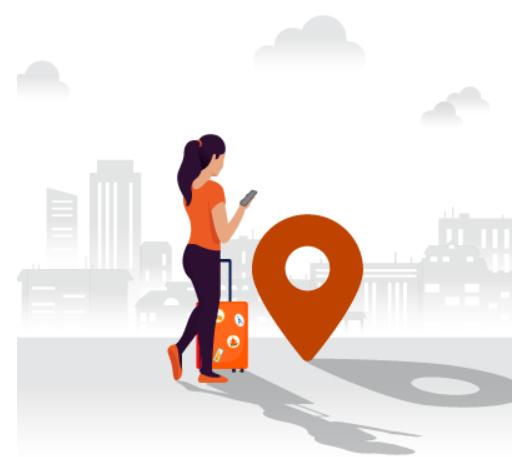


Rameswaram

One of the destinations in the Hindu Char Dham Yatra, Rameswaram is a peninsula with a charm that heals all kinds of tension, and also fulfills religious pursuits. Apart from the main temple, it also has a number of untouched islands around itself, which are termed as a photographer's and biologist's paradise, for their sheer natural beauty and plethora of flora.



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Rameswaram is an important Hindu pilgrimage centre and an integral part of the Ramayana legend. It was from here that Lord Rama and his army are said to have crossed over to Sri Lanka on a fascinating 29-km chain of shoals, called Adam's Bridge or Rama's Bridge. Rameswaram occupies an interesting geographical location — in the Gulf of Mannar that separates Tamil Nadu from Sri Lanka. Hailed as the Varanasi of South India, Rameswaram Temples date back to the ages of the Ramayana. Legend has it that this was where Lord Rama prayed to God Shiva to absolved him of any sin that he might have committed in the war with the demon-god, Ravana. He established a Shivalinga here, in order expiate the sin of killing a Brahmin, Ravana. Built over centuries, the temple is now a huge complex



that, amongst others, houses the world famous Third Corridor, which is supported by 1212 intricately carved pillars with such immaculate detailing that it leaves one spell bound. Apart from the religious quests, there are a host of other things worth exploring here, such as Kurusadi Island, The Ramalinga Vilasam Palace, Ariyaman Beach and Dhanushkodi. Abundant in natural beauty and resounding with positive vibrations, Rameswaram is a delight for both the peace-seeking traveller, and the devoted pilgrim.



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1 Sri Ramanathaswamy Temple



 Rameswaram, Tamil Nadu 623526, India

Sri Ramanathaswamy Temple, Tamil Nadu is located in the island town of Rameshwaram, and is one of the four sacred Char Dhams in the country, the other three being Jagannath Temple in Puri (Orissa), Dwarkadheesh Temple in Dwarka (Gujarat) and the Badrinath temple in Badrinath (Uttarakhand). The temple gets its name from Lord Rama because he came here to worship Lord Shiva.

The Legend

After killing Ravana (a brahmin), Lord Rama arrived at Rameshwaram from Lanka with his wife Sita. To expiate the 'kukarma' or 'dosha' of killing a brahmin, he wanted to worship Lord Shiva. Since there was no Shivling in Rameshwaram, he sent Hanuman to get the biggest Shivling from the Himalayas. Since it took him a long time to return, Sita made a shivling with mud and sand that became the original Rameshwaram shivalingam.

The Temple Complex The Primary deity is Lord Ramanathswamy (Shiva) in the form of a lingam. There is a second Shivalingam in the temple, called Vishwalingam, that was brought by Hanuman. As per Lord Rama's instructions, the Vishwalingam is worshipped first. The shrines of Ramanathswamy and Goddess Vishalakshi are separated by a corridor. There are separate shrines for numerous gods and goddesses.

Architecture

Similar to many ancient temples, the Ramanathaswamy Temple is also surrounded by a high wall that has

Gopuram (towers) on its eastern and western sides and gates on its northern and southern sides. The interiors are very striking with long corridors running between columns built on platforms that are 5 ft high. The Pillars themselves are around 25 to 30 ft high.

An interesting structure in the form of a chessboard is formed at the junction of the third corridor and the path leading from the western gopuram to the Setumadhava shrine. This structure is known as Chokkattan Madapam where all the Utsava deities are adorned and kept during festivities and auspicious days. The outer set of corridors is the longest in the world, with a total of 1212 pillars. The pillars of the main tower or rajagopuram are carved with unique individual compositions.

Temple Tanks The island of Rameshwaram contains 64 holy water bodies (theerthas), of which 24 are considered very important. 22 of these tirthas are present within the temple. The largest and the most important one being the

Agni Theertham (Bay of Bengal). Bathing in this theerthas is believed to absolve one of all crime and negativity, thus making Sri Ramanathaswamy Temple a very important ritual during the pilgrimage.

2 Annai Indira Gandhi Road Bridge



 Rameswaram Island, Main Land, Rameswaram, Ramanathapuram, Tamil Nadu 623526, India

A bridge that took close to 14 years to be completed, the Annai Indira Gandhi Road Bridge was India's longest bridge for quite some time and was only replaced by the Mumbai Worli sea link recently. Designed in a unique bow shape to allow passages of ship from underneath it, the Bridge is a complete wonder to look at, glittering with pride with the azure sea stretching on under it endlessly. It is parallel to the famous rail bridge Pamban. The bridge is about 2.5 km long and also offers brilliant views of the Railway Bridge and Rameshwaram Island.

3 Dhanushkodi Beach

 Rameswaram, Ramanathapuram, Tamil Nadu 623526, India

Eerily deserted and mystically beautiful, the Dhanushkodi Beach makes for a marvellous sight to behold. Endlessly stretching silvery sands, cool breeze, crystal clear water, and age-old ruins give the place a dream like a feel. Head here early morning to enjoy a sunrise you will remember and cherish for a lifetime. Even with all its allure, Dhanushkodi Beach remains a very emotional place for many. Prior to 1964, the place was a merry fishing village, with families, schools, temples, a railway station, and a church. On a fateful night, a cyclone swept away all that the place had, sparing nothing but a few remains. After that, the place was never rehabilitated and things never became the same. The moss covered, blackened buildings one can see here today were once the home to unfortunate and unassuming fishermen.

4 Gandamadana Parvatham



 3 kms from Island, Rameswaram,

Ramanathapuram, Tamil Nadu 623526, India

This is a simple temple about 21 km northwest of the Ramanathaswamy Temple. There's a marble image of Rama's footprints here. The view from the upper storey is superb — windmills, sandbanks, backwaters, coconut trees and the infinite ocean. A simple temple atop a hillock that has a very pleasant aura to itself, Gandamadana Parvatham is a superb place to visit in the evenings. It houses a marble image of Lord Rama's footprints. Since the temple is free from commercialization like the other more popular ones, it breathes in a very serene, comforting and divine atmosphere. The most amazing aspect of this temple is the sweeping view it has to offer to the island of Rameshwaram.

5 Former President A. P. J. Abdul Kalam House



 Mosque Street, Rameswaram, Ramanathapuram, Tamil Nadu

623526, India

Housing knick knacks from India's most beloved president's childhood, the A.P.J. Abdul Kalam House was established to trace the life of the well-known scientist and provide inspiration to all those who visit the place. It is a little-known fact that Dr. Kalam was born and brought up in Rameshwaram, in the very same house in which the gallery is housed today. Established in 2011, the place holds many interesting photographs from the president's childhood and later life, depicting his formative years, research, awards, and achievements, along with his love for cultures, his mother, and motherland. The second floor has a shop where you can buy artifacts that are made up of sea shells. Light is also thrown on his defence research and developments, which is something truly inspiring. Head here with your family to spend time understanding the simple life of an extraordinary man.

 5A, Middle St, Rameswaram, Tamil Nadu 623526

Ambika Marvadi Bhojanalay is a popular vegetarian restaurant in Rameshwaram among locals. It specialises in North Indian, South Indian, Gujarati, Rajasthani and Marathi food. An evening with your family and friends is all you need to spare some time and explore this place.

2 Ram Nivas Restaurant



 Near Sri Ramanathaswamy Temple, Rameswaram, Tamil Nadu 623526, India


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1 Ambika Marvadi Bhojanalay



Ram Nivas Restaurant offers good Indian and Chinese food combined with friendly service and nice decor. A special mention goes to the palak paneer and dal fry served here. The Chinese food is also definitely not a miss here. The place is clean and the food is cooked in a hygienic way. On the whole, this is a decent place to come with family for a nice meal.

3 Gujarat Bhavan



📍 15/16, Sanadhi Street, Rameswaram, Tamil Nadu 623526

A place worth visiting for homely cooked food; however, be prepared to wait in a long queue. But, at the end of it, its really worth the wait! The food here is quite cheap, tasty, simple and prepared in a hygienic manner. Located directly opposite to Agnitirtham, it is at a walking distance from Rameswaram temple.

4 Ahaan - The Restaurant



📍 NH-49, Madurai Rameshwaram Highway, Rameswaram 623 526, India

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Ahaan, a multi-cuisine restaurant boasts of its delectable menu of Indian and International dishes. The restaurant is located in Daiwik Hotel on the main road leading to Madurai. The chefs specialise in catering to the special diet needs of guests on request, thus taking extra care of health and wellness of guests. A warm, welcoming ambience of Ahaan will be an unforgettable experience for everyone.

5 Amritha Mess

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