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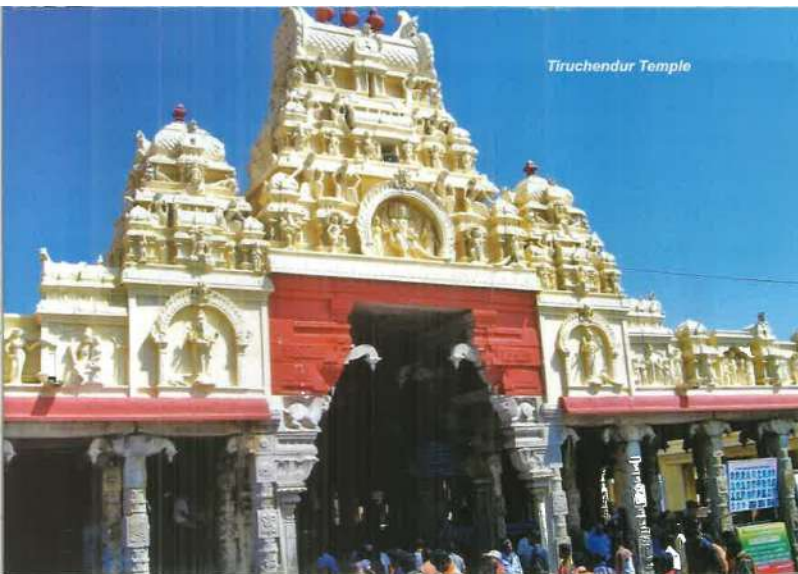
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Tiruchendur Temple

Tamil Nadu. This is a natural port. From this place, freedom fighter V.O.Chidambaram Pillai sailed ship against British supremacy. Now, the Thoothukudi port is called as V.O.Chidambaranar Port. Roche Park is 4 kms. from Thoothukudi city, on the way to new port is a lovely Sea shore for holiday seekers. Roche Park is an ideal site. This area shore-cum-sun is very calm. During festival and weekly holidays there is a heavy Tourist flow on the beach site.

Tiruchendur

It is one of the major pilgrim centre of South India. The sea shore temple dedicated to Lord Muruga, is one of the six abodes of Lord Muruga. (Arupadai Veedu). The nine storied tier temple tower of height (157 ft.) belongs to 17th century AD. Visiting Valli Cave, taking sea-bath, and bathing in Nazhikkinaru can be done here. It is treated as holy one. It is 40 kms. from Thoothukudi and 60 kms. from Tirunelveli.

Ottapidaram

Ottapidaram continues to be a Tourism centre for freedom fighters, since it is the birth place of the great patriot V.O.Chidambaram Pillai. His house has been converted into a memorial and is preserved by the Government of Tamil Nadu from 12.12.1961. His statue, photo galleries detailing his life history are displayed in this memorial. It is situated at 2/119, V.O.C. Street, Ottapidaram.

Panimayamatha Church



A famous church named 'Our Lady of Snow' is here. It is built by Portuguese in 1711. Every year on 5th August a festival is celebrated here for which the district administration declare local holiday for whole district.

Muthu Nagar Beach at Thoothukudi



Muthu Nagar Beach is situated in the heart of the Thoothukudi city. It is the most popular gathering place for locals, especially in the evenings and on weekends. It gets very crowded on holidays. The Water Sports activities like, Banana ride, Bump ride, Stand up Peddle Board and Jet Ski-Water Scooter are available here.

Eco Park, Thoothukudi

It is situated very near to Roche Park and in between Old Harbour to New Harbour road. Here, the Thoothukudi Corporation operates the boat service for the Public and Tourists.

Thoothukudi

GENERAL INFORMATION

Area	: 4621 Sq.kms.
Population	: 17,38,376 (2011 census)
Altitude	: 100 mts. above sea level
Temperature	: Max. 40.50° C Min. 18.50° C
Rainfall	: 72.4 cm. Average
Season	: Throughout the year
Clothing	: Tropical
Languages	: Tamil and English
STD Code	: 0461

Thoothukudi is renowned for pearl, fishing, production of salt and other related business. Now Thoothukudi is a port city in the southern region of



Eco Park, Thoothukudi

Ashe Memorial

A memorial for the late Robert Ashe, the then Collector of the Tirunelveli District who was assassinated in 1911 at Maniyachi has been built here to perpetuate his memory. The British Government at that time built a Mandapam at the eastern end of the Great Lotton Road with the public subscription.

Vallanadu Blackbuck Sanctuary

The Sanctuary is located in Vallanadu village of Srivaikundam Taluk of Thoothukudi District. Here, a natural population of Blackbuck exists. The Vallanadu Blackbuck sanctuary is an isolated hillock with scrub forest. Police shooting station (Arms Firing Training) here is one of the best in India.

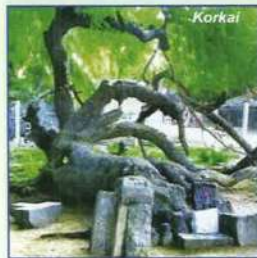


Vallanadu Blackbuck Sanctuary

Ayyanar Sunai

It is 10 kms. from Tiruchendur on the way to Tirunelveli. A natural water spring in the desert with Ayyanar temple attracts local tourists. It is also like Oasis of Tiruchendur town. It is good picnic / Excursion Center. Forest with sand dunes is nearby.

Korkai



Korkai

This 12th Century village is located on the main road from Tiruchendur to Thoothukudi with a diversion from Mukkani bridge road or Athur. It is 29 kms. from Tiruchendur. There is a Tank called Korkai kulam with an extent of 250 acres. It

was the ancient port of Pandiya dynasty. Ancient Vettrivel Amman Temple is also located here. Archaeological remains kept in a museum here can be visited. It is a good spot for educational tour for School students. Foreign travel writers recorded this place in their visit in 18th Century.

Kulasekaranpattinam

Kulasekaranpattinam is situated on the way to Kanniyakumari from Tiruchendur. This village is famous for Mutharamman Temple, which is located on the shore of Bay of Bengal. This temple is about 150 years old. The Dhasara Festival is celebrated in a grand scale every year in October. Folk dance artistes from throughout Tamil Nadu perform variety of programs. Kulasekaranpattinam is just 20 kms. from Tiruchendur and 65 kms. from Kanniyakumari. Earlier there were a port and an ancient Siva temple.



Mutharamman Temple

Ettayapuram



Bharathiyar Birth Place

This is the birth place of the revolutionary poet Subramaniya Bharathiyar. His home now became a monument. Muthuswami Dikshitar's memorial is also located here. This is located 76 kms. from Tirunelveli, 22 kms. from Kovilpatti and 40 kms. from Thoothukudi. In memory of National poet Subramania Bharathiyar, a memorial was built by Kalki Krishna Moorthy in 1945 and Mahatma Gandhi showered his blessings on the occasion of opening. In 1981, the centenary year of Bharathiyar was celebrated.

Umaru Pulavar Manimandapam

The Umaru Pulavar Mainmandapam at Ettayapuram was inaugurated on 29th October 2007 by Govt. of Tamil Nadu. The tomb and a spacious prayer hall in the ground floor, with a library on the top floor. About 1,000 literary works are available for the readers in the library.



Umaru Pulavar Mainmandapam

Panchalankurichi

Panchalankurichi is a small historic village around 25 kms. from Thoothukudi and 55 kms. from Tirunelveli. From here the Great warrior Kattabomman popularly known as 'Veerapandiya Kattabomman' raised his voice against the British regime in the 17th century A.D. The existing Memorial Fort was constructed in 1974, by the Government of Tamil Nadu. The Memorial Hall, have beautiful paintings on the walls depicting the heroic deeds of the saga which give a good idea about the history of the period. Sri Devi Jakkammal Temple, the hereditary Goddess of Kattabomman, is located near the fort.



A cemetery of British soldiers are also seen near the fort. The rest of the old fort is protected by the Department of Archaeology, Government of Tamil Nadu. City bus service is available from Thoothukudi. Festival is held in January 15 and May second week every year attracts thousands of people. Small cart race and mini village stalls are the special attraction during festival. Tourist can visit the fort from 8.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. and 2.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. Department of Tourism is running a Tourist Rest House here.

Adichanallur

It is 20 kms. from Tirunelveli on the way to Tiruchendur. From an Archaeological point of view, this place has a glorious past and it is located on the banks of river Thamirabarani. From an Archaeological point of view, this place has a glorious past and it is located on the banks of river Thamirabarani. It is assumed that, in ancient times a civilized habitation flushed here. Some monuments i.e.,

Urns (burnt-clay vessels which were used for burying dead bodies of the very old people), small mud vessel were found near the river Thamirabarani and they are supportive evidence for the civilization. This place is now under the supervision of Archaeological Survey of India.

Kayathar

Kayathar is situated about 25 kms. from Tirunelveli on the way to Madurai. Kattabomman, one of the earliest opponents of British rule in India, was hanged on a Tamarind tree, by the British on 16.10.1799 in Kayathar. A memorial has been built here by the Tamil Nadu Government for Kattabomman.



Kayalpattinam

It located on the main road from Thoothukudi to Tiruchendur. It is only 8 kms. from Tiruchendur and 32 kms. from Thoothukudi. It is on the shore of Bay of Bengal. This place is now upgraded as 'Municipality'. A beautiful beach is here maintained by the Kayalpattinam Municipality. Most of the residents of Kayalpattinam are working abroad.

Meignanapuram



It is just 13 kms. from Tiruchendur and known as an ancient and famous Christian village. The St. Paul's Church here was built in 1847. It is 110 ft. long, 55 ft. wide with steeple in the front soaring into the sky a height of 192 ft. This is one of the biggest churches with the tallest steeple in India.

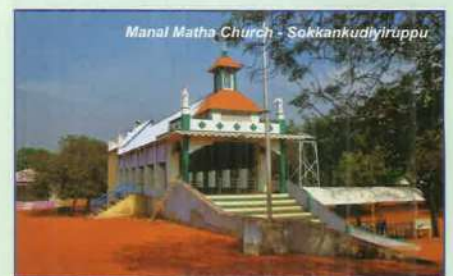
Manapad

It lies on Tiruchendur to Kanniyakumari Road (East Coast Road) at a distance of 18 kms. from Tiruchendur. Holy Cross Church here is an ancient one. Fragments of the true cross of Lord Jesus brought from Jerusalem is placed in the Church. The Church is associated with St. Francis Xavier. This small village is having many beautiful churches. Hence, it is called as a little Jerusalem.



Manal Matha Church - Sakkankudiyiruppu

Sakkankudiyiruppu is a very small village with a lot of Hindus. The Church existing here was administered by the people of the nearby village Kanakkankudiyiruppu. As number of Catholics increased, the present church of St. James and Staislaus was started in the time of Fr. Nevis Kuschan. After him, Fr. John Mancher from Anaikarai took care of the building work, completed it and consecrated it. Manal Matha pilgrimage center is a famous substation of this parish.



Kazhugumalai

It is 60 kms. from Tirunelveli and 21 kms. from Kovilpatti in Sankarankoil bus route. Cave temple of Lord Muruga is worth seeing. A Siva temple here by the side of cave temple belongs to 13th Century. A monolithic Vettuvan Temple is a sample for temple art of 8th Century and ancient Jain Panel Carving are worth visiting. The fine rock cut carvings on a rock are also worth visiting.



Vanchi Maniyachi

It is situated on the middle of Tirunelveli, Thoothukudi and Kovilpatti. It is 31 kms. from Thoothukudi. The Maniyachi Railway station, where the British Collector 'Ash' was shot dead by one Vanchinathan, a freedom fighter, was one of the important event in the history of Indian independence.

Sinthalakkarai

Sinthalakkarai is one such pilgrim centre with Goddess Sri Vetkaliasman of 42 ft. height. It is on the way of Thoothukudi to Madurai Four Way Track Road. (3 kms. from Ettayapuram). The statue of Mahavishnu of 72 ft. length with Rajasayanam on the snake in Thiruparkadal is also there.



Vembar Beach

Vembar is a small town on the shores of the Gulf of Mannar, in Thoothukudi District. It is located near the districts, border with Ramanathapuram District, 13 kms. South of Sayalkudi and around 7 kms. from Melmandai. Madurai is 97 kms. North-West while Tirunelveli is 85 kms. West. Vembar have three Islands - Nallathanni Island, Upputhanni Island, Chali Island. Vembar is located in ECR, with a fine beach.



Punnaikayal



Punnaikayal seems to have been in Portuguese possession on the Southern Coast of India for a period of 50 years after their arrival from 1551. They established two hospitals, a seminary and a mud fort here. The first Tamil Printing press was set up at Punnaikayal in 1579. The Tamil Types had been made by Fr. Joan de Periera. Fr. Anriquez himself composed the books in Tamil.

Karunkulam



This temple is on the hillock and dedicated to Lord Venkatchalapathy. It lies on the banks of River Thamirabarani in Tirunelveli to Tiruchendur bus route and also known as Vagulagiri Kshetram. The other temple on the Vagulagiri hill lies on the North-Eastern side of the Karunkulam village. Two sandal wood sticks are main deities at this temple.

Navathirupathi

This beautiful temple is built by the owner of the Leading hotels Thiru. Rajagopal in their native place namely Punnaiyadi. The temple is getting popular among the tourists going to Tiruchendur Temple and nearby Navathirupathi temples. There are two entrance one of Srinivasar and another of Adinarayana Perumal. This temple is about 45 kms. from Tirunelveli and around 20 kms. from Tiruchendur. The nearest railway station is Kachanavilai on the Tiruchendur to Tirunelveli section. Frequent buses are available for Tiruchendur, Nazareth and Thoothukudi from temple complex. The temple is open from 6.00 a.m. to 8 p.m. without break.



Kurangani

Kurangani is a nice and peaceful village. It is in the middle of the Navathirupathi, on the banks of the river Thamirabarani. At Kurangani, there is a big temple named Sri Muthumalaiamman Thirukoil. Shrines for Lord Periyaswamy, Lord Narayana with Sri Devi and Boodevi, Lord Ganesh and Lord Siva are here.



Puliampatti

In the middle of the 17th century, a man by the name Thommai came to a small hamlet Puliampatti from Sathankulam and settled with his family. He was a devout catholic with strong affiliation to the teachings of the church. He never missed a chance to participate in the mass, which was very rare in those days. So he was regular to go to another village called Santhai Pettai where a small church had been built in honour of St. Francis Xavier and he is very much associated with that church. This church is located in the place where St. Francis Xavier is believed to have stayed for a while in the course of his missionary journey along the coastal belt of the Bay of Bengal.



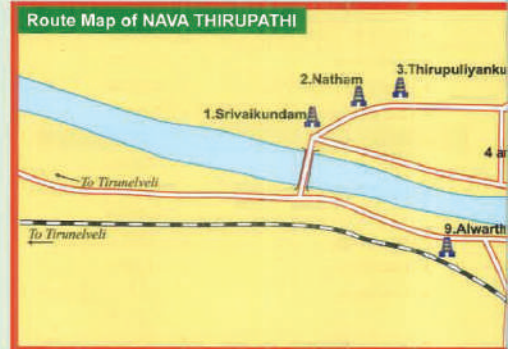
Puliampatti is situated in the middle of Tirunelveli and Ottapidaram. Every Tuesday a special Mass is conducted at St. Antony's Church. Every January last week, a festival is celebrated here and a large number of people (all religion) from all over Tamil Nadu participate in this festival.

Navathirupathi

The nine Vishnu Temples are located very close to one and other. They are all in Thoothukudi District. The Vaishnava shrines are having an interesting legend. The shrines are notable for fine stone carvings and temple architecture. Most of the Thirupathi are located on the main road from Tiruchendur to Tirunelveli. Among the nine, two temples i.e Alwarthirunagari and Srivaikundam are located on the main road between Tiruchendur and Tirunelveli. The other seven temples are located little interior to the main road. The pilgrims those who are

Nava - Thirupathi Divyadesa

No	Temple	Perumal	
1	Srivaikundam Sun - Suryan	Vaikundanathan Kallapiran	Vaiki Soor
2	Srivaragunamangal Natham - Chandran	Vijayasanar Emmideerkadivan	Vare Va
3	Thiruppullyangudi Puthan	Boomipealagar Kaaichinaventhari	N Pu
4	Erattai Thirupathi - 1 Raagu	Srinivasan Theverpiran	Alar
5	Erattai Thirupathi - 2 Keethu	Aravinason Chenthamarai Kannan	Keru
6	Thirukuzhanthai Perungulam - Sani	Venkadavannan Maayakoolhar	Ka Ku
7	Thenthiruperal Sukran	Maharenedun Kuzhaikaathar Niharilmukil vannan	Kuzhi Thirup
8	Thirukkollur Sevvai	Vaitharanidhi Nichopavithan	Ku K
9	Azharthirunagari Viyazhan - Guru	Aadinathan Polinthruntrapan	Aadin



visiting Tiruchendur, will pay a visit to Alwarthirunagari and Srivaikundam. These two temples are situated on the bank of the river Thamirabarani. In these two temples, a festival is celebrated in the month of September every year for 10 days on large scale. Every year in the month of September to October (Tamil month Puratasi) all Saturday's the Tamil Nadu State Transport corporation ply special buses to these Navathirupathi Temples from Tirunelveli New Bus-stand.

Navakailayam

Nine Lord Siva shrines highlight as Navagrahas which gives health and wealth to the pilgrims. Among the nine

Temples Distance Chart

Temple Name	Distance from Srivaigundam	Temple Open Morning	Temple Open Evening
Aayani	-	8.00 - 12.00	5.00 - 8.00
Changanai	2 kms	9.00 - 12.00	1.00 - 6.00
Changanai	3 kms	9.00 - 12.00	1.00 - 6.00
Changanai	10 kms	8.00 - 12.00	1.00 - 5.00
Changanai	10 kms	8.00 - 12.00	1.00 - 5.00
Changanai	12 kms	8.00 - 12.00	5.00 - 8.00
Changanai	10 kms	8.00 - 12.00	5.00 - 8.00
Changanai	8 kms	8.00 - 12.00	5.00 - 8.00
Changanai	5 kms	8.00 - 12.00	5.00 - 8.00



temples five are situated in Thoothukudi district and rest of them in Tirunelveli district. The following are referred as Navakailayam shrines.

I. Papanasam

It is 45 kms. from Tirunelveli Junction. Presiding deity of the temple is Pabavinasar alias Kailasanatha and Mother goddess is Ulagammai. River Thamirabarani is river view of this temple. A good picnic spot. 2 kms. from here, the famous Agasthiar Falls is located.

II. Cheranmahadevi

It is 22 kms. from Tirunelveli. Presiding deity of the temple is Sri Ammainathar alias Kailasanathar and

Nava - Kailayam Shiva Temples Distance Chart

No	Temple	Swamy	Planet	Distance from
1	Papanasam	Sri Pabavinasar Temple	Suriyan	Papanasam to Cheran Mahadevi 22 Kms
2	Cheran Mahadevi	Sri Kailasa Nathar Temple	Chandran	Cheran Mahadevi to Kodaganallur 25 Kms
3	Kodaganallur	Sri kailasa Nathar Temple	Chevvai	Kodaganallur to Kunnathur 12 Kms
4	Kunnathur	Sri Kotha Parameswarar Temple	Raghu	Kunnathur to Murappanadu 13 Kms
5	Murappanadu	Sri Kailasa Nathar Temple	Guru	Murappanadu to Srivaikundam 20 Kms
6	Srivaikundam	Sri Kailasa Nathar Temple	Sani	Srivaikundam to Thenthirupperai 6 Kms
7	Thenthirupperai	Sri Kailasa Nathar Temple	Budhan	Thenthirupperai to Raajapathy 4 Kms
8	Raajapathy	Sri Kailasa Nathar Temple	Kethu	Raajapathy to Sendhamangalam
9	Sendhamangalam	Sri Kailasa Nathar Temple	Sukran	-



Goddess Aawodainayaki. It is also located on the bank of river Thamirabarani. Frequent city buses are available to this place from Tirunelveli Junction.

III. Kodaganallur

It is 15 kms. from Tirunelveli on the way to Cheranmahadevi and the temple is located near Nadukallur village. Presiding deity is Kailasanathar and Goddess Sivakamiammai. City buses are available from Tirunelveli Junction Bus stand.

IV. Kunnathur

It is 2 kms. from Tirunelveli Town Railway Station and also very near to Thiruvengadanathapuram. Kunnathur is located on a small hillock. Presiding deity is Kothai Parameswaran and Goddess Sivakamasundari.

V. Murappanadu

It is 17 kms. from Tirunelveli and 40 kms. from Thoothukudi on the National Highways. It is also situated on the banks of river Thamirabarani. Presiding deity is Kailasanathar, Goddess Sivakamiammal.

VI. Srivaikundam

It is 30 kms. from Tirunelveli and 40 kms. from Thoothukudi and located on the river Thamirabarani. Presiding deity is Kailasanathar, Goddess Sivakamiammai. The first Navathirupathi temple is also located here.

VII. Thenthirupperai

It is 38 kms. from Tirunelveli on the way to Tiruchendur. Presiding deity is Kailasanathar, Goddess



Allakiyaponamal, one of the Navathrupathi Temple also located here.

VIII. Rajjapathi

It is 38 kms. from Tirunelveli on the way to Tiruchendur near Thenthirupperai. Presiding deity is Kailasanathar, Goddess Alagiya ponnamal and Sivakiamammai.

IX. Senthapoomangalam

It is 20 kms. from Thoothukudi on the way to Tiruchendur near Athur and Ponnakayal Presiding deity is Kailasanathar, Goddess Sivakami Ammai. City bus is available from Thoothukudi Old bus stand.

ACCESS - THOOTHUKUDI CITY

- Road : Chennai (580 kms.)
- Railway Station : Thoothukudi Kelur / Melur
- Airport : Vagaikulam (from Thoothukudi 20 kms.)

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