

## **SRI SHIKANATHAR TEMPLE**

**Kudumiyamalai, Pudukkottai, Tamilnadu, India**

God

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### **Interesting Facts**

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Though a Shiva temple, the pillars bear sculptures of the Dasavatara scenes of Lord Vishnu. There are two such sculptures, one a youth on a horse and the other an aged man on a horse. This is explained as Kalki Avatar when both young and old would be destroyed.

### **Best Season To Visit**

The best season to visit this temple is Winter season. The best months to visit are September to March.

### **Weather**

Highest - April to June (38°C during day and 26°C during night) Average - May (37 °C

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## Dress Code

For men the dress code is Shirt & Trouser, Dhoti or Pyjamas with upper cloth.

For women the preferred dress code is saree or half-saree with blouse or chudidhar with pyjama and upper cloth.

These rules are applicable for foreigners also. Shorts, mini-skirts, middies, sleeveless tops, low-waist jeans and short-length T-shirts are not allowed.

Pilgrims/visitors will not be allowed inside the temple if dress code is not followed.

## Do's & Dont's

Do bathe and wear clean clothes before you enter the temple.

Do respect ancient customs and co-pilgrims while at temple.

Smoking is strictly prohibited inside the temple premises.

transport connections

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