# Tirupati & Tirumala

Darshan of Lord Venkateswara, among the most visited shrines on Earth.





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| **Dates** | Fri, 11 Dec 2026 to Sat, 12 Dec 2026 (2 days) |
| **Travellers** | 2 |
| **Interests** | All |
| **Stay** | Budget Hotel in Tirupati |
| **Arrive via** | Tirupati (rail / air) |
| **Best season** | Sep-Feb (ideal trip: 2 days) |
| **Estimated cost** | Rs. 9,072 (Rs. 4,536 per person) |

## Why visit Tirupati & Tirumala?

The Tirumala temple on the seven hills draws tens of thousands daily; Tirupati's other temples, the Srikalahasti Vayu linga and Talakona falls make a full pilgrimage circuit.

## Day-by-day plan

### *Day 1 | Fri, 11 Dec 2026 | Sri Venkateswara Temple, Tirumala & Sri Padmavathi Ammavari Temple*

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| **7:00 AM** | Arrive in Tirupati and check in |
| **8:00 AM** | Drive to Sri Venkateswara Temple, Tirumala (22 km, ~1 h each way) |
| **8:45 AM** | MUST SEE **Sri Venkateswara Temple, Tirumala**<br>Darshan of Lord Venkateswara (Balaji) on the Tirumala hills.<br>Tip: Book special-entry darshan on the TTD site |
| **2:45 PM** | Return to Tirupati |
| **3:30 PM** | MUST SEE **Sri Padmavathi Ammavari Temple**<br>Temple of Lord Venkateswara's consort at Tiruchanur.<br>Tip: Traditionally visited after Tirumala |
| **Night** | Night: Tirupati |

### *Day 2 | Sat, 12 Dec 2026 | Akasaganga & Papavinasanam & Kapila Theertham*

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| **7:00 AM** | Drive to Akasaganga & Papavinasanam (25 km, ~1 h each way) |
| **7:45 AM** | MUST SEE **Akasaganga & Papavinasanam**<br>Sacred waterfalls on the Tirumala hills. |
| **9:15 AM** | Return to Tirupati |
| **10:15 AM** | MUST SEE **Kapila Theertham**<br>Shiva temple at the foot of the hills with a waterfall pool. |
| **11:15 AM** | Check out and leave Tirupati for your journey home |
| **Night** | Departure - end of trip |

## Budget estimate

| Item | Amount |
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| Stay - Budget Hotel, 1 night, 1 room | Rs. 2,200 |
| Food - 2 people x 2 days | Rs. 3,200 |
| Local cab - about 110 km incl. transfers and day trips | Rs. 2,400 |
| Entry fees, safaris and tickets (approx.) | Rs. 600 |
| Miscellaneous / buffer (8%) | Rs. 672 |
| **Total (estimated)** | **Rs. 9,072** |

## Places on your trip - and why to visit them



MUST SEE **Sri Venkateswara Temple, Tirumala**
22 km from Tirupati · time needed: 6 h · entry: Rs. 300
**Why visit:** Darshan of Lord Venkateswara (Balaji) on the Tirumala hills.
Tips: Book special-entry darshan on the TTD site; Footpath (Alipiri) takes 3-4 hours

MUST SEE **Sri Padmavathi Ammavari Temple**
5 km from Tirupati · time needed: 1 h · entry: free
**Why visit:** Temple of Lord Venkateswara's consort at Tiruchanur.
Tips: Traditionally visited after Tirumala



MUST SEE **Akasaganga & Papavinasanam**
25 km from Tirupati · time needed: 1.5 h · entry: free
**Why visit:** Sacred waterfalls on the Tirumala hills.



MUST SEE **Kapila Theertham**
3 km from Tirupati · time needed: 1 h · entry: free
**Why visit:** Shiva temple at the foot of the hills with a waterfall pool.

## If you have more time



NEARBY **Srikalahasti Temple**
36 km from Tirupati · time needed: 2 h · entry: free
**Why visit:** Pancha Bhoota Sthala temple of the air element; famed for Rahu-Ketu puja.

NEARBY **Talakona Waterfall**
50 km from Tirupati · time needed: 3 h · entry: Rs. 50
**Why visit:** Highest waterfall in Andhra Pradesh, in Sri Venkateswara National Park.

## Travel tips

- Carry a government photo ID - hotels, monuments, permits and many temples ask for it.
- Book safaris, special darshan / aarti passes, permits and toy-train seats online in advance.
- Temples often have dress codes and do not allow leather, phones or cameras inside.
- Mountain roads can close after rain or snow - keep a buffer day and check road status locally.
- Keep this itinerary offline; network is patchy in hills and forests.