
Itinerary

Here is a sample 8-9-10 days itinerary and budget through Tamil Nadu in a taxi. You may add or subtract a few days or change some of the destinations:

Chennai – Day 1:

- Arrive at Chennai.
- Explore Chennai's Marina Beach, Fort St. George Museum, San Thome Church, Kapaleeshwar Temple etc
- Stay overnight in Chennai

Mahabalipuram – Day 2:

- Take a day trip to Mahabalipuram.
- Explore Shore Temple, Arjuna's Penance Rock, Butter ball, Panch ratha monuments etc. Shop some stone sculpture from nearby market.
- Explore Auroville on the way to Pondicherry.
- Take a walk on Pondicherry beach.
- Stay overnight at Pondicherry

Pondicherry – Day 3:

- Explore Pondicherry in the first half
- Have breakfast in the iconic "The Coffee House". Take a walk through the White Town, go to Our Lady of Immaculate Church, explore Aurobindo Ashram, spend some time in Bharati Park after seeing French War Memorial and Mahatma Gandhi statue. If time permits, you may visit the Naval Museum also.
- In second half depart to Gangaikonda Cholapuram. Explore the beautiful temple with the huge Nandi statue
- Proceed to explore Airawateshwara Temple. Spend the evening in the surrounding park.
- Stay overnight at Thanjavur.

Thanjavur – Day 4:

- Explore the Brihadeshwara Temple.
- Visit Maratha Palace and Saraswati Library
- Leave for Rameshwaram.
- Stay overnight at Rameshwaram

Rameshwaram – Day 5

- Visit Ramanathaswamy temple in the morning.
- Go to Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam's House.
- Visit the Agni kunda, Sita Kunda, Lakshman Kund, Panchmukhi Hanuman Temple etc
- In the afternoon before 5:00 PM, go to Dhanushkodi beach.
- Stay overnight at Rameshwaram.

Kanyakumari – Day 6:

- Leave for Kanyakumari in the morning.
- Explore Vivekananda Memorial and saint Thiruvalluvar statue. Visit the Kanyakumari Bhagwati Amman temple.
- Either stay in Kanyakumari or leave for Madurai same day.

Madurai – Day 7:

- Visit the Meenakshi Amman temple in the morning
- Do some shopping at the nearby market
- Stay overnight at Madurai or leave for Coimbatore

Coimbatore – Day 8:

- Leave for Coimbatore in the morning.
- Explore Kumarswamy. Selvampathy and Narsampathi Lake.
- Arrive at Isha Yoga Centre. Visit the Ling Bhairavi, Dhyanlingam and the Nandi statue.
- Watch the Adiyogi Divya Darshanam (light show) at 7 PM.
- Stay at Coimbatore.

Ooty – Day 9:

- Depart from Coimbatore.
- Arrive at Ooty. Explore the tourist spots like the Wenlock Down 9th mile shooting point, Pykara waterfalls & lake, Emerald Lake, Rose Garden, Botanical Park, Dodabetta peak, tea museum.

Coonoor – Day 10:

- visit Coonoor
- Explore Dolphin's nose, tea plantations, lamb's rock viewpoint etc.
- Return to Ooty for overnight stay. Or depart for your flight or train for return journey.

More itineraries:

- **7 Days:** Skip Ooty, Coonoor, Coimbatore/ Kanyakumari
- Add Kanchipuram, Kodaikanal

Budget

Hereunder is a tentative budget with listed expenses of a 7 days trip for 2 people to Tamil Nadu:

- **Flights (to & from Chennai):** ₹16,000 per person
- **Accommodation:** ₹14,000
- **Food:** ₹400 per meal (South Indian)
- **Taxi:** ₹3,500 per day (sedan-all inclusive)
- **Tickets:** ₹1,000 per person (including special darshan tickets for some temples)
- **Total:** ₹80,900