

Architectural Marvels: Chola and Nayaka Temples

Discover the grandeur of Chola and Nayaka temple architecture. The Chola Dynasty (9th to 13th century CE) pioneered the Dravidian style, exemplified by towering *vimanas* and intricate sculptures. The Nayaka Period (16th to 18th century CE) enhanced this style with expansive *gopurams* and ornate carvings, creating stunning temple complexes.



Legacy and Preservation

Chola Innovation

Chola temples showcased innovative planning and architecture.

- Sculptures
- Architecture
- Innovative planning

Nayaka Synthesis

Nayaka temples display intricate workmanship.

- Unique designs
- Complex mandapas
- Elaborate gopurams

Both dynasties left a lasting religious and cultural significance. Today there are preservation efforts to maintain these historical sites.