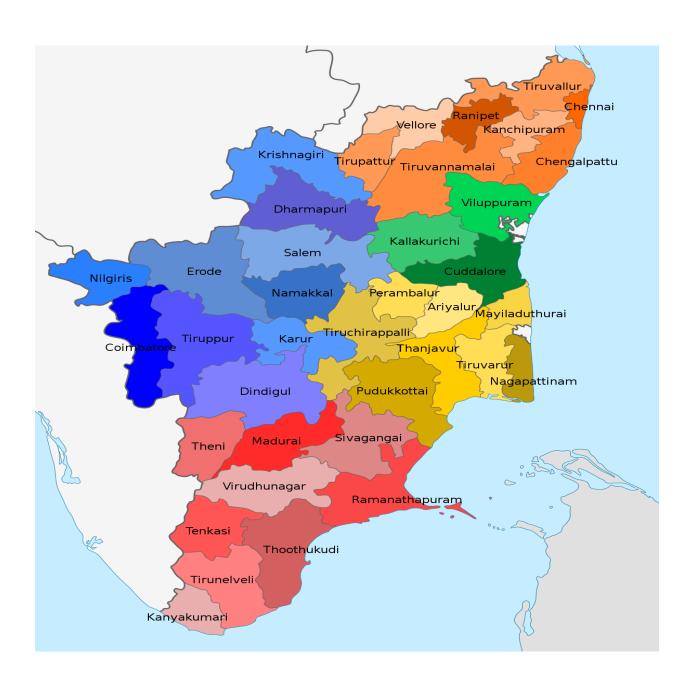


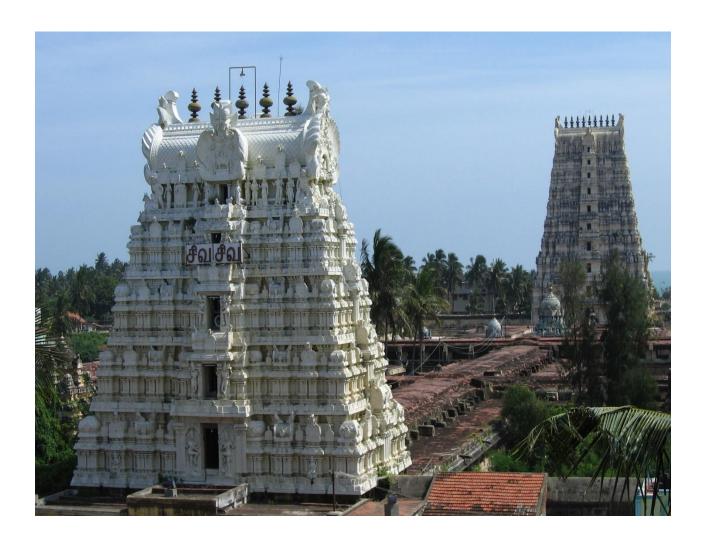
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Temples to be visited in Tamil Nadu ...



1. RAMESHWARAM TEMPLE | RAMANATHASWAMY TEMPLE



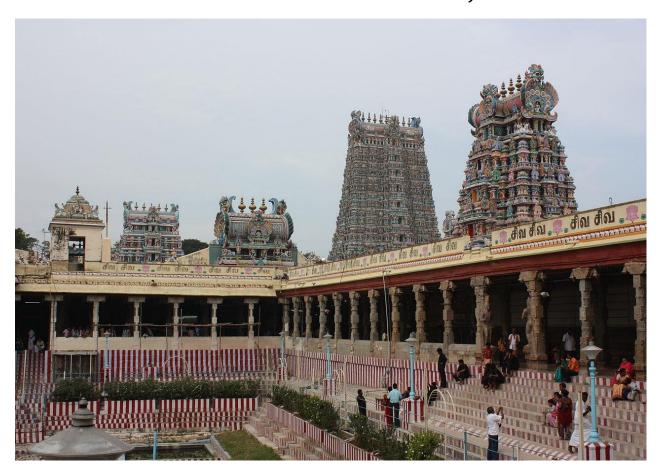
Ramanathaswamy Temple is a Hindu temple dedicated to Lord Shiva. The temple is located in the holy city of Rameswaram, an island town in South India, considered a holy pilgrimage site for Shaivites, Vaishnavites and Smarthas. The temple is also one of the twelve Jyotirlinga temples, where Shiva is worshiped in the form of a Jyotirlingam.

Best Season to Visit: All

Temple Timings: 5:00 AM to 1:00 PM and 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM

How to reach: Madurai, at 163 Km distance from the holy town has an airport. Mandapam station is just 2 Km away from the temple. Regular Bus services make travelling to the temple town easier

2. MEENAKSHI AMMAN TEMPLE, MADURAI



If Tamil Nadu is the seat of South Indian temple architecture, the Madurai Meenakshi Amman Temple is its crowning glory. The temple structure with its concentric squares and high walled enclosures is a lesson for students of architecture. The temple is square shaped and a series of concentric streets with names from Tamil months surround the structure. The entire temple occupies around 45 acres, with each side having an entrance of its own. Madurai Meenakshi temple's history is as old as the history of the city itself.

Best Season to Visit: All

Temple Timings: 5.00 AM and 10.00 PM.

How to reach: Depending on your current location in Madurai, this landmark temple in the city is easily accessible by taxis, local buses and autorickshaws. It is located around 2 km away from Madurai railway station. One can take a cab or hire an auto rickshaw to the temple.

3. SUCHINDRAM SHAKTI PEETH – MAA NARAYANI



Suchindram is one of the 51 Shakti Peethas and is placed in the southernmost district of Kanyakumari in Tamil Nadu, India. This place is where it is believed that the Upper Teeth of Maa Sati fell

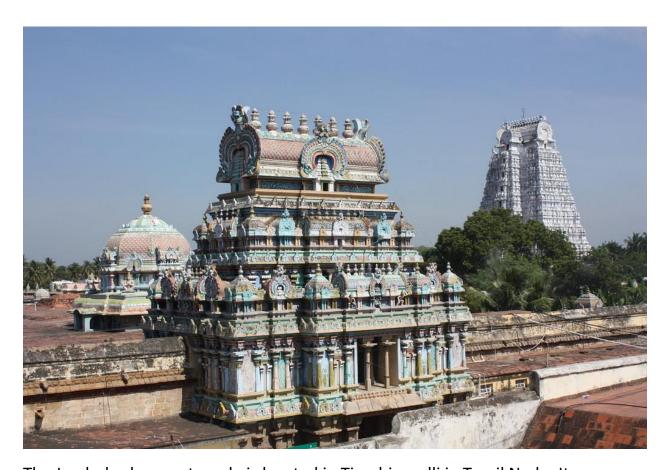
Locality/village: Kanyakumari

Best Season to Visit: All

Temple Timings: Open 7:30 am Close 7:30 pm

How to reach: Suchindram Temple is located in Suchindram district of Kanyakumari, at a distance of around 11 km from Kanyakumari.

4. JAMBUKESHWARAR TEMPLE, THIRUVANAIKAVAL



The Jambukeshwarar temple is located in Tiruchirupalli in Tamil Nadu. It represents water from the five elements the Panchambootham represent. Lord Shiva is the presiding deity in the divine form of Jambukeswarar with His consort Akhilandeswari Amman. The sanctum sanctorum of Jambukeswara Temple has an underground water stream. The water underneath the Jala Linga continuously flows and nobody knows from where it comes and flows.

Best Season to Visit: All

Temple Timings: 5:30 AM to 1:00 PM and 3:00 PM to 8:30 PM

How to reach: The nearest airport is Trichy at a distance of 15km. The Trichy junction is 8km away. The temple is 8 km away from central bus stand and 3 km from Chathiram bus stand at Trichy.

5. EKAMBARESWARAR TEMPLE, KANCHIPURAM



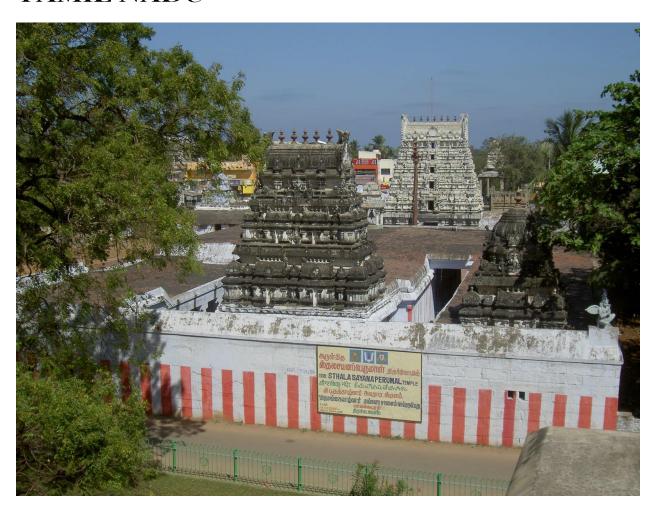
The Ekambareswarar temple is located in Kanchipuram, Tamil Nadu. One of the five panchambootham temples in the country, the temple is of utmost significance in Hindu culture. Thousands of devotees visit the temple every year. It is one of the largest temples in Kanchipuram.

Best Season to Visit: All

Temple Timings: 6:00 AM to 12:30 PM and 4:00 PM to 8:30 PM

How to reach: Temple is 2 KMs from Kanchipuram Bus Stand. Temple is at a walkable distance from Kanchipuram Railway Station. Chennai is the nearest airport which is at a distance of 61 KMs.

6. SRI STHALA SAYANA PERUMAL TEMPLE, TAMIL NADU



Sri Sthala Sayana Perumal Temple is among the 108 divya desams of SriVaishnavas and is a part of the tondai naadu divyadesams. The Perumal found in this sthalam is Sri Sthala Sayana Perumal. He is found in Kidantha kolam in bhujanga sayanam (sleeping) and facing his thirumugham towards East direction along the sea. The utsavar perumal is known as ulaguyya ninraan.. This is the Avathara Sthalam of Bhoodathalwar.

Best Season to Visit: All

Temple Timings: 6.30 am to 12 noon and in the evenings from 3 pm to 8.30 pm.

How to reach: Temple is about 50 kms from Chennai. Frequent bus service is available from Chennai to Mahabalipuram. Nearest airport: Chennai. Nearest

railhead: Chennai.