

## **GENERAL**

- a) Area : Sq. Kms. ( 8.56 sq. miles)
- b) population : 10,94,000 (as per 1991 census)
- c) Altitude : 100.58 meters (330 ft) about sea level.
- d) Climate Temperature :

Summer : Max 42.0 °C Min 37.50 °C

Winter : Max 21.6 °C Min 20.90 °C

Rainfall : (Average) 75.4 mms,

Monsoon (oct-Nov)

e) Season throughout the year

f) Language Spoken : Tamil and English

g) Festivals : 1. Chitrai Festival (April-may)

2. Avanimoola Festival (August-September)

3. Float Festival (January-February)

## **PLACES WORTH VISITING**

1. Sree Meenakshi Temple : 10 Minutes travel from the Bus Stand-Railway Station (Open between 4-30 a.m. to 12-30 p.m. and 4-00 p.m. to 9-30 p.m.) photography inside temple allowed during the closed hours i.e., between 12-30 p.m. and 4-00 p.m. on payment to the Temple Office near South Tower

2. Temple Art Museum : at 1000 pillared Hall inside Sree Meenakshi Temple. Open throughout the day-entrance fee is charged & photography charges collected

3. Thirumalai Naicker Mahal (Palace) 1 ½ miles from the Bus Stand and Railway Station (Town Bus Route No.4) 10 minutes walk the meenakshi Temple. Open between 8-00 a.m. to 5-00 p.m. sound and light programme 6-45 p.m. to 7-45 p.m. Entrance fee is charged.

4. Vandiyur Mariamman Teppakulam : (Thank ) 3 miles from the Bus Stand and Railway Station (Town Bus Route No.4) about 1000ft. Square-tank with an island pavilion with garden in the centre/Boat Services available to reach the Island upto 5-00 p.m.

5. Gandhi Museum and Library : 2 ½ miles from the central Bus Stand and Railway Station (Town Bus Route No.1 and 2 stop at Tallakulam Telegraph Office) Open between 9-00 a.m. to 5-30 p.m. with a lunch break between 1 and 2 p.m.

## **PLACES WORTH VISITING AROUND MADURAI**

1. Tiruparankudram : Rock-cut Temple dedicated to Lord Muruga. 8 kms./5 miles Town Bus Route No.5 Open between 4-30 a.m. to 12-30 p.m. and 4-00 p.m. to 9-30 p.m.

2. Alagarkoil : A Vaishnavite shrine dedicated to Lord Alagar (Vishnu) 21kms / 13 miles away from Madurai City and at the foot of a beautiful hill. Regular busses are available. Devesthanam Rest House. Cottages for stay - Contact Executive Officer of the temple.

3. Gandhigram - A Community Project Centre 52 kms/ 32 miles from Madurai. Regular buses are available.

4. Tiruvadavur - 17 miles north east of Madurai is the birth place of Saint Manickavasagar, a great saint poet who was a minister in the Pandyan Court.

5. Tiruvudagam : About 12 miles west of Madurai is the beautiful temple on the left bank of river Vaigai dedicated to Lord Siva. The Drive from Madurai to this place under shady trees surrounded by plantain groves and paddy fields will be remembered forever. Regular buses are available

## ACCOMMODATION

1. Fortune Pandian Hotel  
Alagar Koil Road, Ph : 4356789
2. Hotel Tamilnadu  
Alagar Koil Road, Ph : 2337471
3. Hotel Aaathy  
Perumal Koil West Mada Street, Ph : 23333345/2331571

## WEST PERUMAL MAISTRY STREET

4. Hotel Suprme Ph : 2343131
5. Hotel Chentoor Ph : 2350490
6. Hotel Prem Nivas Ph : 2342532 (2 Lines)
7. Hotel Park Plaza Ph : 3011111
8. The Madurai Residency Ph : 2343140
9. Hotel Rathna Residency Ph : 5370441
10. Hotel Sulochana Palace Ph : 4371073
11. Hotel Keerthi Ph : 2341501
12. Hotel Padman Ph : 2340702
13. Hotel International Ph : 2341552
14. Royal Court  
West Veli Street, Ph : 4356666
15. Hotel Taj Garden Retreat  
Pasumalai, Madurai, Ph : 2371601
16. Hotel Germanus  
Bye-pass Road, Madurai, Ph : 238201, 4356999

17. Hotel Sri temple Park (Opposite East Tower)  
50, North Chitrai Street, Madurai, Ph.:2623921
18. Hotel President  
Yanikkal, Madurai, Ph : 2621061
19. Hotel Sangam,  
Algar Koil Road, Ph : 2537531
20. Hotel Laxmi,  
Perumal Koil Road, Ph : 2333351
21. Hotel Empee,  
Nethaji Road, Ph : 2341525
22. Hotel Sree Ramakrishna  
Koodal Algar Perumal Koil Street, Ph : 4375872
23. Hotel M.R. International  
Dhanappa Mudali Street
24. Hotel Temple View, Ph : 2346625
25. G.R.T. Regency  
Planganatham, Madurai, Ph : 2371155, 2371438

## A.T.M. CENTRES

ICICI

North Chitrai Street, Near Meenakshi Temple

HDFC

West Veli Street, Opp. Railway Station

SBI

West Veli Street, Opp. Railway Station

UTI

Goodshed Street, Near Head Post Office

BOB

East Avani Moola Street, Near Meenakshi Temple