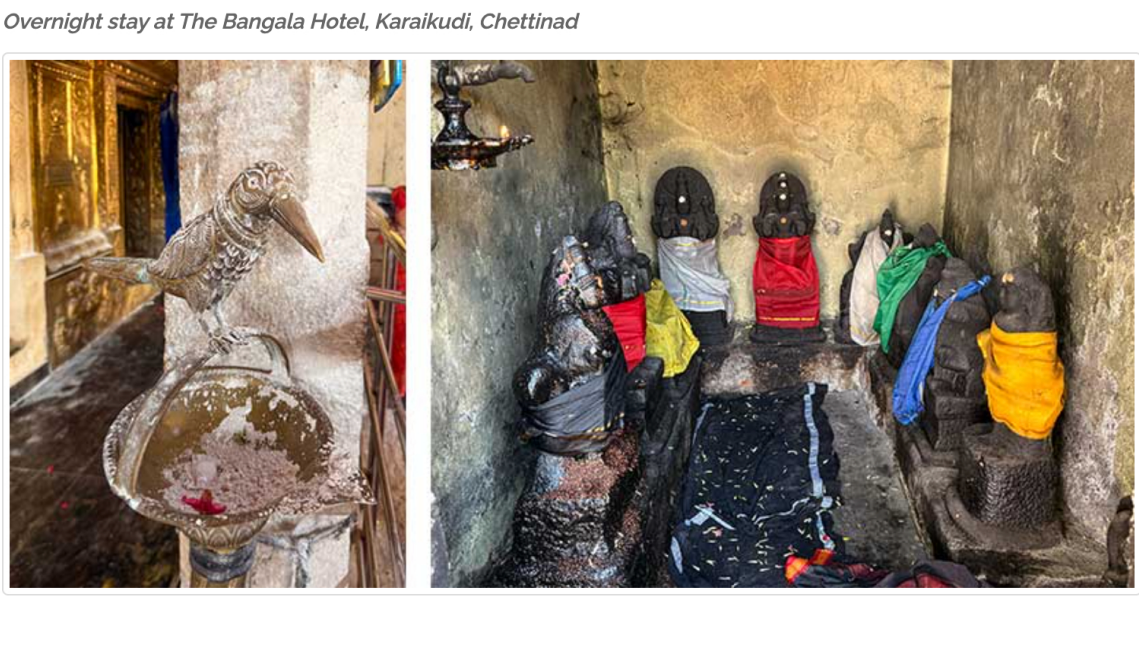
Pongu means boiling, but here, it represents the powerful energy of Lord Saturn. The belief is that Lord Agni worshipped Lord Shiva, so the power and strength may come from there.

(3-hour drive to Chettinad

6:00 PM | Optional visit to Pillaiyarpatti Vinayagar Temple. It's a grand Lord Ganesha temple.

(Lunch & Dinner included)

Overnight stay at The Bangala Hotel, Karaikudi, Chettinad



Saturday, February 8

Chettinad

Ettiyathali Sivan temple (1-1/2 hour drive)

8:00 AM | Leave for Ettiyathali Sivan Temple

This is the most powerful old temple with a wonderfully knowledgeable priest. Lord Shani is installed in a manner that makes him visible to both Lord Shiva and the goddess, which is very rare. This is the temple where devotees visit to seek remedies for Ashtama Shani and Sade Sati.

Devotees offer their horoscope to Lord Shani, and a ritual removes all his blocks. We will all take our charts and get this ritual done individually.

6:00 PM | Optional visit to Kundrakudi Murugan Temple – a very important temple for Lord Murugan.

From 'The Bangala', it will take a 30-40-minute drive to the 'Kundrakudi Murugan Temple'. The Kundrakudi Murugan temple is on top of a hill, and there are approximately 150-200 steps to reach the temple at the summit. The temple is spectacular.

(Lunch & Dinner included)

Overnight stay at The Bangala Hotel, Karaikudi, Chettinad

Monday, February 9

Chettinad

Akshayapureeswarar Temple (2 hour drive)

8:00 AM | Leave for Akshayapureeswarar Temple for Pushya Nakshatra and 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. This is a temple where people go for the 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. He is known as the Mangala Auspicious Saturn.

4:30 PM | The Painted Havelis of Chettinad and the Saree weaving Centre

7:30 PM | Dinner at Exotic Saratha Villas

(Lunch & Dinner included)

Overnight stay at The Bangala Hotel, Karaikudi, Chettinad

Tuesday, February 10

Chettinad

Kumarakom to Fort Kochi (1-1/2 hour drive)

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

We visit Uttara Bhadra, as Saturn rules it. This is the temple where Goddess Lakshmi worshipped Lord Shiva with 1000 lotuses; hence, it is called Sahasra Lakshmeeswarar. It is a small but very 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 and 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 Lord Surya and Lord Agni; therefore, doing homa (Fire ceremony) is important.

We will offer Homa to Lord Shiva here, a long and elaborate prayer ceremony just for our group.

The cost per person will be approximately INR 2500 (approximately 30 USD), and you must offer an additional Dakshina to the priest according to your wishes.

LUNCH The priest will arrange lunch at the temple.

EVENING | FREE

DINNER Dinner is included at The Bangala Hotel

Overnight stay at The Bangala Hotel, Karaikudi, Chettinad

Wednesday, February 11

Chettinad to Rameshwaram

Navagraha at Devipattinam and Shree Panchmukhi Hanuman Temple

(1-1/2 hour drive)

8:00 AM | Navapashanam Temple of the Navagraha in the Sea at Devipattinam.

This is a unique Navagraha temple, the only one in the sea in the Bay of Bengal. Lord Rama is believed to have installed the Navagraha and worshipped them at Navapashanam. We will perform the rituals. Those who are willing can do the parikrama. The ocean is not very deep, and the temple is well protected. We have done this parikrama a few times on earlier trips.

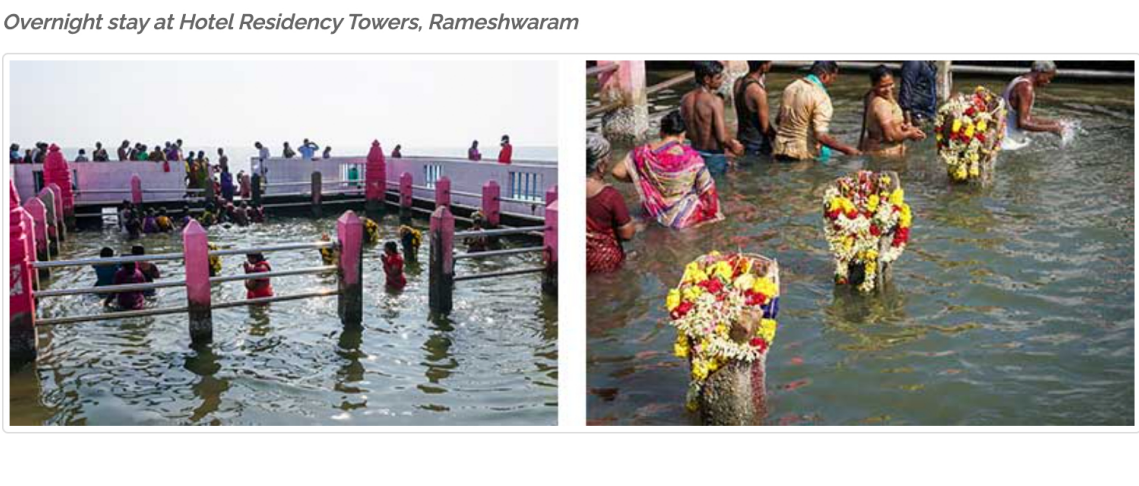
Drive to Rameshwaram. (1-1/2 hour drive)

8:00 PM Shree Panchmukhi Hanuman Temple

This is where Lord Hanuman revealed his five faces. Hence, the idol of Hanuman is depicted with five faces: Lord Hanuman in the middle, along with the faces of Lord Narasimha, Lord Adi Varaha, Lord Garuda, and Lord Hayagriva on the sides. We are visiting this major Hanuman temple, as worship of Lord Hanuman is considered the most important remedy for Lord Saturn.

(Lunch & Dinner included)

Overnight stay at Hotel Residency Towers, Rameshwaram



Thursday, February 12

Rameshwaram

Sri Arulmigu Ramanathaswamy Temple

8:00 AM | Sri Arulmigu Ramanathaswamy Temple

This temple is dedicated to Lord Shiva. It is one of the 12 Jyotirlinga temples. According to tradition, Lord Rama established and worshipped the lingam before crossing the Rama Setu bridge to Sri Lanka. It is one of the Char Dham and Jyotirlinga pilgrimages. Each of the Jyotirlingas is connected to one sign of the zodiac. Rameshwaram represents the sign of Aries, where Saturn is debilitated. We will visit this great temple as part of the remedies to Lord Saturn.

In the morning, we will dip in the sea and then visit the 22 wells, which will help us let go of our karma. It is an amazing experience, as the water from each well is poured over the devotees during abhishekham. After this amazing purifying ritual, we will visit the temple. There are several small temples to visit within this grand temple.

6:00 PM Sri Arulmigu Ramanathaswamy Temple again

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Friday, February 13

Rameshwaram to Kumbakonam 5-hour journey

Thirukodeeswarar Temple in the Evening

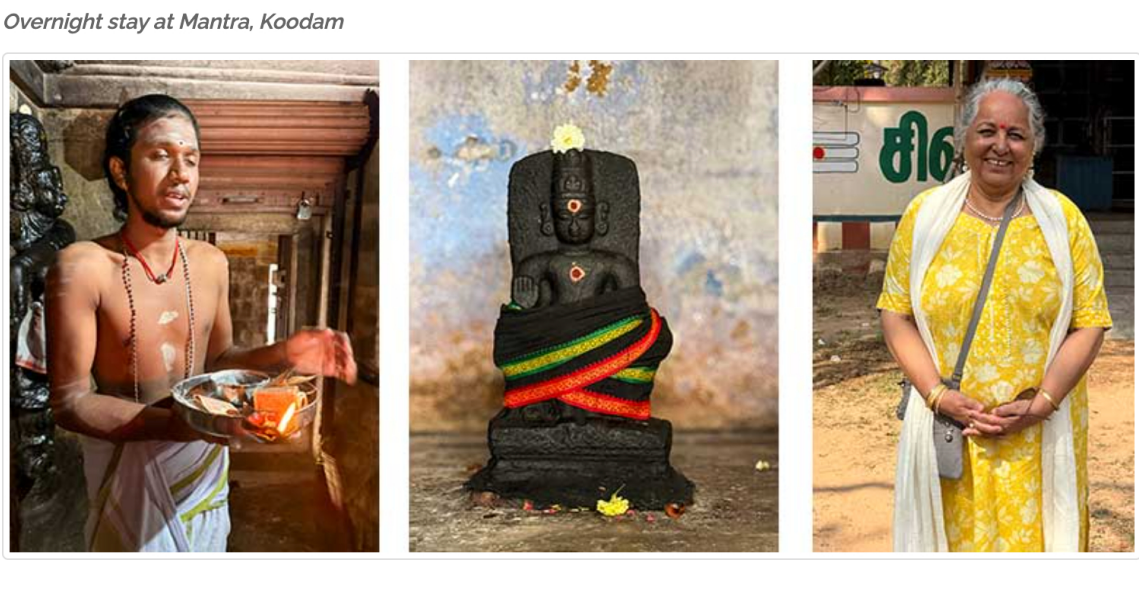
8:00 AM | Leave for Kumbakonam (5 hours)

6:00 PM Thirukodeeswarar Temple, Thirukodika

Here, Shani Bhagwan is Bala or child. The story goes that Shaniswarar undertook penance here, invoking the blessings of Lord Thiru Kotteeswarar (Lord Shiva). Since the belief was that Shani's vision caused sadness to people and brought evil times all around, he shut his eyes in disgust, stating that he did not want to cause any more trouble to the people. Thiru Kotteeswarar appeared before Shani and preached the doctrine of truth, suggesting that Shani helped people realise their sins and wrongs to others. In reality, it was Shani's contribution to their well-being, for only after he set his eyes on the wrongdoers did they take corrective steps to cleanse the sins. Saturn was a student of Thiru Kotteeswarar, and he is seen here in a 'Bala' (child) form.

(Lunch & Dinner included)

Overnight stay at Mantra, Koodam



Saturday, February 14

Kumbakonam

Thirupugalur Agnipureeshwarar Shiva Temple (1/2 hour drive)

8:00 AM | Agnipureeshwarar for Shatabhishak Temple

This is an important temple to visit before the Grand Shani temple in Thirunallar. Here, Agni worshipped Lord Shiva. A Rare form of Sri Agni (fire God) with two faces, seven flames, seven hands, four horns and 3 feet. Maharaja Nala is believed to have taken a bath at this temple to get rid of the influence of Lord Saturn. He finally heard that the Saturn impact will leave him at Thirunallar. Hence, it is considered as anugraha sthalam. Anugraha means grace. It is this temple we must visit before the Thirunallar temple.

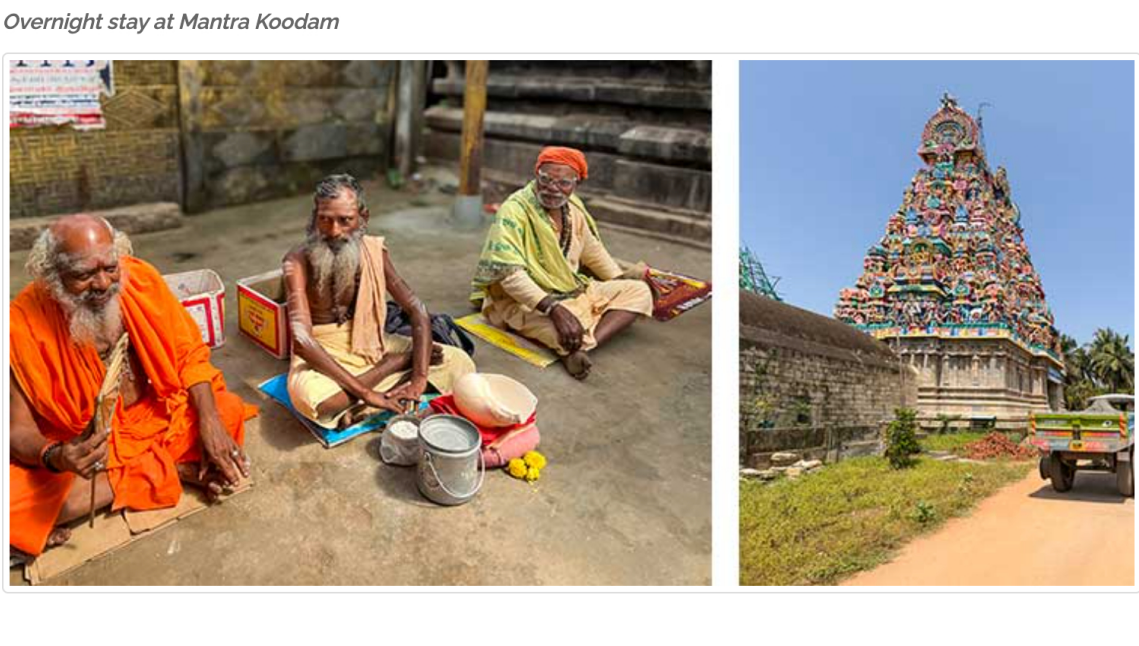
5:00 PM Optional Visit to Suryanar Kovil and Kanjanur Shukran Temple

At the Surya temple, the presiding deity is the Sun, along with his consorts Ushadevi and Pratyusha Devi. The temple also has separate shrines for the other eight planetary deities. It is the only temple where all nine Navagrahas have their own shrines. Surya is Shani's father so that we will honour him.

The main deity in the Kanjanur Shukran temple is Shiva, who is in the form of Agnishwara. It is regarded as a main temple to visit for Shukra Venus. Saturn is exalted in Libra, the sign ruled by Venus. Therefore, we will visit the temple to honour Lord Shukra.

(Lunch & Dinner included)

Overnight stay at Mantra Koodam



Sunday, February 15

Kumbakonam

Shri Dharbaranyeswara Swamy (1-1/2 hour drive)

Shree Panchmukhi Hanuman Temple and Sri Agnishwara Temple for Bharani (30 minute drive)

8:00 AM | Shri Dharbaranyeswara Swamy

Shri Shaneeshwara Bhaghavan Sthalam – Thirunallar. The grand Shani temple at Thirunallar has incredible energy and a spectacular Saturn temple. We will be performing pujas, lighting lamps, and praying to Saturn. This is one of the most important Saturn temples for performing remedies for Saturn. Our whole trip is geared towards this grand temple.

LUNCH | Neemrana Bungalow on the Beach, Tranquebar

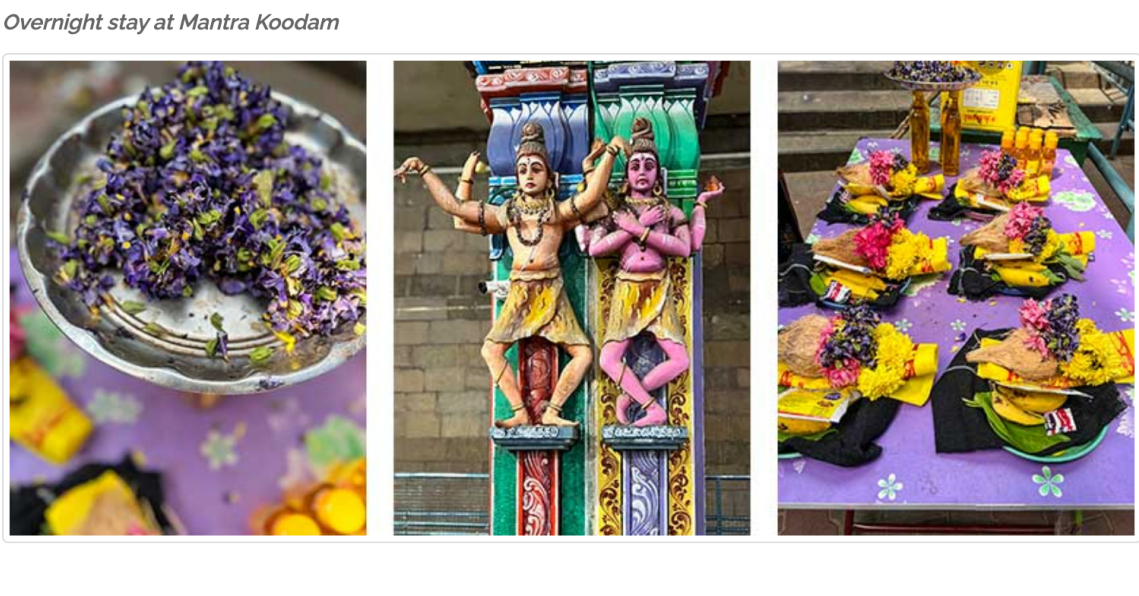
4:00 PM Optional Visit to Sri Agnishwara Temple for Bharani

Bharani is the Nakshatra in which Lord Saturn is debilitated. We are visiting this temple to seek his blessings. In 2028, Saturn enters Aries, so this is an important temple to visit.

7:30 PM FAREWELL DINNER

(Lunch & Dinner included)

Overnight stay at Mantra Koodam



Monday, February 16

Chennai Airport - Last Day

(6 hour drive to Chennai Airport)

Transfer to Chennai Airport

8:00 AM | Leave for Chennai Airport

LUNCH | Lunch is on the way - Cost Shared

Ensure Domestic Flights depart after 6 pm and International Flights After 8 pm.

(Breakfast Included)

(Hotel Not Included)

--- TOUR ENDS ---

HOTEL & MEAL SCHEDULE

Date	Location	Hotel	Lunch	Dinner
01 FEB	Chennai	Grand by GRT	No Lunch	Patti Veedu
02 FEB	Chennai	Grand by GRT	Amethyst	Grand by GRT
03 FEB	Kumbakonam	Indeco	Indeco	Indeco
04 FEB	Kumbakonam	Indeco	Indeco	Indeco
5 FEB	Kumbakonam	Indeco	Indeco	Indeco
6 FEB	Kumbakonam	Indeco	Indeco	Indeco
7 FEB	Chettinad	The Bangala	The Bangala	The Bangala
8 FEB	Chettinad	The Bangala	The Bangala	The Bangala
9 FEB	Chettinad	The Bangala	The Bangala	The Bangala
10 FEB	Chettinad	The Bangala	Temple Priest – Sahasra Lakshmeeswarar Koil – Theeyathur	The Bangala
11 FEB	Rameswaram	Residency Towers	Residency Towers	Residency Towers
12 FEB	Rameswaram	Residency Towers	Residency Towers	Residency Towers
13 FEB	Kumbakonam/td>	Mantra Koodam	Mantra Koodam	Mantra Koodam
14 FEB	Kumbakonam/td>	Mantra Koodam	Mantra Koodam	Mantra Koodam
15 FEB	Kumbakonam/td>	Mantra Koodam	Bungalow on the Beach - Tranqueba	Mantra Koodam
16 FEB	DEPARTURE	No Hotel	Lundh on the Way	No

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ACCOMMODATIONS

Accomodations are in Boutique Hotels and 5-Star Hotels

Most Meals are Included

AIR TRAVEL TO INDIA | NOT INCLUDED

Check-in February 1, 2026 - Check-out February 16, 2026

Early Bird Sign-up - You can save if purchased early.

Note: Participants must make arrangements between those who wish to share a room before the purchase - there will be no matching up after the purchase.

COST for Shared Room

2-PERSON SHARED ROOM- per person

**** DOES NOT INCLUDE AIRFARE ****

$5,000

Now through September 2, 2025 - $5,000 | *After September 2, 2025 - $5,500*

(There is no set end date to purchase, it depends only on availability, such as if someone were to cancel.)
The Trip can fill up quickly - so it's a smart idea to book early.

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

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$5,000.00 ~~$5,500.00~~

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COST for Single Room

SINGLE ROOM - per person

**** DOES NOT INCLUDE AIRFARE ****

$6,000

Now through September 2, 2025 - $6,000 | *After September 2, 2025 - $6,600*

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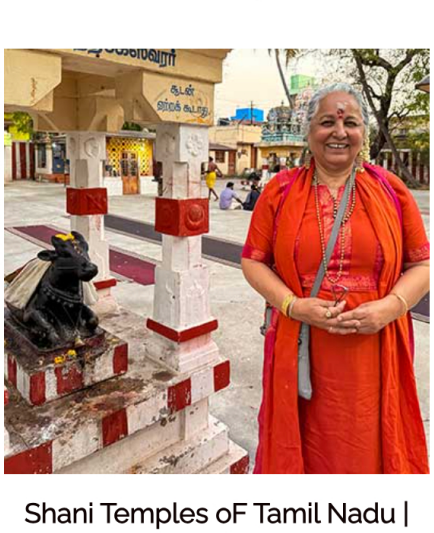

Shani Temples oF Tamil Nadu | India Trip 2026 | Single Room

$6,000.00 ~~$6,600.00~~

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Tour Cost Per Person Includes:

Rooms are shared double/single/twin at the hotels mentioned above.
Complimentary Breakfast at the same hotels as above.

- Lunch and dinners as per the schedule above
- AC Urbania – Luxury Van for the transfers and sightseeing with a knowledgeable driver
- AC Car for the 'Individual Arrival transfer service' in Chennai on 1 February 2026 or before
- All the expenses related to transport, like fuel, toll, parking fee, driver, and interstate permits
- Complimentary Mineral Water bottle in the Vehicle
- Complimentary Wi-Fi Device in the Van
- All the applicable taxes

Tour Cost Per Person **DOES NOT** Include:

- Any flight fares to India, including domestic flights
- Lunch & Dinner (other than the above specified); any other chargeable activities
- Entrance fee, Camera fee, tips and personal expenses like phone, laundry, porterage
- Hotel on 31 January & 16 February; early check-in and late checkout at the hotel
- Dakshina for the Temple Priests, Archana, Abhishekham, Homa, Flowers/ Garlands for the deities, Pooja, Darshan ticket
- Anything which is not mentioned in the inclusion list
- Services before 1 February & after 16 February 2026

CANCELLATION POLICY

$300.00 service charge on all refunds - no refunds are available after September 2, 2025.

COVID CANCELLATION POLICY

COVID is a known illness that periodically surges and declines based on new variants. We will take precautions during the trip, but you must judge the risks of travelling yourself. Unfortunately, despite surges or new variants, refunds are unavailable **after September 2, 2025**.

*** IMPORTANT ***

Purchasing travel insurance when purchasing your airline ticket is vital. Travel insurance is beneficial not only for the times we are in due to Covid but also 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 may also be possible to find an insurance company or, depending on your credit card agreement, purchase insurance for your India Trip, but you must do this on your own. Unfortunately, we cannot refund your trip purchase.

Sign-up for The Shani Temples of Tamil Nadu India Trip

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SHARED ROOM

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SINGLE ROOM

$6,000 Now thru September 2, 2025

$6,600 After September 2, 2025

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CANCELLATION POLICY

$300.00 service charge on all refunds - refunds are **UNAVAILABLE AFTER SEPTEMBER 2, 2025**.

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