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| **PROPOSED ITINERARY FOR VISHAKAPATNAM.** | | |
| **DAYS** | **PROGRAM** | **STATUS** |
| **DAY-1** | **Noon departure from Bangalore railway station**  **to Vishakhapatnam.** | **O/N**  **Journey** |
| **DAY-2** | **Afternoon arrival @ Vishakapatnam**  **& check-in rooms.**  **After lunch, visit:**  **Simhachalam Temple, Rushikonda Beach.** | **Halt @ Vishakapatnam** |
| **DAY-3** | **Morning proceed to Araku Valley; visit:**  **Ananthagiri Coffee plantations,**  **Galikonda view Point, Borra Caves.** | **Halt @**  **Vishakapatnam** |
| **DAY-4** | **After breakfast, check-out rooms.**  **Visit RK beach (View only) & shopping.**  **After early lunch, drop to railway station**  **& depart to Bangalore.** | **O/N**  **Journey** |
| **DAY-5** | **Noon arrival @**  **Bangalore Railway station.** | **Tour**  **Concludes** |
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**VISHAKAPATNAM:**

* **Simhachalam temple:** The exact age of the Simhachalam Temple is not known, but it **contains scriptures belonging to 1098-1099 AD.** The temple is lies atop a hill **800 meters above the sea level** and is dedicated to **Lord Narasimha,** who is an incarnation of Vishnu himself.  This is the **only temple in the country** where Shri Varaha Lakshmi Narasimha Swami- who is **a combination of the third and fourth incarnation of Lord Vishnu-** appears. Lord Narasimha appears here in the **tribhanga posture** and has **two hands with the head of a lion on a human torso.** Interestingly, the **statue of the deity** appears in its true form **only for 12 hours per year on the day of Akshaya Tritiya.** On any other occasion, the idol is **covered with sandalwood paste.**
* **Rushikonda beach:** Rushikonda Beach is known as the **Jewel of the East Coast**. The **unspoiled beauty** of the beach is its **main attraction** and is a **haven for watersports lovers**. The beach celebrates the **festival of colors, Holi,** as it gets transformed to a **hue of vibrant colors**, with people splashing color and water on each other.
* **Araku valley:** At an altitude of **1300 m above the sea level**, the valley spreads around **36 km**. It is in the Eastern Ghats and is **inhabited by different tribes.** Coffee was **first introduced in Eastern Ghats** of Andhra Pradesh **in** **1898 by Mr. Brodi, a Brtisher** in Pamuleru valley in East Godavari district. Thus, the coffee grown in Araku valley by the **tribal farmers** under **organic practices** attained recognition as **“Araku coffee”.**
* **Ananthgiri coffee plantations:** The plantations are **deeply rooted** in the history of the tribes of Araku valley. Coffee estates gave the **tribes the opportunity** to **join mainstream population** and **earn a living** for themselves and their families. The **first organic coffee of India** was produced in these **plantations of Araku valley** by sheer hard work of the tribal groups. This **organic coffee,** branded under the name Araku emerald, has **gained popularity all over the world.**
* **Galikonda view point:** ​Galikonda viewpoint is the **highest point** of vishakapatnam district. This is the **second highest peak** in the Eastern Ghats with an altitude of **4320 ft.**
* **Borra caves:** Borra Caves are located in the **Ananthgiri Hill Ranges** of Eastern Ghats. Discovered by **William King, the British geologist in 1807,** it is a **naturally formed cave** believed to be **150 million years old.**The **perennial water flow** over millions of years **resulted** in the **formation of the caves.** The **water percolating** from the roof of the cave **containing calcium bi-carbonate** and other minerals form mounds on the cave ground called **"Stalagmites" and spear like structures hanging from the roof called "Stalagcites."** The **total length** of the Borra Caves is about **200 meters**. Indian Anthropologists have also **found stone tools of middle Paleolithic Age** dating back to **30000 to 50000 years** indicating human habitation in the caves.