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Access

- Air** - Domestic Airport 25 kms
Nearest International Airports
Trichy - 135kms and Coimbatore - 150kms
- Rail** - Salem Railway division has a total length of 842kms railway routes merging the junction. Salem is an important transit point in South India.
- Road** - Three important National Highways NH7(North-South) NH47 (Leading to West) and NH68 (Leading to East) intersect at Salem. Two major bus stands are MGR integrated Bus Terminus (New Bus Stand) for Mofussil Routes & Town Bus Stand (Old Bus Stand) for Local Routes.

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Salem

TAMIL NADU - INDIA

Salem District

General Information

Area	: 5,220 sq km
Population	: 34,80,008 (2011)
Altitude	: 278 M above Sea Level
Temperature	
Summer	: Max 37°C Min 25°C
Winter	: Max 25°C Min 19°C
Climate	: Tropical
Language	: Tamil & English
STD Code	: 0427

Salem is located at 11.67°N 78.14°E, at an average elevation of 278 m (912 ft). The city is surrounded by hills: Nagaramalai on the north, Jarugumalai on the south, Kanjamalai on the west, Godumalai on the east and the Shevaroy Hills on the northeast. Kariyaperumal Hill is in southwestern region. The Thirumanimutharu River flows through the city, dividing it in two. Salem is also known as the Mango city of Tamil Nadu. The name Salem appears to have been derived from sela or shalya by which the term refers to the country bound by the hills, as in the inscriptions. Local folklore believes Salem to be the birth place of the Tamil poetess Avvaiyar. Salem along with Coimbatore remained under the Madurai Nayaks. After a long feud known as the Mysore-Madurai war in the early 18th century, it came under Hyder Ali. In 1965, Salem District was bifurcated into Salem and Dharmapuri Districts.

Religious Tourism

Kumaragiri Murugan Temple

Kumaragiri temple is for Lord Muruga and is situated on Udayapatti Bye pass Road, 6 kms away from Salem city. Ph. No.0427-2242789.



1008 Lingam Temple

1008 Lingam temple is maintained by Vinayaka Missions. This temple has 1008 Shiv Lingas and a Nandhi in the 'Moolasthanam' and is Located in Ariyanoor. Time: 7.30 AM to 12.30PM & 4PM to 8PM. Ph. No.0427-3987000.



Kottai Mariamman Temple

The Kottai Mariamman Temple is a famous pilgrimage centre of Salem. Temple is situated at the heart of the city on the banks of River Thirumanimuthar. The presiding deity of this temple is Goddess Kottai Mariamman. The most popular feature of this temple is its annual festival celebrated during July and August.

This temple was built during the periods of Chera Kings.
Ph. No.0427-2267845.



Kandhashramam, Udayapatti

Kandhashramam is a temple complex situated at a distance of 5 kms from the city of Salem. It lies in the extreme northern end of the Jarugu Malai Mountain, on the banks of a stream called Kannimar Odai. This complex was constructed between the years 1970 and 1971, by Santhanandha Brahendra Saraswati, Adhyavadhutha Swamy. There are three main deities of this temple, namely Murugan, worshipped as Skandha Guru, Lakshmi, worshipped as Ashtabuja Mahalakshmi and Parvathi, worshipped as Durga. Ph.No.0427-2240660.



Oothumalai - Siddhar Peedam

Sri Sathya Narayana Temple which is located on Oothumalai hills is a special feature of this place. Oothumalai is located 6 kms from Salem.

Oothumalai is in close proximity to Seelanaickenpatty. Time: 6 AM to 12 PM & 2 PM to 8 PM. Ph. No. 0427-2465477



Thiyaganur Buddha

Thiyaganur Buddha temple is the only Buddhist temple in the state. Two statues of Buddha, each 6ft height were found in Thiyaganur village. One of the Statues was housed in a private farm later. A meditation hall was built during 2014 with help of public contributions. Historians identify the statues to be of 11th Century AD.



Siddhar Temple

Kalangi Sidhdhar is one among the eighteen Tamil Sidhdhars. This temple is dedicated to Kalangi Sidhdhar and is beautifully Located at the slope of Kanja Malai. Sidhdhar temple is situated 12 kms away from Salem on Elampillai road. Ph.No.0427-2491389.



Uthama Chozhapuram

"City of Uthamachozha" it was called in ancient times. A small town on the banks of river Thirumanimuthar. Temple is dedicated to Lord Karapuramathar. Situated 15kms from the City of Salem on Salem - Sankagiri Highway. Ph. No. 0427-2221577.



Sri Sugavaneshwara Temple

This Temple is located near old Salem Bus Stand. Many historical monuments are found here and a statue is inside the temple. Timing: 6 am to 12 noon & 3.30 pm to 8.30 pm. Ph. No. 0427-2450954.



Thanthondreeshwarar Temple

Thanthondreeshwarar temple is located in Belur, 35 kms from Salem. This place boasts a wide variety of ancient sculptures. Ph.No.04292-241400.



Appa Paithiyam Swamy Temple

Appa Paithiyam Swami was born in the Zameen family of Karur Fort in the year 1859. A temple has been built on his Samadhi. Several thousands devotees throng the temple during the birthday of Swami. His Guru pooja is on the day of Ashwini of Tamil month Thai. The temple is situated near Railway Station. It is open 5.30 am to 12 noon & 5.30 pm to 8.30 pm.



Aragalur

Aragalur is located 74 kms from Salem. Aragalur has two famous temples. One temple is dedicated to Sri Kameshwara and the other temple is for Lord Karivaradaperumal. Ph.No.04582-260107.



Ayodhyapattanam

Ayodhyapattanam is located 10 kms from Salem. A suburban town on the eastern end of Salem City. It is supposed to have been named after Ayodhya. The birth place of Lord Rama. It contains a beautiful Vishnu temple dedicated to Kothandaramar.

Time: 7AM to 12PM & 4PM to 8PM
Ph.No. 0427-2253500, 80981 27383.

Mecheri - Badhrakaliyamma Temple

Mecheri is 33 kms from Salem and 20 kms away from Mettur dam. The temple facing north and is situated in the heart of Mecheri town on Mettur - Dharmapuri Highway.

Time: 6 AM to 8 PM. Ph. No. 04298-278133.



Kailasanathar Koil

Kailasanathar temple is 25 kms away from Salem in Tharamangalam. Recently a lingam has been consecrated for the welfare of the devotees. This lingam is called Paathala Lingam. There are statues of Rathi and Manmadhan.

Legend says if the childless people worship here they will get child, unmarried people will get married soon.

Time: 7.30 AM to 1 PM & 4 PM to 8 PM.
Ph. No. 04290-252100.



Kubera Lingeshwarar Temple

Tamil Nadu's first ever Shiva Temple built by the support of lakhs and lakhs of people. This temple is built by getting Madipichai from devotees of various Shiva temples. This temple is situated 7 kms from Salem Airport on the banks of Pannapatty Lake, Maragoundan Pudur. In the Tamil Month of Aipasi, Sun rays falls directly on Shiva Lingam for three days.

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Jama Masjid

The oldest mosque in Salem, situated on the southern bank of the Thirumanimutharu in the heart of the city. It was reportedly built by the Mysuru ruler, Tippu Sulthan, who is said to have offered prayers here.

Timing: 9.30 am to 6 pm
Ph. No. 0427-2267227.

Heritage Tourism

Sankagiri Fort

Sankagiri Fort is a historical fort maintained by the Archaeological Survey of India. It is located 22 kms from the city of Erode and 38 kms from Salem. Fort was built in the 15th Century by the Vijayanagar Empire. It has 12 fort walls.

The fort served as a British tax storage facility for Kongu Nadu. It was an important military base for Tippu Sultan and later for the British army. This is because only one side of the hill is climbable, as all the others are too steep to climb. This has a death well, granary, two masjiths, two Varadhraja Perumal temples, former British Army administrative buildings, and cemeteries formerly used by armies that were stationed at the fort.

Dheeran Chinnamalai Pillar Memorial

The commemoration pillar memorial dedicated for freedom fighter Chinnamalai at Sankagiri (Salem) on 23rd Dec 2013 where he was captured by the British and hanged at the Sankagiri Fort on July 31st 1805.

Chinnamalai, who was born on April 17, 1756 in Melapalayam of the Erode district, had revolted against the British East India Company in 1792. Chinnamalai fought successful battles between 1801 and 1804 in Cauvery, Odanilai and Arachalur.

Salem Museum

Government Museum, established in 1979, is situated at 5 kms from Salem city. The museum exhibits archaeological, anthropological, numismatics, zoological, botanical, and geological objects of interest. Informative film shows and lectures are displayed and

conducted occasionally. Museum houses a well equipped library. Guide services are provided on request. Government Museum is open from 09:30 to 17:00 on all days except Fridays, Second Saturdays and public holidays.



Leisure Tourism

Mettur Dam

Mettur Dam on Cauvery river is the lifeline of central Tamil Nadu. Stanley Reservoir alias Mettur Dam is a large dam and oldest dam in India built in 1934. It was constructed in a gorge, where the River Cauvery enters the plains. It provides irrigation facilities to other districts farm lands in a big way. The length of the dam is 1700 meters. The Mettur hydro electrical power station is at its base. Surrounded by the hills, Mettur is a popular attraction. The upstream of the dam is Hogenakkal falls. A Beautiful park opposite to dam is ornamented with lawns and fountains. Ph.No.04298-242600



Kurumbapatti Zoological Park

This is a small zoological park located 12 kms from Salem Bus stand and boasts the flora and fauna of the region of Salem. Entrance fees: Adult Rs.10/- Children Rs.5/- Ph. No.0427-2415097.



Paravasa Ulagam

There are 60 varieties of games available. Situated at 16 kms from Salem city near Mallur on the NH-7 Road in the midst of cool hilly region surrounded by green trees in a calm atmosphere. Time: 10AM to 6PM Fare: Adult Rs.660/- & Children Rs.520/- Ph.No.0427-2422318, 2422319, 82200 10017.



Events & Festivals

No	Name of the Festival	Month
1.	Pongal Vizha	January
2.	Summer Fest, Yercaud	May
3.	Kottai Mariyamman	August
4.	Adiperukku Vizha	August

Hill Tourism

Yercaud

Yercaud is a hill station in Salem district on the Shervarayan range of hills (anglicized as Shervaroyis) of the Eastern Ghats. It is at an altitude of 1623 M (4969 ft) above MSL.

Cascades and Streams

A 32 kms loop road also boasts many cascades and streams all along the lush green vegetation. Ideal time to go for a ride in this loop road is morning during the sunrise and evening during the sunset. South West or North East Monsoon brings great beauty to this place.

View Points

Lady's Seat, Gent's seat, Children Seat are best places to indulge in the sunset view. Manjakuttai view point is for Sunrise. And Pagoda Point is for the valley view.

Biological Survey of India

Well maintained Botanical Garden by the BSI contains a rich collection of plants. A "Bell Rock" in the BSI campus makes bell sound when you hit with stone.

Seri Tourism

Seri Tourism Center is established in Government Silkfarm, Yercaud. Mulberry Cultivation, Silkworm Rearing, Silk Reeling, Silk Twisting and Silk Weaving are exhibited to explain and assist in the process of Silk Production.

Temple Tourism

Shervarayan Temple, Sri Raja Rajeswari temple are the most prominent temples found in Yercaud. Summer Festival is famous here in Yercaud where 68 villages unite to celebrate this grand event during the month of May.

Yercaud

General Information

Area	: 383 sq km
Population	: 36,863 (2011)
Altitude	: 1515 M above Sea Level
Climate	
Summer	: Max 30°C Min 16°C
Winter	: Max 25°C Min 13°C
Rainfall	: Min 1500mm Max 2000mm
Season	: Throughout the year
Clothing	
Winter	: Cotton with light woolen pull-over is enough
Summer	: Ordinary Cotton
Language	: Tamil & English
STD Code	: 04281

Yercaud is situated at an altitude of 4970 feet, on the Shevaroy Hills of the Eastern Ghats, located in Salem District of Northern Tamil Nadu. Because of the abundance of Trees and that happened to be near the Lake made the locals to call this area as Yeri - Kaadu meaning Lake Forest. Later on the name turned out to be YERCAUD and it is also called as Jewel of the South. Yercaud Taluk spreads in an about 382.67 Sq.km area which includes the Reserve Forest also. While rest of this region, including the predominantly short and rocky hills of the Eastern Ghats welcomes all with its cool climate. The temperature never rises above 30°C and does not drop down below 13°C degrees. Yercaud is less expensive than either Udhagamandalam or Kodaikanal. Yercaud population is 36,863 (2011 census).

Botanical Survey of India maintains an Orchidarium in Yercaud. Apart from this, Coffee plantations are a plenty here. Abundance of Orange Groves too are found in this region. Bananas, Pears, Jack Fruit and spices like Pepper are the other major production of this region. Scenically, Yercaud is an enchanting Hill Station on the Western Ghats and Trekking is the most enjoyable to spend time.

Bison, Deer, Rabbits, Hares, Foxes, Mongoose, Squirrels, Partridges, Snakes, Bulbuls, Kites, Sparrows, Swallows and the Bird of Paradise form the Wildlife habitats of Yercaud region.

Places for sight-seeing include the Lake, Lady's Seat, Killiyur Falls, Pagoda Point, Arthu's Seat, Kaveri Peak and the Servarayan temple at 5,326 ft.

Summer Festival celebrated at Yercaud in the month of May is a special attraction. This festival is marked by a 7-day exhibition of flowers, dog shows, boat races and a village fair.

Lady's Seat



Lady's Seat is popular observation point with a telescope offers clean views of the plains.

Killiyur Falls



Killiyur Falls - This 3000 ft waterfalls is just 3 kms away from the Yercaud Lake. Best suited to be visited after the monsoon seasons.

Pagoda Point



Located on Eastern part of Yercaud, at 5 kms from the Yercaud Lake. The local tribes had built an arrangement of rocks in four Piles that looked like a pyramid. This made the place to be also called as Pyramid Point.

Anna Park

Public green space offers lake views, plants & flowers, a children's play area & picnic spots.



Summer Festival at Yercaud

Yercaud Lake

Yercaud Lake (Emerald Lake) and Boathouse. Peaceful lake surrounded by lush green mountains featuring paddle and motor boat services. Boating in the cold water of the lake is enchanting as well as refreshing.



Salem



Salem is at the base of the renowned tourist destination of Yercaud hills. Salem is one of the largest producers of traditional silver anklets. City boasts large textile, automotive Poultry and sago industries. Salem has one of the largest magnesite deposits in India. Companies like Dalmia and TANMAG have mines in Salem.

HOTEL TAMILNADU - YERCAUD



