Chennai

State	- Tamil Nadu
Population	- 8.5 million
Size	- 6th largest city in India
Weather	- Tropical wet and dry climate
Language	- Tamil
Specialty Food	- Masala Dosa, Idly Sambar, Filter Coffee

Chennai, the gateway to South India, was earlier known as Madras believed to be originated from Madrasapattinam, a fishing village located north of the St. George Fort. The city is the commercial hub of South India. It is a city of courtesy, charm and rich culture. Temples and Forts, Churches and Beaches, Mosques, Parks and Monuments. It also has the second longest seashore in the world. The Tidel Park of the capital city is the largest IT Park in Asia; it also houses the head offices of leading software companies.

Chennai culture is distinctly different from that of any other city in India. Being a cosmopolitan city, the culture of the city reflects its diverse population which has resulted in a unique blend. Though a modern city, it continues to be traditional and conventional in certain ways.

Traditional music, dance and all other art forms of Tamil Nadu are very popular in the city. One can find a unique blend of culture from traditional foods to fast foods, from ancient temple architecture to modern high-rises and from classical music and dance to the growing nightlife in the city.

Tourist Attractions:

- Marina Beach
- St. George Fort
- Kapaleeshwar Temple
- Mahabalipuram
- Santhome Cathedral
- National Art Gallery