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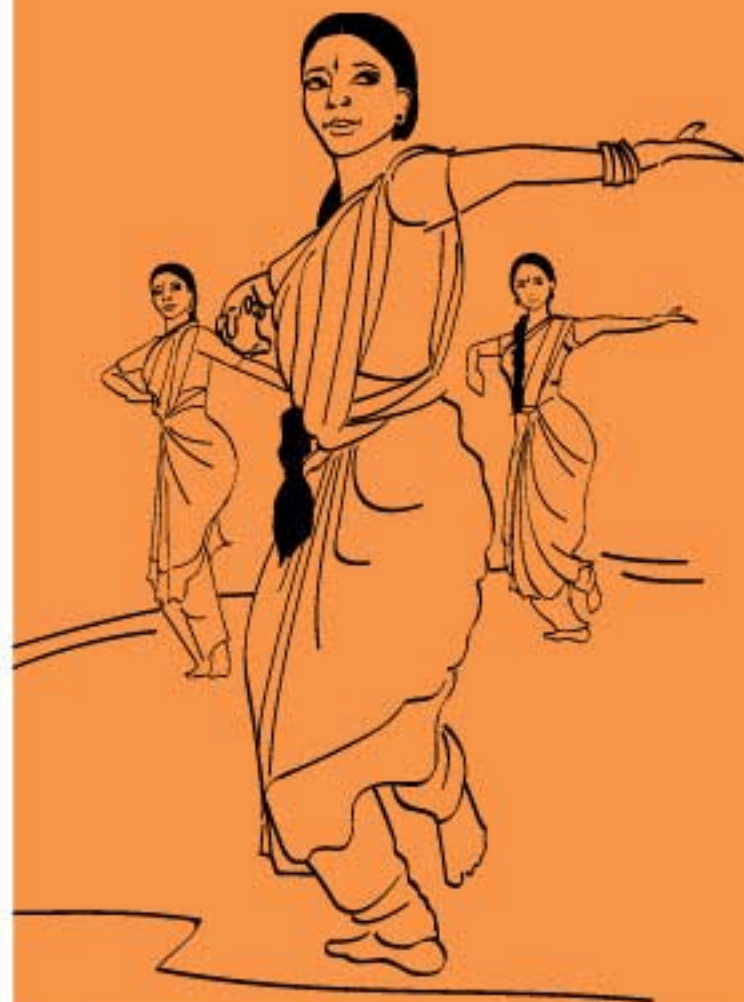
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Dancer's Trail

Explore Chennai through its dances...

Dance, the most expressive way of telling a story ...

From spontaneous outbursts of sheer passion to studied classical interpretations of myth and fact, dance remains the most outwardly visible form of expression.

In the days of yore, before written word existed, people danced; to tell stories of the game they hunted. And to pass on stories of the world around them.



Times changed. And dances evolved. From storytelling to ceremonial dances, through being forms of entertainment, and then art, dances have covered the entire spectrum of human interests.

But people still continue to tell stories through dance. And dance, in every region, tells the story of its people.

Chennai is no exception.

From the sculptures embedded in the myriad temple walls around it, through the multitude of classical dance schools spread all over the city, and to the omnipresent dance sequences in contemporary Tamil cinema, Chennai presents, through its dances, a story of its life.

In the midst of all the clamor and chaos of modern-day Chennai, you can still hear the rhythmic beat of feet on stone floors, voices keeping time, the tinkle of anklets as children learn the first steps of a dance that's among the most ancient classical dance forms in the world.



And Bharatanatyam is just the beginning of this fascinating story. Folk dances and local dance traditions abound in a city that literally seems to be on its feet all the time.

Join Storytrails as we take you on a fascinating tour of Chennai's dance saga. Take a peek inside revered institutions, and watch as a dancer walks you through the basic elements of Bharatanatyam. Be mesmerised by the folk dancers as they show you intricate martial dance forms. And let loose as our expert takes you through dance routines that are almost de rigueur in South Indian Cinema.