

## Erramatti Dibbalu

Located at a distance of about 25 kms from Vizag, these magnificent red coloured hillocks are one of nature's true wonders, formed due to erosion, extreme weather and winds, well over a million years ago. This formation is gently dotted with green vegetation and overlooks the pristine waters of the Bay Bengal, providing a thrilling sight to behold. The red colour of these dunes is believed to be due to the presence of ferric oxide which coats the sand crystals in a process called ferrogination.



## Archaeology Museum

This historically significant museum which opened in 1991 is housed in a 150 year old superb structure of great architectural beauty. Showcasing an array of relics such as ancient armory, crockery, ancient coins, silk costumes, jewellery, portraits of legendary figures, and even stuffed animals, the shell of an unexploded bomb dropped by the Japanese during World War II, is a special attraction here. Several manuscripts, letters, diaries, scrap books, periodicals, maps etc., chronicle the lives of the early settlers of Vizag in this great museum.



## Visakha Museum

A prominent locale of interest on the R.K. Beach Road, the Vishaka Museum portrays a vivid image of its historic moorings across its fantastic collection of rare artifacts, inscriptions and historic scrolls. The Dutch Bungalow in which the museum is housed itself is part of the unique Vishaka history, and is a prominent memory of the grandeur of the Dutch regime. The Municipal Corporation of Visakhapatnam renovated and rechristened the structure naming it the Visakha Museum.



## Shilparamam

Shilparamam is a traditionally and culturally important depiction of the life of Vizag in the form of a crafts village. Through its brilliant thatched roof structures, life size figures of working men and women, and the rural life of the region, Shilparamam also sports a unique shopping market rendering a rich taste of the region's culture.

You can pick up from a wide range of murals seen in local temples, beautiful shells from the sea or hand woven fabrics you can delight in. Also here you can find produce from the local villages of Andhra such as brass idols, wooden toys, tribal honey, and even printed textiles of Kalamkari and Narayanpet.



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## Kailasagiri Hills

An exciting hotspot of Vizag located just off its hustle and bustle. At a height of 360 feet it offers a spectacular view of the Bay of Bengal and a cinematic image of the surrounding lush green hills. Offering an adventurous respite from the busy days of city life, the main attractions here are the huge statues of Lord Shiva and Goddess Parvathi. The hill has a list of adventure sports, and a thrilling ropeway from the base of the hill to the top. An added charm is a lovely floral clock here.

Park Features: Shiva Parvathi Statue - Shanku Chakra Naama - Titanic View Point - Jungle Trails - 7 Wonders of Vizag - Shiva Temple - Shanti Ashram - Floral Clock - Landscape Gardens / View Points - Road Train - Gliding Base Point - Children's Play Park - Art Gallery - Conference Hall - Telescopic Point - Food Courts



## Ramakrishna Beach

Right at the edge of the bustling city of Vizag, the road gently tapers down to the sea and welcomes you to the long stretch of the beautiful RK Beach. Frequented by Vizagites almost every day, the beach is dotted with a spectacle of colours, and myriad eating joints lined with music, charm and entertainment. From here one can clearly see the Dolphin's Nose, a magnificent rock formation that also sports the light house, and ships moored or passing across a distance. A walk from a safe distance from the water carries its own thrill.



## Submarine Museum

An interesting spot on the RK Beach, Vizag's Submarine Museum is quite an innovative creation. Housed in a real submarine, INS Kurusura, this Soviet built sub was decommissioned in 2001 after serving our nation for over two glorious decades. The submarine contained all its weaponry and fittings when it was hauled over to the beach and permanently stationed on a solid concrete foundation on the beach road and is a big attraction to public.



## Rushikonda Beach

Located at a close proximity of just 8 kms from Vizag, is this most popular beach spot along the city's shoreline. Quite popular among locals and tourists, this patch of the beach is the safest to swim, bathe or surf; of course with adequate precautions. The AP Tourism Department runs a luxury resort located along the hill overlooking the beach, houses plush rooms with great facilities. The 14th century Sri Sapta Ruseswara Temple is also located at Rushikonda, for the spiritually inclined.



## Zoological Park

The Vizag Zoo spread over 635 acres is one of the largest in the region housing over 80 species of exotic birds and animals amidst colourful landscapes. The zoo forms kind of a natural habitat for deer and also contains a crocodile park. Open from 9 am to 5 pm on all days except Mondays, the zoo is just at a distance of 10 kms from the city and offers a welcome respite to all, with its astounding beauty and serenity.



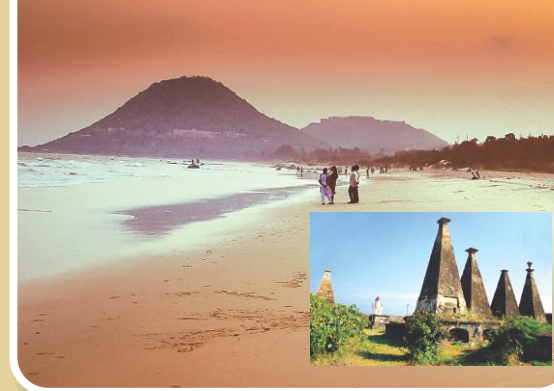
## Simhachalam Temple

This historically significant 11th century temple also known as Simhadri, is situated around 16 kms from Vishakapatnam. The principal deity is Varaha Lakshminarasimha, an avatar of Lord Vishnu. The deity is always smeared in sandalwood paste in an exclusive tradition. The Chandanotsavam festival conducted here is now identified as the Chandan Yatra. The temple, among some of the oldest in India is also known for its exquisite architecture.



## Bheemili Beach

One of the oldest municipalities in India, Bheemili still has the relics of a unique 17th century Dutch settlement, a ruined fort, armoury, a Dutch cemetery, Lord Narasimha Swamy's temple, St. Peter's Church, a Maharaja Guesthouse, a Clock Tower, a port, a light house, the Goutam Boats Club and of course a beautiful beach. With a great repute, this beach is renowned among film makers as the sea is relatively calm here with beautiful blue waters. Bheemli Beach is situated at a distance of 24 kms from Vizag.



## Panchadarla

The spot is located about 49 kms from the heart of Vizag and derives its name from the five jets of water that spring from a perennial natural spring whose source is not clear. Containing Sri Dhara Lingeswara Swamy Temple, a renowned Shiva temple also called the Kotilingam Temple, the Panchadarla village in Rambilli mandal is a must visit.

