

SHORE TEMPLE

Mahabalipuram, Tamilnadu, India

God

Shore temple is dedicated to Lord Shiva, here deity is in form of Lingam.

Interesting Facts

The Shore Temple was classified as UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1984.

Each year in winter (December/January), Dance festival is organized by Department of Tourism, Govt. of Tamil Nadu. Classical Indian dances like Kathakali, Bharatanatyam, Kathak, Mohini Attam, Kuchipudi and Odissi are performed by the stalwarts in the month long festival.

The rows of beautifully stone carved Nandi bulls line the boundary of the temple.

A large statue of the mythical Varaha (Avatar of Vishnu in the form of boar) stands on the newly excavated new site on the south of the Shore Temple.

The Shore temple looks like a chariot when seen from a distance.

Best Season To Visit

The best season to visit the temple is Winter season. The best months to visit are September to February.

Weather

Highest - April to June (42 °C during day and 30°C during night)
Average - May (33.7 °C during the day and 28 °C during night)
Lowest - October to February (26 °C during day and 21 °C during night)
Monsoon season - June 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.

Shorts, mini-skirts, middies, sleeveless tops, low-waist jeans and short-length T-shirts are not allowed.

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 and drinking is prohibited in this temple.

Chewing betel leaves, tobacco, gutka and spitting inside temple is strictly prohibited.

transport connections

Name

Distance

Contact Number

Mahabalipuram Bus Stand

750 MTRS

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Chennai International Airport

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