

## **THE CHETTINAD HERITAGE AND CULTURAL FESTIVAL – EDITION 2**

Curated by Padma Shri Leela Samson

### **DATES:**

29<sup>th</sup> September, 2023 to 03<sup>rd</sup> October, 2023

### **HOSTED BY:**

The Bangala, Karaikudi  
Chidambara Vilas, Kadiapatti  
Saratha Vilas, Kothamangalam  
Visalam, Kanadukathan

### **ENCHANTING EVENING PERFORMANCES**

### **DAY**

**01**

### **FRIDAY, 29.09.2023**

### **Meenakshi Sundareswarar Sivan Kovil, Kanadukathan**

#### **5.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.**

Mangala Isai – Nadaswaram by Vinoth Kumar  
Abhishekam

*Light Refreshments*

#### **6.00 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.**

Lighting of the Kuthu Vilakku to inaugurate the festival

#### **6.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.**

Tala Vadyam - a percussion group performance by Ganapathy Venkata  
Subramanian, Srushti Ensemble

### **Visalam, Kanadukathan**

#### **8.00 p.m.**

“Saman Parappudhal”

Parents’ gifts to a Nagarathar bride - a presentation and display

*Dinner*

**DAY**  
**02**

**SATURDAY, 30.09.2023**

**Saratha Vilas, Kothamangalam**

**5.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.**

“The Influence of Ravi Varma’s oleographs on the popular culture of Chettinad - a lecture by author and art conservator, Ms. Rupika Chawla

*Light Refreshments*

**6.45 p.m.**

Mamiyar Sadangu

A wedding ritual, unique to the Nagarathar community - an enactment

**7.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.**

Innisai - a Carnatic vocal performance by Bombay Jayashri & Party

*Dinner*

**DAY**  
**03**

**SUNDAY, 01.10.2023**

**Chidambara Vilas, Kadiapatti**

**5.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.**

“Contribution of the Nagarathar Community to the Economic Development of South East Asia”- a lecture by Mr. Kelvin Tia Win Ng, research scholar of the Nagarathar banking systems

*Light Refreshments*

**6.45 p.m.**

“Rarattu”

Passing down of Nagarathar values, culture and heritage in a lullaby - an enactment

**7.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.**

Nritya Anjali - a Bharatanatyam Dance Ballet by Lavanya Ananth & Party

*Dinner*

**DAY**  
**04**

**MONDAY, 02.10.2023**

**M.S. House, Karaikudi**

**5.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.**

“Maharajahs and the British Empire: Rethinking India’s Princely States”-  
author and historian Manu Pillai, in conversation with journalist Rahul Jacob

**6.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.**

Kuzhal Isai - a flute concert by Mysore Srikanth & Party

**The Bangala**

**8.00 p.m.**

*Farewell Dinner*

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>TOURS TO EXPLORE THE OPULENCE OF CHETTINAD MANSIONS</b> <b>Saturday, 30.09.2023 and Sunday, 01.10.2023</b> <b>9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.</b></p>
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**Kanadukathan Tour**

- Chettinad Palace
- V.VR. House
- C.V.CT. House

**Athangudi Tour**

- Lakshmi Palace
- AR.RM. House
- Visit to the Chettinad Tiles Factory

**Karaikudi Tour**

- Pothiyan Veedu
- A.M.A. House

- \* Guests are welcome to do any or all of the aforesaid tours
- \* Guests may use the car exclusively assigned for each of them to visit the mansions.
- \* Two students of architecture and a hospitality volunteer will guide and assist the guests in each of the mansions

**AN ARCHITECTURAL ODYSSEY OF TEMPLE GRANDEUR**  
Sunday, 01.10.2023 and Monday, 02.10.2023

**SUNDAY, 01.10.2023, 9.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.**

**Tour of Avudaiyar Kovil and the Ayyanar Temples of Aranthangi, Kuthadivayal and Panjati**

Aavudaiyar Kovil

Referred to as “Thiru-Perum-Thurai” in the sacred Thiruvachakam hymns of Maanikkavaasagar, this ancient settlement near Pudukkottai is considered to be the venue of initiation of this 9<sup>th</sup> century CE saint poet. The grand temple complex with massive sculptural depictions of various deities and mural paintings takes us to the 16<sup>th</sup> century, Tamil Nadu.

**MONDAY, 02.10.2023, 7.30 a.m. to 9.30 a.m.**

**Tour of Vijayalaya Choleeswaram and Ayyanar Temples at Naarthamalai**

Vijayalaya Choleeswaram Temple

This 10<sup>th</sup> century CE temple complex, delicately balancing itself on a small hillock, speaks volumes about the architectural expertise of the 10<sup>th</sup> century craftsmen. A group of 10 shrines, big and small provide an opportunity to learn the different styles of temple designs used in Tamil Nadu.

This tour will also include a visit to the Ayyanar Temple of Urupetti.

- \* Both temple tours will be guided by Professor Madhusudhanan Kalaichelvan. Professor Madhusudhanan Kalaichelvan is an architectural research scholar who also specializes in conservation. He is well versed in the fields of art, cultural studies and vernacular practices. An active heritage enthusiast, his contributions have earned him several awards and accolades.

**BAZAAR – WHERE TRADITION MEETS COMMERCE!  
AT VISALAM, KANADUKATHAN**

**Open on Saturday, 30.09.2023, Sunday, 01.10.2023 and Monday, 02.10.2023  
9.00 A.M. TO 4.00 P.M.**

**SALE!!!**

- Exquisite Jewellery
- Colourful Sarees
- Elegant Artworks
- Tasty Palagarams
- Crunchy Vathals

**LIVE DEMONSTRATIONS!!!**

- Coffee by the Yard – Making and cooling of filter coffee
- Chettinad Thari – weaving of a saree
- Blossom Threads – stringing of flowers
- Hoofed Earth – crafting terracotta horses
- Flour and Symmetry – drawing of maakkolam
- Crispy creations – making of vathals
- Snackcraft – making of palagarams

Live Demonstrations will be conducted at 11.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m.

**SPICE TRAILS – UNVEILING THE SECRETS OF CHETTINAD CUISINE**

A four-recipe cookery demonstration will be done on request on any day between:  
11.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.  
3.00 p.m. - 5.00 p.m.

**DISCOVER TAMIL NADU!**

An exposition of photo prints by Amar Ramesh will be showcased at the S.A. House, Kanadukathan on Saturday, 30.09.2023, Sunday, 01.10.2023 and Monday, 02.10.2023

**FROM SUNRISE TO SUNSET – THE ULTIMATE CULINARY JOURNEY**

Breakfast for guests will be served at their respective hotels.

Lunch will be at S.A. House, Kanadukathan.

Dinner on 29.09.2023 will be at Visalam, Kanadukathan and at the respective concert venues on the three days thereafter.

Farewell Dinner will be at the Bangala.

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### **MADURAI**

**DATES: 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2023 and 4<sup>th</sup> October, 2023**

#### **DAY** **05**

##### **TUESDAY, 03.03.2023**

- ❖ Check-in into Taj’s Gateway Hotel Pasumalai, Madurai
- ❖ Lunch at the Hotel
- ❖ Evening Programme:
  - Guided Tour of the Madurai Meenakshi Temple conducted by Prof. Madhusudhanan Kalaichelvan
  - “Folk Dances” and Dinner at Gateway Hotel Pasumalai

#### **DAY** **06**

##### **WEDNESDAY, 04.03.2023**

- ❖ Breakfast at the Hotel  
Packed Breakfast will be provided for guests opting for tours
- ❖ **Choice of Tours:**
  1. Visit to the excavation site and museum at Keeladi
  2. Jasmine Trail - A journey with the jasmine flower in its fragrant passage from the field to the market
  3. Traditional lunch at an old Saurashtrian home
  4. Visit to the Gandhi Museum, Nayakar Palace and a Sungudi saree manufacturing unit
  5. Fusion Dinner of British and Indian culinary cuisines at an Anglo-Indian home.

**Kindly note that The Madurai programme will be conducted subject to a minimum of 15 people signing up for the same.**

**ALL EVENTS, ARTISTES, SPEAKERS AND VENUES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.**

<b>CONTRIBUTION</b>		
<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>PARTICULARS</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
1	PATRON PASS - COUPLE	Rs. 1,50,000
2	PATRON PASS - SINGLE	Rs. 1,30,000
3	PATRON PASS - COUPLE - Transport not required	Rs. 1,30,000
4	COMMUNITY PATRON PASS - COUPLE - Accommodation/Transport not required	Rs. 70,000
5	COMMUNITY PATRON PASS - SINGLE - Accommodation/Transport not required	Rs. 35,000
6	DAILY PASS - 29.09.2023	Rs. 5000 per person
7	DAILY PASS - 30.09.2023	Rs. 10,000 per person
8	DAILY PASS - 29.09.2023	Rs. 10,000 per person
9	DAILY PASS - 29.09.2023	Rs. 10,000 per person
10	MADURAI PROGRAMME	Rs. 75,000 per couple

\* Amount for Category 1 and Category 2 includes:

- ✓ Entry to all performances, lectures, tours and the bazaar
- ✓ All lunches and dinners
- ✓ Accommodation
- ✓ Transport - A separate car will be provided to each guest/couple for their use during the entire duration of the stay

\* Amount for Categories 6,7,8,9 includes:

- ✓ Entry to all performances, lectures, tours and the bazaar
- ✓ All lunches and dinners

\* Please confirm bookings at the earliest. We have a limited capacity only.

\* To confirm bookings, kindly transfer 50% of the amount to the following account:

ACCOUNT NAME	The Chettinad Heritage and Cultural Trust
BANK	Canara Bank
ACCOUNT NO.	120023706044
BRANCH	Karaikudi
IFSC CODE	CNRB0000903
MICR CODE	630015002
SWIFT CODE	CNRBINBBBFD

*Watch the video for the Chettinad Heritage and Cultural Festival 2023.*