

MAHATMA GANDHI



MOHANDAS KARAMCHAND GANDHI

2 October 1869 - 30 January 1948

PROGRAM- 07

Madurai / Kanyakumari

TOUR SCHEDULE

Day 01 Arrive Madurai



Upon arrival, after clearing immigration and custom, you will be met and transferred to your hotel. (Check-in at 1200hrs)

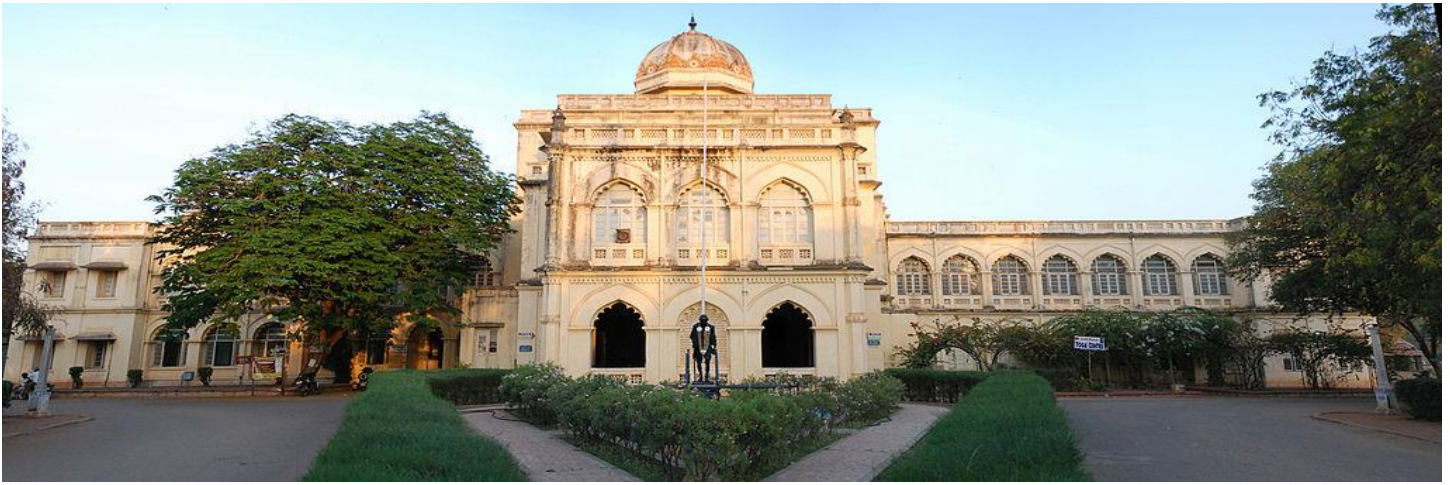
Overnight at hotel/ Home Stay

Day 02 Madurai



Following breakfast, visit **Madurai city**: Madurai is one of the oldest cities of southern India. It has been a centre of pilgrimage, for centuries. The Meenakshi temple, the main architectural attraction here, is an excellent example of Dravidian architecture, with gopurams or multi pillared halls, covered from top to bottom, in a profusion of multicoloured images of gods, goddesses, animals and mythical figures. However, besides the temple, our tour includes a walk along the main street leading to the temple. The well-organized confusion caused by pilgrims in traditional clothes, pavement shops of all shades, holy men in robes of different colours etc add an unmistakable colour and atmosphere to this fascinating Temple City.

Visit Gandhi Memorial Museum, established in 1959, is a memorial museum for Gandhi located in the city of Madurai in Tamil Nadu, India. Known as Gandhi Museum, it is now one of the five Gandhi Sanghralayas (Gandhi Museums) in the country. It includes a part of the blood-stained garment worn by Gandhi when he was assassinated by Nathuram Godse.



Collections in the museum

The museum has an original letter written personally by Gandhiji to Narayanan Sathsanghi of Devakottai. A congratulatory message sent by Gandhiji to freedom fighter and poet Subramania Bharati is also preserved in this museum. Another interesting letter is the one written by the Mahatma Gandhi to Adolf Hitler addressing him as "Dear Friend".

Evening, witness Aarti ceremony at Shree Meenakshi Temple

Overnight at hotel/ Home Stay

Day 03 Madurai /Kanyakumari (260kms / 5hrs 30mins approx)

Following breakfast, drive to Kanyakumari
Upon arrival, check in to your hotel.

Afternoon visit Gandhi Memorial Mandapam



This is a Memorial to Mahatma Gandhi who had visited Kanyakumari in 1925 and 1937. It is constructed at a place on the seashore, near to Kumari Amman Temple, where his ashes were kept for public darshan before immersion in the sea on February 12, 1948. The Mandapam is built in Orissa style of architecture and designed in such a way that on his birthday, 2 October, the rays of the sun, through a hole on the roof, falls exactly on the place where the urn was kept.

the beautiful Gandhi Memorial completed in 1956, is situated as a memorial to the Father of the Nation. Its central shape is 79 feet high representing the age of the Mahatma. The memorial was transferred to the administrative control of the Public (Information and Public Relations) Department from Public Works Department of Government of Tamil Nadu in the year 1978.

Evening Enjoying the Sunset at Kanyakumari

Overnight at hotel / Home Stay

Day 04 Kanyakumari / Trivandrum (100 kms / 2 hrs 30 mins approx)



Sun Rise at Kanyakumari : Kanyakumari Temple Close to the sea shore of Kanyakumari, the Kanyakumari Temple is one of the major tourist attractions in south India. The temple is dedicated to Parvati as Devi Kanya, the Virgin Goddess who did penance to obtain the hand of Lord Shiva. The deity, Devi Kanyakumari is 'the protector of India's shores' has an exceptionally brilliant diamond on her nose ring which is supposed to shine out to sea. Non-Hindus are not allowed in the temple premise.

Vivekananda Memorial

Built in the memory of Swami Vivekananda in 1970, the Vivekananda Memorial is about 500 m away from mainland. This memorial stands on one of two rocks separated by about 70 m. The greatest social reformer and saint, Swamy Vivekananda spent some time meditating on the rock where the memorial stands today. A meditation hall is also attached with the memorial. The design of the mandapa incorporates different styles of temple architecture from all over India. It houses a statue of Vivekananda. The divine foot print 'Pada Parai' of Devi is also seen here. Ferry service is available to reach the memorial.

After visit drive to Trivandrum

Upon arrival, transfer to international airport for your flight back home.

(No Accommodation in Trivandrum)

******Tour Ends but Memories Remain - Always******

