**Vedapureeswarar Temple**

This temple is situated 27 km from Chennai in [Thiruverkadu](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thiruverkadu), a municipality in [Tiruvallur district](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tiruvallur_district). The nearest railway station is at Avadi and the nearest airport is [Chennai International Airport](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chennai_International_Airport). The Shiva temple at Thiruverkadu is spread over an area of 1.5 acres (6,100 m2). The main rajagopuram is on the east side with seven tiers. The [temple tank](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pushkarni) is located outside the main entrance. Inside the temple, there are two corridors. At the main entrance, the sculptures of [Ganapathy](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ganapathy) and [Muruga](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Muruga) can be found on both the sides. The main shrine accommodates the image of Shiva known as Vedapureeswarar and the Ambal his consort is known as Balambigai. Like the Shiva temples in Thondai Nadu, the sanctum houses [ligam](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Ligam&action=edit&redlink=1) and the images of Shiva and Parvathi in wedding posture. There is a separate shrine for Balambigai to the right of Vedapureeswarar's sanctum. The first precinct on the four sides of the sanctum sancotrum are decorated with the images of [Nayanmars](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nayanmars), [Murugan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Murugan) Sannadhi in the northwest and [Durga](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Durga) Sannadhi on the northeast