



**20 Jan to 10 Feb 2013**  
**Fresh Talents of Jyotish Conference**  
**Plus**  
**Five Great Elements Temple Trip**

**Meals on your own unless specifically stated**

**Puja costs:** As part of the Temples visits we will be conducting many pujas and prayer ceremonies. The costs of these will be shared by the participants. Komilla will inform you of the costs. This sharing is voluntary.

**20 January'13 (Sunday): Chennai – Pondicherry (180Kms – 4 Hours' drive)**

**10am** Pick up at Chennai at a central location – to be given later and drive to Pondicherry.

On arrival check in Hotel Annamalai International.

Evening visit Shri Aurobindo Ashram  
20 to 27 Jan nights – overnight at Hotel Annamalai International, Pondicherry



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**21 January'13 (Monday): Pondicherry – Elephant Puja at Ganesha Temple and Navagraha Temple visit**

**10am** Manakula Vinayaka temple for Gaja Puja- (Elephant Puja) to seek blessings for the trip. There will be an elaborate Yagya (fire ceremony) to Lord Ganesha and then puja to the Elephant who is considered the living Ganesha.



**3pm** Visit to Mahakaleshwara Temple in Irumbai and Navagraha temple, Tindivanam. Mahakaleshwara temple is one of the Thevara Padal Petra Sthalangal of Shiva. It is a very ancient temple, antiquity unknown and with beautiful spiritual art on the walls. The Navagraha temple is a new temple with 15 ft. tall Navagraha deities.

**8pm** - Welcome dinner – musical evening entertainment – orientation of the conference

**22 January'13 (Tuesday): Pondicherry - Fresh Talents of Jyotish Conference Day 1**

**9.15 am to 6:30pm**

**9:15 to 11:00** Puja, Opening ceremony, Introduction of Faculty followed by Swami Sitaramananda Key note address on the Jyotish and Yoga.

Tea break

**11:30 to 1:00** Bill Sinclair- Yogas of the Arudha Lagna and other Padas

Lunch on your own

**2:00 to 3:30** Drupada John McDonald- TBA

**3:30-5:00** Tatiana Lyskova - Changing Dashes and their impact on Relationships  
Tea break

**5:30 to 7:00** Anna Karlsdottir – Saturn Venus Dasha Bhukti – what do they really represent?



Swami Sitaramananda is the director of Sivananda Ashram Yoga Farm, Grass Valley CA and a senior disciple of Swami Vishnudevananda. She has dedicated her life to the higher self and has been teaching yoga philosophy, meditation and Vedic knowledge.

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**23 January'13 (Wednesday): Pondicherry - Fresh Talents of Jyotish Conference Day 2**  
**9am to 9:30pm**

9:00 to 10:30 Kailashnath Krishnan -  
 Nimitta, the science of Omens  
 Tea break  
 11:00 to 12:30 Michael Aram Tarr-  
 Goddesses and Gods in Jyotish  
 Lunch on your own  
 2:00 to 3:30 - Elna McKenzie -  
 Vimshamsha and worship  
 Tea break  
 4:00 to 5:30 William Surface - The Role  
 Rahu and Ketu play in Spiritual  
 Evolution.  
 Dinner on your own

**8:00pm to 9:30pm: Saraswati Lecture  
 by Keiko Ito: Jyotish and Buddhism**

Peace of mind - how Jyotish and  
 Buddhism can help in attaining it.  
 Everybody craves for peace of mind,  
 yet it is one of the most difficult things  
 to achieve. How can Buddhism show a  
 way and Jyotish provide the actual  
 pointers in a natal chart?

This lecture is dedicated to the Goddess of  
 knowledge Sri Saraswati Devi. It is being  
 given by Keiko Ito who is chosen by  
 Komilla for her excellence in Jyotish and  
 devotion in pursuit of knowledge.  
 Saraswati lecture topic must bring the  
 inherent spirituality of Jyotish to light and  
 explore it in a unique way.

**24 January'13 (Thursday): Pondicherry - Fresh Talents of Jyotish Conference Day 3**  
**9am to 6.30pm**

9:00 to 10:30 Komilla Sutton – Vakri Graha, the retrograde planets – unusual or twisted,  
 brilliant or messed up  
 Tea break  
 11:00 to 12:30 Virginia Thomas - Venus, the Multifaceted Diamond of the Sky  
 Lunch on your own  
 2:00 to 3:30 Paul Barker - Lagnesha: The Ball of Fire in the Chart  
 3:30-5:00 Philip Woodhill – Saturn: when Lord Shani Visits, Returns, Dashas, Transits and  
 Sade Sati.  
 Tea break  
 5:30 to 7:00 Faculty forum to discuss current topics, techniques discussed so far and more

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**25 January'13 (Friday) Pondicherry: Fresh Talents of Jyotish Conference Day 4**  
**Master class By Kailashnath Krishnan on The Secrets of Kerala Prashna**  
**9am to 6pm**

*Prashna* means question. The question to the prashna astrologer is *Have I created positive karma for me through expressing my free will or not.* What areas are obstructing and how to resolve it. The Prashna astrologer becomes Daivagnya (divine oracle) at the moment of the consultation and gives the answers as if through the higher power. This is a very profound and complicated branch of Vedic Astrology.

**Kailashnath** will share his knowledge on techniques of Prashna with focus on Arudha, Gulika, Past life, Nimitta and more



Kailashnath Krishnan is a leading expert in the ancient art and science of Prashna of Kerala.. He counts top politicians, celebrities and top industrialists among his clients. His Dharma is to educate and promote the knowledge of Kerala Prashna. He has been teaching Prashna to Komilla's students since 2003.

**26 January'13 (Saturday) Pondicherry - Fresh Talents of Jyotish Conference**  
**Komilla Sutton Master class on Sarvatobhadra Chakra**  
**9am to 6pm**

Sarvatobhadra is a mystical chart. *Maansagari* calls it Triloka Deep or what illuminates the three worlds. This chakra uses nakshatras, rashis, tithis, weekdays and Sanskrit Alphabets to shed light on deeply buried secrets of Jyotish for chart analysis, Dasha and transits. This workshop will also focus on special nakshatras, nadis and vedha



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**27 January'13 (Sunday): Pondicherry - Fresh Talents of Jyotish Conference**  
**Komilla Sutton Master class - How to be a Successful Vedic Astrologer**  
**9am to 1pm**

Komilla shares her secrets about how to set up a Jyotish practice. Komilla has been working as a full time professional Jyotishi for 18 years and she shares the pitfalls and the successes on working full time as a Vedic Astrology. Lecturing skills, promotion, presentation, rules of consultation, writing books, articles and all aspects of being a successful Vedic Astrologer will be discussed.

New Guests arrive from Chennai for the Five Element Temple Tour

**8pm** Dinner– Five Elements Temple Tour orientation and welcome for new guests and farewell conference guests who are leaving.

**28 January'13 (Monday): Drive to Kumbakonam (175Kms / 5 hours' drive)**  
**Enroute visit to Nataraja and Patanjali Temples, Chidambaram**

**8am** Two hour Drive to the Nataraja Temple, Chidambaram (this temple represents Ether). The Chidambaram temple has great significance for Komilla, this was the temple where the first batch of graduating students were given their certificates and we go to the temple to thank and seek blessings. We will meet Deekshithar Subramania Swami, the temple trustee and visit the inner sanctum.



After lunch we visit the ancient Sri Anantheswarar Patanjali Temple and then drive to Kumbakonam. Visiting Saraswati Temple on the way to Kumbakonam.

**Overnight stay at Hotel Paradise resort / Kumbakonam.**

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**29 January'13 (Tuesday): Gangaikondacholapuram, Uppiliappan and White Ganesha Temple**

**8am** - Visit to Gangaikondacholapuram (30kms / 1 Hour drive each way) –it was erected as the capital of the Cholas by Rajendra Chola I, at the beginning of the 11th century C.E. This great temple of Shiva is next only to the Brihadeshwara temple at Thanjavur in its monumental nature and surpasses it in sculptural quality.



**4pm** - The Uppiliappan Temple is a Vishnu Temple connected to the Tirupati Balaji Temple. The presiding deity in this temple is Lord Uppiliappan Perumal with his consort Bhumi Devi and her father sage Markandeya. We are specially visiting this temple as part of our pilgrimage to Tirupati Balaji Temple, later in the trip.

And on return will visit Shweta Vinayaka temple, the white Ganesha temple.



**Overnight stay at Kumbakonam**

**30 January'13 (Wednesday): Kumbakonam – Thanjavur – Trichy (110kms – 3 hours' drive). Mangala Shani temple at Thirunaraiyur and Brihadeshwara Temple at Thanjavur**

**8am** - Visit and puja at Ramanathaswami Temple housing Mangala Shani Temple. This is a rare Saturn temple where he is with his two wives Jyesta Devi (also known as Neela Devi) and Manda Devi and two sons, Mandi and Gulika. This is where Lord Rama's Father Dasaratha did puja for Shani.



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**10.30am** - Proceed to Thanjavur. After lunch visit to the Brihadeshwara Temple – The Peruvudaiyar Koyil is the world's first complete granite temple and a brilliant example of the major heights achieved by Cholas. The 'Vimana' – or the temple tower – is 216 ft. (66 m) high and is among the tallest of its kind in the world. Brihadeshwara Temple celebrated thousand years in 2010



Evening drive to Trichy (2hours drive)

**Overnight stay in Hotel Sangam, Trichy**

### **31 January '13 (Thursday): Trichy – Jambukeshwara & Brahmapureshwara Temples**

**9am** - Jambukeshwara temple (one of the five Elements temples – this temple represents the Water). Puja and visit unusual temples within the larger temple structure - Saturn with his wife and mother, Moon with his two wives Rohini and Krittika, The temples walls are rich in their carvings and sculpture. Komilla will give a short guided walk through this temple after the puja ceremony.



**4pm** - Brahmapureshwara Temple at Tirupattur. This is the temple where Brahma worships Lord Shiva. It is a rare Brahma temple. There are twelve lingams, and many Ganesha shrines, a tall idol of Brahma in a lotus position and the Samadhi of Patanjali of the Yoga sutras.

**Overnight stay at Trichy, Hotel Sangam**

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**01 February'13 (Friday): Trichy – Tiruvannamalai (200kms – 4.5 hours' drive) – Visit Ashtalingam in Tiruvannamalai**

**8am** Drive to Tiruvannamalai is the home of Shri Arunachaleshwara Temple and the sacred Arunachala Mountain.

**4pm-** Ashtalingam – Ashtalingam are the eight directional temples that surround the Arunachaleshwara temple. There is a special temple representing each direction, North, South, East, West, North East, South East, North West and South West. We will drive and visit each one of them.

**Overnight stay at Hotel Sparsa, Tiruvannamalai**



**02 February'13: (Saturday) Tiruvannamalai – Girivalam and Arunachaleshwara Temple**

**6:00am** - Optional Sunrise Girivalam (walking around the Sacred Arunachaleshwara Mountain). This is a very special experience like a meditation. The walk is 14 km (around 10 miles). You can choose to walk a shorter distance and come back in a taxi or scooter if unable to do the full distance.

**10am** -Puja at the Arunachaleshwara temple (one of the five elements temple – this temple represents the Fire)



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**3pm** - Ramana Maharishi Ashram to walk to the cave and 7pm Ramana Maharishi ashram for evening aarti.



**Overnight stay at Sparsa Tiruvannamalai**

**03 February'13: (Sunday) Tiruvannamalai – Vellore (120kms – 3 hours' drive) & Vellore – Tirupati (120kms – 3 hours' drive)- Golden Temple Vellore**

Drive to Golden temple at Vellore, lunch at Hotel Darling Residency / Vellore, later proceed to Tirupati.

**Overnight stay at Fortune Kences Hotel, Tirupati**



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**04 February'13: (Monday) Sri Kala Hasti and Guddimalam**

**9am** - Sri Kala Hasti Siva temple (one of the Five Elements temples– this temple represents the air element. Today is navami tithi a special day for Durga and Sri Kala Hasti is the most important temple for Rahu Ketu and Kal Sarpa yoga remedies. We will be doing a special puja and seek the blessings.



On the return visit Guddimalam temple - a 2<sup>nd</sup> century Shiva temple with rare lingam fully carved. This is off the beaten track, very beautiful and quiet.

**Overnight stay at Hotel Fortune Kences  
Tirupati**



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**05 February'13 (Tuesday): Tirupati - Sri Padmavathi Ammavari Temple and Sri Kapileswaraswami Temple**

Sri Padmavathi Ammavari Temple - the Mother Goddess manifested herself in the holy Pushkarini called Padma Sarovaram in a golden lotus. The Padma Purana gives a vivid description of the advent of the Goddess and subsequent wedding with Lord Srinivasa (Vishnu). It is important to pay homage to the goddess before going to the Balaji Temple in Tirumala.

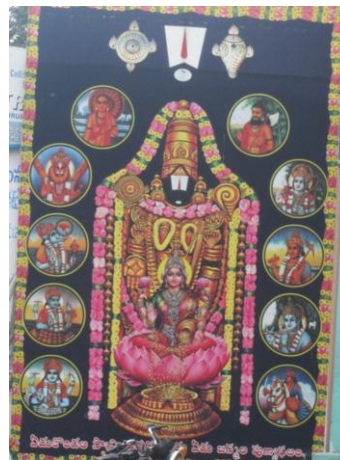


Sri Kapileswaraswami is the only temple dedicated to Lord Siva in Tirupati. It is situated at the foot of the Tirumala Hills. The sacred waterfall called Kapila Teertham

**06 February'13 (Wednesday): Tirumala**

**Lord Venkateshwara Balaji Temple**

**8am** Lord Venkateshwara Balaji temple at Tirumala. We will also visit Varaha Swami, Hanuman and Ganesha temples on the way. This is the most spiritually enhancing experience. There are always huge crowds of devotees at the temple; it usually takes three to four hours of standing in a queue in order to get a darshan of Shri Balaji. This is despite getting into a special queue reserved for overseas visitors. The entire experience of visiting Tirumala is very special even if you decide not to queue to visit the Balaji shrine.



**Overnight stay at Fortune Kences Hotel, Tirupati**

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**07 February'13 (Thursday): Tirupati – Kanchipuram – Mahabalipuram (240kms – 5.5 hours' drive – Visiting Ekambareshwara temple and Sankaracharya Peetam, Kanchipuram**

**7am** -Drive 3 hours to Mahabalipuram enroute visit to the famous Ekambareshwara temple (this temple represents Earth element). Lunch at Kanchipuram. After lunch visit Sri Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam, the monastic order founded by the Adi Sankaracharya. The head of the mutt is referred to as a Sankaracharya. Later proceed to Mahabalipuram.

**Overnight stay at Sea Breeze hotel Mahabalipuram**



**08 February'13 (Friday): Sightseeing Mahabalipuram**

Visit to the Sea Shore temple, Five Rathas (World Heritage Monument) and Arjuna Penance & rest of the day relax at the hotel.

**Overnight stay at Sea Breeze, Mahabalipuram.**



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**09 February'13 (Saturday): Mahabalipuram**

Full free to relax, do Ayurveda and shopping at the excellent shops of Mahabalipuram  
**8pm** -farewell dinner.

**Overnight stay at Sea Breeze, Mahabalipuram**

**10 February'13 (Sunday): End of program.**

Check out time is **11am**. You will need to arrange your own transfers to the airport at Chennai or onward journey. Drive time to Chennai is 2 hrs.

**Hotels**

<b>Destination</b>	<b>Hotel</b>	<b>website</b>
Pondichery	Annamalai International	<a href="http://www.hotelannamalai.com">www.hotelannamalai.com</a>
Kumbakonam	Paradise Resort	<a href="http://www.paradiseresortindia.com">www.paradiseresortindia.com</a>
Trichy	Sangam	<a href="http://www.hotelsangam.com">www.hotelsangam.com</a>
Tiruvannamalai	Sparsa	<a href="http://www.sparsaresorts.com/">www.sparsaresorts.com/</a>
Tirupati	Fortune Kences	<a href="http://www.fortunehotels.in/resort/Tirupati-Fortune_Kences.aspx">www.fortunehotels.in/resort/Tirupati-Fortune_Kences.aspx</a>
Mahabalipuram	Sea Breeze	<a href="http://www.hotelseabreeze.net/">www.hotelseabreeze.net/</a>

\*\*\*All hotels are 3 stars (+).

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