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## Pondicherry-Chidambaram Package For 4N / 5D



### Overview

**'French Capital of India' OR Mini Europe**, Pondicherry is a vibrant city located on the south-eastern coast of India. Brimming with unspoiled beaches, heritage buildings, French and Tamil quarters, ancient temples and churches and a colonial ambience,

Pondicherry (or Puducherry), a French colonial settlement in India until 1954, is now a Union Territory town bounded by the southeastern Tamil Nadu state. Its French legacy is preserved in its French Quarter, with tree-lined streets, mustard-colored colonial villas and chic boutiques. A seaside promenade runs along the Bay of Bengal and passes several statues, including a 4m-high Gandhi.

## Flight Details

**Departure From:** Indira Gandhi International Airport  
**Airline:** SpiceJet  
**Flight Timing:** 06:10  
**Flight No:** SG | 107

**Arriving At:** Chennai International Airport  
**Airline:** IndiGo  
**Flight Timing:** 09:10  
**Flight No:** SG | 107

**Departure From:** Chennai International Airport  
**Airline:** Air India  
**Flight Timing:** 14:10  
**Flight No:** AI | 538

**Arriving At:** Indira Gandhi International Airport  
**Airline:** Air India  
**Flight Timing:** 15:00  
**Flight No:** AI | 538

**Note : Same flight depends upon availability**

## Hotel Details

**Hotel :** Hotel Atithi, Pondicherry



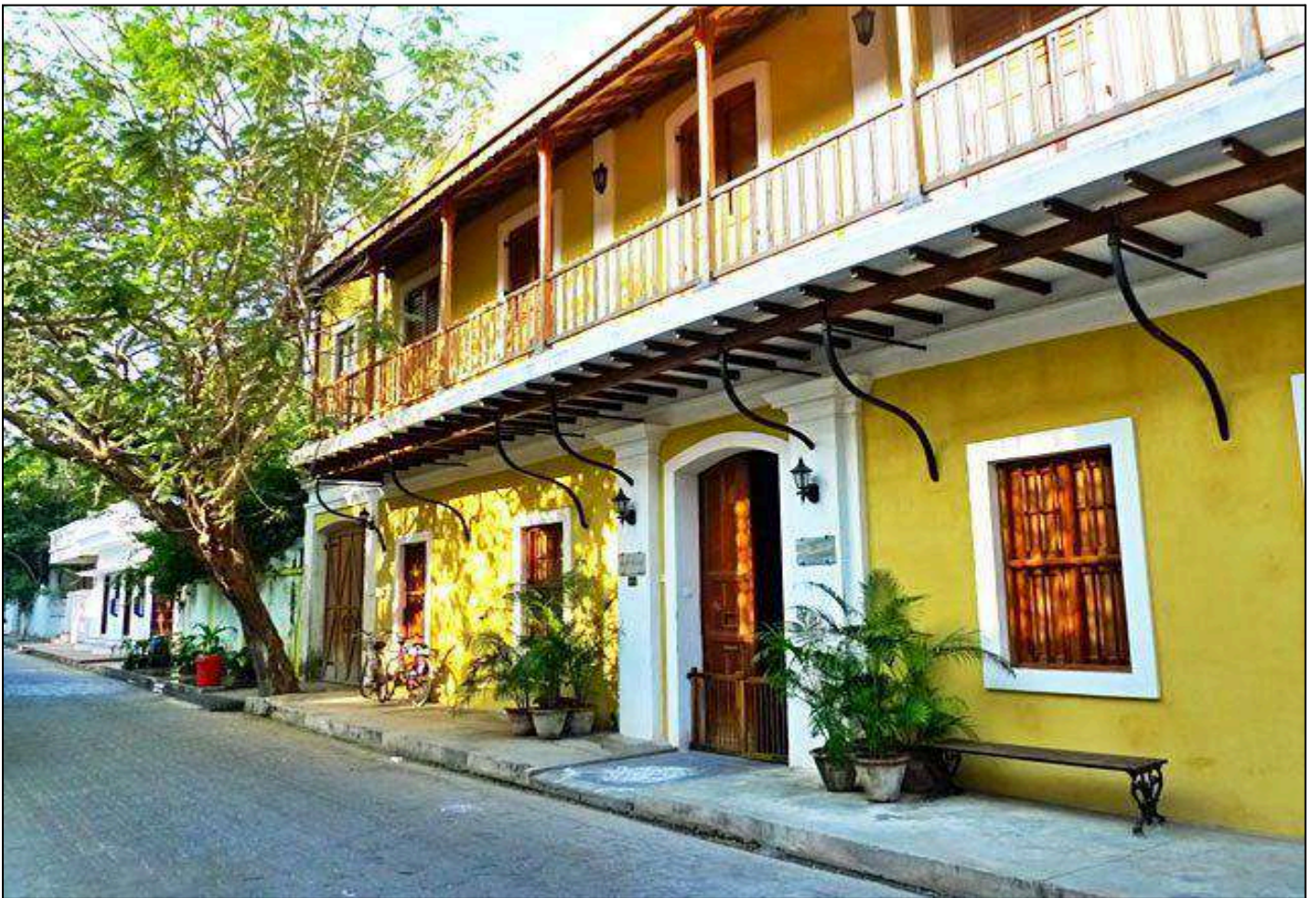
## Day 1

Arrive At Chennai International Airport and Check-In at Pondicherry Hotel

## Day 2

After Breakfast, Local Sightseeing

### French Quarter



The **French Quarter of Pondicherry** looks magical with its brightly yellow buildings with white outlines. When you take a walk here, you get transferred to another world. The French-styled villas, the colorful red bougainvillea, the cobble streets, and the quiet surroundings- all take you to the times of French Colonization. You can surely opt for a heritage walk here. Opt for lunch at any on-site eatery, hold a book in your hand or just relax with a glass of beer.

**Famous for:** A heritage town with French ambiance

**Things to do:** Go on a guided walking tour around the French Quarter.

## Botanical Gardens



Founded in 1826, with ornate French architecture, **Botanical Gardens of Pondicherry** spreads in an area of 22 acres, and is a treasure trove of more than 1500 plant species (endangered and rare), boasting of several valuable properties. The garden is segregated into 28 plots with varied themes. Children's train, 6 fountains, a dancing fountain, Japanese rock and an aquarium with ornamental fish are the other attractions here. Do not forget to spot colorful birds.

**Famous for:** A 178 years old garden, housing over 1500 endangered and rare species of plants

**Things to do:**

- Take your kids to the kid's play area.
- Visit the aquarium.
- Enjoy the toy train ride.
- Witness the Musical Fountain.

## Sri Manakula Vinayagar Temple



Historically known as **Manakulathu Vinayagar**, Sri Manakula Vinayagar Temple is a 500-yr old temple. The temple is dedicated to Lord Vinayak (Lord Ganesha) where he resides with his consorts. It is one of the most popular temples in Pondicherry. As per mythology, the Lord has 16 types of names as per his different forms, out of which this God facing eastern coast near Bay of Bengal is called Bhuvaneshar Ganapathy, now known as Manakula Vinayagar.

**Famous for:** A 500-yr old temple

**Timings:** 06.00 AM to 01.00 PM and 04.00 PM to 10.00 PM

**Things to do:**

- Offer prayers at the temple.

## Sri Aurobindo Ashram



One of the most well-known ashrams in India, **Sri Aurobindo Ashram** lying on Rue de la Marine is also one the wealthiest. People looking for peace and spiritual salvation flock to this place from all around the globe. The Ashram was founded by Sri Aurobindo, one of India's greatest philosopher-poets, in 1926. He promoted Yoga and spiritual well-being. Now the Ashram promotes a fusion of yoga and modern science. Kids below 3 years are not allowed here. The Ashram complex also has a library.

**Famous for:** The headquarters of the Sri Aurobindo Society (SAS)

**Things to do:**

- Meditate in the calming surroundings.
- Visit the library nearby.
- Witness the Samadhi of Sri Aurobindo.
- Watch a short film at the visitor's centre.

## Pondicherry Museum



Housing a wonderful collection of sculptures and archeological objects, the **Pondicherry Museum** has amazing galleries with different kinds of exhibits including archaeological remains from the Arikamedu Roman settlement. There is a section dedicated to French colonial objects. You can also see a collection of snail shells, handicrafts, temple lamps, bronze sculptures, glass paintings, **Tanjore** paintings, varieties of Pallava and Chola art, Buddha images old journals and weapons etc

**Famous for:** Wonderful collection of archeological objects, ancient sculptures, and more

**Things to do:**

- Learn the history of this museum.
- Witness the artifacts, architecture, and French culture.

## Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception Cathedral



Locally known as Samba Kovil, it is the cathedral mother church of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Cuddalore and Pondicherry. Immaculate Conception Cathedral was built around 1791 on the site of another church that was ruined by the Dutch. This church is also the residence of the bishop. The striking façade has twin Doric columns below and ionic above. The face of the church has a statue of Our Lady with the infant Jesus in her arms, along with the interiors having 8 barrel vaults and a central dome with 8 circular openings.

**Famous for:** A 300-yr old church that was visited by Mother Teresa

**Things to do:**

- Witness Portuguese style of architecture.
- Admire the beautiful paintings inside the church.
- Enjoy the peaceful environment.
- Offer prayers to the almighty.

## Eglise de notre Dame des Anges



Also known as Our Lady of Angels Church, Kaps Koil and White Chapel, it is the fourth oldest church in Pondicherry. It is the only church where mass is offered in 3 languages- French, Tamil and English. The church has an amazing architecture for which it is popular. One of the most prominent landmarks in Puducherry, it follows the Roman Catholic sect of Christianity. The architecture of the church looks like the Basilica at Lourdes in Southern France. Do not forget to click the stunning façade.

**Famous for:** Wonderful architecture

**Things to do:**

- Feel the peace and calm at this church in Pondicherry.
- Witness the pink architecture.
- Take a walk down the promenade.

After Breakfast, Cover Pondicherry Beautiful Beaches

## Mahe Beach



One of the most exotic **beaches of Pondicherry**, Mahe beach is a secluded beach, ideal for peace seekers and honeymooners. Placed close to tiny hamlets of fishermen, this beach is known for memorable sunset and sunrise views. Serene, palm-fringed and virgin, **Mahe beach** gives you a chance to just take a stroll and just lay down on the clean sand. Pick up shells and make your own souvenirs.

**Famous for:** Secluded beach known for sunset and sunrise views

**Things to do:**

- Enjoy the most mesmerizing sunset.
- Try fishing.
- Take a trip to the fishing villages and collect seashells.

## Karaikal Beach



Popular as a paradise for swimming enthusiasts, Karaikal beach offers various water sports activities such as kayaking, canoeing, boating and beach games such as Volleyball. Perfect for early risers, the beach offers memorable sunrises and is known for its wonderful scenery. The beach also has a Children activity park and a Tennis court.

**Famous for:** Swimming and other water sports, breathtaking scenery and memorable sunrise

**Things to do:** Indulge in thrilling adventure sports like boating, jet skiing, kayaking, backwater sailing, and overnight camping.

## Auroville Beach



One of the most **popular beaches in Pondicherry**, Auroville beach is just 12 km away from the main town. It is equally popular amid locals and tourists and is ideal for swimming. Collect the shingles and shells in different colors and shapes, to make your own keepsake. During the weekends, the place is completely packed. The beach is dotted with soft, golden and black volcanic sand.

**Famous for: Swimming**

**Things to do:**

- Perform yoga and meditation.
- Experience the golden sands of the beach and the gushing waves.
- Enjoy surfing and swimming.

## Paradise Beach



Around 8 km from Chunnambar town, **Paradise beach** is accessible via boats from the Chunnambar Resort. Chill out on the soft sand of the beach that is a mix of golden and silver. The amalgam of turquoise waters looks breathtaking. Due to strong current in deep seas, swimming is permitted only close to the shores. The place where the Chunnambar backwaters, and the Bay of Bengal meets is also visible. The beach is also known as called Plage Paradiso.

**Famous for:** A site where the Sea and Chunnambar backwaters meet

**Things to do:**

- Trek to the beach,
- Do beach yoga.
- Set up camp on the beach and enjoy a bonfire with friends and family.
- Indulge in thrilling activities.

## Serenity Beach



Just 20 minutes' drive to the north of the town, **Serenity beach** is a lush cool beauty, offering an ideal getaway from the city's hustle-bustle and heat. Surfing and swimming are popular activities here. A weekend flea bazaar is another attraction of this beach. Glistening waters of Bay of Bengal, shiny golden sands, and the serene surroundings are the real charmers. Just lay down on the sand and enjoy your lazing time.

**Famous for:** Flawless scenery

**Things to do:**

- Enjoy surfing.
- Savour fresh fish delicacies at the food stalls available at the beach.
- Shop for Pondicherry mementoes and local handicrafts at avenues.
- Click pictures of the beautiful beach.

## Chidambaram Temple



## Mangrove Forest



Check-out from the hotel after breakfast at the hotel and move to the airport / train station for your return home journey.

#### Package Includes

- ✓ Flight tickets.
- ✓ 4 Night stay at Hotel
- ✓ Meals - Daily Breakfast and Dinner is included.
- ✓ Meeting & Assistance on arrival by **HBD Travels** representative at Chennai International Airport.
- ✓ Pickup and drop to Chennai International Airport.
- ✓ Sightseeing as per tour itinerary
- ✓ All Toll Taxes, Parking Charges & Driver Allowances included

#### Package Exclusions

- ✓ Expenses of personal nature such as tips, laundry, telephone & drinks etc.
- ✓ Entrance fee and tickets.
- ✓ Guide services.

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