



Promoting Rameshwaram Tourism

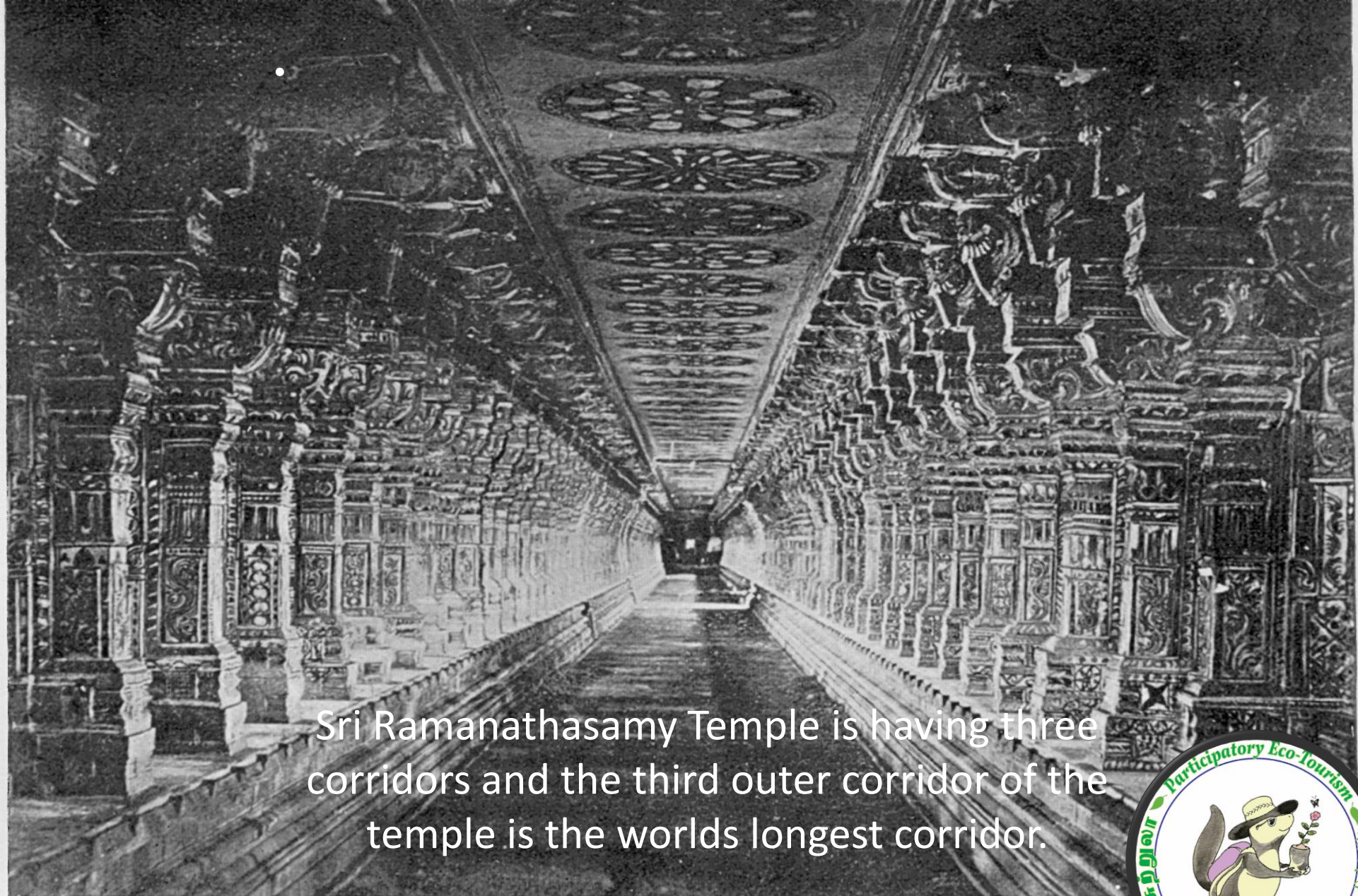
Third Corridor of Sri
Ramanathasamy Temple,
Rameshwaram

Promoting Heritage Tourism



Sri Ramanathaswamy Temple is dedicated to Lord Shiva located on Rameswaram Island in the state of Tamil Nadu, India. It is also one of the twelve Jyotirlinga temples. It is one of the 274 Paadal Petra Sthalams, where the three of the most revered Nayanars (Saivite saints), Appar, Sundarar and Tirugnana Sambandar, have glorified the temple with their songs



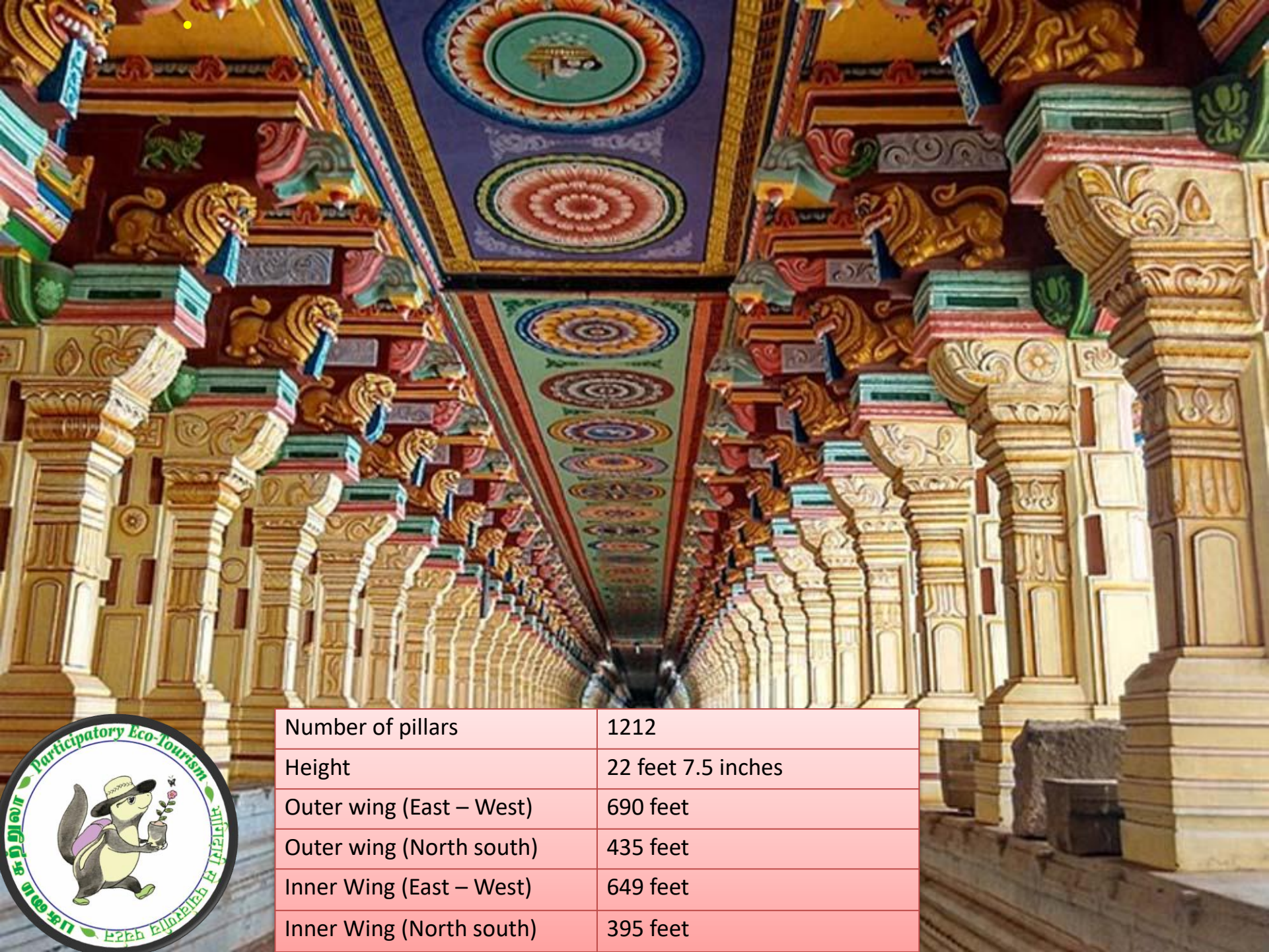


Sri Ramanathasamy Temple is having three corridors and the third outer corridor of the temple is the worlds longest corridor.




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THE GREAT CORRIDOR, RAMESWARAM TEMPLE.



Number of pillars	1212
Height	22 feet 7.5 inches
Outer wing (East – West)	690 feet
Outer wing (North south)	435 feet
Inner Wing (East – West)	649 feet
Inner Wing (North south)	395 feet



In the Late Eighteenth Century, the world-famous third corridor was constructed by Muthuramalinga Setupati who lived for forty-nine years and ruled between 1763 and 1795.





The corridor was called “Chokkatan Mandapam”. The Mukhya Pradhani (Chief Minister) was Muthuirullappa Pillai and the Chinna Pradhani (Deputy Chief Minister) was Krishna Iyengar. The Setupati’s statue and those of his two Pradhans (ministers) can be seen at the western entrance to the third corridor.



Uniform Structures and unique mural paintings at the top makes it a paradise for people with historical interests as well as for Pilgrims





Vivekananda Kendra is doing Deepa Pooja
for the past 30 years in this Temple



Last year around 2600 Women with Deepams participated in the event. Around three district volunteers of Vivekananda Kendra Attended this programme



This has been regularly conducted in the Third
Corridor of the Temple



Before the start of the pooja, all the participants take a Development oath to protect the water bodies, to keep their place neat and clean and follow nature's ethics in their life





Though such artistic marvel exists pilgrims were not aware of it and very few people visit this corridor. Lets popularize this among the pilgrims and make it a memorable trip for them. Thanks