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CHENNAI CITY TOUR

As ordered by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamilnadu and as directed by Hon'ble Minister for Transport, Tamilnadu State Transport Corporation is shortly introducing a new tour in historical city of Chennai on the "Hop on -Hop off "model wherein tourists can board and alight at the following places of tourist attraction at their own pace. The tour shall be known as "CHENNAI CITY TOUR" initially four Luxury Air Conditioned Coaches will be operated and according to need, the number will be increased in future.

PLACES COVERED

High Court of Madras Astalakshmi Temple

Fort St.George Tidel Park

Marina Beach Guindy National Park

Parthasarathy Temple Birla Planetorium

Vivekananda House Thiagaraya Nagar (Near Panagal Park)

Santhome Basilica Valluvar Kottam

Kapaleeswarar Temple Govt. Museum

Theosophical Society Ripon Building.

The frequency of the service shall be 45 minutes initially. The tour coaches shall go on round trips through the fixed route at a regular frequency. The tourists can alight at any designated place and can spend their time as they wish for visiting the important places of interest according to their choice and can board the subsequent coach. Professional guides will be there in the coaches to provide running commentary. A ticket shall be valid for one day (8 a.m to 8 p.m) and admissible in all the coaches. The tickets can be bought at all the sales counters of Metropolitan Transport Corporation Limited, in Chennai and the sales counters of Tamilnadu Tourism Development Corporation Ltd, in Chennai.

This type of tour is being introduced for the first time in Tamilnadu with the aim of providing a comfortable and convenient way for the tourists to get an over view of places of attraction, historical importance and shopping etc., in **Chennai City**. The service shall be very useful for those who are new to Chennai and especially to those who are having language problem.

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