

TAMIL NADU TEMPLE TOUR PROGRAM prepared by Prof B Ramakrishna Gauthaman for Sanjeev N

S.No	From	To	Kms	Travel time	TOA (Destination)	TOD (Destination)	Places of Interest
Day 1							
1	Chennai	Thiruvидanthai	36	1hr 30 min	7.30 AM	8.00 AM	Divya desam
2	Thiruvидanthai	Mahabalipuram	16	15 min	8.15AM	12.30 PM	Divya desam, Rock cut temple and monuments
3	Mahabalipuram	Puducherry	100	1hr 30 min	2.00 PM	6.00 PM	Aurobindo Ashram, Church and Auroville
4	Puducherry	Cuddalore	21	45 min	6.45 PM	8.30 PM	Thiruvaheent hapuram, Thirupathirip uliyoor
5	Cuddalore	Chidambaram	45	1hr	9.30 PM	Night Stay	(Temple visit in the morning- Both Natraja and Kali)
Day Summary			218	5 hrs			
Day 2							
6	Chidambaram	Seerkazhi	20	30 min	8.30 AM	9.30 AM	Thadalan and sattanathar
7	Seerkazhi	Vaitheeswaran koil	8	15 min	9.45 AM	10.30 AM	Angaraka Kshetram
8	Vaitheeswaran koil	Thiruvengadu	15	20 min	10.50 AM	11.20 AM	Budha Kshetram
9	Thiruvengadu	Keezhaperump allam	8	15 min	11.35 AM	12.00 N	Kethu Kshetram
10	Keezhaperump allam	Thirukkadaiyur	15	25 min	12.30 PM	1.15 PM	Amruthakade swasrar
11	Thirukkadaiyur	Poompuhar	16	25 min	1.45 PM	3.15 PM	Chola Capital
12	Poompuhar	Tharangambadi	25	30 min	3.45 PM	6.00 PM	Archeology
13	Tharangambadi	Karaikkal	14	30 min	6.30 PM	7.00 PM	Temple
14	Karaikkal	Thirunallar	5	15 min	7.15 PM	Night Stay	Sani Kshetram
Day Summary			126	3hrs25min			
Day 3							
15	Thirunallar	Nagore	20	45 min	7.00 AM	8.00 AM	Dargha
16	Nagore	Nagappattinam	6	15 min	8.15 AM	9.00 AM	Neelayathakshi temple
17	Nagappattinam	Velankanni	13	20 min	9.30 AM	10.15AM	Church

18	Velankanni	Vedaranyam	40	1 hr	11.15 AM	12.00 N	Vedaranyeswarar
19	Vedaranyam	Muthupettai	45	1 hr	1.PM	2.00PM	Dargha
20	Muthupettai	Mannargudi	40	1 hr	3.00 PM	5.30 PM	Divya desam
21	Mannargudi	Thiruvarur	30	45 min	6.15 PM	Night Stay	Thyagaraja
Day Summary			194	5 hrs 5min			
Day 4							
22	Thiruvarur	Alangudi	35	1 hr	7.00AM	7.45 AM	Guru Kshetram
23	Alangudi	Thirukkarugavur	20	40 min	8.30 AM	9.00 AM	Garba rakshambigai
24	Thirukkarugavur	Patteswaram	12	20 min	9.30 AM	10.30 AM	Durga temple, Archeology
25	Patteswaram	Nachiyar kovil	13	20 min	11.00 AM	12.30 PM	Temple, Brass art
26	Nachiyar Kovil	Govindapuram	13	20 min	1.00 PM	3.45 PM	Check in and Rest
27	Govindapuram	Suriyanar koil	4	10 min	4.00PM	4.30PM	Soorya Kshetram
28	Suriyanar Koil	Kanchanur	3.5	10 min	4.50PM	5.20PM	Sukra Kshetram
29	Kanchanur	Thirulnthalur	20	30 min	6.00 PM	6.30 PM	Divya desam
30	Thiruinthalur	Mayavaram	2	10 min	6.40 PM	7.30 PM	Mayuranathar temple
31	Mayavaram	Govindapuram	24	30 min	8.00 PM	Night Stay	Bodhendral Samadhi, Vittaldas temple, Akanda namam
Day Summary			146	4hr 10min			
Day 5							
32	Govindapuram	Thiruvaidaimaruthur	2	5 min	8.00AM	9.30 AM	Mahalingaswami temple, Vedhapatasala
33	Thiruvaidaimaruthur	Thirunageswaram	5	10 min	9.45 AM	10.30 AM	Raghu Kshetram
34	Thirunageswaram	Uppiliyappan temple	0.75	3 min	10.35 AM	11.00 AM	Divya desam
35	Uppiliyappan temple	Sarangapani temple	8	20 min	11.20 AM	11.50 AM	Divyadesam
36	Sarangapani temple	Kumbeswaram	1	3 min	11.55 AM	2.30 PM	Adi Kumbeswarar temple, veda

							patasala and Sankara mutt
37	Kumbakonam	Swamimalai	7	20 min	2.50 PM	5.00 PM	Bronze idol sculptors and Arupadaiveedu temple
38	Swamimalai	Thingalur	28	40 min	5.40 PM	6.00 PM	Chandra Kshetram
39	Thingalur	Thiruvaiyyaru	3	10 min	6.10 PM	7.30 PM	Thyagarajar Samadhi and Ayyarappan temple
40	Thiruvaiyyaru	Thanjavur	15	30 min	8.00 PM	Night Stay	Big temple, Saraswathi mahal Library, Museum, Bangaru Kamakshi, painting in the morning
Day Summary			80	2hr 21min			
Day 6							
41	Thanjavur	Thirumayam	80	1hr 30 min	3.30 PM	5.00 PM	Temple and Fort
42	Thirumayam	Thirukoshtiyur	33	50 min	5.50 PM	6.45 PM	Divya desam, Ramanuja (Social reformer)
43	Thirukoshtiyur	Pillayarpatti	17	25 min	7.15 PM	7.45 PM	Rock cut Gaesh mandir
44	Pillayarpatti	Karaikudi	16	30 min	8.15 PM	Night Stay	Visit Chettinad houses next morning
Day Summary			146	3hr15min			
Day 7							
45	Karaikudi	Kalayarkovil	38	1 hr	10.00 AM	10.45 AM	Temple, Maruthu pandiyar struggle
46	Kalayarkovil	Thiruvadana	35	40 min	11.30 AM	12.30 PM	Adhi Ratneswarar temple
46	Thiruvadana	Thondi	13	15 min	1.00 PM	3.30 PM	Port

47	Thondi	Uppoor	20	15 min	3.50 PM	4.30 PM	Sethu yatra starting point
48	Uppoor	Devipattinam	17	15 min	4.45 PM	5.15 PM	Navabashanam
49	Devipattinam	Sethukkarai	30	40 min	5.55 PM	6.30 PM	Ramayana
50	Sethukkarai	Thiruppullani	5	10 min	6.40 PM	7.15 PM	Ramayana
51	Thiruppullani	Uthiragosaman gai	11	20 min	7.35 PM	8.10 PM	Emerald Nataraja
52	Uthiragosaman gai	Rameshwaram	70	1hr 30 min	9.40 PM	Night Stay	
Day Summary			239	5hr5min			
Day 8							
53	Rameshwaram					Night Stay	Danushkodi, vibeeshana and big temple in the morning. Others in the evening
Day 9							
54	Rameshwaram	Ervadi	75	1hr 30 min	8.00 AM	9.00AM	Dargha
55	Ervadi	Thoothukudi	120	1hr 30 min	10.30 AM	2.30 PM	Church, Port, V.O.C History
56	Thoothukudi	Thiruchendur	40	40 min	3.10 PM	5.00 PM	Murugan Temple
57	Thiruchendur	Kanyakumari	90	2 hrs	7.00 PM	Night Stay	Kanyakumari temple and Rock in the morning (Catch the first boat at 8AM)
Day Summary			325	5hrs40min			
Day 10							
58	Kanyakumari	Suchindrum	13	30 min	11.15 AM	12 N	Temple
59	Suchindrum	Nagercoil	6	15 min	12.15 PM	1.30 PM	St.Xavier's Church
60	Nagercoil	Padmanabhapuram	13	30 min	2.00 PM	3.30 PM	Palace
61	Padmanabhapuram	Thirunelveli	95	2 hrs	5.30 PM	7.00 PM	Temple/ Halwa
62	Thirunelveli	Thenkasi	67	1hr15 min	8.15 PM	Night Stay	Viswanathar temple in the night / coutralam water falls &

							temple next day
Day Summary			194	4hr30min			
Day 11							
63	Thenkasi	Sankarankovil	50	1 hr	10.15 AM	11.00 AM	Temple
64	Sankarankovil	Srivillipuththur	45	1 hr	12 N	2.00 PM	Divya desam
65	Srivilliputhur	Thirupparankundram	75	1 hr30 min	3.30 PM	4.30 PM	Murugan temple
66	Thirupparankundram	Madurai	9	30 min	5.00 PM	Night Stay	Temple by evening, Azhagar koil, pazhamuthircholai and Thirumalainayakkan mahal in the morning
Day Summary			179	4hrs			
Day 12							
67	Madurai	Palani	120	2hr15 min	4.30 PM	6.30 PM	Murugan Temple
68	Palani	Thiruchirapalli	160	2hr30 min	9.00PM	Night Stay	Srirangam, Thiruvanaikkaval, Rock fort, Samayapuram next morning
Day Summary			280	4hrs45min			
Day 13							
69	Thiruchirapalli	Grand Anaicut	20	30 min	2.00 PM	3.00 PM	Archeology
70	Grand Anaicut	Gangaikondacholapuram	100	2 hrs	4.00PM	6.00 PM	Temple and archeology
71	Gangaikondacholapuram	Virdhachalam	50	1 hr	7.00 PM	Night Stay	Temple and archeology
Day Summary			170	3hrs30min			
Day 14							
72	Virdhachalam	Thirukkivilur	68	1hr30min	8.00 AM	9.00AM	Divya desam
73	Thirukkivilur	Thiruvannamalai	35	45 min	9.45 AM	Night Stay	Complete all
Day Summary			103	2hrs15min			
Day 15							
74	Thiruvannamalai	Vellore	90	1hr30min	8.00 AM	12.00 PM	Golden Temple & Archeology
75	Vellore	Sholinghur	60	1hr15min	1.30PM	5.30PM	Divya desam

76	Sholingur	Thiruttani	28	45 min	6.15PM	7.30PM	Murugan temple
77	Thiruttani	Kancheepuram	45	1hr15min	8.45PM	Night Stay	
Day Summary			223	4hr45min			
78	Kancheepuram						Temple, archeology, mutt
Day 16							
79	Kancheepuram	Sriperumbudur	35	45min	7.00AM	7.45AM	Ramanujam, temple
80	Sriperumbudur	Thiruvallur	50	1hr30min	9.15AM	10.30AM	Divya desam
81	Thiruvallur	Thirunindravur	18	30min	10.30AM	12.00N	Divyadesam, Poosalar
82	Thirunindravur	Chennai	35	1hr	12.00N	Night Stay	
Day 17 & 18							
Chennai							
Day Summary			138	3hr45min			
Tour Summary			2761 Kms + local transports = 3000 approx.		61hrs +local transportation = 75 hours approx.		

Sanjeev Nayar is eternally grateful to Prof B Ramakrishna G for preparing such a detailed program. It was 18 days of total bliss. I managed to see 70-80% of the temples stated above. This Yatra improved my understanding of Tamil Culture and importantly made me realize the importance of temples in the lives of average Tamilians, may not be as much today but surely in earlier times. No state of India has such wonderful temples, one better than another. I consider myself blessed.

It is with this spirit of Bhakti that I am sharing this program with you. To see pictures visit the Photo Gallery state Tamil Nadu. I like to thank Chitra, my friends wife for helping with photo captions.

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Love and Light
 Hari OM
 Aum Namah Shivay

