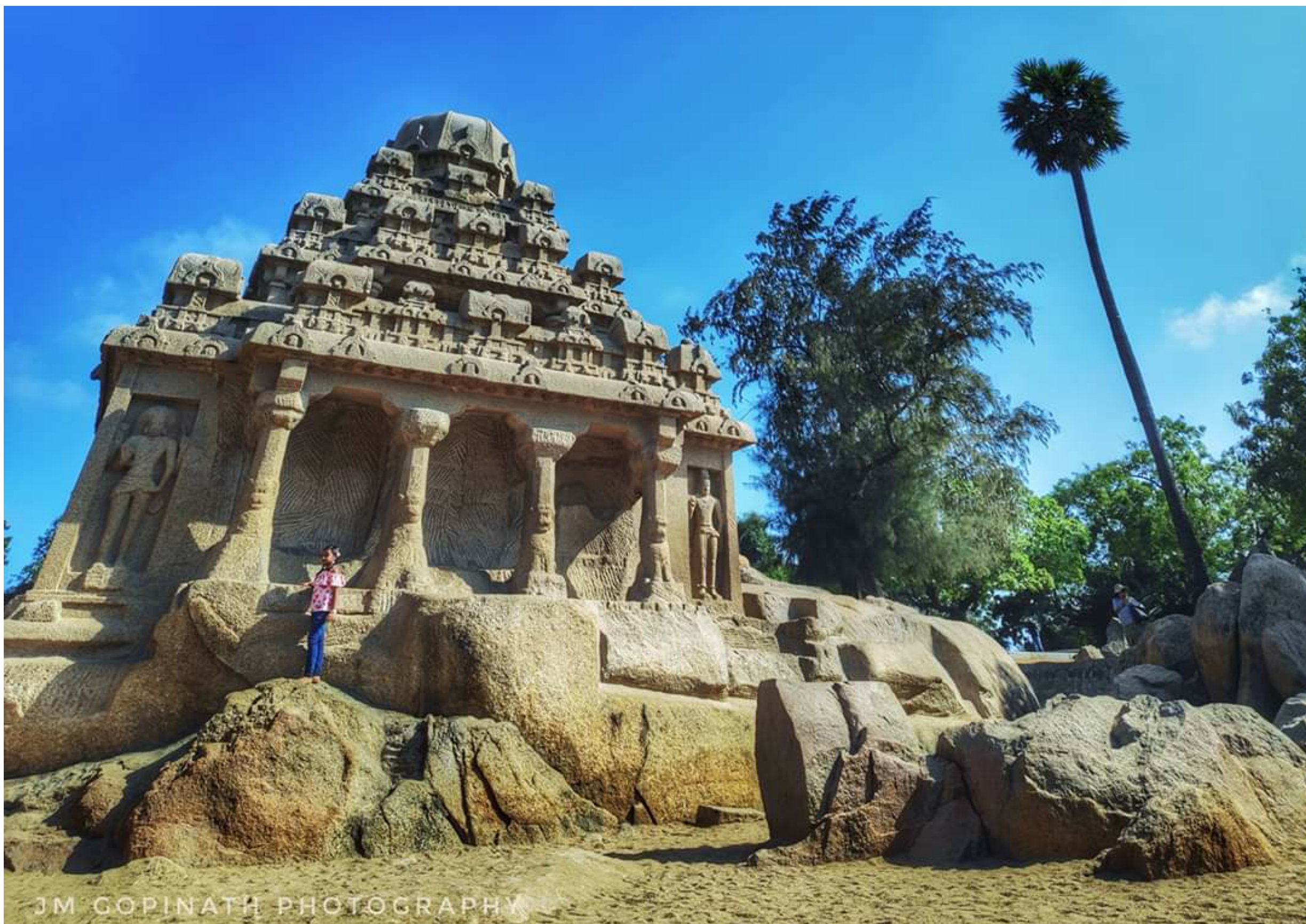


Mamallapuram (Coastal Town of Pallavas)



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Mamallapuram (Coastal Town of Pallavas) is also known as Mahabalipuram. A Coastal Town in South-East Bay of Bengal & it is near by approximately 50 KM distance from Chennai & 95 KM from Pondicherry. An Oldest Historic Ancient City & UNESCO World Heritage site in Tamil Nadu, India. Mahabalipuram located in Coromandel Coast under Chengalpattu District. During Pallava dynasty, between 3rd and 7th Century CE, it became an one of the most important centre of art, culture, temples, architecture and literature.



Mahabalipuram is a one of most beautiful and oldest town in Tamilnadu. And it is a main shipping port in British ruled period and most favorite tourism place for architecture lovers and travelers. Fishing, Sculpture & Tourism is a main business & economic sources in mahabalipuram. You can able to buy some interior design products, stone sculpture and rock-cut monuments from local sellers.

Most important tourism places and monuments in mahabalipuram is Sea Shore Temple, Beach, Pancha Rathas, Krishna Butter Ball, Lighthouse and etc. Each place have

some unique history and stories. In a full moon day you can able to see, a beautiful view of full moon behind the sea shore temple and near by sea. Pancha rathas, Cave temples are built by 7th century during the reign of the Pallava kings and also lighthouse was built in 1887, and it is one of the oldest lighthouse in asia.



In Climate, Mahabalipuram is Hottest Place in Tamilnadu, at the same time you can feel some good & peaceful sea wind. And, Better time to visit Mahaballipuram from the month of August to October, and January to March in the year when it's dry and cool.

You can reach Mahabalipuram through bus, car and some other transport in ECR (East Coast Road) with beautiful view of sea and sand. There is No Rail and Air Services to Mahabalipuram, but Nearest services is in from Chennai, Chengalpattu, Kancheepuram and Pondicherry. And frequent buses are

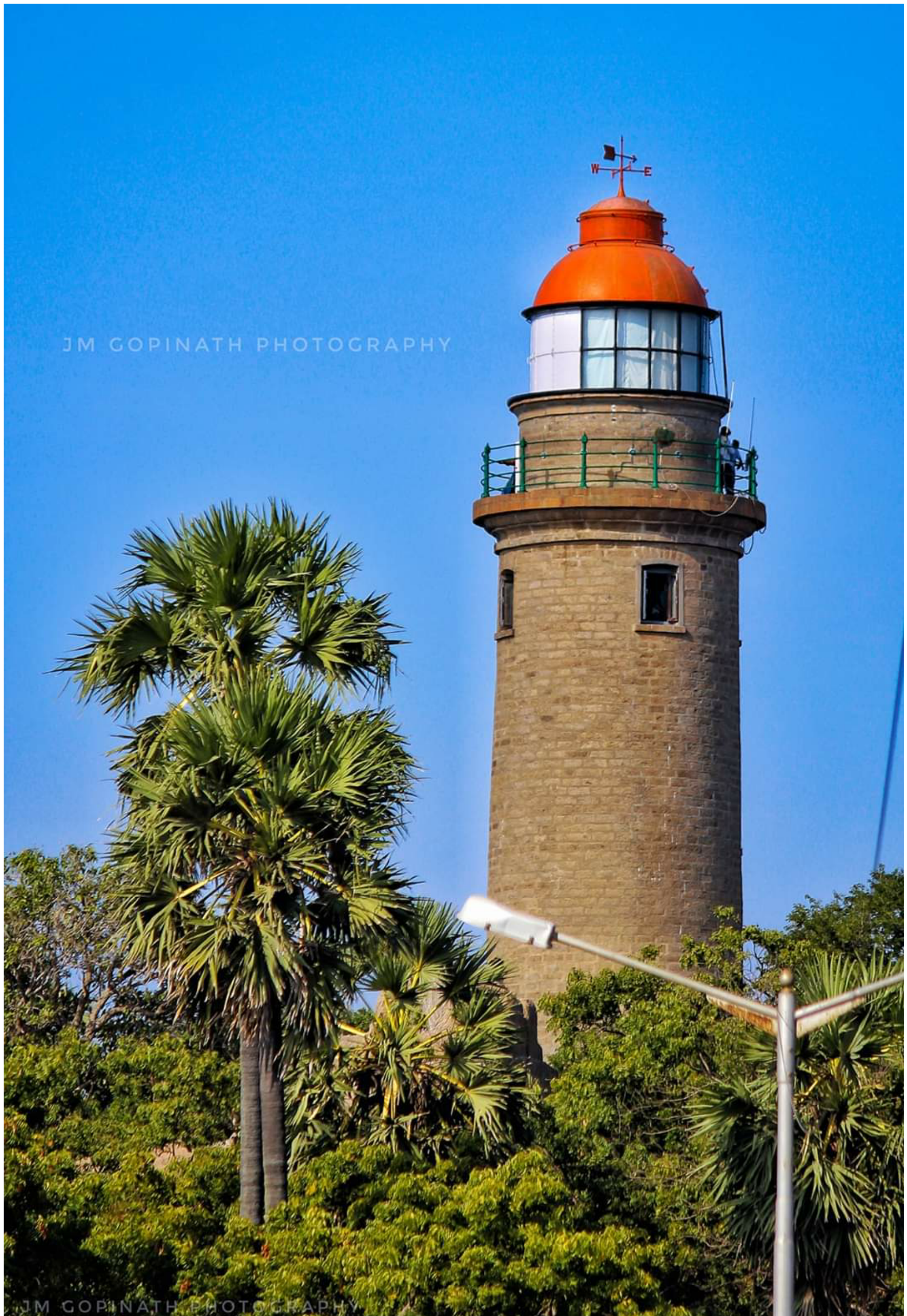
available from CMBT Bus stand, Chennai and all ECR (East Coast Road) way pondicherry buses are also go Mahabalipuram.

For the better experience use car & bike to travel Mahabalipuram in ECR (East Coast Road). But must you need to take care your driving/riding much more careful. Specially in ECR (East Coast Road) there are lots of Sea Food Hotels & Resorts are available, and if it is possible you can stay and enjoy with your family and friends.



In sea shore there are lots of fun activities available like balloon shoot game, horse riding and some sea food stalls etc. Comparing to other place sea waves are little danger and strong, so surely care should be taken if while swimming and playing with kids. Particularly right side of Sea Shore Temple. As always in tourist place there are some scams, so you should be aware of local guides offering for a

high fee & your are the responsibility of your kids and carrying language bags safely. Otherwise totally its a good place for tourist and you feel better & happy experience.



As my experience and knowledge, i shared few thing about Mahabalipuram (A Pride of Tamilnadu), and i will be update some more details in further. - Thank You.