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| **PROPOSED ITINERARY FOR VISHAKAPATNAM.** | | |
| **DAYS** | **PROGRAM** | **STATUS** |
| **DAY-1** | **Departure from Bangalore railway station to Vishakapatnam.** | **O/N**  **Journey** |
| **DAY-2** | **Afternoon arrival @ Vishakapatnam**  **& check-in rooms.**  **After lunch, visit:**  **Simhachalam Temple, Rushikonda Beach.** | **Halt @ Vishakapatnam** |
| **DAY-3** | **After breakfast, sightseeing; visit:**  **Araku Valley, Borra caves, Tribal museum.** | **Halt @**  **Araku Valley** |
| **DAY-4** | **After early breakfast, check-out rooms.**  **Drive to Vishakapatnam.**  **Evening, visit: Kailasagiri park.** | **Halt @ Vishakapatnam** |
| **DAY-5** | **After breakfast, leisure time.**  **After early lunch, check-out rooms.**  **Drop to railway station & depart to Bangalore.** | **O/N**  **Journey** |
| **DAY-6** | **Afternoon 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”.**
* **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.
* **Tribal museum:** Araku Tribal Museum is **a place holding treasure** that showcases the **culture, handicrafts, fine art and tradition of the tribes** of Eastern hats. The **museum comprises of tools** **that once belonged to the tribal people** and one can experience the lifestyle of the natives to the area while going through its other belongings.
* **Kailasagiri Park:** A **hill top park** at **360 feet** that overlooks beaches, forests & the city of Vishakhapatnam. It is **well known for its panoramic view, peaceful atmosphere and its scenic beauty.**  There are **huge idols of Lord Shiva and Parvathi** which gives the place a religious flavor. According to the visitors' views, it’s a great place to visit in Vishakhapatnam **to observe the development of the hills over the years.** The **idol** stands on top of the hill at an elevation of **40 ft.** The floral clock **one of the biggest in India** with **a diameter of 10 ft.**