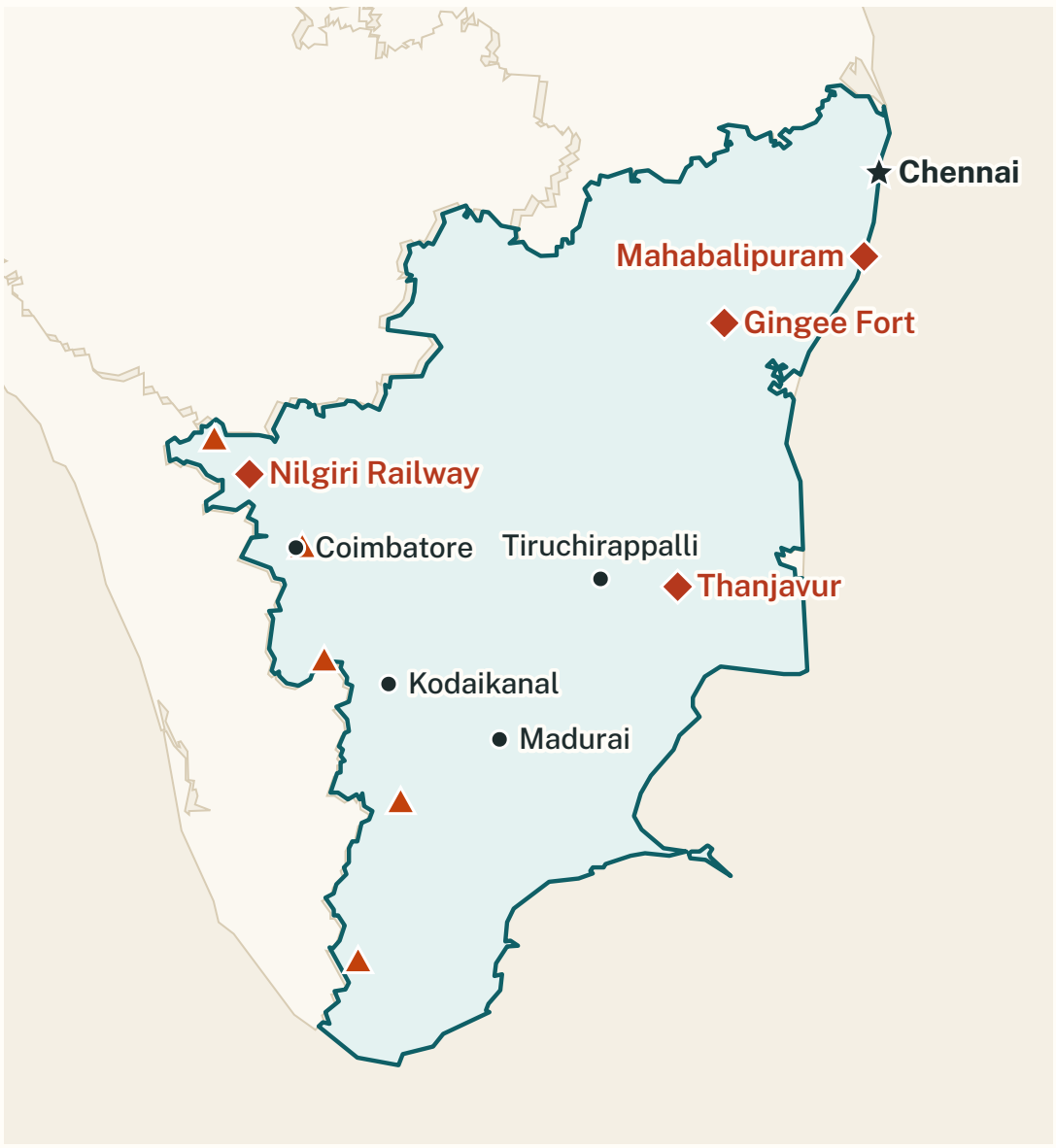
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Tamil Nadu has five tiger reserves and a share in five UNESCO sites

The UNESCO list here runs from Pallava shore temples to the Nilgiri toy train and Gingee Fort. Madurai jasmine has its own GI tag.



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tiger reserves, from Mudumalai to Kalakad-Mundanthurai

Capital	**Chennai**
Official language	**Tamil**
Area	**130,058 km², 10th largest of 28**
UNESCO World Heritage Sites	**5**
Tiger reserves	**5**
Highest point	**Doddabetta, 2,637 m**

★ Capital ◆ UNESCO site ▲ Tiger reserve
● Town or sight

Tiger reserves: Kalakad-Mundanthurai, Anamalai, Mudumalai, Sathyamangalam, Srivilliputhur-Megamalai. Also on the UNESCO list: Western Ghats (shared).

WHAT TO EAT

Idli
Dosa
Pongal
Filter coffee

WHAT TO TAKE HOME

Kancheepuram silk
Madurai malli (jasmine)
Palani panchamirtham

All have a GI tag

PLAN AROUND

Thai Pongal

15 January 2027

STATE ANIMAL	STATE BIRD	STATE FLOWER	STATE TREE
Nilgiri tahr	Emerald dove	Flame lily	Palmyra palm

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