



THE LEEA PALACE

CHENNAI

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UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCES. UNMATCHED CURATIONS.

Evoking the spirit of Chettinad Palaces and their architectural splendour, The Leela Palace Chennai embodies a tapestry of historical influences blended with all modern luxuries. Nestled in 4.8 acres against the backdrop of the Bay of Bengal, this resplendent sea-facing palace seamlessly blends the contemporary with the traditional.





ART

This magnificent sea-facing modern palace hotel that opened in 2013, reflects the grandeur of the Chettinad dynasty's palatial architecture and houses some of the most spectacular arts and sculptures created by artists from across India and overseas. . In a riot of color, textures, motifs and mediums that have their own distinct style, they can be spotted in public spaces all around the Palace.





ART WALK AT THE PALACE

Your art journey with us begins right at the lobby where you can admire 'Basant' – Surendra Pal Joshi's very own creation inspired by the spring season. If you are a lover of existential art, 'Life Circles' by Madan Meema expresses the cyclic nature of life and explores the concept of eventual death, since 'everything that lives must die.'

From the women-themed 'Padmabati' by Jayshree Burman, to 'Acrobat' by Satish Gujral near the Library Bar, the Palace is almost like an art gallery and certainly the place to be for art enthusiasts. But one thing is for sure, whether you are an avid lover of art or just a curious passer-by, the art walk at The Leela Palace Chennai is sure to be an attention-grabbing experience.





THE PEACOCK TRAILS

Take a guided tour through the bustling lanes of Mylapore, a 2000-year-old neighbourhood that has kept alive Chennai's traditions and art till date.

Explore the hidden stories of the locals, of Gods and demons, of ancient customs and symbols, and of Mylapore and Madras. Wonder why it is called the Peacock Trail? Find out when you experience it!





CULTURE

The south of India has a culturally rich history, and Chennai is at the forefront of that movement. At The Leela Palace Chennai, our guests don't just experience the hotel, they experience true Indian luxury in a never-seen-before way. From taking in the beauty of Tamil Nadu's art and craft at cultural museums, to witnessing awe-inspiring dance forms that tell a story like no other, tour the city and get lost exploring the fragments of the past – all while enjoying services from the future.





A TRIP TO DAKSHINA CHITRA

Accompanied by our hotel guide and a delectable packed breakfast, you can spend time at the Dakshina Chitra which is a stimulating cross-cultural museum of art, architecture, crafts and performing arts found in South India. Guests can even engage in pottery workshops or watch a performance at their open-air theatre.





VISIT TO KALAKSHETRA DANCE ACADEMY

Founded in 1936, the Kalakshetra Foundation is the leading academy of the arts in the South Indian state of Tamil Nadu, with a focus on the traditional dance forms and music styles of the region. Learn about the various traditional instruments like cymbals, drums, and flutes that they use or even watch student dancers and musicians learning Bharatanatyam techniques and mudras.





CEREMONIAL RITUALS

Reminiscent of the Chettinad Palace style of architecture, the rich historic design influence imbues The Leela Palace Chennai with a deep sense of tradition and hospitality. It was in ancient times that the arrival of royalty was announced with the blowing of the Sringa and lighting of mashaals which represented prosperity and well-being, followed by entertainment at the main courtyard of palaces. Keeping in mind our ethos "Atithi Devo Bhava" - Guest is God, we aim to provide our guests an experience of a palatial welcome with this age-old tradition.





LIGHTING OF THE MASHAALS

Every day at sunset, our palace comes to life in a ceremonial ritual that begins with the blowing of the Sringa, indicating that it is time to light the mashaals. Four elegantly dressed ladies encircle the water body of the main courtyard to light the mashaals in the water. This ritual is then followed by a symphony of Carnatic music skilfully performed with violin, mridangam, and tambura by our musical maestros on a stage that is fabricated at the centre of the water body, illuminated by mashaals.

Guests are invited to partake in this ceremonial ritual and experience a spectacle to behold!





ADVENTURE

Intrinsically, Chennai is known for the infectious exuberance of its people - predominantly Tamil-speaking as well as a large percentage of inhabitants from all over India and the world. Also known as the Detroit and auto hub of India, Chennai is a stunning blend of the young and old, with a vivacious pulse. It displays a mix of cultural heritage left behind by the Portuguese, Dutch, French, and the British, who landed on the shores of the land at various times in history.

Sitting in a quiet neighborhood near the central business district and looking out to the Bay of Bengal, The Leela Palace Chennai is a peaceful escape from the bustle of city life. The hotel offers guests the perfect ambience to spend their time in leisure, be it relaxing by the swimming pool surrounded by manicured gardens, a relaxing treatment at the spa, or indulging in our hotel art tour that showcases carefully selected works of art, luxurious textiles, and noble materials. Make the best of the experiences here, at the hotel or beyond its walls - all of which, we assure you, will leave you recharged.





A SESSION ON WATER SPORTS

Learn surfing, kayaking or standup paddling at the Bay of Life. Bay of Life is Tamil Nadu's first accredited surfing school, recognized by The Surfing Federation of India and the Surfing and Water Sports Association of Tamil Nadu.

Surfing - The surf spot is beginner friendly, shallow and clean; the instructors provide thorough training so that you can enjoy the world underwater.

Price: Packages starting from INR 5,000 per guest all inclusive (session for 1.5 hours on weekdays)

Standup Paddling - Stand up Paddling is the fastest growing water sport in the world. Started off in Hawaii less than a decade ago!

Price: INR 5,000 per guest all inclusive (session for 1.5 hours)

Kayaking - Experience for the first time - the world of safe ocean sport - learn flat water kayaking. A fun-filled session that introduces you to the water sports.

Price: INR 4,500 per guest and INR 6,000 for two guests all inclusive (session for 1.5 hours)





WELLNESS

We at The Leela Palace Chennai understand how important it is to take care of your body and mind, which is why we strive to deliver the best wellness experience for all our guests. The Spa at the Palace is a place of tranquillity, a space that makes you feel calm and special. Unwind and experience the quintessence of relaxation from an array of holistic spa treatments and let them work on your tired body, uplift your spirit and infuse a sense of vitality.





A FRESH START TO YOUR MORNINGS

Start your day with a detox drink at the plush chess garden followed by a personalized yoga session and a soothing Thai massage. That, paired with a steam and sauna, all brought to a relaxing end with our trademark Aujasya by The Leela breakfast.

Price: INR 6,500 per guest all inclusive | INR 11,500 for two guests all inclusive





CULINARY EXPERIENCE

Chennai is a culinary wonderland for those who enjoy the flavours of South Indian cuisines. While steaming idlis and crisp dosas are a must to try, the city's traditional way of eating is on a banana leaf with rice, curries and stews. Not just a variety of South Indian delicacies, The Leela Palace Chennai offers its guests a wide variety of regional as well as international cuisine options to choose from. Along with the many exquisite dining experiences guests can have at the Palace, we also offer culinary sessions to keep you busy and lost in the world of food.





LOCAL MARKET TOUR, COOK OFF WITH THE CHEF OR COCKTAIL MAKING SESSION

Find out what makes this cuisine so special while wandering through the shops and stalls, sniffing the fresh spices, and bringing back your favourite fresh vegetables / meats. Don't just stop at shopping, when you can have a friendly cook-off with our chef using your favorite, hand-picked ingredients and go on to taste your creations. Here at The Leela Palace Chennai, you can certainly have the cake and eat it too!

Also learn about the history of bartenders and how some of your favourite cocktails came to be. Explore some of the best kept secret techniques for making killer cocktails and learn about bar tool etiquette, shaking cocktails and serving the perfect drink.

Price: INR 3,000 for one guest or INR 5,500 for two guests all inclusive for a two hour session





MIXOLOGY SESSION

All a great cocktail needs is just three or four ingredients. When it comes to spirits, come and play with our great selection, and savour all the flavours from the bitters and the spices that come with it. Deep dive into the world of mixology with our expert bartenders to guide you and have some fun!

Price: INR 2,500 for one guest and INR 4,500 for two guests all inclusive for a one hour session







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