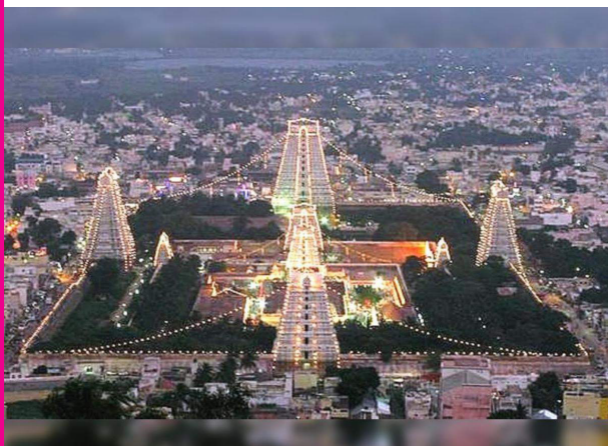


# Thiruvannamalai

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## **Tiruvannamalai Tourism**

Tiruvannamalai is a popular spiritual tourist destination for Indian and foreigners. Annamalaiyar Temple & Tiruvannamalai girivalam located here. Deepa Thiruvizah and Ramana Ashram etc. are world famous.

### **1. Annamalaiyar Temple**

Known as Tiruvannamalai Arunachaleswarar Temple, this place is one of the five shrines of Lord Shiva. The source of this temple is called Arunasareshwar and Ambigai is called Unnamulayal.



This place/mountain is revered as the place where Lord Shiva appeared as a long rod of fire when Brahma and Tirumal had a fight as to who was the greatest, saying that the one who can see his feet and hair is the greatest and the place where Lord Shiva gave his place for Ambika's request.



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Arunachaleswarar temple is big, a total of six Praharas and nine Gopurams are established in the middle of the hill on an area of 25 acres. There are four gopurams to enter the temple and five gopurams inside the temple. The main tower of the temple, the East gopuram, is 217 feet tall and has 11 storeys. The temple has two Theppakulamams namely Brahma theertham and Sivaganga theertham. Also here is a magnificent thousand-pillared beautiful hall.

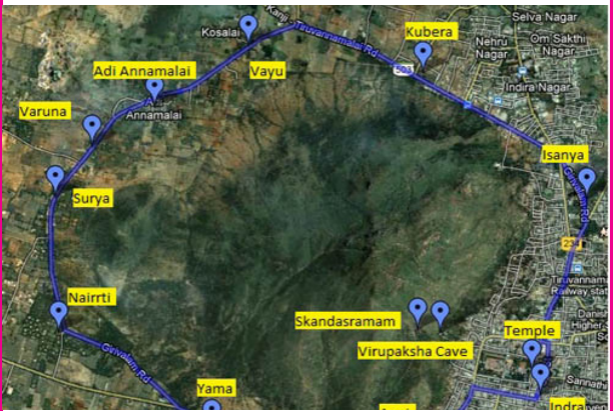


The temple is open from 5 AM to 12.30 PM and 3.30 PM to 9.30 PM.



## 2. Girivalam

Lakhs of devotees visit Tiruvannamalai every month on the full moon day. It is believed that on the full moon day, after visiting Annamalaiyar in Tiruvannamalai, one starts from the right side of the hill, which is 14 kilometers away, and goes around the Girivalam, one's sins will be removed and one's blessings will be gained.



The 2668 feet high mountain here looks like a lingam. And on full moon days the light of the moon reflects silkily on the herbs on the hill. It is scientifically proven that such reflected light rays are beneficial to our body and mind.



The 14 km long Girivala path has eight lingams in all eight directions namely Indra lingam, Agni lingam, Yama lingam, Niruthi lingam, Varuna lingam, Vayulingam, Kubera lingam and Isanya lingam. At night there are lights all over the path to climb the hill to Girivalam.

There is a very small and ancient Iduku Pillaiyar temple on Girivala path. The temple has three gates which are not arranged in a straight line. It is believed that if one enters through the back door, crawls on one's back, enters the second gate, comes out through the front door and worships Pillaiyar, one will be blessed with a child.



One should walk very slowly while coming to Girivalam. We should walk with divine thought and nama japam. Do not sit in the vehicle for any reason and practice the grip.



Going to Girivalam will reduce stress. Accupuncture is done by inserting small stones into the feet to improve blood circulation. Men should go shirtless while going to girivalam. The rays of the moon fall on the body and are very good for health. Climbing the mountain will expand your mind, walking and worshipping will increase your health, and walking with four people will increase your friendship. Worshipping God and thinking about him will increase peace and inner light will increase.



### 3. Karthikai Deepam

Tiruvannamalai Arunachaleswarar, the festival of Karthikai deepam is celebrated annually with much fanfare, based on the fact that lord Shiva appeared in the form of Agni to both Tirumal and Brahma in the Karthikai nakshatra of the month of Karthikai in the temple.



Early that morning, one lamp is lit in the Annamalaiyar shrine, and five more lamps are lit through it. Then those lamps are put together and kept near Annamalaiyar. Then this lamp is taken to the mountain. This festival is specially celebrated for ten days as Karthikai brahmotsavam or Deepa festival.



600 liters of ghee, 2 bundles of cotton, 15 meters of khata cloth and two kilograms of camphor are used in a five and a half feet high cauldron on the top of the hill to light the Maha deepam and the Akanda Deepam is lit for 11 days continuously.

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The first day of the 10-day Karthigai deepa festival, Arunachaleswarar Silver vehicle procession will be held starting with flag hoisting.



Lord Chandrasekhara on the second day and the Periyana Peruman procession and on the third day, the Periyana Peruman lion procession will take place.

On the fourth day, there will be a Kamadenu procession of Lord Periyana Peruman and on the fifth day, there will be a bull chariot procession of Lord Periyana Peruman.



Sixth day is Periyana Peruman Friday vehicle procession and a wooden procession of Lord Periyana Peruman on the seventh day.

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On the eighth day, there is a horse-drawn procession of Lord Periyanaayaka and on the ninth day, there is a procession of Periyanaayaka Kailasa.



10th day of Karthika Deepa festival, Bharani at the temple at four in the morning the lamp will be lit. At 6 o'clock in the evening, the Maha deepam will be lit on the top of the hill. Devotees from all over the world have a habit of witnessing this spectacle as the lamp represents the image of Arunachaleswarar. At night, the Mahadeepam burning on Tiruvannamalai hill can be seen up to 30 kilometers around Tiruvannamalai.



On the eleventh day of the Karthikai Deepa festival, Arunachaleswarar's Theppathurivizha comes to the Theppakulam in a float and on the twelfth day of the Karthikai Deepa festival, the Kartikai Deepa festival comes to an end.



## Tourists sightseeing in Thiruvannamalai district and Spiritual places

### 4. Thiruvannamalai Town

Tiruvannamalai is one of the places that gives salvation, just thinking about it gives salvation, it is the faith of the Saivas. Thus, the Arunachaleswarar temple here attracts not only Indian but also foreign devotees.

And in earlier times from various towns and countless cities, Siddhas lived in Tiruvannamalai town they have calmed down. Among them Ramana, Seshatri swami, Visiri swami Gurunamachivayar came to the cave Namachivayar others are notable. Their tombs are located on the Girivala path.



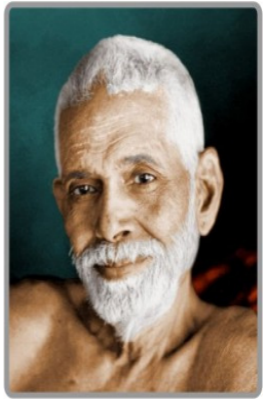
Seshatri swamis in Kanchipuram in 1870, the year before Maharishi was born. His Ashram is located near Ramana Maharishi's Ashram on Chengam road. Outside Tiruvannamalai city the seshatri Ashram provides accommodation to the pilgrims.



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As far as spirituality is concerned, Ramana Maharishi who lived in Tiruvannamalai is very famous in the world. He was born in 1879 in a village near Madurai and passed away in 1950 at Tiruvannamalai.

Even after Ramana Maharishi's death, his thoughts and spiritual power continue to live among devotees. Inside the Ramana Ashram, a large Dhyana Mandapam has been erected over the Samadhi of Ramana Maharishi to allow all the devotees who come here to sit and meditate comfortably.



Yogi Ramsurathkumar was born in 1918 in Kashi and lived in Tiruvannamalai until 2001 and joined the Lord. Opposite Ramana Ashram is Yogi Ramsurathkumar Ashram, which is shaped like a lotus. There is alms giving three times a day.



## 5. Javvadu Hill-Jamnamathur

The central part of Javvadu hill is also touristic Talam from Jamnamathur on Polur route at a distance of 70 km in Tiruvannamalai.



At a distance of 3 km from Jamnamathur is the Biman water fall which pours water from a height of 80 feet for 6 months only during the rainy season of the year.



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At a distance of 15 km from Jamnamathur Kavanur is home to South Asia's largest space research centre, the Telescope Centre. Visitors are allowed here only on Saturdays from 4 to 6 pm during the week.



On the way from Polur to Athiyur approx at a distance of 38 km, at an altitude of about 2,500 feet, there is a place called Valium Rock. There are hundreds of 4-foot high Dwarf Caves, which are said to have been inhabited by 3-foot-tall people in earlier times.



## 6. Mount Parvata

57 kilometers from Thiruvannamalai via Polur, Parvatha hill is located in Tenmatimangalam at an altitude of 4,500 feet. On top of it there are Mallikarjunar and Pramarambikai Amman temples. If one wants to go to the top of this sky-high mountain and visit God, then life.

50 km as seen from the top of the hill. You can enjoy the natural beauty below. It takes between 1 and 4 hours to climb the approximately 1,250 steps on this mountain.



A rugged, stony hill The path starts at the Kadapar and has an incline of 120 degrees. In this they make a hole in the rock and plant the rocks and tie them with chains. Hold on to these chains and climb the mountain. The first few kilometers of this hilly route is flat terrain, the second few kilometers is a step path, the third few kilometers is a rocky path and the fourth is a Kadaparai path. At least 2 days of foot pain after climbing Parvada. It is an ideal destination for adventure seekers.



### 7. Satanur Dam

Shatanur Dam is located at a distance of 30 km from Tiruvannamalai town beyond Thandarampattu. The dam has boating facility, battery car facility and swimming pool for bathing, 50 acre park and largest crocodile farm with 300 crocodiles.



### 8. Chinnayan Pettai Pond

Tanipadi from Tiruvannamalai at a distance of 30 kilometers on the way, there is Chinnayan Pettai pond, which is famous for sexual sculptures under the control of the Archaeological department. The pool is full of sculptures depicting various sexual relationships.



### 9. Padavedu Renukampal Temple

Padavedu is situated 57 kms from Tiruvannamalai on the Vellore road next to Sandhavasal. The Renukampal temple here is famous among the goddess shrines.



### 10. Tennankur Pandurangan Temple

From Vandavasi to Kanchipuram Pandurangan in South Angkor on the road, the temple is situated. Puri Jagannath is located, like a temple with a 120 feet high gopuram that amazes the viewer. In this temple, Kannan's leelas are designed as beautiful colored paintings in piper glass. It is the third and largest such temple in the world.



Apart from these 30 km on Chennai road, farthest are Chenjikottai in Villupuram district and 25 km on Avalurpet road.

Melmalayanur Angalaparameshwari temple is 60 km on Vellore road. Amriti is a tourist destination located in Vellore district. The Golden Temple in Vellore is also a must-see tourist destination.

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