



# CHIDAMBARAM & PONDICHERRY HOLIDAY

02 nights & 03 days



## Itinerary:

### **Day 1 – Bangalore-Chidambaram (Distance: 450 Kms, approximate travel time: 7 hours 30 minutes by road)**

Chidambaram is a temple town in the district of Cuddalore in Tamil Nadu known for its surreal setting, ancient Dravidian architecture and imposing Gopurams. With the sound of temple bells in the early morning, as you wake up to a hot cup of the finest filter coffee, Chidambaram stands for everything a traveller would expect from a quintessential Tamil Nadu temple town.

Pitchavaram wetlands, the third largest mangrove forests in the world has a large presence of the ancient Tillai Trees, surrounding the temple town.

Check into your hotel and overnight stay at Chidambaram.



### **Day 2 – Chidambaram-Pondicherry (Distance: 62 Kms, approximate travel time: 1 hour 40 minutes by road)**

Puducherry (formerly called Pondicherry and generally referred to as 'Pondy') was under French rule until 1954 and some people here still speak French (and English with French accents). Hotels, restaurants and 'lifestyle' shops sell a seductive vision of the French-subcontinental aesthetic, enhanced by Gallic creative types whose presence has in turn attracted Indian artists and designers.

Part of the vibe stems from the presence of the internationally famous Sri Aurobindo Ashram and its offshoot just out of town, Auroville, which draw large numbers of spiritually minded visitors.

Enjoy the shopping, the French food (hello steak!), the beer (au revoir Tamil Nadu alcohol taxes – Pondy is a Union Territory), the sea air and plenty of yoga and meditation.

Overnight stay at Pondicherry.



### **Day 3 – Pondicherry –Bangalore (Distance: 380 Kms, approximate travel time: 6 hours 20 minutes by road)**

Proceed back to Bangalore