

Taj Coromandel

Chennai



Taj Coromandel is a rich fusion of tradition and contemporary design which reflects the ethos and culture of the vibrant city of Chennai. It is Chennai's only hotel that finds a place in the "Leading Hotels of the World".

Resting in the heart of Chennai's business, shopping and commercial district and at a convenient distance of 17 kilometers from the airport, this gracious venue has played host to royalty, heads of state, corporates and celebrities.

The Transformation

Today, as Taj enters a new era, so does Taj Coromandel. Over the years, Taj Coromandel witnessed many changes, becoming more attuned to the modern traveller, turning contemporary in style, yet never losing its traditional edge.

From the arrival experience of the landscaped driveway to the grand new lobby, outfitted in wood, glass and water, to the chic refurbished restaurants offering bespoke culinary experiences to the rooms where modern amenities are at your fingertips, an experience of luxury envelopes you.

The Arrival

The approach to Taj Coromandel is through a landscaped driveway. Clear glass doors open upon the grand new lobby, designed in soothing tones of rich browns and creams. The sound of flowing water, the stateliness of Italian Satuario marble and the comfort of textured wood panels and

frames create a space that is warm, welcoming and dynamic. Chandeliers designed and created by the hallowed Preciosa of the Czech Republic, whose history dates back to 1724, helps add to this distinct ambience of the lobby.

The lobby branches in different directions to each one of the hotel's award-winning restaurants and bars – the relaxing Tea Lounge with its water body, the hotels all day dining restaurant Anise, the renowned South Indian restaurant Southern Spice, the iconic Oriental restaurant Golden Dragon, and Chipstead, the contemporary new bar. At the extreme end of the lobby is a stunning reminder of the hotel's South Indian roots, showcasing a carved granite temple motif with water flowing through it right next to a floating staircase leading to the lower lobby.

The lower lobby offers access to the exclusive Prego, the Italian specialty restaurant by invitation-only Chambers lounge, and the new sparkling 25-metre infinity-edge pool.

THE STAY

The rooms at Taj Coromandel have an inviting décor and are fitted with all modern conveniences. The exclusive Taj Club floor creates a sense of privilege and ease for the discerning business traveller, while the opulent suites are the preferred accommodations for the luxury connoisseur.

Superior Rooms: The rooms are well appointed and offer a blend of modern design with an ethnic touch. The rooms are equipped with all the facilities one would wish for, including a mini bar, a work desk, high-speed wireless internet, a tea/coffee maker and two line phones.

Luxury Rooms: These spacious rooms have distinct entrances and large vestibule areas, with contemporary furnishings outfitted in cultural hues. An ample wardrobe, a dressing area, a lounge chair and a separate working area with an executive desk create cocoons of privacy. Each room is equipped with two line telephones and fax, high speed internet access, DVD players and in-room electronic safes large enough for a laptop. The marble bathroom features a large vanity mirror, deep soaking tub, and glass enclosed shower.

The Taj Club Rooms: The Taj Club Rooms are designed to meet the very specific needs of the international business traveller. During a stay here, guests will enjoy 24 hour butler service, one-way complimentary airport transfer and a private check-in service on The Taj Club Floor. The room also comes with an in-room fax, a choice of international newspapers, a personal safe and a complimentary bottle of wine. A continental breakfast is served in The Taj Club Lounge, and in the evenings one can enjoy cocktails and canapés. Tea and coffee are complimentary throughout the day. Exclusive meeting rooms and business centre facilities are housed on The Taj Club Floor.

Executive Suites: These generous two-room units offer ample and separate spaces for work, sleep and entertainment. All suites are



equipped with two-line telephones, high speed internet access, DVD players, and in-room electronic safes. They come equipped with separate dressing area, elegant work desk, a separate shower cubicle and bath tub and a large mini bar. The amenities include complimentary fruit basket, chocolates, a bottle of wine, complimentary breakfast and all The Taj Club facilities.

Luxury Suites: These luxurious two-room units are spread across 650 sq.ft. They have private enclaves with large wall mirrors, elaborate wooden carvings, murals, a mini bar, a shower cubicle and a soak tub. Guests are welcomed with a complimentary fruit basket, chocolates, a bottle of wine and a choice of international newspapers. This is all accompanied by an international breakfast spread at the Club lounge, cocktail hours and all The Taj Club facilities.

Grand Luxury Suites: Elegant and refined, the Grand Luxury Suites offer a sprawling 990 sq.ft of sheer opulence overlooking the city. Each suite is set in its own individual colour scheme,

and styled with local motifs. They have private sitting areas with wooden engravings and parquet flooring. The bedroom features a separate dressing area with full length mirrors and spacious bathrooms. An in-room bar, a marble-top dining table and work area with an executive desk complete a living space suitable for quiet contemplation or informal business meetings. Guests enjoy a complimentary fruit basket, chocolates, a bottle of wine, an international breakfast spread at The Taj Club lounge and all The Taj Club facilities.

Royal Suite: The aptly named Royal suite was first host to Queen Elizabeth II on her visit to Chennai. Other royalty soon followed, and the hotel's premier accommodation is the temporary home of choice for those who demand the highest degree of comfort and luxury. The door is plush with a contemporary touch and opens onto a private terrace sit out with a pristine view of the city. This luxuriously appointed suite also includes a living room, and two spacious bathrooms. Regal touches like the Jacuzzi, an additional guest bathroom, a separate dining area, a dressing room with three way mirrors and a pantry abound, all spread across a generous 1500 sq. ft. area. The guest also enjoys every Taj Club facility.

Presidential Suite: The preferred choice for Heads of State from across the globe, the 1500 sq.ft Presidential Suite is the last word in luxury. The suite is unique in its architecture and it has a spacious living room, a dining room, an elegant bedroom, two bathrooms, and a large dressing area with three way full length mirrors. The lavish Presidential Suite provides an outstanding setting for business and entertaining, with stunning views of the city. This elegant suite features antique furnishing, priceless artwork, line marble, wooden carvings, and artefacts. The comfortable living area includes an exclusive pantry, dining space and a bar. The master bedroom offers extra large bathrooms with a large shower cubicle and a Jacuzzi. The guest also enjoys all Taj Club facilities.



THE DINING EXPERIENCE

From award winning restaurants to a trendy nightspots to glorious menus from around the world, the unique Taj culinary experience can be enjoyed in all its glory at Taj Coromandel.

Chipstead: Effortless sophistication, vibrancy and vigour – that's what this stylish and contemporary new bar exudes, making it an ideal hotspot for conversation and relaxation. Chipstead features an intoxicating range of classic malts, wine, a large selection of white spirits and rare & old whiskies.

Open from 11 am until midnight



Golden Dragon: The iconic Chinese restaurant features Sichuan with elements of Cantonese cuisine. The Tea Bar, Dim Sum Bar and the Peking Duck Oven are just a few irresistible highlights. Set in a contemporary yet fine dining ambience, the restaurant has two private dining rooms offering special celebration menus.

Open for lunch from 12.30 pm to 2:45 pm and for dinner from 7:00 pm to 11:45 pm



Southern Spice: Southern Spice reopens its doors to the city of Chennai, showcasing the best of the culinary landscape of the four southern states. While the recently redone décor inspired by the temples of the Chola, Pallava and the Pandya dynasties will take you back in time, the new menu with its authentic and inspired flavours will satiate the food aficionado in you. The restaurant also offers a private dining room for celebrity guests.

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Prego: Prego introduces Chennai to an authentic and innovative Italian dining experience with unique and rare flavours from vineyards and small towns across Italy. Warm and contemporary earth tones, elegant lead crystal glassware, silver cutlery and excellent lighting make for a relaxed yet chic ambience. Prego's show kitchen shows off the Chef making antipasti, baking fresh bread and finishing sumptuous desserts. The restaurant also features one of the finest wine selections in the country – housing more than 60 labels from Italy, as well as an impressive collection from across the world.

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Anise: Named after the tantalising spice, Star Anise, this high-energy all-day restaurant is a dramatic symphony of vivid moods, hues and flavours. Its minimalist décor is welcoming and its epicurean passion is showcased in a menu featuring world cuisine, alongside Oriental and North-West Frontier specialties. Guests can drop in for breakfast, lunch, the most elaborate buffet display in town, and anytime snacks.

Open for 24 hours dining



THE CONFERCING DESTINATION

Taj Coromandel is the most sought after banquet venue in the city owing to its size and its central location. It has been a host to events hosted by Heads of State, high profile meetings, product launches, international conferences, high profile education fairs, roads shows and exhibitions, theme dinners and formal banquets. The hotel also has a dedicated outdoor catering service. Here, four conference rooms are available with capacities to seat 20 to 500 people in an auditorium-style and 25 to 1000 for cocktails and receptions.

CHAMBERS:

For the discerning businessman, there's the by-invitation-only Chambers. Set to be the most exclusive meeting spot in the city, it offers lounge facilities for more casual tête-à-têtes, as well as meeting rooms for a more formal setting. Its eclectic collection of stencil and abstract paintings adds elegance to the functional, creating the perfect ambience for captains of industry to conduct business.



THE POOL

The new 25-metre lap lane pool is offset at a slight angle so that the sun can play along as much of its surface as possible. Clean lines along its edges creates an infinity look and feel. Relax in the lounge area that sits on an elevated band of lawn or in a chaise lounge that floats along the shallow edge of the pool. On the centre-line of the pool, you'll find the Jacuzzi spa, surrounded by cabañas. It all combines to create an oasis within an oasis.



THE OTHER FACILITIES

Business Services:

The fully-equipped, state-of-the-art Business Centre is designed to cater to every need of the business traveller. It provides:

- Three meeting rooms with the capacities ranging from 3 to 10 people
- Broadband and wireless internet access and Cyber Butlers on call for assistance
- Laptop computers on hire
- Multimedia computers
- Portable printers on hire
- Secretarial services
- Translation/interpretation services
- Wireless Internet access
- Workstations
- Colour copiers & facsimile machines

Leisure and Other Services

The Hotel Concierge service, which will arrange for

- Movie tickets
- Transportation
- Travel tickets
- Sightseeing
- Reservations at other hotels
- Courier services
- Restaurant bookings within the hotel and at other city restaurants as well.
- 25 metre lap lane pool
- A Fitness Centre that includes a fully-equipped gymnasium with a separate hall for aerobics, an outdoor swimming pool, beauty salons for men and woman, and a spa offering Swedish and ayurvedic massages, steam & sauna baths and Jacuzzis.
- In-room electronic safes
- Limousine Services
- Luxury cars for transportation to and from the airports and for use around the city.
- A travel desk that will take care of: • onward ticketing • reservations and confirmations • sightseeing to important and must-see

- places in Chennai
- Babysitting
- Currency exchange
- Doctor on call
- Express laundry, dry cleaning and fabric care services
- Florist
- House doctor

Extra Mile Services

Besides these routine services, the concierge will also help out with miscellaneous services like bag repairs and shoe repairs, arranging for tailors and anything else you may need taking care of. Even if you have an off-the-chart request, do let us know. even if we haven't handled it before, we will try to do so, or at the very least, get you in touch with somebody who can meet your requirements.



THE CITY

Chennai (formerly known as Madras), is the capital of the state of Tamil Nadu. It is the fourth largest metropolis in India. Modern Chennai grew out of a small fishing village called Madraspatnam, when the East India Company chose the location for a new settlement way back in 1639.

Places to see

Fort St. George: Fort St. George occupies a place of pride and prominence in Chennai. It was built in 1640 A.D by the British East India Company, under the direct supervision of Francis Day and Andrew Cogon. This bastion achieved its name from St. George, the patron saint of England. The fort houses St. Mary's Church and Fort Museum.

Marina Beach: Marina Beach has the honour of

being the second largest beach in the world. An Aquarium, and a few beautiful buildings like the University of Madras, Senate-House, Chepauk Palace, etc. on the beachfront add colour to the beach.

The Fort Museum: This repository of rare exhibits is home to a number of weapons, uniforms, coins, costumes, medals and other artefacts dating back to the British period. The flag-staff at Fort St. George is the tallest in India. South of the Fort is the War Memorial, a graceful monument built in 1939 in memory of the soldiers who sacrificed their lives during the First World War. The Island Grounds, the biggest lung space in the city, is situated on an island formed by the river Cooum. This ground is the venue for Trade and the Tourist Fairs held periodically which are seasonal attractions.

Santhome Cathedral Basilica: Santhome at the

southern end of Marina Beach derives its name from St. Thomas, the apostle of Christ who is believed to have come to Madras sometime during 52 A.D. He was killed on St. Thomas Mount just outside the city in 78 A.D. and was interned in Santhome beach, where a church was later built. Several years later, another church was built further inland and his mortal remains were transferred from the old church to the new one. In 1606 the church was rebuilt as a cathedral and in 1896 it was made a basilica. The beautiful stained glass window at the basilica portrays the story of St. Thomas and the central hall has 14 wooden plaques depicting scenes from the last days of Christ. In the cathedral is a 3 ft. high statue of Virgin Mary, which is believed to have been brought from Portugal in 1543.

GETTING OUT AND ABOUT

The hotel is:

- 17 kms away from the domestic airport • 17 kms away from the international airport • 5 kms away from the railway station

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