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# INCREDIBLE CHOLAS

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A 3 NIGHTS 4 DAYS HERITAGE HOLIDAY

OCT 07 – OCT 10



**HERITAGE**  
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# ABOUT OUR TOUR



Incredible Cholas has been designed to create a time-travel experience back to the South Indian Dynasties which together have a history of more than 2000 years.



The Trail provides a unique peek into the past, exploring the heartlands of the dynasties bringing alive moments from history.

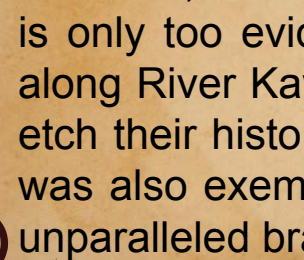


Accompanied by scholars in Archaeology, Architecture, Iconography, History, Art and South Indian Culture and Traditions.



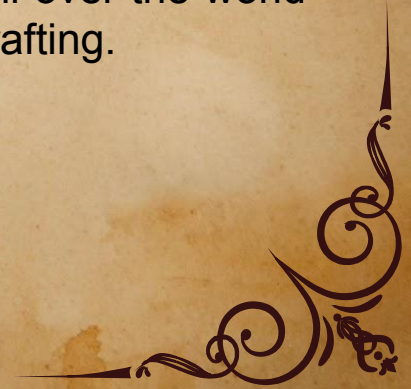
## **CHOLA HISTORY (827 CE - 1264CE)**

Medieval Chola Dynasty has the finest history with empire building written all over it. From an opportune beginning by Vijayalaya Chola in mid 9th Century CE, they ruled till almost the end of 13th Century CE - the longest of the medieval dynasties around the world. Their successive kings took it forward until they reached the pinnacle with Emperor Rajaraja Chola (985 – 1014). Those who followed him were no mean kings either and, with some twists and turns, they ruled over the whole of Tamil country and a vast area including the current day Sri Lanka. It is the only dynasty in India that won wars overseas and spread their influence beyond the shores of India to the Far Eastern Kingdoms. Their passion for arts, literature, and architecture, especially temple architecture, is only too evident in the hundreds of temples they built along River Kaveri, their lifeline. They had the foresight to etch their history on the walls of their temples. Their rule was also exemplified by benevolence, inclusiveness and unparalleled bravery. Let us explore...



## **THE BHONSLE DYNASTY (1674 – 1855 CE)**

The Maratha Kingdom was established in Thanjavur by Venkoji brother of Emperor Shivaji. The Bhonsles took off from where the Cholas left off especially in aspects of arts and architecture. The Thanjavur Big Temple, the structure that best represents the pinnacle of Chola glory, had a second lease of life under the Bhonsles. King Serfoji II was a highly learned king and he established and maintained the amazing Saraswathi Mahal Library in the Palace which is a treasure trove of books and palm leaf manuscripts. It has 4000 books in nine European languages, a great number of them on medicine. The unique Thanjavur art with its colourful, gold foil, and gem embellishments is known all over the world for its beauty, finesse, artistry, and crafting.







# Live like a King...

It is our passion to provide you a break from routine and transport you back to a past that is at once larger-than-life and enchanting. We let you:

- ✿ Witness, partake, feel and understand the Great Chola history.
- ✿ Get close to an era of the great Chola dynasty through a story-themed expedition devised by scholars, historians and story-tellers and let you take a peek at course-changing events that happened a millennium ago .
- ✿ Come face to face with our heritage – stay where our ancestors lived, walk where they walked, breathe what they breathed, see what they saw and enjoy what they enjoyed.





# YOUR JOURNEY WILL

- ✦ open before you the beauty, elegance and artistry of the architectural marvels - a Legacy of the Cholas
- ✦ lead you to experience the architectural marvel of Darasuram with our expert archaeologist
- ✦ take you on a grand finale tour of the Big Temple in the company of our expert archaeologist
- ✦ provide a deep-dive visual representation of the great warrior Rajendra Chola's innovative war strategy at Gangaikonda Cholapuram





- ✦ walk you to stand on the soil where a great war catapulted the emerging Cholas into huge empire builders
- ✦ let you pay homage to the greatest of emperors, Rajaraja, at his final resting place
- ✦ enjoy Live shows in specially designed Amphitheaters. Travel back a 1000 years capturing events which will make you feel touched
- ✦ delight you with traditional village hospitality; walk you through paddy fields
- ✦ let you taste traditional food you have never had before that will tingle your taste buds. Herbal concoction to rejuvenate your body and spirit
- ✦ ensure stay at Heritage Resorts to create an unforgettable experience, a rare blend of ethnic elegance and hospitality par excellence, true to culture, heritage and tradition







Travel by Luxury A/C coach



Heritage Properties (Pannaiyar bungalow and Zamindar Palace)



Accompanied by expert archaeologist who has represented India at UNESCO and other global forums:

Prof Dr. Deivanayagam – Scholar from UNESCO

Ramesh Vangipuram – Historian

Mr. Ramanujam Iyengar – Historian



Surprise events and live shows organized with the help of the local community







## Also..

- ✦ T-Shirts, Notepads, Caps, Herbal concoction, Herbal toiletries and much more
- ✦ AV Presentations and discussions on board
- ✦ An ebook briefing Chola history (in English)
- ✦ Heritage Shopping and Souvenirs

## Your Guides



Renowned Scholar  
– Archeologist



Historians



Story-tellers

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# DAY 1: Oct 07

## Chennai to Chidambaram

DAY	PLACES/EVENTS
Morning	Arrive at Pune/Mumbai Airport and leave for Chennai
Morning	Pick up from Chennai Airport, Traditional Breakfast and Leave for Chidambaram
Morning (In the bus)	Introduction about the Tour Introduction to South Indian History Presentation about Rise of Cholas - Early Cholas to Sundara Chola
Morning	On the way, experience the White Town of Pondicherry, a French colonial settlement in India. The French legacy is preserved in those quarters with tree-lined avenues, mustard-coloured colonial villas and chic boutiques. A seaside promenade runs along the Bay of Bengal and passes several statues including a 4-m high Gandhi Memorial
Afternoon	Arrive at the Pannaiyar Bungalow Resort near Chidambaram Traditional Lunch and Rest
Evening	Heritage walk at Veerananarayana Lake. A 1200 old man-made wonder Explore Chidambaram Nataraja Temple. The epic center of the world
Night	Return to resort Special Live Show at the Resort amphitheater Traditional Dinner



# DAY 2: Oct 08

## Chidambaram to Kumbakonam

DAY	PLACES/EVENTS
Morning	Breakfast Check out of Resort. Leave for Gangai Konda Cholapuram. Arrive at Gangai Konda Cholapuram (UNESCO World Heritage Site). Temple Architecture and Iconography
Morning (In the bus)	Introduction to the great rulers Rajaraja Chola and Rajendra Chola. Deep-dive into the Greatest War Strategy to capture Kadaram (Malaysia) and Ganges
Morning	Cross over mighty Kollidam river for Kumbakonam Arrive at Premium Heritage Resort. Traditional South Indian welcome, check-in.
Afternoon	South Indian Kumbakonam Traditional Lunch Explore 9th Century battlefield that turned the course of History.
Evening	Village Hospitality by local villagers and events conducted by Villagers related to Cholas History. Exclusive Live Show
Evening	Introduction to Pazhayarai. Arrive at Udayalur the resting place of the greatest King Raja Raja Traditional Snacks at a 1000-year-old Agraharam built by King Rajendara
Night	Arrive at Resort, followed by dinner and fun musical night, Bharatanatyam at "Oor Maiyam" within resort campus



# DAY 3: Oct 09

## Kumbakonam to Thanjavur

DAY	PLACES/EVENTS
Morning	Morning Yoga and meditation at Oor Mayam Learn Surya Namaskara – The tradition of South Indian worship to Sun God South Indian Breakfast
Morning	Visit Darashwaram – Ayravatheeswara Temple(UNESCO World Heritage Site). An Architectural jewel of Chola Presentation about Imperial Cholas Part I & II; Vijayala to Rajarajan & Rajendran
Afternoon	Check out from Resort Leave for Thanjavur and Check in at Heritage Resort
Evening	Explore Rajarajeswaram (Big Temple) (UNESCO World Heritage Site). Deep-dive exploring the architectural marvel. Heritage Shopping and return to resort
Night	Light South Indian Classical Music and Traditional Maratha Dinner



# DAY 4: Oct 09

## Thanjavur to Trichy/Chennai

DAY	PLACES/EVENTS
Morning	South Indian Thanjavur Breakfast Traditional Attire and photograph at Thanjavur Big Temple
Morning	Explore Maratha History and Modi Inscription Visit the Architecture wonder of Maratha Palace
Afternoon	Heritage Shopping – Thanjavur paintings and traditional gifts Special Maratha Lunch
Afternoon	Traditional Maratha Lunch Expert Session – Q&A Souvenirs, gifts and traditional farewell
Evening	Leave for Madurai Airport



**COST – 32025/-including GST**

## Payment options

- 1) 50% advance up to 15th August.
- 2) Payment of remaining amount (50%) of the tour cost must be paid before 15th Sept.
- 3) Air booking can be done through us (Optional). Airfare will be charged at actual.

*Air tickets to be booked as soon as possible as airfare increases sharply.*

## Online transfer

### ○ Bank details:

- Account Name: Heritage India Communications Pvt Ltd.
- Account Number: 00392320003828
- Bank: HDFC Bank, Kalpataru Gardens, Boat Club Road, Pune -411001
- IFSC Code: HDFC00000039

**\*\*Please share your full name, mobile number, mail id and the payment screen shot/receipt on 9766375436 or on the communications@heritage-india.com or fill the G Form- <https://forms.gle/SxVGuQ8urAB8jtKF7>**





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