



MADURAI – THANJAVUR – MAHABALIPURAM EDUCATIONAL TOUR

From Shore Temples to Chola Marvels: A Heritage Journey

4 Nights / 5 Days • NEP 2020 Aligned

TOUR SNAPSHOT

An immersive journey through the architectural and cultural heartland of Tamil Nadu, specifically designed for school groups to explore heritage, history, and engineering marvels.

CATEGORY	DETAILS
Best Time to Visit	October to March
Duration	4 Nights / 5 Days
Night Stays	1 Night Madurai 1 Night Thanjavur 2 Nights Mahabalipuram
Minimum Group Size	40 Pax (1:20 Teacher Ratio)
Meal Plan	APAI (Full Board: Breakfast + Lunch + Dinner)

Why This Tour?

This itinerary is carefully crafted to align with **NEP 2020** objectives, offering students a tangible connection to India's rich history. From the acoustic wonders of Madurai to the engineering precision of the Cholas in Thanjavur and the rock-cut artistry of the Pallavas in Mahabalipuram, every stop is a lesson in history, art, and science.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES (NEP 2020 ALIGNED)

Our curriculum-based approach ensures students gain meaningful insights at every destination.

DESTINATION	KEY LEARNING OUTCOMES
Explore Madurai The City of Temples	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Cultural Awareness: Understanding Dravidian traditions and rituals.■ Heritage Education: Studying the architectural grandeur of the Nayak dynasty.■ Environmental Education: Observing the Vaigai River ecosystem.
Explore Thanjavur The Rice Bowl of Tamil Nadu	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Cultural Awareness: Music, dance, and bronze casting traditions.■ Heritage Appreciation: Analyzing UNESCO World Heritage Chola architecture.■ Reflective Learning: Connecting historical engineering with modern concepts.
Explore Mahabalipuram The City of Sculptures	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Experiential Learning: Touching history through monolithic rock carvings.■ Creative Thinking: Interpreting stories depicted in bas-reliefs.■ Env. & Geographical Awareness: Coastal geography and conservation of shore monuments.

SKETCH ITINERARY

DAY	HIGHLIGHTS & ROUTE
DAY 1	Arrival in Madurai Visits: Thirumalai Nayakkar Palace, Gandhi Memorial Museum, Vaigai Riverfront.
DAY 2	Madurai → Thanjavur Morning: Meenakshi Amman Temple. Transfer to Thanjavur. Visits: Thanjavur Palace, Brihadeeswara Temple.
DAY 3	Thanjavur → Mahabalipuram Travel: Approx. 274 km / 6 Hours. Arrival, check-in, and leisure evening.
DAY 4	Mahabalipuram Sightseeing Visits: Pancha Rathas, Arjuna's Penance, Shore Temple. Focus: Pallava architecture and coastal heritage.
DAY 5	Departure Transfer to Chennai Airport/Station (54 km / 2 Hours).

DETAILED ITINERARY

DAY
01

ARRIVAL IN MADURAI: WHERE STONES SPEAK SCIENCE

Activities: Arrival at Madurai Airport/Railway Station. Transfer to hotel for check-in and freshen up.

Sightseeing:

- **Thirumalai Nayakkar Palace:** Explore 17th-century Indo-Saracenic architecture.
- **Gandhi Memorial Museum:** A historic site preserving the life of Mahatma Gandhi (Closed Fridays).
- **Vaigai Riverfront:** An evening visit to understand river ecosystems and urban development.

Learning Focus: History, Engineering Integration, Environmental Education.

Meals: Lunch & Dinner.

Overnight: Stay in Madurai.

DAY
02

MADURAI TO THANJAVUR: CHOLA MARVELS

Morning (8:00 AM): Early breakfast and checkout.

Sightseeing (Madurai): Visit the majestic Meenakshi Amman Temple.

**Note: Traditional attire required. Study Dravidian symmetry and geometry.*

Transfer: Drive to Thanjavur (The City of Knowledge).

Sightseeing (Thanjavur):

- **Thanjavur Palace:** Maratha architecture and artifacts.
- **Brihadeeswara Temple (Big Temple):** A UNESCO World Heritage site. Study the engineering marvel of the massive granite capstone and Chola architecture.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

Overnight: Stay in Thanjavur.

DETAILED ITINERARY (CONT'D)

DAY
03

THANJAVUR TO MAHABALIPURAM: IMPERIAL TO COASTAL

Morning: Breakfast and checkout from hotel.

Transfer: Drive to Mahabalipuram.

Distance / Time: Approx. 274 km / 6 Hours.

Activity: Arrive in Mahabalipuram, the ancient Pallava port city. Check-in to hotel. Evening at leisure to rest or explore local surroundings.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

Overnight: Stay in Mahabalipuram.

DAY
04

MAHABALIPURAM: STONE STORIES BY THE SHORE

Full Day Sightseeing: Guided tour of UNESCO Heritage Group of Monuments.

Attractions:

- **Pancha Rathas:** Five monolithic pyramidal structures named after the Pandavas. Study of rock-cut architecture.
- **Arjuna's Penance:** A giant open-air rock relief. Study of storytelling through sculpture.
- **Shore Temple:** One of the oldest structural stone temples. Focus on coastal temple architecture and preservation against sea erosion.

Activity: Students engage in sketching heritage structures and photography.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

Overnight: Stay in Mahabalipuram.

DAY
05

RETURN TO CHENNAI

Morning: Breakfast and checkout.

Transfer: Drive to Chennai Airport or Railway Station for return journey.

Distance / Time: Approx. 54 km / 2 Hours.

Meals: Breakfast included.

Tour concludes with happy memories and enhanced knowledge!

NEP 2020 ALIGNMENT (MIDDLE & SECONDARY)

Experiential Learning

Direct exploration of UNESCO heritage sites, transforming textbook history into tangible reality.

Multidisciplinary Exposure

Integrating History (dynasties), Geography (coastal regions), and Science (stone engineering).

Art & Culture

Appreciating Dravidian architecture, sculpture, and the evolution of temple art forms.

Heritage & Values

Instilling pride in India's rich cultural past and understanding the importance of preservation.

Life Skills

Developing observation, time management, and collaborative skills through group travel.

Environmental Awareness

Understanding the impact of climate on coastal monuments and sustainable tourism.

Student Activities: Encouraged to maintain a travel journal, sketch monuments, and participate in group reflections.

INCLUSIONS & EXCLUSIONS

Inclusions

- ✓ 4 Nights Accommodation (AC Rooms, Triple Sharing)
All Transfers (Madurai Pickup → Chennai Drop)
Full Board Meals (APAI: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)
Entry Fees for all mentioned attractions
Full-day Guide charges for Mahabalipuram
Travel Insurance
- ✓ Services of Edufun Trips Tour Manager

Exclusions

- ✗ Airfare or Train fare
Any meals not mentioned in itinerary
Guide charges for other locations
Personal expenses (Laundry, Shopping, etc.)
- ✗ GST (if applicable/not specified)

Important Notes & Terms

- **Group Size:** Minimum 40 Pax required for this package.
- **Teacher Policy:** 1 Teacher Complimentary for every 20 Students.
- **Hotels:** Subject to availability at the time of confirmation. Clean and hygienic hotels provided.
- **Dress Code:** Traditional attire is strictly required for Meenakshi Amman Temple (Day 2).
- **Timings:** All timings are estimates and subject to traffic/schedule changes.

Ready for an Educational Adventure?

Contact us to book this heritage journey for your school.