

TAMIL NADU · SHORT BREAK ITINERARY

Pilgrimage Express

A compact pilgrimage weekend-plus for families who want the three essential temples and the tip-of-India experience without the longer circuit. Four nights, start and end Madurai.

4 nights / 5 days Route: **Madurai – Rameswaram – Kanyakumari**

From **₹24,000** per person, indicative

Day by day

Day

1

MADURAI**Arrive and Meenakshi Temple**

Fly into Madurai, check in by early afternoon. Evening at Meenakshi Amman Temple — dress code is strictly enforced (no shorts, no sleeveless; dhoti/mundu available on hire at the entrance for men in trousers). Stay for the 9:30 pm palanquin ritual if the group's energy holds.

Stay: **Madurai** · Meals: **Dinner**

Day

2

MADURAI → RAMESWARAM**Pamban Bridge and Ramanathaswamy**

Morning drive to Rameswaram (170 km, 3½ hours) over the Pamban Bridge. Afternoon at Ramanathaswamy Temple: the 22 theerthams ritual bath and the long pillared corridor. A short visit to Dhanushkodi's edge before sunset if time allows.

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

Day

3

RAMESWARAM → KANYAKUMARI**To the southern tip**

Drive to Kanyakumari (240 km, 5–6 hours via Tirunelveli) with a lunch break en route. Evening at the beach for sunset — the meeting point of the Arabian Sea, Bay of Bengal and Indian Ocean.

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

Day

4

KANYAKUMARI → MADURAI

Sunrise, Vivekananda Rock, drive back

Sunrise at 6 am on the beach, then the ferry to Vivekananda Rock Memorial and the Thiruvalluvar Statue. Late morning drive back to Madurai (240 km, 5 hours) — a long final day, so this suits families comfortable with one longer drive; plan a lunch stop at Tirunelveli for its famous halwa.

Stay: Madurai · Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day

5

MADURAI → AHMEDABAD

Fly home

Madurai airport is 12 km from the city centre. Flights to Ahmedabad are usually one-stop via Chennai or Bengaluru; leave 3 hours before departure.

Stay: — · Meals: Breakfast

Inclusions

Included

- + Return Ahmedabad–Madurai flights
- + 4 nights in inspected 3★/4★ hotels
- + Private AC vehicle for the whole trip
- + Daily breakfast and veg dinner
- + Kanyakumari ferry to Vivekananda Rock
- + Airport pickup and drop

Not included

- Lunches
- Temple special darshan tickets
- Travel insurance
- GST 5%

Indicative cost

STANDARD

₹24,000–28,000

Per person, twin sharing

PREMIUM

₹36,000–44,000

Per person, twin sharing

Per person on twin sharing, indicative for 2026, including flights at normal fares. The Kanyakumari day is long for a 4-night trip; ask us about a 5-night version that breaks the return drive at Rameswaram. All prices on this document are indicative for 2026 and confirmed in writing at the time of booking.

Good to know

Getting there. Fly: IndiGo and Air India fly Ahmedabad–Chennai non-stop daily, about 2 h 15 m. Chennai (MAA) is right for Mahabalipuram and Pondicherry. Ahmedabad–Madurai, Ahmedabad–Coimbatore and

Ahmedabad–Trichy are usually one-stop (via Chennai, Bengaluru or Mumbai), typically 4–6 hours door to door.

Food. South Indian vegetarian food is naturally vegetarian by default — idli, dosa, pongal, sambar and rice-based meals need no special request, which makes Tamil Nadu one of the easiest states for a strict-veg Gujarati group. Madurai and Chennai both have Gujarati thali restaurants and North Indian options; smaller towns like Rameswaram, Thanjavur and Kanyakumari rely on good South Indian vegetarian hotels, which we pre-select for cleanliness and consistency.

Permits and rules. No permits needed anywhere in Tamil Nadu for Indian nationals. Dress codes are enforced at every major temple: no shorts, no sleeveless tops, and men are often asked to remove shirts or wear a dhoti at inner sanctums (available on hire at the entrance, ₹20–50). Some temples, including parts of Meenakshi and Ramanathaswamy, restrict non-Hindus from the innermost sanctum — signage marks the boundary clearly, and our guides brief mixed-faith groups in advance. Auroville's Matrimandir interior needs an advance online booking, not a permit, but slots fill up so arrange it before travel.

Pack

- Light cotton clothing for the plains — it stays warm November to February too
- A light jacket or shawl for Ooty/Kodaikanal evenings (12–15°C) if the hills are on the itinerary
- Comfortable slip-on footwear — temples require bare feet and you will remove shoes often, sometimes at the outer gate
- A shawl or stole for women, and a spare dhoti-ready outfit for men, for stricter temple sections
- Umbrella or light raincoat if travelling October–December, especially on the coast
- Sunscreen and a hat — temple courtyards are open stone and can be scorching by mid-morning
- Motion-sickness tablets for the Ooty ghat road and the Kanyakumari–Trichy long drive

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