

## **SRI DHARBARANYESWARA SWAMY TEMPLE**

**Tirunallar, Karaikal, Pondicherry, India**

God

Dharbaranyeswarar is the main deity of this temple, who is an incarnation of Lord Shiva and he is Swayambumurthi (self-manifested).

Goddess

Boghamaarthapoonmulaiyaal is the consort of Lord Shiva, who is an incarnation of Goddess Parvathi.

Interesting Facts

It is one of the nine Navagraha (nine planets) temples associated with the planet Saturn (Shani).

This is one of the 276 Devara Paadal Petra Shiva Sthalams and 52nd Shiva Sthalam on the Southern bank of the river Cauveri in Chozha Nadu (Thenkarai).

This is one of the “Saptha (seven) Vidanga Sthalams”. This is one of the Shakti Peetam – known as “Braneswari Peetam”.

This is one of the 44 Paadal petra sthalams where the “Moovar” (the three saints - Saint Thirugnanasambanthar, Saint Thirunavukarasar (Appar) and Saint Sundaramurthy (Sundarar) had rendered their Pathigams.

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

Tirunallar Bus Stop

5.8 KM  
9842221926

Karaikal Railway Station

5.8 KM  
139

Chennai International Airport

281 KM  
044-22560551

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