

## **SWAMIMALAI SWAMINATHA SWAMY TEMPLE**

### **Swamimalai, Thanjavur, Tamilnadu, India**

#### **God**

The main deity of this temple is Swaminathar, who is an incarnation of Lord Subramanyam with six feet tall, graces his tuft, sacred thread on the chest and a staff in the right hand.

#### **Goddess**

Goddesses Valli and Deivanai are consorts of Swaminathar.

#### **Interesting Facts**

There are 60 steps to reach the hill temple representing the 60 Tamil years. These are considered at par with the importance of 18 steps in Sabarimala. The deities of the Tamil years are praying to Lord Muruga in the form of steps. Hence, the Padi puja (puja for the steps) is conducted on Tamil and English New year days with coconuts, fruits and singing hymns.

Swamimalai is fourth among the six padai veedu or sacred shrines dedicated to Lord Muruga.

This is where Swaminathar taught his father (Shiva) himself the meaning of the Pranava mantra 'OM'.

#### **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 25°C during night)Average - May (36 °C during the day and 20 °C during night)Lowest - October to February (28 °C during day and 19 °C during night)Monsoon season - August to September

## 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

Name

Distance

Contact Number

Kumbakonam Bus Stand

8.7 KM

1800-419-4287

Pandaravadai Railway Station

12.3 KM

139

Tiruchirappalli International Airport

80 KM

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