

## Classic South India Pilgrimage

Dec 29, 2016 - Jan 14, 2017

**\$5795 (INCLUDES round-trip airfare from New York to Chennai)**

We depart from New York and fly as a group to Chennai on December 29. When we arrive in Chennai, we will prepare for our pilgrimage by changing money and shopping for Indian clothes. We will then board a comfortable air-conditioned bus and begin a fantastic journey to the abodes of the gods, and experience the rituals and darshan of the living temples of South India.

Each day we immerse ourselves in the culture by participating in the rituals and everyday lives of our hosts in their temples, in their villages and in their homes. Highlights include: Nataraja's Temple in Chidambaram; Meenakshi's Temple in Madurai, and so many others that are not the usual tourist stops. A detailed itinerary will be available soon, and we assure you each place we visit is chosen for its own spectacular local experience.

We will begin the trip at the Temple of Nataraja, with the opening ceremony at the Markazhi festival and end with the festival grand finale, the mahaabhishekam.

### **Preparation:**

There will be extensive ongoing preparation provided throughout the course of the year leading up to your trip so that you will be completely prepared for your journey. Vishali coordinates all preparation and will start sending you preparation as soon as you register. Upon submitting your deposit, you will be given an access code to the pages on our website that help you start preparing your passport, visa, clothing, etc.

### **Application:**

You may submit your application via our website. Just go to the Trips page and scroll down to the Apply Now form. This simple form will allow you to submit your deposit and application in one easy step. If you prefer to use a payment method other than PayPal,

please answer the application questions at the bottom of this page and submit your answers to [Vishali@VishaliVarga.com](mailto:Vishali@VishaliVarga.com). She will contact you within 5 days to discuss your payment method.

**Payment Plans:**

We do offer payment plans. Once your application and deposit are submitted, Vishali will contact you about payment arrangements.

**Questions:**

For FAQ, please check our website. If you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to reach out and ask. Use our contact form online, or email Vishali at [Vishali@VishaliVarga.com](mailto:Vishali@VishaliVarga.com).

**Application:**

- 1) Name:
  - 2) Home Address:
  - 3) Email Address:
  - 4) Cell Phone #:
  - 5) Have you been to India before? If so, where and for what purpose?
  - 6) Is there someone you would like to room with who is also applying?
  - 7) Approx. how many hours have you studied with Professor Brooks?
  - 8) Do you have ANY medical or physical issues, or have you had any in the past 5 years?
  - 9) Do you have any dietary issues?
  - 10) Have you ever traveled in a developing country? If yes, where and for what purpose?
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