

HOW TO REACH THE AUROVILLE EARTH INSTITUTE

Print this document before coming so you can use it as a guide to easily reach the Earth Institute!

Chennai (Madras) is the closest airport:

- Auroville is 150 Km south of Chennai and 8 Km north of Puducherry (Pondicherry).

There are two possibilities to reach Auroville:

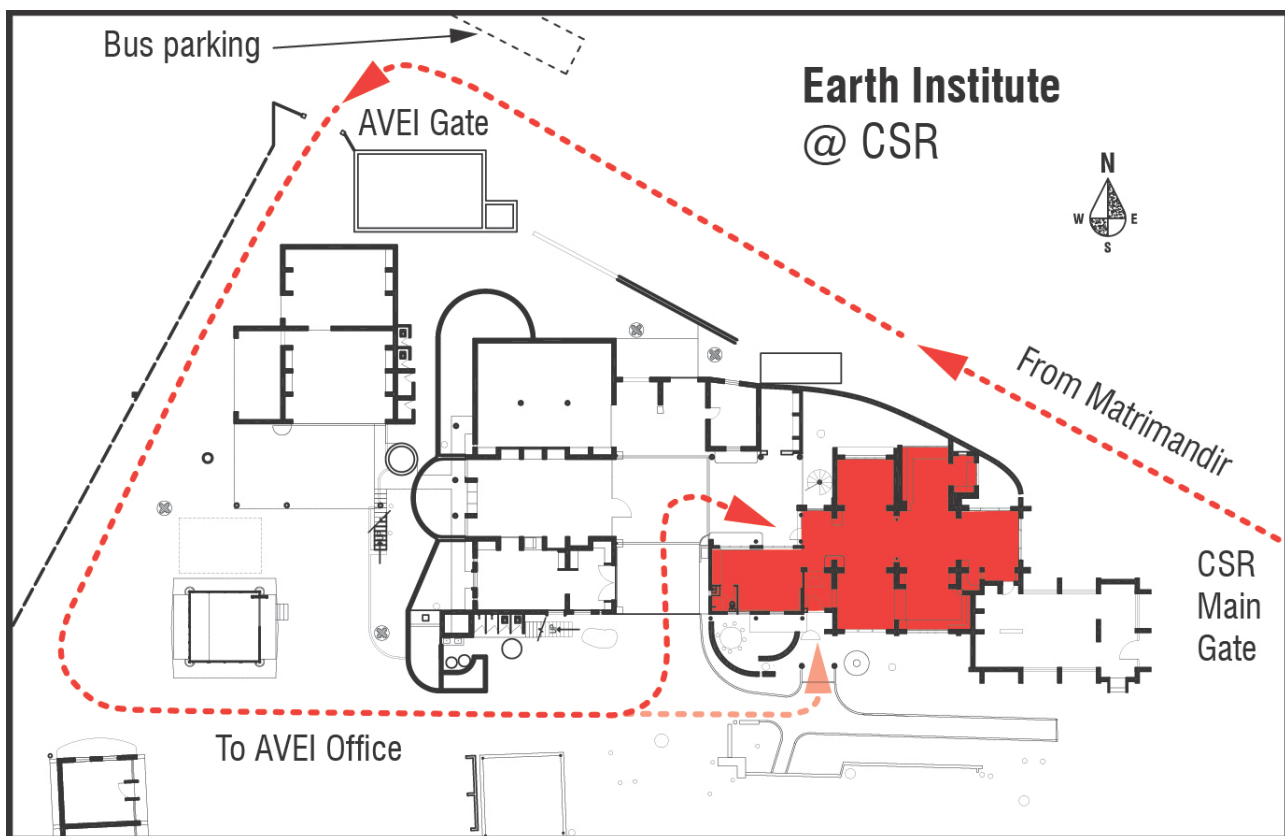
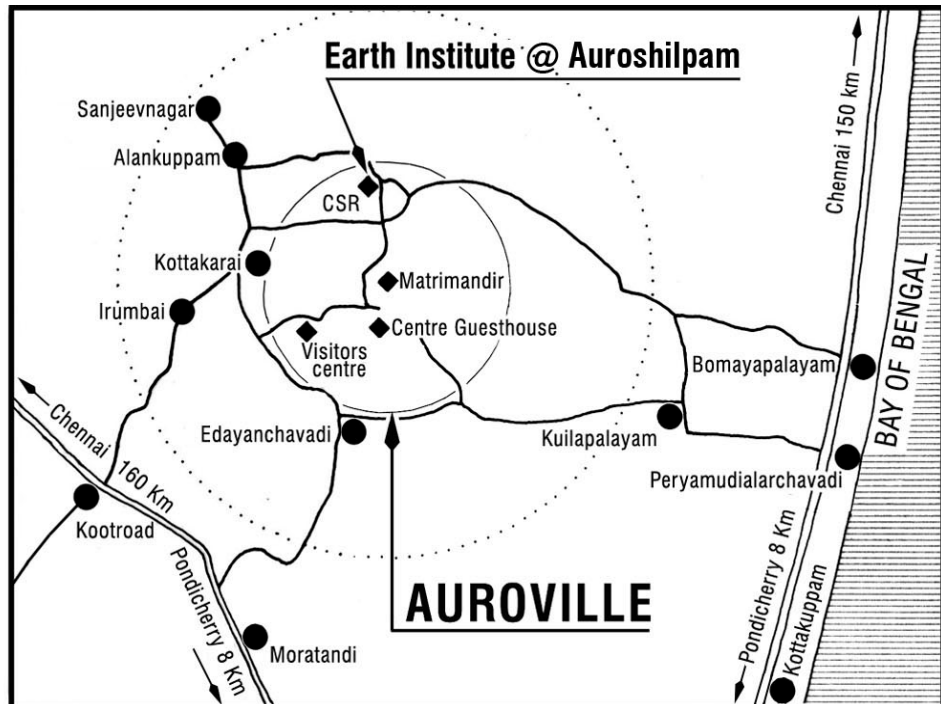
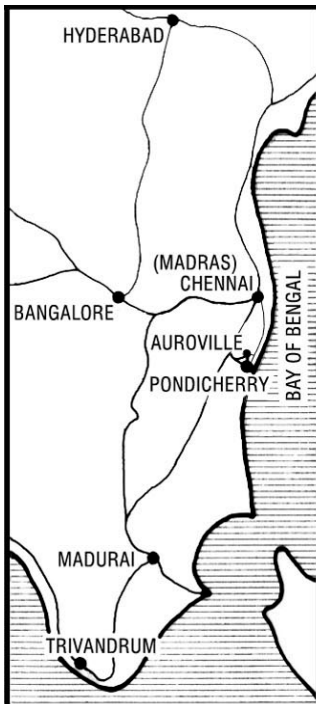
- **By taxi.** This is the simplest means – it will take ~3 hours to reach Auroville (from Chennai):
 - A taxi from Chennai airport would cost Rs. 3,500 or more. Taxi drivers from Chennai would take extra time to find the Institute. You should ask to be dropped at “CSR, Auroshilpam” in Auroville.
 - a) Alternatively, you can book a taxi from Auroville. This is a very reliable service. They know the location of the Earth Institute and it costs only ~Rs. 2,300 without AC. To book a taxi online at the following link: <http://www.aurovilletaxirental.com>
 - b) If you have difficulty with on-line booking, we can assist you. In any case, please inform us of your expected arrival. Please send us your train references (Train No. and name / Coming from / Day and arrival time) or flight details (Flight No. / Airline / Coming from / Day and arrival time).
- **By bus.** This is cheaper but more complicated – it will take ~4.5 hours (from Chennai):
 - From Chennai, take a taxi or an auto rickshaw (three- wheeler) to Chennai Mofussil Bus Terminus (150 – 200 Rs.)
 - Take a bus for Pondicherry. Ask for a local bus (“point to point”) along East Coast Road, and go to the main bus stop (~100 Rs.)
 - Take a taxi or an auto rickshaw from the bus stop to Auroville (200 – 250 Rs.). Ask to be dropped at “CSR, Auroshilpam” in Auroville.
- If you get lost in Auroville, any of the 24-hour security guards can tell you how to get to “CSR”. In case of any problem, you can phone the Earth Institute office during office hours: (0) 413 – 262 3064 / 262 3330
- Address: Auroville Earth Institute – Auroshilpam, CSR, Auroville, 605 101 Tamil Nadu
- Note: 1 USD = ~ 64 Rs. (Value May 2015) 1 Euro = ~ 71 Rs. (Value May 2015)

ARRIVAL & OTHER PREPARATIONS

Please help us to welcome you.

Please note:

1. The office hours of the Auroville Earth Institute are:
 - Monday – Friday: 8 am – 4.30 pm
 - Saturday: 8 am – 4:30 pm
 - Sunday: The office is closed.
2. For those who arrange to stay with us in the student dormitories:
 - The dormitory facilities are basic: Please bring with you whatever you will need during the training course, i.e. towels, toiletries, etc. We will provide a local map upon your arrival and contact information to rent two-wheelers, among other information to get around in Auroville.
 - Please read and respect the rules of the centre, which are posted in the dormitories.
 - Be aware that there are often power cuts in Auroville. When the power goes out, there is no backup generator in the student dormitories. Bring a flashlight (electric torch)!
 - We only accept trainees on Monday morning after 7:30 AM.
 - We do not accept student arrivals on Sundays before the training course commences. Sunday arrivals can only be arranged with advance notice for trainees arriving via an international flight the night before.



TYPICAL WEATHER IN AUROVILLE

Please bring appropriate clothing for the weather in Auroville.

- January, February: No rain normally – Temperatures: 18°C to 30°C – Humidity: 80 to 90 %
- March to June: Rare storms – Temperatures: 35°C to 45°C – Humidity: 60 to 70 %
- July to September: Rare storms – Temperatures: 30°C to 35°C – Humidity: 60 to 70 %
- October to December: Heavy rain (monsoon) – Temperatures: 20°C to 30°C – Humidity: 80 to 100 %