**Auro Beach**

Auro beach adjacent to the Auroville city is the least crowded beach in the city of Pondicherry. Stay at Auroville provides splendid views of the beach

**Aurobindo Ashram**

Sri Aurobindo Ashram is a spiritual community established at [Pondicherry](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pondicherry_(city)) by [Sri Aurobindo](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sri_Aurobindo) on the 24 November 1926. Today, Pondicherry has become an important destination for spiritual seekers as well as tourist. Thousands of visitors from all over the world come for the Ashram. The visiting hours to the Ashram for the visitors are from 8 am to 12 noon and then again from 2 pm to 6 pm

**Auroville**

Auroville was founded as a project of the [Sri Aurobindo](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sri_Aurobindo) Society on Wednesday 1968 by Mirra Alfassa. Auroville is meant to be a universal town where men and women of all countries are able to live in peace and progressive harmony, above all creeds, all politics and all nationalities. Currently Auroville has delegates from 124 nations

**Church of sacred heart of Jesus**

Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, situated on the south boulevard of [Pondicherry](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pondicherry_(city))  is an oriental specimen of [Gothic architecture](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gothic_architecture). It contains rare stained glass panels depicting events from the life of Christ and saints of the catholic church.

**Paradise beach**

Paradise Beach, in Chunnambar, 8km south of Puducherry, has water sports and backwater boat cruises. One of the popular tourist attractions of Pondicherry

**Promenade beach, Pondicherry**

The 1.5 km long promenade running along the beach is the pride of puducherry. On the sea front are several land marks. The War memorial, the statue of Joan of Arc, the heritage town hall, statue of Mahatma Gandhi standing tall, Dupleix statue, old light house, the remains of the old pier, the old customs house, speak the splendor of the by gone era

**Pondicherry state museum**

The museum has a collection of rare bronzes and stone sculptures from the Pallava and Chola dynasties. Located on Saint Louis street and the museum is open on all days except Mondays and national holidays between 1000-1700 hrs

**Raj Niwas**

Raj Niwas is the [official residence](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Official_residence) of the [Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lieutenant_Governor_of_Puducherry). Once it was the [official residence](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Official_residence) of the French Governor Dupleix

**Statue of Dupleix**

The statue of Dupleix, 3 meter high was built to honor Francois Dupleix, who governed Pondicherry till 1754. This was commissioned in 1870. The Statue of Dupleix overlooks the southern end of Goubert Avenue