

## **SRI ARUNACHALESWARAR TEMPLE**

**Tiruvannamalai, Tamilnadu, India**

God

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Goddess

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### **Interesting Facts**

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### **Best Season To Visit**

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### **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

Thanthai Periyar Bus Stand

3 KM  
041-62267762

Tiruvannamalai Railway Station

1.8 KM  
139

Vellore Airport  
87.3 KM  
09500575043

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