

## 42. TOURISM

### 42.1 TOURIST ATTRACTIONS BY DISTRICTS 2008-09

| <i>District/<br/>Place</i>       | <i>Tourist Centre</i>   | <i>Season</i>       | <i>Distance in Kilometres</i> |                |                                  |                |                |
|----------------------------------|---|---------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
|                                  |   |                     | <i>From Chennai<br/>City</i>  |                | <i>From the Nearest<br/>Town</i> |                |                |
|                                  |   |                     | <i>By Rail</i>                | <i>By Road</i> | <i>Name of<br/>the Town</i>      | <i>By Rail</i> | <i>By Road</i> |
| <i>1</i>                         | <i>2</i>  | <i>3</i>            | <i>4</i>                      | <i>5</i>       | <i>6</i>                         | <i>7</i>       | <i>8</i>       |
| <b>1. CHENNAI</b>                |   |                     |                               |                |                                  |                |                |
| a) Fort St. George               | Built by British East India Co. Fort Museum Clive's Comer St. Mary's Church State Govt. Secretariat.  | Throughout the Year | -                             | 2.5            | -                                | -              | -              |
| b) Santhome                      | St. Thomas Cathedral Basilica where the mortal remains of St. Thomas was buried   | -do-                | -                             | 8              | -                                | -              | -              |
| c) Anna Square (Marina)          | A Memorial on the Marina where the great Tamil Leader Dr. C.N. Annadurai was laid to rest   | -do-                | -                             | 2.5            | -                                | -              | -              |
| d) High Court Parry's Corner     | Indo-Saracenic Style Building   | -do-                | 2                             | -              | -                                | -              | -              |
| e) Valluvar Kottam, Nungambakkam | Named after Thiruvalluvar, the great philosopher and Saint who gave Thirukkural to the world. The majestic memorial serves as an auditorium. The stone car is a great attraction. | -do-                | -                             | 6.5            | -                                | -              | -              |
| f) Light House                   | On the Marina it provides panoramic view of the city  | -                   | 6                             | -              | -                                | -              | -              |

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| <i>1</i>                                      | <i>2</i>   | <i>3</i>            | <i>4</i> | <i>5</i> | <i>6</i> | <i>7</i> | <i>8</i> |
|---|--|---------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| g) Gandhi, Kamaraj & Rajaji Mandapams Guindy. | These three mandapams have been erected as memorials to the three great statesmen of India viz. Gandhi, Kamaraj and Rajaji respectively.   | -do-                | -        | 13       | -        | -        | -        |
| h) Children's Park                            | Situated very near to Gandhi Mandapam and has a small collection of birds and animals  | -do-                | -        | 13       | -        | -        | -        |
| i) Deer Park                                  | Unique for being Worlds only sanctuary located within the Metropolitan city limit  | Throughout the year | -        | 13       | -        | -        | -        |
| j) Snake Park                                 | Equally unique Snake Park and reptillium are parts of the huge Raj Bhavan Estate of the Governor.  |                     | -do-     | -        | 13       | -        | -        |
| k) Aquarium                                   | An Aquarium is located on the Marina   | -do-                | -        | 3        | -        | -        | -        |
| l) Kalashetra                                 | An institution of International repute, it has rendered great service during the last four decades in reviving the fine arts and is teaching different dance forms and music of South India.                             | -do-                | -        | 16       | -        | -        | -        |
| m) Chinna-malai                               | Located in Saidapet and it is also known as Little Mount. It is said that St.Thomas preached the Gospel from here. There is an old Church dedicated to "our lady of Health" and to the east is a modern circular church. | -do-                | -        | 13       | -        | -        | -        |

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| 1   | 2   | 3                   | 4 | 5   | 6 | 7 | 8 |
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| n) Fair Lands                                       | It is the venue, where every year the Tamil Nadu Tourism Development Corporation is organising India Tourist and Industrial Fair.   | January             | - | 2.5 | - | - | - |
| o) Planetarium                                      | The Planetarium is located on Gandhi Mandapam Road, Kottur behind the Central Leather Research Institute. This B.M.Birla Planetarium under a sky theatre is a boon to research scholars on Astronomy. Astro Physics space science, etc. Astronomical programmes depicting the star's position Sun, Moon Panorams, Space Ships, Comets occurance of Solar and Lunar Eclipses etc. are shown to public and students through G.II Projector. | Throughout the year | - | 13  | - | - | - |
| p) Anna-Zoological Park (Vandalur)                  | Natural Animal House  | Throughout the year | - | 31  | - | - | - |
| q) Museum, National Art Gallery & Conmemara Library | Collection of Sculptures, Paintings & Books.  | -do-                | - | 4   | - | - | - |
| r) Marina   | The Second longest beach in the world.  | -do-                | - | 2.5 | - | - | - |

## 42.1 TOURIST ATTRACTIONS BY DISTRICTS 2004-05 (Contd.)

| 1  | 2   | 3                   | 4 | 5   | 6 | 7 | 8  |
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| s) M.G.R. Memorial                           | A place of homage for the masses, where the mortal remains of Dr.M.G.Ramachandran, affectionately called as M.G.R. is buried. He was the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu for a decade.   | -do-                | - | 2.5 | - | - | -  |
| t) Besant Nagar                              | Shrine Velankanni and Sri Devi Ashta Lakshmi Temple.  | -do-                | - | 16  | - | - | -  |
| <b>2. KANCHEEPURAM</b>                       |   |                     |   |     |   |   |    |
| a) Mamallapuram                              | Mamallapuram is situated on the shore of Bay of Bengal, it was once a port of the Pallavas. They created many marvellous monuments at this place which attract tourists from all over the world. The monuments are unique in many respects and they have been declared as world heritage monuments by the UNESCO. They include 1. Sculpture panels, 2. Caves, 3. Monolithic Rathas, 4. Structural Temples. It is a well-known International Beach Resort. | Throughout the year | - | 60  | - | - | 80 |
| b) Vadanemili (on Chennai Mamallapuram Road) | Crocodile Bank about 5000 Crocodiles representing 6 species are reared here.  | -do-                | - | 50  | - | - | -  |
| c) Muttukadu                                 | Boat House, Beach Resort  | -do-                | - | 30  | - | - | -  |

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| 1   | 2   | 3                      | 4 | 5   | 6             | 7 | 8  |
|---|---|------------------------|---|-----|---------------|---|----|
| d) VGP<br>Golden Beach                    | Amusement Park  | -do-                   | - | 20  | -             | - | -  |
| e) MGM                                    | Amusement Park  | -do-                   | - | 28  | -             | - | -  |
| f) Young<br>Little Folk<br>(Dolphin city) | Dolphin show  | -do-                   | - | 30  | -             | - | -  |
| g) Kishkintha                             | Theme Park  | -do-                   | - | 30  | Tam-<br>baram | - | 6  |
| h) Vedan-<br>thangal                      | Birds sanctuary. One of<br>the major Bird<br>sanctuaries in India. It is<br>the home for thousands<br>of water birds, which<br>congregate every year<br>from far off countries.   | Nov. - Feb.            | - | 87  | Chengalpattu  | - | 30 |
| <b>3. THIRUVALLUR</b>                     |   |                        |   |     |               |   |    |
| a) Poondi                                 | Picnic Centre Poondi<br>Reservoir   | Throughout the<br>year | - | 55  | Thiruvallur   | - | 14 |
| <b>4. CUDDALORE</b>                       |   |                        |   |     |               |   |    |
| a) Pitchavaram                            | It covers an area of about<br>3000 acres criss crossed<br>by backwaters, thus<br>forming several Islands.<br>The mangroves on the<br>shore of these Islands<br>provide an alluring<br>charm. Boating in the<br>backwaters is an<br>interesting experience | -do-                   | - | 254 | Chidambaram   | - | 20 |

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| 1                         | 2  | 3                      | 4   | 5   | 6                   | 7 | 8   |
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| <b>5. VILLUPURAM</b>      |  |                        |     |     |                     |   |     |
| a) Tiruvakkarai           | An ancient Temple<br>Fossil Wood Area.<br>Zoological Park  | -do-                   | -   | 140 | Pondi-<br>cherry    | - | 25  |
| b) Kalrayan Hill          | Picnic Spot, Minor Hill<br>station.  | -do-                   | -   | -   | Kallakurichi        | - | 40  |
| c) Gingee                 | Monuments and Forts<br>built by Raja Tehsingh.   | Throughout<br>the year | -   | 150 | Tindivanam          | - | 30  |
| <b>6. VELLORE</b>         |  |                        |     |     |                     |   |     |
| a) Vellore                | It is known for its Fort<br>and the<br>Jalakandeswarar<br>Temple inside the Fort.<br>As Temple, Mosque,<br>Church housed in this<br>Fort. This is renowned<br>as secular Fort. | -do-                   | 130 | 140 | Vellore             | - | -   |
| b) Elagiri                | Hill Station, it is<br>otherwise called as<br>'Poor Man's Ooty'.   | -do-                   | -   | 255 | -                   | - | 115 |
| c) Amirthi                | Picnic Spot<br>(Water falls)   | -do-                   | -   | 180 | -                   | - | 20  |
| <b>7. THIRUVANNAMALAI</b> |  |                        |     |     |                     |   |     |
| a) Sathanur<br>Dam site   | Picnic Spot Dam site   | -do-                   | -   | 220 | Tiruvanna-<br>malai | - | 32  |
| b) Javvadu<br>Hills       | Picnic Spot Hill Station   | -do-                   | -   | 230 | Vaniyam-<br>badi    | - | -   |

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| 1                    | 2  | 3                   | 4   | 5   | 6           | 7  | 8   |
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| <b>8. SALEM</b>      |  |                     |     |     |             |    |     |
| a) Yercaud           | It is a pretty Hill Station with a pleasant cool climate.            | April-June          | -   | 400 | Salem       | 32 | 32  |
| b) Sangagiri         | Fort of Hyder & Tippu Sultan   | Throughout the year | -   | -   | -do-        | -  | 37  |
| c) Kolli Hills       | Hill Station and Water falls   | -do-                | -   | 394 | -do-        | -  | 100 |
| d) Namakkal          | Rockcut Temple, 20' Hanuman Statue, Fort and Monument                | -do-                | 416 | -   | -do-        | -  | 52  |
| e) Mettur Dam site   | Picnic spot. The dam is one of the largest of its kind in the world. | -do-                | -   | 407 | -do-        | -  | 52  |
| <b>9. DHARMAPURI</b> |  |                     |     |     |             |    |     |
| a) Hogenakkal        | Water falls Health Resort. Here Cauvery enters into Tamil Nadu.      | Sep.-April          | -   | 314 | Dharmapuri  | -  | 30  |
| b) Krishnagiri       | Picnic Spot, Dam site  | Throughout the year | -   | 300 | Krishnagiri | -  | 5   |
| c) Vaniyar Dam site  | Picnic Spot, Dam site Ideal locate for all kinds of adventure sports | -do-                | -   | -   | Dharmapuri  | -  | 30  |

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| <b>10. ERODE</b>   |  |                     |     |     |            |   |    |
| a) Bhavani   | Picnic Spot. Three rivers commings (Triveni Sangamam)  | Throughout the year | -   | 456 | Erode      | - | 15 |
| <b>11. COIMBATORE</b>                                    |  |                     |     |     |            |   |    |
| a) Coimbatore  | Industrial City. It is rightly called the Manchester of South India.   | -do-                | 492 | 467 | Coimbatore | - | -  |
| b) Sengupatty  | Picnic Spot Water falls  | -do-                | -   | -   | -do-       | - | 35 |
| c) Aanaimalai<br>Indira Gandhi<br>Wild life<br>Sanctuary | There are many places of Scenic beauty such as Karain Shola Anaikunthi, Shola, Grass hills, Water falls, Groves, Teak forests Estate, Dam & Reservoirs. A well preserved wild life sanctuary for deer, elephants and tigers. | -do-                | -   | 590 | -          | - | 90 |
| d) Bhavani<br>Sagar                                      | Picnic Spot, Dam Site  | -do-                | -   | 482 | Erode      | - | 60 |
| e) Top Slip  | Hill Station. It is a picturesque located in the Anaimalai Hills.  | Throughout the year | -   | -   | Pollachi   | - | 37 |
| f) Valparai  | Picnic Spot. Tea Estates   | -do-                | -   | 582 | Udumalpet  | - | 22 |



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| g) Thiru moorthy Hills  | Picnic Spot Water falls  | -do-                             | -   | 506 | -do-            | -  | 22 |
| h) Black Thunder        | Theme Park   | -do-                             | -   | 535 | Coimbatore      | -  | 40 |
| <b>12. THE NILGIRIS</b> |  |                                  |     |     |                 |    |    |
| a) Udhaga-mandalam      | The queen of Hill Stations. It has a Botanical Garden, Lake etc. It is also known for its coffee and tea plantaion. The District is noted for its ancient hill tribes. | April, June & September, October | 576 | 590 | Udhagamandalam  | -  | -  |
| b) Coonoor              | Annual fruit show is conducted at Sim's Park in May every year.  | Throughout the year              | 558 | 519 | -do-            | 18 | 19 |
| c) Kotagiri             | Hill Station. Known for Tea Estate. It has St.Catherine Falls.   | -do-                             | -   | 518 | -do-            | -  | 29 |
| d) Mudumalai            | Wild life Sanctuary  | Throughout the year              | -   | 620 | Udhaga-mandalam | -  | 30 |
| e) Kalhatti             | Picnic spot water falls  | -do-                             | -   | -   | -do-            | -  | 10 |
| f) Kodanadu             | Picnic spot view point & Rangasamy pillar  | -do-                             | -   | -   | Kothagiri       | -  | 20 |

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| <b>13. THANJAVUR</b>          |   |                     |     |     |                 |   |    |
| a) Darasuram                  | Fine sculptures intricately designed, Silk weaving centre, Ancient Siva Temple.                                   | -do-                | 317 | 280 | Kumbakonam      | - | 5  |
| b) Grand Anaicut              | Picnic spot. The Dam was constructed by King Karikalacholan.  | -do-                | -   | 315 | Tiruchy         | - | 10 |
| <b>14. NAGAPATTINAM</b>       |   |                     |     |     |                 |   |    |
| a) Naga-pattinam              | Sea Port  | -do-                | -   | 334 | Naga-pattinam   | - | -  |
| b) Kodikarai (Point calimere) | This is the only wild life sanctuary where one can see both wild life and birds in a single place.                | -do-                | 393 | 432 | Vedaran-yam     | - | 9  |
| c) Poompuhar                  | An Art Gallery depicting scenes from the Tamil Epic Silappathikaram was opened in 1973.                           | Throughout the year | 376 | 375 | Mayiladu-thurai | - | 30 |
| d) Manora                     | Memorial Victory Tower built by Maratta King Saroboji to commemorate the victory of British over Nepoleon in 1814 | -do-                | 376 | 376 | Peravoorani     | - | 12 |
| e) Tharan-gambadi             | Historical Place Museum Danish Fort renowned for Ozone rich atmosphere  | -do-                | -   | -   | Mayiladu-thurai | - | 25 |

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| <b>15. THIRUCHIRAPPALLI</b> |  |                                   |     |     |      |            |     |
| a) Mukkombu (Upper Anicut)  | Picnic spot. River Kollidam splits into five channels  | -do-                              | -   | 335 |      | Tiruchy    | 16  |
| b) Puliancholai             | Picnic spot in the foot hills of the Kolli Hills range   | -do-                              | -   | -   | -do- | -          | 72  |
| <b>16. PUDUKOTTAI</b>       |  |                                   |     |     |      |            |     |
| a) Pudukottai               | Historical Place, Palace, Numerous dolmens, Ancient monuments and Sri Bhuvaneswari Temple otherwise renowned as treasure of Tamil Nadu | -do-                              | 395 | -   |      | Pudukottai | -   |
| b) Sittanna Vasal           | Rock art Jain Cave temple also Pre-historic burial site  | -do-                              | -   | 480 | -do- | -          | 16  |
| c) Narthamalai              | Ancient monuments  | -do-                              | -   | 360 | -do- | -          | 17  |
| d) Manalmelkudi             | Picnic Spot  | Throughout the year               | -   | 465 | -    | -          | -   |
| e) Tirukoarnam              | A rock cut cave temple built by Mahendravarma Pallava, a Museum  | -do-                              | -   | -   |      | Pudukottai | 5   |
| <b>17. DINDIGUL</b>         |  |                                   |     |     |      |            |     |
| a) Kodaikanal               | The princess of Hill Stations. It has a lake, pillar rock, green valley view Bryant Park, Silver cascade water falls etc.,             | April, June & September, November | -   | 580 |      | Madurai    | 121 |

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| b)Thirumalai keni         | Picnic spot, Sri Murugan temple  | Throughout the year | - | 316 | Dindigul        | - | 25  |
| c) Dhandikudi             | Picnic spot, Minor Hill Station  | -do-                | - | -   | do              | - | 30  |
| d) Parapalar              | Picnic Spot Dam  | -do-                | - | -   | Palani          | - | 10  |
| <b>18. THENI</b>          |  |                     |   |     |                 |   |     |
| a) Vaigai Dam             | Picnic Spot Dam  | Throughout the year | - | 464 | Madurai         | - | 70  |
| b) Suruli                 | Picnic spot Water falls  | -do-                | - | 608 | Madurai         | - | 123 |
| c) Megamalai              | Cardamom Estate & Tea Plantation in Hills. There are also wild animals | -do-                | - | 569 | do              | - | 130 |
| e) Kumbakarai             | Water falls.   | -do-                | - | -   | do              | - | 105 |
| <b>19. MADURAI</b>        |  |                     |   |     |                 |   |     |
| a) Viraganur              | Picnic spot Dam  | -do-                | - | 449 | do              | - | 8   |
| <b>20. RAMANATHAPURAM</b> |  |                     |   |     |                 |   |     |
| a) Kurusadai Island       | Biological centre  | -do-                | - | 606 | Ramanatha-nuram | - | 18  |
| b) Ramana-thapuram        | Ancient historical town. Ramalinga vilasam palace with fine paintings. | -do-                | - | -   | Ramanatha-nuram | - | -   |
| c) Thondi                 | Picnic Spot Ancient Port   | -do-                | - | 480 |                 | - | 30  |

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| <b>21. VIRUDHUNAGAR</b> |  |                     |   |     |              |   |    |
| a) Pillavakkal          | Picnic Spot Dam  | Throughout the year | - | 519 | Viraganoor   | - | 25 |
| b) Kullur Sandhai       | Picnic spot Dam  | -do-                | - | -   | -do-         | - | 6  |
| <b>22. SIVAGANGAI</b>   |  |                     |   |     |              |   |    |
| a) Sivagangai           | Historical Centre & Palace   | Throughout the year | - | 474 | Sivagangai   | - | -  |
| b) Kalaiyar koil        | Historical and pilgrim centre  | -do-                | - | 494 | -do-         | - | 35 |
| <b>23. TIRUNELVELI</b>  |  |                     |   |     |              |   |    |
| a)Mundanthurai          | Tiger sanctuary  | June-September      | - | 690 | Tirunelveli  | - | 52 |
| b) Papanasam            | Water falls, Dam and Siva Temple   | -do-                | - | 680 | -do-         | - | 40 |
| c) Courtallam           | Water falls, Health Resort. It is believed that temple dedicated to Lord Siva & Parvathi has been established by St. Agasthyar while he came to South to balance | -do-                | - | 605 | Tenkasi      | - | 6  |
| d) Manimuthar           | Picnic Spot Dam & Water falls  | Throughout the year | - | -   | Ambasamudram | - | 30 |
| e) Uvari                | Beach, Temple & Church   | -do-                | - | 700 | Tiruchendur  | - | 25 |

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| f) Kalakadu                    | Lion tailed, Monkey Sanctuary  | -do-                | -    | -    | Cheranma-devi  | -    | 20   |
| <b>24. TOOTHUKUDI</b>          |  |                     |      |      |                |      |      |
| a) Ayanar Sunai                | Picnic spot Natural spring   | Throughout the year | -    | 610  | Tiruchendur    | -    | 12   |
| b) Panchalam Kurichi           | Kattabomman Memorial Fort  | -do-                | -    | 694  | Toothukudi     | -    | 26   |
| c) Kazhugumalai                | Jain Cave Temple   | -do-                | -    | 690  | Kovilpatti     | -    | 25   |
| d) Ettayapuram                 | Bharathiyar's birth place and Memorial   | -do-                | -    | 605  | -do-           | -    | 20   |
| e) Thirucendur                 | One of the abodes of Lord Muruga   | -do-                | -    | 665  | -              | -    | -    |
| f) Manapparai                  | Ancient Church located here where a portion of bleeding cross is kept                        | N.A.                | N.A. | N.A. | N.A.           | N.A. | N.A. |
| <b>25. KANYAKUMARI</b>         |  |                     |      |      |                |      |      |
| a) Circular Fort (Vattakottai) | Picnic Spot 18 <sup>th</sup> Century Fort on the calm sea-shore. Sea is suitable for bathing | -do-                | -    | 706  | Kanniya-kumari | -    | 6    |
| b) Padmanabhapuram             | Inscription of 9 <sup>th</sup> Century A.D. Palace and Museum.                               | -do-                |      | 732  | -do-           | 32   | 32   |

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| 1  | 2  | 3                   | 4 | 5   | 6             | 7 | 8  |
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| c) Kumarai Amman Temple                      |  |                     |   |     |               |   |    |
| d) Vivekananda Rock Memorial                 |  |                     |   |     |               |   |    |
| e) Gakanathaswami Temple                     |  |                     |   |     |               |   |    |
| f) Kanniyakumari                             | Known for sun-rise, sunset and sun-set & moon-rise simultaneously on specific days                     |                     |   |     |               |   |    |
| g) Colossal Statue of St. Poet Thiruvalluvar | Akin to the liberty status located on a rock next to Vivekananda Rock Memorial                         |                     |   |     |               |   |    |
| h) Suchindram Temple                         | Where the Creator (Brahma), destroyer (Lord Siva) and Creator (Vishnu) are worshipped one of the tales |                     |   |     |               |   |    |
| i) Anjeneya Idols                            | Located here   |                     |   |     |               |   |    |
| j) Pechi-parai Dam                           | Picnic spot, Dam   | Throughout the year | - | 784 | Kanniyakumari | - | 74 |
| k) Thiruparappu                              | Picnic spot, Water falls   | -do-                | - | 786 | do            | - | 72 |
| l) Udayagiri                                 | Fort built by King Marthandavarma in 18 <sup>th</sup> Century  | -do-                | - | -   | do            | - | 34 |
| m) Tiruvattar                                | Temple with fine architecture and paintings  | -do-                | - | -   | do            | - | 60 |
| n) Muttam                                    | Fine Beach with light-house  | -do-                | - | -   | do            | - | 32 |
| o) Thottipalayam                             | Picnic spot, Hanging bridge  | -do-                | - | 774 | Nagercoil     | - | 20 |

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## 42.2 PILGRIM CENTERS BY DISTRICTS 2008-09

| District/ Place         | Name of the Pilgrim Centre   | Distance in Kilometers |         |         |                       |         |         |
|-------------------------|--|------------------------|---------|---------|-----------------------|---------|---------|
|                         |  | From Chennai City      |         |         | From the Nearest Town |         |         |
|                         |  | Season                 | By Rail | By Road | Name of Town          | By Rail | By Road |
| 1                       | 2  | 3                      | 4       | 5       | 6                     | 7       | 8       |
| <b>1. CHENNAI</b>       |  |                        |         |         |                       |         |         |
| a) Kapaleeswarar Temple | This ancient temple at Mylapore dedicated to Lord Siva is a typical example of Dravidian Architecture  | Throughout the year    | -       | 5       | -                     | -       | -       |
| b) Parthasarathy Temple | The Parthasarathy Temple of Lord Vishnu located in Thiruvallikeni is said to have been built by Pallava King and later renovated by the Pandya Chola and Vijaya Nagar Kings. | -do-                   | -       | 4       | -                     | -       | -       |
| c) Besant Nagar         | Shrine Velankanni and Sri Devi Ashta Lakshmi Temple.   | -do-                   | -       | 16      | -                     | -       | -       |
| <b>2. KANCHEEPURAM</b>  |  |                        |         |         |                       |         |         |
| a) Kancheepuram         | Pilgrim Centre. It is one of the seven Holy cities in India. Famous for Handloom Silk Sarees.  | -do-                   | -       | 77      | Kancheepuram          | -       | -       |
| b) Thiruporur           | Sri Murugan Temple   | -do-                   | -       | 38      | -                     | -       | -       |
| c) Thirukkazhukundram   | An ancient Siva temple and a hill top temple are located here. There is also a Pallava cave temple.  | -do-                   | -       | 68      | Chengalpet            | -       | 17      |
| d) Sriperumbudur        | Birth place of Vaishnava Saint Sri Ramanujar and death place of Rajiv Gandhi, former Prime Minister of India.  | -do-                   | -       | 45      | -                     | -       | -       |



## 42.2 PILGRIM CENTERS BY DISTRICTS 2008-09 (Contd.)

| 1                     | 2   | 3                   | 4   | 5   | 6           | 7           | 8  |
|-----------------------|---|---------------------|-----|-----|-------------|-------------|----|
| <b>3. THIRUVALLUR</b> |   |                     |     |     |             |             |    |
| a) Thiruverkadu       | Sri Devi Karumari Amman Temple  | -do-                | -   | 18  | -           | -           | -  |
| b) Mangadu            | Sri Devi Kamatchi Amman Temple.   | -do-                | -   | 21  | -           | -           | -  |
| c) Tiruvalankadu      | Siva Temple   | -do-                | -   | 55  |             |             | 17 |
|                       |   |                     |     |     | Thiruvallur |             |    |
| d) Thiruvallur        | Lord Veerarahava-Perumal Temple   | -do-                | -   | 46  | -do-        | -           | -  |
| e) Thiruttani         | It is one of the six abodes of Lord Subramaniya-Temple.   | -do-                | 80  | 86  |             |             | 13 |
|                       |   |                     |     |     | Arakkonam   |             |    |
| <b>4. CUDDALORE</b>   |   |                     |     |     |             |             |    |
| a) Chidambaram        | It is an important pilgrim centre and a Holy place for Saivites. Famous Nataraja Temple is located here. Annamalai (Residential) University is also located here. | -do-                | 227 | 221 |             |             | -  |
|                       |   |                     |     |     | Chidambaram |             |    |
| b) Srimushnam         | Lord Vishnu Temple.   | -do-                | -   | -   | do          | -           | 27 |
| c) Vadalur            | Sri Ramalinga Swamy Jothi Place   | Jan. Feb            | -   | -   |             |             | 20 |
|                       |   |                     |     |     | Panruti     |             |    |
| <b>5. VILLUPURAM</b>  |   |                     |     |     |             |             |    |
| a) Mylam              | Sri Murugan Temple  |                     |     |     |             |             |    |
|                       |   | Throughout the year | -   | -   |             | Tindivanam  | 12 |
| b) Tiruvennainallur   | Lord Siva Temple  | -do-                | -   | -   |             | Villu-puram | 22 |
| c) Tirukoilur         | Lord Vishnu Temple (Vamana Avathara Place).   | -do-                | -   | -   | -           |             | 33 |

## 42.2 PILGRIM CENTERS BY DISTRICTS 2008-09 (Contd.)

| 1                         | 2   | 3                      | 4   | 5   | 6                   | 7 | 8  |
|---------------------------|---|------------------------|-----|-----|---------------------|---|----|
| d) Melmalaiyanur          | Sri Angalamman Temple   | -do-                   | -   | -   | Tindi-<br>vanam     | - | 50 |
| <b>6. VELLORE</b>         |   |                        |     |     |                     |   |    |
| a) Rathinagiri            | Sri Murugan Temple  | -do-                   | -   | -   | Vellore             | - | 17 |
| b) Sholingur              | Lord Narasima Swamy Temple  | -do-                   | -   | -   | Arak-<br>konam      | - | 30 |
| <b>7. THIRUVANNAMALAI</b> |   |                        |     |     |                     |   |    |
| a) Thiruvannamalai        | Ancient Arunachaleswarar Siva Temple. It is also associated with Saint Arunagirinathar and Ramana Maharishi Ashram. | -do-                   | 240 | 180 | Tiruvanna-<br>malai | - | -  |
| <b>8. SALEM</b>           |   |                        |     |     |                     |   |    |
| a) Thiruchengodu          | Pilgrim centre, Arthanareeswarar Temple   | -do-                   | -   | -   | Salem               | - | 43 |
| b) Taramangalam           | Lord Siva Temple  | Throughout<br>the Year | -   | 400 | Salem               | - | 24 |
| c) Skanda-shramam         | Lord Murugan Temple   | -do-                   | -   | -   | -do-                | - | 16 |
| <b>9. DHARMAPURI</b>      |   |                        |     |     |                     |   |    |
| a) Theerthamalai          | Pilgrim Centre  | -do-                   | -   | 340 | Harur               | - | 20 |
| <b>10. ERODE</b>          |   |                        |     |     |                     |   |    |
| a) Kasthuribagram         | Ashram / Community Project Centre, Siva Temple  | -do-                   | -   | 460 | Erode               | - | 60 |
| b) Kodumudi               | Pilgrim Centre Lord Brahma Temple.  | -do-                   | -   | 400 | -do-                | - | 40 |
| c) Bannari                | Pilgrim Centre Marimijayin Temple   | -do-                   | -   | 400 | -do-                | - | 60 |

## 42.2 PILGRIM CENTERS BY DISTRICTS 2008-09 (Contd.)

|                      |   | 1    | 2                    | 3   | 4    | 5   | 6          | 7 | 8  |
|----------------------|---|------|----------------------|-----|------|-----|------------|---|----|
| <b>11.COIMBATORE</b> |   |      |                      |     |      |     |            |   |    |
| a) Perur             | Pilgrim Centre Siva Temple  | -do- | -                    | 522 |      |     | Coimbatore | - | 15 |
| b) Maruthamalai      | Sri Subramaniya Swamy Temple  | -do- | -                    | -   | -do- | -   |            | - | 9  |
| <b>12. THANJAVUR</b> |   |      |                      |     |      |     |            |   |    |
| a) Thanjavur         | The ancient Bragadeeswarar temple is a world heritage monument. Art Gallery, Saraswathy Mahal Library, The palace near the temple built partly by the Nayaks and partly by Marathas. Tamil University |      | Through out the year |     | 351  | 311 | Thanjavur  | - | -  |
| b) Thiruvaiyaru      | Pilgrim Centre, Saint Thayagaraja lived and attained Samathi. Every year in January, a music festival is held here in honour of this Saint, Siva Temple.  | -do- | -                    | 324 | -do- | -   |            | - | 13 |
| c) Thirukandiyur     | Temples of Brahmasire Kandeswarer and Harasha-Vimochana Perumal.  | -do- | -                    | -   | -do- | -   |            | - | 10 |
| d) Kumbakonam        | Pilgrim Centre, The Mahamagam Festival is celebrated here once in twelve years which attracts Pilgrims through out the country.   | -do- | 313                  | 270 |      |     | Kumbakonam | - | -  |
| e) Thirubuvanam      | Pilgrim Centre, Silk weaving centre   | -do- | -                    | 270 | -do- | -   |            | - | 8  |
| f) Swamimalai        | One of the six abodes of Lord Subramaniya   | -do- | -                    | -   | -do- | -   |            | - | 8  |
| g) Uppliyappan Koil  | Lord Vishnu Temple  | -do- | -                    | -   | -do- | -   |            | - | 6  |

## 42.2 PILGRIM CENTERS BY DISTRICTS 2008-09 (Contd.)

|                         | 1   | 2                    | 3 | 4   | 5              | 6 | 7  | 8 |
|-------------------------|---|----------------------|---|-----|----------------|---|----|---|
| h) Thirunageshwaram     | Ragu Temple   | -do-                 | - | -   | -do-           | - | 5  |   |
| i) Thiruvudai Marudur   | Lord Siva Temple  | -do-                 | - | -   | -do-           | - | 12 |   |
| j) Pateeswaram          | Sri Durga Temple  | -do-                 | - | -   | -do-           | - | 9  |   |
| k) Thirukarukavur       | Sri Karparakshambal Temple - Devi Blesses with child to childless.  | -do-                 | - | -   | -do-           | - | 30 |   |
| <b>13. THIRUVARUR</b>   |   |                      |   |     |                |   |    |   |
| a) Thiruvavarur         | Pilgrim centre Thyagarajaswami Temple. It has some important Inscriptions, The legend of Manu Needhi Chola's Judgement of death on his only son for driving the chariot over a calf is sculptured on southern portion of the temple is an interesting feature. The temple has the biggest car and the car festival attracts a large number of devotees from all parts of the State. One of the musical Trinity. | Through out the year | - | 310 | Thiruvavarur   | - | -  |   |
| <b>14. NAGAPATTINAM</b> |   |                      |   |     |                |   |    |   |
| a) Velankani            | Famous Roman Catholic Pilgrim Centre  | -do-                 | - | 348 | Nagapattinam   | - | 10 |   |
| b) Nagore               | Famous pilgrim centre for Muslims   | -do-                 | - | 328 | -do-           | - | 5  |   |
| c) Mayiladuthurai       | Lord Siva Temple  | -do-                 | - | -   | Mayiladuthurai | - | -  |   |
| d) Thirumanancheri      | Lord Siva Temple Unmarried person is blessed with marriage.   | -do-                 | - | -   | -do-           | - | 15 |   |

## 42.2 PILGRIM CENTERS BY DISTRICTS 2008-09 (Contd.)

|                             | 1   | 2  | 3                   | 4   | 5   | 6                  | 7 | 8  |
|-----------------------------|---|--|---------------------|-----|-----|--------------------|---|----|
| e) Thirukadaiyur            | Devi Abirami Temple   | 60th Birthday celebrations performed in large number | -do-                | -   | -   | -do-               | - | 22 |
| f) Sikkal                   | Temple of Lord Murugan and Siva   |  | -do-                | -   | -   | Naga-pattinam      | - | 10 |
| g) Sirkali                  | Lord Siva Temple  |  | -do-                | -   | -   | Vaitheeswaran Koil | - | 9  |
| h) Vaitheeswaran Koil       | Lord Siva Temple  |  | -do-                | -   | -   | Sirkali            | - | 9  |
| <b>15. THIRUCHIRAPPALLI</b> |   |  |                     |     |     |                    |   |    |
| a) Thiruchirappalli         | Rock Fort Temple  |  | Throughout the year | 337 | 320 | Tiruchy            | - | -  |
| b) Srirangam                | The Ranganatha Swamy temple is the nucleus of the temple town of Srirangam. It has the tallest Gopuram. |  | -do-                | 326 | 316 | -do-               | 4 | 4  |
| c) Thiruvanaikaval          | Siva Temple pilgrim Centre  |  | -do-                | 326 | 316 | -do-               | 4 | 4  |
| d) Gangai konda-Cholapuram  | Siva Temple, Sculptures (Chola Architecture) monument capital of Rajentra Chola.                        |  | -do-                | -   | 280 | -do-               | - | 4  |
| e) Samayapuram              | Sri Mariamman Temple  |  | -do-                | -   | -   | Tiruchy            | - | 10 |
| f) Vayalur                  | Pilgrim Centre, Sri Murugan Temple  |  | -do-                | -   | 325 | -do-               | - | 21 |
| <b>16. PUDUKOTTAI</b>       |   |  |                     |     |     |                    |   |    |
| a) Viralimalai              | Temple for Lord Subramaniam Peacock Sanctuary.  |  | Throughout the year | -   | 400 | Pudukottai         | - | 32 |
| b) Kudumiamalai             | Pilgrim Centre, Siva Temple famous for beautiful sculptures.  |  | -do-                | -   | 370 | -do-               | - | 25 |

## 42.2 PILGRIM CENTERS BY DISTRICTS 2008-09 (Contd.)

| 1                         | 2   | 3                    | 4   | 5   | 6              | 7   | 8   |
|---------------------------|---|----------------------|-----|-----|----------------|-----|-----|
| c) Kodumbalur             | Moovar Temple, Monument and site museum   | -do-                 | -   | 360 | -do-           | -   | 40  |
| d) Avudaiyar Koil         | Siva Temple. Sculpture and noted for its zephyr (granite roof) work   | -do-                 | -   | 398 | -do-           | -   | 40  |
| e) Thirumayam             | Fort, Vishnu & Siva Temples   | -do-                 | -   | 415 | Pudukkottai    | -   | 40  |
| f) Avur                   | Pilgrim Centre for Christians.  | -do-                 | -   | -   | -do-           | -   | 28  |
| <b>17. DINDIGUL</b>       |   |                      |     |     |                |     |     |
| a) Palani                 | Pilgrim Centre. One of the six abodes of Lord Subramaniya   | -do-                 | 486 | 472 | Madurai        | 120 | 117 |
| <b>18. MADURAI</b>        |   |                      |     |     |                |     |     |
| a) Madurai                | Sri Meenakshi Sundareswarar Temple, Theppakkulam, Gandhi Museum, Mariamman Temple, Thirumalai Naicker Mahal etc., | -do-                 | 492 | 444 | Madurai        | -   | -   |
| b) Thiruparamkudram       | Pilgrim Centre. One of the six abodes of Lord Subramaniya   | -do-                 | -   | 448 | -do-           | -   | 8   |
| c) Pazhamudhirsolai       | -do-  | -do-                 | -   | -   | -do-           | -   | 25  |
| d) Azhagarkoil            | Pilgrim Centre Vishnu Temple  | -do-                 | -   | 495 | -do-           | -   | 21  |
| <b>19. RAMANATHAPURAM</b> |   |                      |     |     |                |     |     |
| a) Rameswaram             | Major Pilgrim Centre small Island in the Gulf of Mannar   | Through-out the year | -   | 624 | Rameswaram     | -   | -   |
| b) DhanushKodi            | Pilgrim centre  | -do-                 | -   | 639 | -do-           | -   | 18  |
| c) Sethukarai             | Pilgrim centre during Ramayana period squirrels made bridge to Sri Lanka with sand.                               | -do-                 | -   | 540 | Ramanathapuram | -   | 4   |

## 42.2 PILGRIM CENTERS BY DISTRICTS 2008-09 (Contd.)

| <i>1</i>                | <i>2</i>  | <i>3</i> | <i>4</i> | <i>5</i> | <i>6</i>       | <i>7</i> | <i>8</i> |
|-------------------------|---|----------|----------|----------|----------------|----------|----------|
| d) Devipattinam         | Known as Navabashanam nine stones installed by Lord Rama in the sea here represent nine planets | -do-     | -        | 510      | -do-           | -        | 12       |
| e) Uthira-kosamangai    | Pilgrim centre. Temple for Siva dedicated to Lord Nataraja                                      | -do-     | -        | 639      | -do-           | -        | 6        |
| f) Thirupullani         | Pilgrim centre for Lord Vishnu Temple   | -do-     | -        | 530      | -do-           | -        | 7        |
| g) Athangarai           | Pilgrim centre for Muslims  | -do-     | -        | -        | -do-           | -        | 20       |
| h) Eravadi              | Muslims pilgrim centre Tomb of Saint Ibrahim Syed Aulia   | -do-     | -        | -        | -do-           | -        | 8        |
| <b>20. VIRUDHUNAGAR</b> |   |          |          |          |                |          |          |
| a) Srivilliputhur       | Pilgrim centre. Birth place of Sri Andal  | -do-     | -        | 515      | Srivilliputhur | -        | -        |
| <b>21. SIVAGANGAI</b>   |   |          |          |          |                |          |          |
| a) Piranmalai           | Pilgrim Centre  | -do-     | -        | 396      | -              | -        | -        |
| b) Pillaiyarpatti       | Sri Karpaga Vinayagar Temple  | -do-     | -        | -        | Karai-kudi     | -        | 8        |
| c) Kundragudi           | Sri Murugan Temple  | -do-     | -        | -        | -do-           | -        | 10       |
| <b>22. TIRUNELVELI</b>  |   |          |          |          |                |          |          |
| a) Tirunelveli          | Ancient Siva Temple   | -do-     | -        | 640      | Tirunelveli    | -        | -        |
| b) Krishnapuram         | Vaishnava Temple Sculptures   | -do-     | -        | 655      | -do-           | -        | 13       |
| c) Banatheertham        | Pilgrim Centre. Starting point of Tambarabarani River.  | -do-     | -        | 708      | Tirunelveli    | -        | 68       |
| d) Tenkasi              | Pilgrim Centre. Ancient Siva Temple   | -do-     | -        | 600      | Tenkasi        | -        | -        |
| <b>23. THOOTHUKUDI</b>  |   |          |          |          |                |          |          |
| a) Thiruchendur         | Pilgrim Centre Sea shore Temple of Lord Subramaniya   | -do-     | -        | 665      | Thiruchendur   | -        | -        |

## 42.2 PILGRIM CENTERS BY DISTRICTS 2008-09 (Concl.)

| <i>1</i>               | <i>2</i>  | <i>3</i> | <i>4</i>                         | <i>5</i> | <i>6</i>          | <i>7</i> | <i>8</i> |
|------------------------|---|----------|----------------------------------|----------|-------------------|----------|----------|
| b) Alwar-thirunagari   | Lord Vishnu Temple  | -do-     | -                                | -        | Alwar thirunagari | -        | -        |
| c) Sri vaikuntam       | Lord Vishnu Temple  | -do-     | -                                | -        | Srivai-kundam     | -        | -        |
| <b>24. KANYAKUMARI</b> |   |          |                                  |          |                   |          |          |
| a) Kanyakumari         | Land's end, Pilgrim Centre, Vivekananda Memorial, Kumariamman Temple, Gukanthaswami Temple, ancient Siva Temple meeting point of Bengal and Arabian Sea. Sun rise and sun set at one place. | -do-     | 750<br>(via )<br>Trivan<br>dram) | 714      | Kanya-kumari      | -        | -        |
| b) Suchindram          | Ancient Thanumalayan temple here is a repository of art treasures belonging to many kingdoms.   | -do-     | 738<br>(via)<br>Mad<br>urai      | 713      | -do-              | -        | 13       |

Source: Commissioner of Tourism, Chennai-2



## 42.3 INDIAN TOURISM 2008

|   | <b>2008</b> |
|---|-------------|
| Foreign Tourist arrivals in India (in Million.)   | 5.37        |
| World Tourist arrivals (in Million)   | 924.0       |
| Percentage share of India in World Tourist arrivals during the period                       | 0.58%       |
| World Tourism Receipts (Excluding Fare receipts) (US \$ Billion)                            | 856.0       |
| Estimated Foreign exchange receipts of India during the period                              | 11747       |
| Percentage share of India in World Tourism receipts   | NA          |
| Estimates number of Domestic Tourist movement in the country during the period (in million) | 562.75      |
| Estimated direct employment in Tourism ( For every one lakh Rupees )                        | 8.27%       |

Source: Commissioner of Tourism, Chennai-2

## 42.4 TOURIST ARRIVALS IN TAMIL NADU

(in Nos.)

| <i>Year</i> | <i>Domestic</i> | <i>Foreign</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|-------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------|
| 1993        | 14211900        | 435473         | 14647373     |
| 1994        | 16026000        | 498121         | 16524121     |
| 1995        | 17214000        | 585751         | 17800751     |
| 1996        | 18202700        | 613982         | 18816682     |
| 1997        | 18928044        | 636642         | 19564686     |
| 1998        | 20413193        | 636400         | 21049593     |
| 1999        | 21136941        | 722442         | 21859383     |
| 2000        | 22981882        | 786165         | 23768047     |
| 2001        | 23812043        | 773073         | 24585116     |
| 2002        | 24661754        | 804641         | 25466395     |
| 2003        | 27059002        | 901504         | 27960506     |
| 2004        | 30076832        | 1058012        | 31134844     |
| 2005        | 32339478        | 1179319        | 33518787     |
| 2006        | 39214721        | 1335661        | 40550382     |
| 2007        | 50647188        | 1753103        | 52400291     |
| 2008        | 62618252        | 2040419        | 64658671     |

Source: Commissioner of Tourism, Chennai-2

**42.5 NUMBER OF TOURIST ARRIVALS ( CENTRE WISE ) IN TAMIL NADU 2008**

| <i>Destination</i>   | <i>Domestic</i> | <i>Foreign</i> | <i>Total</i>    |
|----------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 1. Chennai           | 11033027        | 762630         | 11795657        |
| 2. Elagiri           | 101194          | 7285           | 108479          |
| 3. Mamallapuram      | 1714179         | 205552         | 1919731         |
| 4. Kancheepuram      | 1758970         | 110156         | 1869126         |
| 5. Tiruttani         | 1268202         | 18258          | 1286460         |
| 6. Chidambaram       | 1038921         | 15636          | 1054557         |
| 7. Pitchavaram       | 29140           | 2171           | 31311           |
| 8. Udhagamandalam    | 4699600         | 143273         | 4842873         |
| 9. Coonoor           | 730961          | 11952          | 742913          |
| 10. Mudumalai        | 89929           | 8847           | 98776           |
| 11. Thanjavur        | 1588321         | 64588          | 1652909         |
| 12. Velankanni       | 960000          | 10815          | 970815          |
| 13. Nagore           | 558289          | 5617           | 563906          |
| 14. Poompuhar        | 74141           | 4300           | 78441           |
| 15. Madurai          | 6276649         | 256041         | 6532690         |
| 16. Kodaikanal       | 4476032         | 98510          | 4574542         |
| 17. Palani           | 5329276         | 14219          | 5343495         |
| 18. Rameswaram       | 3308279         | 15017          | 3323296         |
| 19. Courtallam       | 1423547         | 4983           | 1428530         |
| 20. Panchalankurichi | 24978           | 208            | 25186           |
| 21. Kanyakumari      | 2599915         | 91287          | 2691202         |
| 22. Thiruchirappalli | 2875102         | 109422         | 2984524         |
| 23. Salem            | 1127404         | 5340           | 1132744         |
| 24. Yercaud          | 670742          | 3302           | 674044          |
| 25. Hogenakkal       | 456146          | 3129           | 459275          |
| 26. Tiruchendur      | 2817278         | 14722          | 2832000         |
| 27. Coimbatore       | 2318784         | 27185          | 2345969         |
| 28. Kumbakonam       | 993585          | 10873          | 1004458         |
| 29. Thiruvannamalai  | 2275661         | 15101          | 2290762         |
| <b>GRAND TOTAL</b>   | <b>62618252</b> | <b>2040419</b> | <b>64658671</b> |

Source: Commissioner of Tourism, Chennai-2

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#### 42.6 NATIONALITY-WISE TOURIST ARRIVALS IN CHENNAI AND TRICHY AIRPORTS 2007 & 2008

| Country      | Chennai       |               | Trichy       |              |
|--------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
|              | 2007          | 2008          | 2007         | 2008         |
| U.S.A        | 59264         | 65392         | 188          | 130          |
| Canada       | 12587         | 14664         | 251          | 267          |
| France       | 59494         | 48591         | 101          | 76           |
| Germany      | 14687         | 16199         | 167          | 123          |
| Italy        | 8915          | 9836          | 9            | 15           |
| U.K.         | 43150         | 45032         | 638          | 709          |
| Sri Lanka    | 135308        | 149209        | 15353        | 13359        |
| Malaysia     | 59494         | 119862        | 737          | 5802         |
| Singapore    | 39006         | 34355         | 3017         | 4860         |
| Japan        | 9441          | 10428         | 12           | 30           |
| Australia    | 15734         | 20154         | 135          | 184          |
| Others       | 82814         | 93582         | 500          | 411          |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>539894</b> | <b>627304</b> | <b>21108</b> | <b>25966</b> |

Source: Commissioner of Tourism, Chennai-2

#### 42.7 FOREIGN TOURISTS ARRIVALS TO INDIA AND THE PERCENTAGE SHARE OF TAMIL NADU

| Items      | 2006    | 2007    | 2008    |
|------------|---------|---------|---------|
| All India  | 4429915 | 4977193 | 5366966 |
| Tamil Nadu | 451909  | 561002  | 659713  |
| % Share    | 13.7    | 11.3    | 12.3    |

Source: Commissioner of Tourism, Chennai-2

#### 42.8 FOREIGN TOURISTS ARRIVALS IN CHENNAI AND THIRUCHIRAPPALLI AIRPORTS ONLY

| Airport          | 2006          | 2007          | 2008          |
|------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Chennai          | 432150        | 539894        | 632304        |
| Thiruchirappalli | 12290         | 21108         | 25966         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>     | <b>444440</b> | <b>561002</b> | <b>658270</b> |

Source: Commissioner of Tourism, Chennai-2

**42.9 CONDUCTED TOUR PACKAGES BY TAMIL NADU  
TOURISM DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED 2008-09**

| <b>Name of the Tour</b> |  | <b>Time &amp; Places Covered</b>   |
|-------------------------|--|--|
| <b>Regular Tours</b>    |  |  |
| 1.                      | <b>Half Day Chennai City Sight Seeing Tour</b>       | Morning and evening on all days from : 8.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. and 1.30 p.m. and 6.30 p.m.<br><br>Places covered: Fort St. George, Government Museum, Valluvarkottam, Snake Park, Kapaleswarar Temple and Marina Beach (Government Museum will be closed on Fridays and Birla Planetorium will be covered on that day). (Snake Park will be closed on Tuesdays). [ For Foreigner Entry Fee at both Museum extra ] |
| 2.                      | <b>One Day Mamallapuram Tour (Round Trip)</b>        | On all days Time : 6.30 a.m. to 7.00 p.m.<br><br>Places covered: Kancheepuram - Mamallapuram – Muttukadu Boating and V.G.P. Golden Beach. [ For Foreigner Entry Fee at both Museum extra ]   |
| 3.                      | <b>One Day Pondicherry Tour</b>                      | Saturday and Sunday : 6.30 a.m.-9.00 p.m.<br><br>Places covered: Pondicherry - Sri Aurobindo Ashram – Museum - Beach – Auroville – Boating at Mudaliar Kuppam – Chennai.   |
| 4.                      | <b>One Day Tirupathi Tour (Day Trip)</b>             | Monday to Friday: Time 6.10 a.m. and return on the same day after Dharisan by 11.00 p.m.<br><br>Places to be Visited: Thirupathi – Thirumala - Thiruchanure  |
| 5.                      | <b>One Day Thiruvannamalai Girivalam Tour</b>        | Leaves Chennai every full moon day at 10.00 a.m. / 2.00 p.m. and return on next day 6.00 a.m.  |
| 6.                      | <b>Three Days Navagraha Tour (Nine Planets Tour)</b> | Leaves Chennai every Friday at 10.30 p.m. and returns on the following Monday 5.00 a.m.<br><br>Places covered: Vaitheeswaran Koil: (Angarha-Mars) Thiruvengadu, (Budha-Mercury), Keezhperumpallam (Kethu), Thirunallar (Sani-Saturn), Alangudi (Guru-Jupitur), Thingalur (Chandran-Moon), Thirunageswaram (Raghu), Surianar Kovil (Surya-Sun) and Kanchanur (Sukra-Venus).                                       |
| 7.                      | <b>Six Days South India Tour</b>                     | Leaves Chennai on every Saturday at 7.00 a.m. and return on the following Thursday 5.00 p.m.<br><br>Places Covered: Bangalore, Hosur*, Srirangapatna, Brindhavan Garden, Mysore*, Mudumalai Wild Life Sanctuary, Ooty*, Perur Amman Temple, Marudhamalai, Coimbatore*, Hogenakal*, Thiruvannamalai.  |

**42.9 CONDUCTED TOUR PACKAGES BY TAMIL NADU  
TOURISM DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED 2008-09 (Contd.)**

| <i>Name of the Tour</i> |   | <i>Time &amp; Places Covered</i>   |
|-------------------------|---|--|
| 8.                      | <b>Eight Days<br/>East West Coast<br/>Tour</b>        | Leaves Chennai every Wednesday at 7.00 a.m. and returns on the following Wednesday by 6.00 a.m.<br><br>Places covered: Thiruvannamalai, Yercaud*, Marudamalai, Coimbatore*, Guruvayur, Kaladi, Cochin*, Alleppey, Thiruvananthapuram*, Kovalam, Suchindram, Kanyakumari*, Courtallam, Madurai*, Trichi*, Melmaruvathur.  |
| 9.                      | <b>Eight Days<br/>Tamil Nadu Tour</b>                 | Leaves Chennai every Saturday at 7.00 a.m. and return on the following Saturday 6.00 p.m.<br><br>Places covered: Pondicherry, Pitchavaram, Chidambaram, Vaitheeswaran Koil*, Nagore, Velankanni, Mannargudi, Thanjavur*, Rameswaram*, Kanyakumari*, Suchindram, Madurai*, Kodaikanal*, Trichi*.  |
| 10.                     | <b>Fourteen Days<br/>Sunny South Tour</b>             | Leaves Chennai at 7.00 a.m. every Wednesday and returns on the 14 th day evening.<br><br>Places covered: Thiruthani, Thirupathi*, Thiruchanoor, Bangalore, Hosur*, Mysore*, Mudumalai Wild Life Sanctuary, Ooty*, Marudhamalai, Coimbatore*, Guruvayur, Cochin*, Kovalam, Trivandram*, Suchindram, Kanyakumari*, Tiruchendur, Rameswaram*, Thiruparamkundram, Madurai*, Palani, Trichy*, Thanjavur, Swamimalai, Poompuhar, Chidambaram*, Pondicherry, Mamallapuram*, Kancheepuram. |
| <b>Optional Tours</b>   |   |  |
| 11.                     | <b>One Day –<br/>Suruttapalli Tour</b>                | All Pradosham days from : 9.30 a.m. to 8.00 p.m.<br><br>Places covered: Kakalur (Sri Anjaneyar), Thiruvallur (Sri Veeraraghava Perumal), Suruttapalli (Sri Pallikondeswarar).  |
| 12.                     | <b>One Day –<br/>Sakthi Tour<br/>(Deviar Darshan)</b> | Time 7.00 a.m. to 7.00 p.m. ( Every Tuesday, Friday, Sunday & Full Moondays)<br><br>Places covered: Mangadu (Kamatchi Amman), Thiruverkadu (Devi Karumariamman), Poonamallee (Devi Thaiyal Nayagi), Thirumullaivoil (Devi Vaisnavi Amman, Kodiudai Amman), Chempulivaram (Devi Chenkallamman), Panchati (Ananda Valliamman with three eye), Melur (Thiruvudal Amman), Thiruvoitriyur (Devi Vadivudai Amman).   |

**42.9 CONDUCTED TOUR PACKAGES BY TAMIL NADU  
TOURISM DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED 2008-09 (Contd.)**

| <b>Name of the Tour</b>   | <b>Time &amp; Places Covered</b>   |
|---|--|
| 13. <b>One Day<br/>Thirumal Darshan<br/>Tour (Nine Balaji<br/>Temples around<br/>Chennai)</b> | Time 7.00 a.m. to 8.00 p.m. ( Every Saturday, Sunday & Shraavan Days)<br><br>Places covered: Koyambedu (Vaigundavasa Perumal) - Thirumazhisai (Jagannatha Perumal) - Thiruninravur (Bakthavatchalaperumal) – Sriperumbudur (Adikesavaperumal) - Pazhaya Seevaram (Lakshmi Narashimhaswamy) – Thirumalai Vaiyavur (Prasanna Venkatesa Perumal) – Ponpatharkottam (Sathurpuja Ramar) - Mamallapuram (Sthala Sayana Perumal) - Thiruvidanthai (Adhivaragha Perumal, Nidhya Kalyana Perumal) |
| 14. <b>One Day St.Thomas<br/>Mount, Vandaloor<br/>Zoo and<br/>Kishkintha Tour</b>             | St. Thomas Mount, Vandalur Zoo and Kishkintha  |
| 15. <b>One Day Fun &amp;<br/>Entertainment<br/>Tour</b>                                       | On every Saturday, Sunday & Government Holidays from 9.30 a.m. to 8.15 p.m.<br><br>Places covered: Mayajall, MGM, VGP  |
| 16. <b>One Day –<br/>Tiruthani –<br/>Kalahasti –<br/>Nallathor –<br/>Mathur Tour</b>          | On every Sudnay from 6.30 a.m. to 9.00 p.m.<br><br>Places covered: Tiruthani – Kalahasti – Nallathor – Mathur.   |
| 17. <b>One Day<br/>Tennangur –<br/>Uthiramerur –<br/>Maduran-thagam<br/>Tour</b>              | On every Saturday and Sunday from 7.00 a.m. to 7.00 p.m.<br><br>Places covered: Thennangur (Pandurangan Raghumaye Temple), Uthiramerur (Sundara Varadharaja Perumal), Maduranthagam (Earikatha Ramar Temple)   |
| 18. <b>Three Days<br/>Nava Tirupathigal<br/>(Thirunelveli)<br/>Tour</b>                       | Leaves Chennai on every First and Third Friday at 7.00 p.m. and return by 8.00 p.m. on Monday<br><br>Places covered: SirVaikundam, Thirupulliankudi, Eratai Thirupathi (Two temples), Thirukolloor, Thirunelveli* (Nellaiappar), Sri Varagunamangai, Thirukuzhanthai, Then Thiruperai, Alwar Thirunagari, Thiruchendur.  |
| 19. <b>Three Days –<br/>Panchabootha-<br/>sthalangal Tour</b>                                 | Leaves Chennai on every Friday at 7.00 a.m. and return by 8.00 p.m. on Sunday<br><br>Places covered: Kalahasthi (Sri Kalahastiswaraswamy –Air), Kancheepuram* (Sri Ekambareswar-Earth), Thiruvannamalai (Arunachaleswarar-Fire), Ramanashram, Trichy*, Thiruvanaikaval (Jambukeswarar-Water), Chidambaram (Sri Nadarajar-Ether)  |

\* *Night Halt Places*

**42.9 CONDUCTED TOUR PACKAGES BY TAMIL NADU  
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| <i>Name of the Tour</i> |  | <i>Time &amp; Places Covered</i>   |
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| 20.                     | <b>4 Days – Arupadai Veedu Tour (Lord Muruga Tour)</b> | Leaves Chennai on every Thursday at 7.00 a.m. and return by 10.00 p.m. on Sunday.<br><br>Places covered: Tiruthani, Swamimalai, Thanjavur *, Tiruchendur *, Madurai *, Pazhamudhir solai, Thiruparmkundram, Palani.  |
| 21.                     | <b>4 Days – Chozha Nattu Tirupathigal Tour</b>         | Leaves Chennai every First and Third Friday at 10.00 p.m. and returns the following Tuesday by 6.00 a.m.<br><br>Places covered: Sirkazhi, Thirunagari, Thirunangur, Thiruvellakulam (Annankovil), Thiruvihandur, Thirukkanapuram, Thirunagai, Nagapattinam *, Thirukkannamangai, Thirucherai, Thiruvinnagar, (Oppiliappan Kovil), Thirunaraiyur (Nachiar Kovil), Kumbakonam, Thirukkandiyur, Thanjavur, Thirukkarambanur (Uthamar Kovil), Tiruchi *, Thiruvellarai, Thirukkozhi (Uraiyur), Thiruvarangam (Sri Rangam). |
| 22.                     | <b>5 Days – Pandiya Nattu Tirupathigal Tour</b>        | Leaves Chennai every Second and Fourth Friday at 9.00 p.m. and returns on the following Wednesday by 5.00 a.m.<br><br>Places covered: Tiruchi, Thirumeyyam, Thirukottiyur, Thiruppullani, Madurai *, Koodalazakar Kovil (Madurai), Thiruthangal, Sreevilliputhur, Thirunelveli *, Nava Thirupathigal, Thirukkurugudi, Vanamamalai, Madurai *, Thirumohoor, Alagarkoil, Meenakshi Amman Koil, Srirangam.  |
| 23.                     | <b>7 Days – Mookambika Tour</b>                        | Leaves Chennai every Sunday at 7.00 a.m. and returns on the following Saturday by 6.00 p.m.<br><br>Places covered: Bangalore, Hosur *, Sharvanabelegola, Belur, Haleibed, Hassan *, Sringeri, Mookambika (Kollur), Udippi *, Dharmastala, Subramaniya, Mysore *, Hoguekall.  |
| 24.                     | <b>7 Days – Andhra Tour</b>                            | Leaves Chennai every Friday at 7.00 a.m. and returns the following Thursday by 8.00 p.m.<br><br>Places covered: Narayanavanam, Konai falls, Sri Kalahasthi, Nellore *, Vijayawada *, Mangalagiri, Hyderabad *, Nagarjuna Sagar Dam*, Srisailam, Nandyal *.   |
| 25.                     | <b>8 Days – Goa – Mantralayam Tour</b>                 | Leaves Chennai every Saturday at 7.00 a.m. and returns on the following Saturday by 8.00 p.m.<br><br>Places covered: Ahobilam, Nandyal *, Mahanandhi, Srisailam *, Manthralayam *, Hampi-Hospet *, Goa **, Bangalore *.  |

\* *Night Halt Places*

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| <i>Name of the Tour</i>                             | <i>Time &amp; Places Covered</i>  |
|---|---|
| 26. 14 Days Mumbai – Ajantha – Ellora Tour          | <p>Leaves Chennai at 7.00 a.m. every First and Third Saturday and returns on the 14<sup>th</sup> day evening.</p> <p>Places covered: Bangalore *, Hampi, Hospet *, Virupaksha Temple, Monolithic Narashimha, Elephant Stables, Queen's Bath, Vittala Temple, Badami Caves, Badami *, Aihole, Pattadakal, Golgumbaz (Bijapur), Sri Vital Temple, Pandaripuram *, Mahabaleswar (Hill Station ) Lake, Jothilingam, Pune *, (Agakhan Palace), Mumbai *, Prince of Whales Museum, Kamala Nehru Park, Hanging Garden, Taraporewala Aquarium, Juhu Beach, Hare Rama Hare Krishna Temple, Marine Drive, Mumbai *, Gate Way of India, Elephanta Cave, Nasik Mukthitham, Shridi Sai Baba Temple Shridi *, Aurangabad *, Bibikamaqbara *, Grihadeswara Temple, Ellora Caves, Khuldabad, Ajantha Caves, Golconda Fort, Birla Mandhir, Hyderabad **, Charminar, Salarjung Museum Zoo, Nandyal *, Mahanandhi.</p> |
| 27. 14 Days – Puri Gaya – Kasi – Allahabad Tour     | <p>Leaves Chennai at 8.00 a.m. every second and fourth Saturdays and returns on the 14<sup>th</sup> day evening.</p> <p>Places covered: Suruttapalli, Kalahasti, Nellore *, Mangalagiri, Undavalli cave, Holy Dip in Krishna River, kanaga Durga Temple, Vijayawada *, Annavaram, Simhachalam, Visakapatnam *, Khandagiri, Udayagiri, Bhubaneswar *, Ranchi *, Gaya, Bodhgaya *, Varanasi (Kasi *), Holy Dip in Ganga River Temple, Saranath, Banaras Hindu University, Anjanayer Temple, Maihar *, Nagpur *, Hyderabad **, Golkonda, Birla Mandir, Charminar, Salarjung Museum, Nandyal *, Mahanandhi.</p>   |
| 28. 108 Amman Temples                               | <p>Leaves Chennai Friday / Tuesday 6.00 a.m. and returns on the following Tuesday / Saturday at 9.00 p.m.</p>   |
| 29. One day Navagraha Tour (Temples around Chennai) | <p>Leaves Chennai on every Saturday and Sunday at 6.30 a.m. and returns.</p>  |

\* *Night Halt Places*



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**SEASONAL SPECIAL TOURS**

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1. 3 days Ooty Tour
  2. 3 days Kodaikanal Tour
  3. 3 days Yercaud – Hogenakkal Tour
  4. 3 days Bangalore – Mysore Tour
  5. 3 days Munnar Tour
  6. 3 days Courtallam Tour
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**LEAVE TRAVEL CONCESSION TOURS**

*for Tamil Nadu State Government / Undertaking Employees*

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1. 5 days - Chidambaram - Poompuhar - Nagoor - Thanjavur - Madurai – Trichy Tour
  2. 5 days - Thanjavur Tharasuram - Rameswaram - Kanniyakumari – Madurai Tour
  3. 5 days - Thanjavur - Madurai - Kodaikanal - Palani – Trichy Tour
  4. 4 days – Hogenakkal - Ooty - Chidambaram - Pitchavaram – Pondicherry Tour.
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**SEASONAL SPECIAL TOURS – RAIL CUM ROAD TOUR**

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1. 4 days – Ooty Train Tour
  2. 4 days – Kodaikanal Train Tour
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**RAIL CUM ROAD TOUR FROM OTHER STATES**

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1. 11 days – Mumbai Tour
  2. 11 days – Delhi Tour
  3. 11 days – Kolkata Tour
  4. 11 days – Jaipur Tour
  5. 12 days – Ahamedabad Tour
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*Source: Tamil Nadu Tourism Development Corporation Ltd. Chennai*

**42.10 TAMIL NADU GROUP OF HOTELS, YOUTH HOSTELS AND RESORTS**

| <b><i>Name of the Place</i></b> |   | <b><i>Location</i></b>  |
|---------------------------------|---|---|
| 1.                              | <b>Chennai</b>  | <b>No.4, E.V.R. Road,<br/>Opposite to Central Railway Station, Chennai-600 003</b>              |
| 2.                              | <b>Coimbatore</b>                                     | <b>2, Dr.Nanjappa Road, Opposite to Central Bus Stand,<br/>Gandhipuram, Coimbatore-641 018.</b> |
| 3.                              | <b>Courtrallam</b>                                    | <b>1. Opposite to Parasakthi Women's College,<br/>Courtrallam – 627 802.</b>                    |
|                                 |   | <b>2. Ramalayam,<br/>Courtrallam – 627 802.</b>   |
| 4.                              | <b>Hogenakkal</b>                                     | <b>Via., Pennagaram, Hogenakkal-636 810.<br/>Dharmapuri District</b>                            |
| 5.                              | <b>Hosur</b>  | <b>Byepass Road,<br/>Hosur - 635 109.</b>   |
| 6.                              | <b>Kancheepuram</b>                                   | <b>Kamatchiamman Sannathi Street,<br/>Opposite to Railway Station, Kanchipuram-631 502.</b>     |
| 7.                              | <b>Kanniyakumari</b>                                  | <b>Light House Main Road,<br/>Near to Sea Shore, Kanniyakumari – 629 702.</b>                   |
| 8.                              | <b>Krishnagiri</b>                                    | <b>Chennai Salai,<br/>Krishnagiri – 635 001.</b>  |
| 9.                              | <b>Kodaikkanal<br/>(Hotel &amp; Youth<br/>Hostel)</b> | <b>#47, Fern Hill Road,<br/>Kodaikkanal-624 101.</b>  |
| 10.                             | <b>Madurai</b>  | <b>1. West Veli Street,<br/>Madurai-625 001.</b>  |
|                                 |   | <b>2. Alagar Koil Road,<br/>Madurai-625 002.</b>  |
| 11.                             | <b>Mamallapuram</b>                                   | <b>Beach Resort Complex,<br/>Near to Petrol Bunk, Mamallapuram – 603 104.</b>                   |
| 12.                             | <b>Mudumalai</b>                                      | <b>Theppakkadu,<br/>Mudumalai – 625 002.</b>  |
| 13.                             | <b>Palani</b>   | <b>West Giri Street,<br/>Opposite to Winch Station, Palani - 624 601.</b>                       |

**42.10 TAMIL NADU GROUP OF HOTELS, YOUTH HOSTELS AND RESORTS (Concl.d.)**

| <i>Name of the Place</i> |                  | <i>Location</i>  |
|--------------------------|------------------|--|
| 14.                      | Pitchavaram.     | Killai – Post<br>Pitchavaram, Near Chidambaram, Pincode - 608 102                  |
| 15.                      | Rameswaram       | Near Agniteertham,<br>Rameswaram - 623 526.  |
| 16.                      | Salem            | Ramakrishna Mutt Road,<br>Salem - 623 007.   |
| 17.                      | Sathur           | N.H.7, P.B. No. 53,<br>Kovilpatti High Road, Sathur, Virudhunagar.                 |
| 18.                      | Thanjavur        | Gandhiji Road,<br>Near Railway Station, Thanjavur - 613 007.                       |
| 19.                      | Thiruchirappalli | Mc Donalds Road, Contonement ,<br>Opposite to Central Bus Stand, Trichy - 620 001. |
| 20.                      | Tiruchendur      | T.B. Road,<br>(Near Temple) Tiruchendur-628 215.                                   |
| 21.                      | Tirunelveli      | Collectorate Complex,<br>Kokkarakulam, Tirunelveli - 627 009.                      |
| 22.                      | Ulundurpet       | GST Road,<br>Ulundurpet – 606 107.   |
| 23.                      | Udhagamandalam   | 1. Charring Cross Road,<br>Udhagamandalam - 643 001.                               |
|                          |                  | 2. Youth Hostel,<br>Botanical Garden Road, Udhagamandalam - 643 001.               |
| 24.                      | Yercaud          | Near Lake, Yercaud-636 602.  |

**RESTAURANTS**

| <i>Name of the Place</i> |                                      | <i>Location</i>                             |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| 1.                       | Hotel Tamil Nadu Drive in Restaurant | Fairlands, Chennai-600 009.                 |
| 2.                       | Hotel Tamil Nadu                     | Aringar Anna Zoological Park,<br>Vandaloor. |
| 3.                       | Craft Bazaar                         | I.N.A. Market, New Delhi.                   |

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