

### Poochoriyal Vizha at Samayapuram Mariamman Temple

Every year three important festivals namely Poochoriyal, Pancha Prakaram and Brahmotsavam attract pilgrims to this temple. During Poochoriyal, flowers are showered on the deity for 24 hours. Thousands of people from gathered here when Brahmotsavam is performed in the month of April. Devotees from Malaysia, Singapore, Srilanka and other far-off place visits Samayapuram to fulfill their vows for the many benefits they received through her grace. Offerings of salt, jaggery (brown sugar), lentils, jewellery are made by devotees. The last Sunday of Tamil month Pankuni marks the commencement of the festival, while the chariot festival is celebrated on the first Tuesday in the Tamil month Chithirai.



### Vaikuntha Ekathasi Festival, Srirangam

It is celebrated for 21 days in December-January at the Srirangam temple in Trichy with pomp and gaiety. The idol of Lord Vishnu is decorated with gems and jewellery and brought out through the northern gate, called Paramapada Vasal. This gate is opened once in a year and is considered the Gateway to Heaven on the Vaikuntha Ekathasi festival. The other festivals celebrated in this temple are Car Festival, Mohini Alangaram, flower festival and Garuda Sevai.

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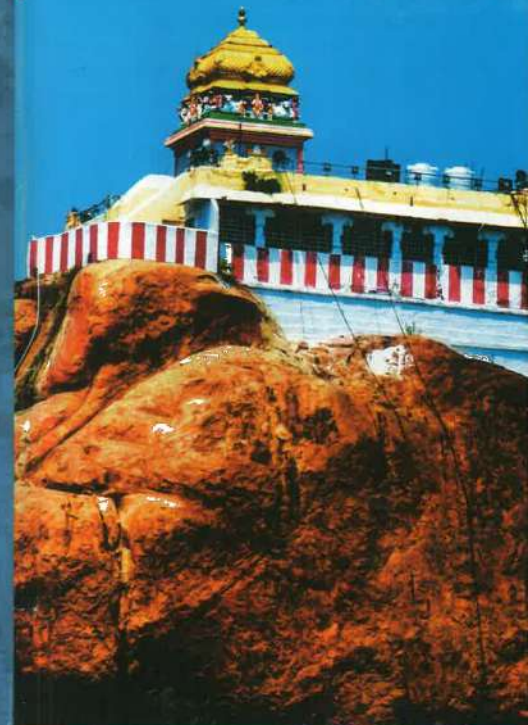
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## TIRUCHIRAPPALLI DISTRICT

### Introduction

Situated on the banks of River Cauveri, Tiruchirappalli, the fourth largest city in the state was a citadel of many dynasties like early Cholas, Pallavas, Pandyas, Vijayanagar as French Nayakas, Marathas, Nawabs and British colonial rulers. The city of Tiruchy is a fine blend of tradition and modernity built around the Rockfort.

### General Information

Area	: 5,114 Sq.km.
Altitude	: 75 mts above the sea level
Population	: 27,13,858 (2011 Census)
Temperature	: Summer Max 37.1 C - Min 26.4 C Winter Max 31.3 C - Min 20.6 C
Average Rainfall	: 43.4 cms
Season	: Throughout the year
Clothing	: Tropical
Languages	: Tamil, English

### How To Get There

**Air:** Tiruchirappalli has an International airport. It is 7 km from the city.

**Rail:** Railway connects all important cities within the state and other states.

**Road:** Good network of road link with all cities and towns.

**Local Transport:** City Bus services are available to all places of Tourist interest from Central Bus Stand and Chathiram Bus Stand.

### Places of Interest

#### Rock Fort (5 kms)

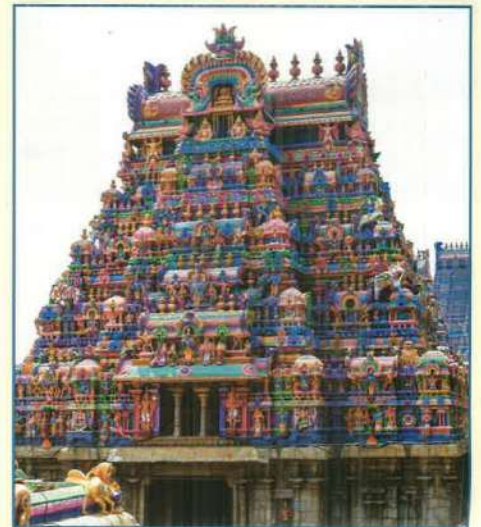
Tiruchi's most famed landmark is an 83 meter tall Rock Fort which is the only outcrop in otherwise flat land of the city. The most amazing fact about the rock is one of the oldest in world - approximately 3,800 million years old, which makes it as old as the rocks of Greenland and older than the Himalayas. 427 steps hewn out of rock lead to the top, where there are inscriptions dating back to 3rd century B.C.



At top of the rock is Uchipillaiyar Koil, a Temple dedicated to Lord Vinayaka. One can enjoy a panoramic view of Tiruchi from the top. A flight of steps leads to the Thayumanavarswami Temple, dedicated to Lord Shiva, where the Lingam is a projection of the rock itself. There are two Pallava cave Temples below the Shiva Temple. They have beautiful sculptures dating to 6th and 7th centuries A.D. At the foot of Rock Fort is a tank and a pavilion which are used during float festival of the temples. Next to this tank is the house where Robert Clive lived while he was in Tiruchi and an 18th century Christ Church built by Reverend Schwartz of Denmark. The house is now part of Tiruchi's famous St. Joseph's College. (Ph.2704621).

#### Srirangam (10 km)

The District's most important pilgrim centre is located at an island just 10 kms from Tiruchi. Srirangam, surrounded by the waters of River Cauveri on one side and its tributary Kollidam on the other side is a 600 acre island-town enclosed within the seven walls of the gigantic Lord Ranganathaswami Temple. There are 21 Gopurams, among which the Rajagopuram is the tallest in South India. The 72 mtr. high 13 tier Raja Gopuram was built in 1987 and dominates the landscape for miles around, while the remaining 20 Gopurams were built between the 14th and 17th centuries. Originally there was just a small shrine where the temple is today, but it was added on to and expanded by the Cholas, Cheras, Pandyas, Hoysalas, the Vijayanagar Kings and Nayaks of Madurai and today Srirangam stands as the biggest Temple complex in the country (Ph.2432246)



### Yatri Niwas

It is located on the northern side of Srirangam Temple at the banks of River Coleroon. It has basic amenities including stay and food for devotees. Ph : 0431 - 2432246, 94864 82246



### Amma Mandapam Ghat, Srirangam (9kms)

The banks of the river is the site for a series of ceremonies and rituals, as pilgrims bath for good fortune, priests pray for childbirth and mourners scatter ashes. Pilgrims come here to purify themselves before offering further pooja at the temple. Many ceremonies take place on the 10th day pursuing to the death of an individual Hindu.



### Thiruvanaikkaval (8 Kms)

Situated at 2 kms east of Srirangam, this beautiful Shiva Temple steals the show from the larger Ranganathaswami Temple due to its excellent architectural design. The Temple is named after the elephant which is believed to have worshiped Lord Shiva here, who is installed under an ancient Jambu tree.

The Lingam is partially submerged in water and is meant to represent water, one of the five elements of Universe.



### St.Lourdes Church (5 Kms)

The Church located near the Rock Fort Theppakulam based on French architecture, is the oldest one of its kind. This Church of Our Lady of Lourdes is the replica of Basilica of Lourdes, the world famous place of pilgrimage in South France. (Ph. 4226300)



### Natharshah Dharga (5 Kms)

The Dharga is built 1000 years ago, stands as a holy place for Muslims. The festival of 'Urs' is celebrated in this mosque every year with great plomb. Many devotees from various parts of Tamil Nadu visit this mosque during the festivals & rituals. (Ph.2700401)



### Vayaloor (8 km)

A very fine picnic spot located on the outskirts of Tiruchirappalli having a temple dedicated to Lord Murugan in the midst of lush green vegetation. (Ph : 2607344)



### Thiruverumbur (15 kms)

A/m. Thiru Erumbeeswarar Temple is dedicated to Lord Shiva, in the town of Thiruverumbur. It is located at the top of a 60 feet (18 m) hill and is reached by a fleet of granite steps. Since the temple is on the top of the hill, it is locally called "Malai Kovil".



### Ayyanar Temple (13 Km)

This temple is beautifully located on the bank of Cauvery river at a place called Melur which is just 3 kms from Srirangam. Giant clay made horses adorn this temple. (Ph : 9597100972)



### Vekkaliyamman Temple (5 kms)

It is located around 5 kms from the Central Bus stand Trichy. The temple has no roof for the presiding deity. Legend has it that the Goddess here saved the people from Sand storms and turbulent wind showered upon this place by the curse of the Lord Shiva, heeding to the request of his pious devotee Saint Sarama Munivar. It lies not far from Nachiyar Kovil and Panchavarneswarar temple. (Ph : 2761869)



### Prasanna Venkatachalapathi Temple

#### Thuraiyur (45 kms)

Arulmigu Prasanna Venkatachalapathi temple lies at the top of Perumal Malai which is located 960 feet above sea level in Pachaimalai hills, 3 kms from Thuraiyur of Tiruchirappalli district. This temple is said to be constructed by the grandson of Karikal Chozhan. The Goddess here is named as Alamelumangai Thayar. All Saturdays of Tamil month 'Purattasi' (Sep-Oct) are celebrated in a grand manner. Hundreds of devotees take part in the Girivalam procession around the Perumal Malai hillock during all full-moon days. (Ph : 04326 - 275310)



### Gunaseelam (24 kms)

Gunaseelam is located on the northern bank of River Cauvery between Tiruchirappalli - Musiri Road. A Vaishnava Temple dedicated to Lord Prasanna Venkateswarar attracts many devotees to this place. (Ph : 2275216)



### Planetorium (6 kms)

Planetorium / Anna Science center is located on Pudukottai road near airport. Programs in Tamil and English versions are shown daily.  
Tamil version : 10.30 am, 1.00 pm, 3.30 pm, 4.45 pm  
English Version : 11.45 am, 2.15 pm  
Entry Fee: Adult Rs.12/- Child Rs.6/- (below 12 yrs)  
Environmental Gallery Entry Fee: Adult Rs.5/- Child Rs.2/- (below 12 yrs)  
Science Park Entry Fee : Rs.1/-  
Ph : 0431 2331921 / 2332190  
Timing : 10.00 am to 5.45 pm  
(Open all days except Three National Holidays)



### Government Museum (5 kms)

Government Museum of Tiruchy was established in 1963 at Cantonment Area. Later in 1997, the Museum was shifted to Rani Mangammal Choudhary of in the Town Hall Premises. Ancient era artifacts like carvings, stone inscriptions, sculptures, megalithic tools, currencies, weapons and tools can be seen in the museum. The museum is open on all days, except Friday. Timings : 10.00 am to 5.00 pm. (Ph : 2708809)

### St. Mary Cathedral Church (Melapudur)

The Church is located 2 kms away from Central bus stand on the way to Rockfort, near Palakarai. She is popularly known as "Mother of Good Health" and in vernacular language 'Arokya Madha'. It occupies a unique place as not only one of the oldest Churches in Tamilnadu, but also as the Mother Church of the five dioceses bifurcated out of its Jurisdiction.  
(Phone : 0431 - 2411511)



### Festivals

Mohini Alangaram, Vaikunda Ekadhasi, Garuda Sevai, Flower Festival and Car Festival at SRIRANGAM, Month : December & January

The Float Festival at Rock Fort Theppakkulam, Month : March & April

Samayapuram Mariamman Temple Poochorithal Festival, Month : March & April

### Shopping

#### KADHI CRAFT

Opposite to Railway Station, Junction Road,  
Ph: 2460814  
(9.30 am - 1.30 pm & 4.00 pm - 8.00 pm except Government Holidays)

#### POOMPUHAR SALES EMPORIUM

Near Main Guard Gate, Ph : 2704895  
(10.00 am - 1.00 pm & 3.00 pm - 8.00 pm)

### Place of Worship

#### TEMPLE

Thayumanaswamy and Uchipillaiyar Temple (Rockfort), Sri Renganathaswamy Temple & Jambukeswarar Temple.

#### CHURCH

St. Lourdes Church (Near Mainguard Gate), St. Mary Cathedral Church (Melapudur)

#### MOSQUE

Nadhisha Dharga (Near Ibrahim Park)

### Approximate Road Distance from Tiruchirappalli to other Tourise Places

#### Name of the Tourist Places kms.

Chennai	320
Chidambaram	170
Coimbatore	203
Courtallam	290
Hogenakkal	247
Kancheepuram	286
Karaikudi	372
Kanyakumari	160
Kodaikanal	195
Kolli Hills	120

Kumbakonam	94
Madurai	130
Mamallapuram	259
Nagore	155
Ooty	300
Palani	163
Point Calimere	168
Poompuhar	135
Puducherry	200
Pudukkottai	50
Rajapalayam	213
Rameshwaram	265
Tenkasi	287
Thanjavur	55
Theni	211
Tiruchendur	357
Tirunelveli	279
Tiruttani	336
Tiruvannamalai	216
Tiruvarur	122
Tuticorin	261
Velankanni	160
Vellore	308
Yercaud	162

### Important Phone Numbers of Tiruchirappalli

District Collector Office	2415358
Commissioner of Police	2333629
Superintendent of Police	2333603
Airport	2340554
Passport Office	2707011
Toll Free No. 18002581800	
Railway Enquiry - Trichy Junction	138 / 139
Bus Enquiry - SETC	2333737
State Bank of India (Main)	2400665
Head Post Office	2415618

### Samayapuram (18 kms)

This is a very famous pilgrimage centre dedicated to the Goddess Mariamman. It is one among the most important abodes of Shakti in India. Panch Prakaram, Poochoriyal Vizha and Brahmotsavam are some of the festival that attracts many devotees.

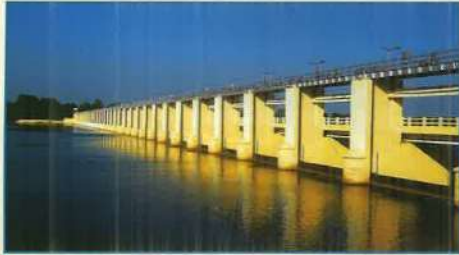
(Ph: 2670460)



### Mukkombu (Upper Anaicut) (18 Kms)

A place located on the Tiruchi-Karur Road with a significant bifurcation of Cauvery into two branches namely River Cauvery and River Kollidam. This is a beautiful picnic spot with lush green trees, meadows and parks.

(Ph: 2614422)



### Butterfly Park, Melur (Srirangam)

The butterfly park at Trichy which is considered as one of the biggest butterfly parks in Asia, is being constructed over 35 acres. It is exactly situated on the bank of River Cauveri near Melur, Srirangam.



### Thiruppainjeeli (27 km)

A/m. Gneelivaneswarar Temple is situated in Thiruppainjeeli near Manachanallur, which is located 27 kms away from Tiruchirappalli.

(Ph: 2902654)



### Thiruvasi (18 km)

A/m. Matruraivaradeeswarar Temple is situated at Thiruvasi. This is one of Siva Devara Sthalam. In this temple, we can witness the snake being depicted under the feet of Lord Nataraja instead of the usual Muyalagan. (Ph: 6574972)



### Tirupparaithurai (22 kms)

An ancient 7th Century temple of Lord Tharuganeswarar is situated on the South bank of River Cauvery. This is the place known as Tharugavanam in ancient times, where Lord Shiva as Pitchaadana destroyed the pride of Tharugavana Hermits.



### Tirupattur

### (A/m. Brahmasureeswara Temple) (35 kms)

Here, Lord Brahma appears to devotees with turmeric dressing on all Thursdays. Brahma is the authority for Planet Jupiter. It is the general belief of people that the blessing this god would change the fate of a person from bad to good. (Ph: 2909599)



### Koranganatha Temple

#### Srinivasanallur (50 kms)

Koranganatha Temple is located on the banks of River Cauvery at Srinivasanallur on Salem Highway. It has some of the finest early Chola stone sculptures and has good architecture. It was declared as a protected monument by Archaeological Survey of India.



#### Puliancholai (72 Kms)

It is a beautiful picnic spot located at the foothills in forest region. At the top of Kolli Hills, there is a waterfall known as Dakshina Ganga. Its waters are believed to possess medicinal properties. It extends to Puliancholai and then joins the Kollidam, the tributary of Cauvery. It is a perennial stream



### Pachamali (80 kms)

A lush green vegetative hill range near Thuraiyur is known as Pachamalai. It is a very fine picturesque spot to enjoy the nature. The tribal people have been residing here. Their habits and way of life lure many foreign tourists to the spot. (Ph : 2414265)



#### Thiruvellarai (25 kms)

A Vaishnava Temple known as Pundareekasha Perumal Temple is situated here. This Temple is one among the 108 Divya desams sanctified by the songs rendered by Azhwars. It has the pride of having Mangalasanam made to the Shrine by Periazhwar and Thirumangai Azhwar. This is also a noted Archaeological site having cave Temple and a Swastik shaped tank. (Ph : 2562246)



### Uthamar Koil (12 kms)

Here one can worship Lord Brahma (the creator), Lord Vishnu (the protector), Lord Shiva (the destroyer) within the same Temple complex. Hence this place is called Thirumurthi Shkethram or Kadambavanam. Uthamarkoil in Karumbanur is one of the most famous shrines denoted in 108 Vaishnava Divyadesam's Paadal Sthala (Phone : 2591466)



#### Ayyappan Temple (1 kms)

Located near the District Court of Trichy, it is a peaceful temple attracting many people during all week days. This temple is famous for its discipline and neatness. Special Poojas are performed for unmarried persons and child-expecting couples. (Ph : 2461415)



**TOURIST MAP OF TIRUCHIRAPPALLI**



Scale : 1 cm = 6.9 kms Appox.

**Akkaraipatti Sai Baba Temple - the 'Shirdi of South India'**

Sprawling over an area of 35000 sq. ft, Akkaraipatti Sai Baba Temple is one of the largest temples for Shirdi Sai Baba in South India. It was consecrated near Samayapuram, Trichy in a small hamlet called Akkaraipatti. The magnificent Akkaraipatti Sai Baba Temple is situated about 4 km from the Samayapuram toll plaza on the Chennai-Trichy National Highway.

The Akkaraipatti Shirdi Sai Baba Temple was planned, designed and constructed by the Sree Sai Karpagaviruksha Trust with the Chairman of NTC Group of Companies. It is built as a three-floored structure with its basement extending up to 12,000 sq. ft. The basement of the shrine houses a 5-feet high Shiva Linga and is mainly used for yoga and meditation practices.

The Temple complex has four sub-shrines of Lord Ganesha and other deities and the walls of the temple are embellished with the mural paintings of the deities. Variety of frescoes demonstrating the manifestation of Sai Baba is painted on the interior false ceiling of the temple which is simply stunning. The whole temple complex looks no less than an architectural splendour adorned with traditional ornamental works. The exterior domes enhanced with gold foiled sheets catch the sight of every onlooker. The 20 chuntries that surround the main temple complex add elegance to this architectural marvel.

