

RAMESHWARAM, MADURAI & SRIRANGAM · EXTENDED ITINERARY

Extended with Kanyakumari

Adds Kanyakumari's sunrise and the Vivekananda Rock, and a proper day at Thanjavur's Brihadeeswarar Temple, for families with more time who want the fuller Tamil Nadu pilgrimage circuit.

7 nights / 8 days Route: **Madurai – Rameshwaram – Trichy – Thanjavur – Kanyakumari**

From **₹34,000** per person, indicative

Day by day

Day

1

AHMEDABAD → MADURAI

Arrive and settle in

One-stop flight lands by afternoon; check in and rest. Evening walk around the Meenakshi Temple streets and a Tamil thali dinner.

Stay: **Madurai** · Meals: **Dinner**

Day

2

MADURAI

Meenakshi Amman darshan

Early morning darshan at Meenakshi Amman Temple before the crowds. Afternoon at Thirumalai Nayakkar Palace. Return for the 9:30 pm night ceremony when the deity is taken in procession to Sundareswarar's shrine.

Stay: **Madurai** · Meals: **Breakfast, Dinner**

Day

3

MADURAI → KANYAKUMARI

Land's end

Drive to Kanyakumari (240 km, about 5 hours). Evening at the shore for sunset, and a walk to the Kumari Amman Temple before it closes.

Stay: **Kanyakumari** · Meals: **Breakfast, Dinner**

Day
4

KANYAKUMARI → RAMESHWARAM

Sunrise and the Rock Memorial

Early sunrise viewing at the shore (weather permitting; overcast mornings are common). Ferry across to Vivekananda Rock Memorial and the Thiruvalluvar Statue (ferries run 8 am–4 pm, subject to sea conditions — carry a light shawl for the boat spray). Drive on to Rameshwaram (330 km, about 6–7 hours) with a lunch stop; a long day, best started by 10 am.

Stay: Rameshwaram · Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day
5

RAMESHWARAM

Jyotirlinga and theertham snan

Agni Theertham sea bath and darshan at Ramanathaswamy Temple, then the 22 theertham snan inside the temple with a change of clothes. Afternoon trip to Dhanushkodi and the Pamban Bridge viewpoint by jeep, and Kothandaramaswamy Temple on the return.

Stay: Rameshwaram · Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day
6

RAMESHWARAM → TRICHY

Srirangam and Rockfort

Drive to Trichy (170 km, 4 hours). Afternoon darshan at Sri Ranganathaswamy Temple, Srirangam, walking the outer prakaras and thousand-pillar hall. Evening at Rockfort for the climb to Uchi Pillayar and sunset views.

Stay: Trichy · Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day
7

TRICHY → THANJAVUR → TRICHY

Brihadeeswarar Temple

Day trip to Thanjavur (55 km, about 1½ hours each way) for the Brihadeeswarar Temple, the Chola-era Big Temple with its 216-foot vimana. Visit the Thanjavur Palace and Saraswathi Mahal Library if time allows, then return to Trichy for the night. Morning stop at Jambukeswarar Temple, Thiruvanaikaval, can be added before or after if the group prefers.

Stay: Trichy · Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day
8

TRICHY → AHMEDABAD

Fly home

Leave for Trichy airport at least 3 hours before departure. Direct one-stop connections back to Ahmedabad are usually via Chennai or Bengaluru.

Stay: — · Meals: Breakfast

Inclusions

Included

- + Flight Ahmedabad–Madurai and Trichy–Ahmedabad
- + 7 nights in inspected 3★/4★ hotels

Not included

- Lunches
- Vivekananda Rock Memorial ferry ticket

- + Private AC vehicle for the whole trip including Dhanushkodi and Vivekananda Rock ferry coordination
- + Daily breakfast and veg dinner
- + Theertham snan ticket and temple-helper arrangement at Rameshwaram
- + Airport pickup and drop
- Thirumalai Nayakkar Palace sound-and-light show ticket
- Travel insurance
- GST 5%

Indicative cost

STANDARD

₹34,000–41,000

Per person, twin sharing

PREMIUM

₹52,000–68,000

Per person, twin sharing

Per person on twin sharing, indicative for 2026, including flights at normal fares. The Madurai–Kanyakumari–Rameshwaram leg has two long drive days; book flexible hotel timings around them. All prices on this document are indicative for 2026 and confirmed in writing at the time of booking.

Good to know

Getting there. Fly: Ahmedabad–Madurai is one-stop (usually via Chennai or Bengaluru), about 4–5 hours total, and is the best airport for this circuit since Meenakshi and Rameshwaram are both close. Ahmedabad–Trichy is also one-stop and suits a Trichy-in/Trichy-out or Trichy-out routing. Chennai has more direct Ahmedabad flights but adds a 5–6 hour road transfer to Madurai.

Food. Madurai and Rameshwaram both have Gujarati-run guesthouses and restaurants used to pilgrim groups from Gujarat; we book ahead for a proper Gujarati thali on at least one night per stop. Tamil Nadu's own vegetarian food is very good and entirely safe for the trip — try the banana-leaf meal, pongal, and filter coffee at any of the well-known chains (Saravana Bhavan, Sangeetha).

Permits and rules. No permits required. All four main temples enforce a dress code: dhoti or formal trousers for men (no shorts, no bare chest inside the sanctum areas at Rameshwaram and Srirangam), and saree or salwar for women — Western wear and short skirts are turned away at the gate. Cameras and phones are not allowed inside the sanctum sanctorum at any of these temples; leave them at the counter or in the car. The 22 theertham snan at Rameshwaram needs a separate paid ticket bought at the temple counter, and you bathe in wet clothes as each well is drawn, so plan for a full change afterward. At Srirangam, the innermost sanctum (Ranga Vilasam) restricts entry to Hindus; the outer prakaras, Thousand Pillar Hall and most of the complex are open to all visitors.

Pack

- Cotton dhoti or a plain saree/salwar kept aside just for temple visits
- A full spare set of clothes and a towel for the 22 theertham snan at Rameshwaram
- Sunhat and sunscreen — long walks on hot open stone in Rameshwaram and Madurai

- Comfortable slip-on footwear, since shoes come off at every temple gate
- Refillable water bottle; heat and walking add up over a temple day
- A light shawl for early-morning darshans and the Vivekananda Rock ferry spray
- Basic medicine kit including ORS — the heat and long walking days catch out first-timers

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