

KANCHI KAILASANADAR TEMPLE

Kanchipuram, Tamilnadu, India

God

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Kanakavalli Thaya is consort of Lord Shiva.

Interesting Facts

There is ample proof that many parts of the temple structure were once covered in Natural vegetable Colours.

At present only fragment of the same exists if one pays close attention to the structures, the pradakshinam path around the sanctum is made in such a manner that it requires visitors to climb up and down a flight of seven stairs and to crawl through narrow ways.

There is a curious tunnel around the sanctum sanctorum which has a very narrow opening at the entrance and a larger one at the exit.

This temple stands for the Ketu planet amongst the nine Shaiva kshetras (nine temples) with each of them standing for one of the nine planets.

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 during the day and 21 °C during night)Lowest - October to February (30 °C during day and 18 °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.

Smoâ€king is strictly prohibited inside the temple premises.

transport connections

Name

Distance

Contact Number

Kanchipuram Bus Stand

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1800-419-4287

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