

Thillai Nataraj Temple, Chidambaram



The Thillai Nataraja Temple is dedicated to Lord Shiva in the form of Natarajar (the dancing form of Lord Shiva). The temple is also famous for its golden hall of dance – covered in gold plates.

Pichavaram



This is the second largest mangrove forest in the world covering an area of 1100 hectares. Pichavaram is made up of several islands dotted over a large aquatic body covered with mangroves. The biotope consists of species like Avicennia and Rhizophora. It also supports the existence of rare varieties of economically important shell and finfishes.

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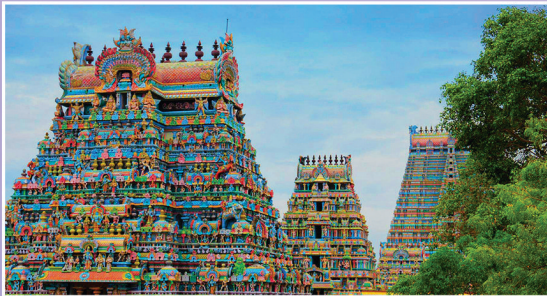
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DAY	DESTINATION	STAY
DAY 1	1.Thiruvanaikaval Jambukeswarar Temple, 2.Srirangam Ranganathar temple, 3.Samayapuram Amman Temple, 4.Akkaraipatti South Shirdi Saibaba temple, 5.Kallanai Dam 6.Rockfort Pillayar temple.	Hotel Tamilnadu Trichy
DAY 2	1.Big Temple, 2.Thanjavur Palace, 3.Saraswathi Mahal Library	Hotel Tamilnadu Thanjavur
DAY 3	1.Gangaikonda Cholapuram, 2.Natarajar Temple, 3.Boating at Pichavaram	Drop by 7pm

Thiruvanaikaval

This temple is one of the Pancha Bhootha Sthalas (five elements of nature) representing water. Hence this temple is also revered as “Appu Sthalam” and the Shivalingam here is called as “Appu Lingam”. The Jambukeswarar – Akilandeswari temple is dedicated to Lord Shiva.

Sri Ranganathaswamy Temple,



Sri Ranganathaswamy Temple, one of the major pilgrimage destinations of the state which was built in the Dravidian architectural style and is considered the first of Lord Vishnu's eight self-manifested temples. This 156-acre temple is devoted to Ranganatha, a reclining incarnation of the Hindu god Lord Vishnu. This temple is located on an island created by the twin rivers Cauvery and Kollidam.

Samayapuram - Mariamman Temple

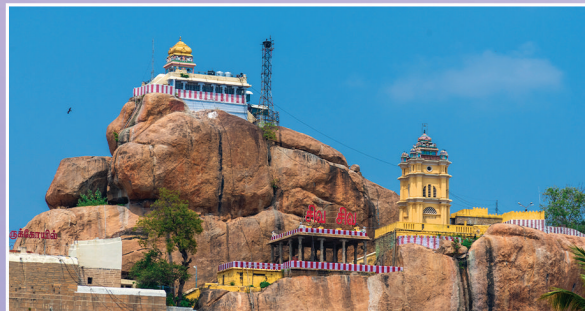
This ancient and serene temple is dedicated to Goddess Mariamman. The temple is believed to be built in 17th century by King Vijayaraya Chakaravarthi. Additionally, devotees believe that the Goddess also cures chicken pox, small pox, and other infectious disorders.

Kallanai Dam



Also known as the Grand Anicut, it is one of the world's oldest standing dams, built by the Chola king Karikalan in the second century across the River Kaveri. Built to enhance water flow, its construction exhibits the astonishing acumen of the people of the time. Built two thousand years ago using rough stones, the dam continues to sustain thousands of farmers as it has done through two millennia.

Ucchi Pillayar Temple (Rock Fort)



At an altitude of 273 feet, on top of Rock Fort, stands the Ucchi Pillayar Temple, which is dedicated to Lord Ganesh. Through climbing up the steep steps, the temple offers a breathtaking view of Trichy.

Brihadeeshwara Temple, Thanjavur



Also revered as the "Big Temple" was built by King Rajaraja Chola I in the 10th century. The main temple, which sits in the middle of a complex protected by intricately carved fortified walls and gopurams, is marked by a 216 feet high tower. The statue of Nandi (Shiva's bull), about 13 feet tall and 16 feet wide, is carved out of a single rock.

Thanjavur Palace

This palace is a vast building of brilliant masonry built partly by the Nayaks around 1550 AD and partly by the Marathas, who ruled from 1676 to 1855. Grand buildings with long corridors and spacious halls, two palace towers, the armoury, the observation towers, and the ornate balconies are visible from all parts of the city.

Peruvudaiyar Temple, Gangaikondacholapuram



The temple was built by Chola king, Rajendra I in the 11th century. The richly carved temple is topped by a nearly 180 feet tower. The Shiv ling inside the sanctum sanctorum is 13 feet high.