

Chola Marvels

This path is a slow travel featuring UNESCO monuments – The Great Living Chola Temples

Day 1



Welcome to Trichy! Situated on the banks of the Kaveri River, Trichy has a rich history, having been ruled by various dynasties like the Cholas, Pallavas, and Nayaks.

Enjoy the drive as the route passes through the delta region, offering a glimpse into the simple local culture and agricultural lifestyle.

Your stay will be checking into a heritage resort in a quiet heritage village.

Thanjavur has been the seat of culture through the early to late medieval times, serving as the capital of the Chola empire from the 9th to the 12th centuries.

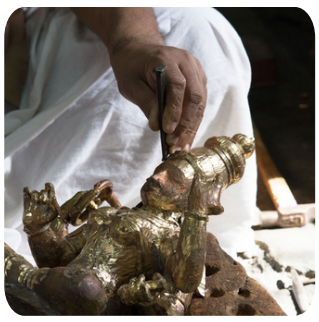
Day 2



This day will begin as the rays of the Sun kiss the towering structure of the majestic Brihadeeswarar Temple. Lo and behold your breath! Built by Raja Raja Chola, this temple is a testament to the architectural prowess and engineering skills of this era.

Meet and Dine with the guardians and custodians of this heritage monument. Listen to the stories that will transport you to the Golden time of the Chola-s

Day 3



UNESCO's The Great Chola Living tradition is a trilogy consisting of The Big temple at Thanjavur, Gangaikonda Cholapuram at Jayamkondan and Airavateswarar temple at Darasuram.

Built in the 12th century by Raja Raja Chola II, Darasuram temple showcases intricate Dravidian architectural style and stunning artwork, including miniature sculptures on the pillars.

Visit a Workshop of Chola Bronze artisan.
Watch the master craftsman in action. Dwell deep into the idea of 'Form', engaging with your culture host on the art of idol making

Day 4



The Chettinad region's traditional architecture, particularly the mansions today have been converted into heritage hotels, allowing visiting travellers to experience the legacy of the Chettiar-s.

An ethnic anthropology expert will take you through the pages of history, giving a sneak peak to the Chettinad homes and their lifestyle.

Day 5



After the insights into the classical medieval period of Tamil culture - the rich delta region, its landforms and people;

On your drive back to Chennai, we will stop over at Jayankondam to complete the Chola trilogy.

We wish you would join us in our curated experiential path that explores India’s wisdom traditions.

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Theme: Cultural trip on Form & Formless
Where: Thanjavur, Darasuram, Jayamkondan, Karaikudi
Accommodation: Boutique Heritage resort, Weaver’s Village