

HISTORICAL TOUR 2017-2018
To
VISAKHAPATNAM AND ARAKU

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A Historical Tour was organized by the Department of History on 17-09-17 to 19-09-17 to Visakhapatnam and Araku. In this program 5 staff members and 32 students participated.

HISTORY OF THE ARUKU

Bestowed with gorgeous coastlines, Visakhapatnam beckons tourists to witness its natural beauty. We have some fascinating destinations to be explored in its vicinity. Araku Valley is a rejuvenating tourist spot situated at a distance of 120km from Visakhapatnam. Araku valley is more popular as the food bowl of South India and appeals to its guests with its lively sights and salubrious climate. A hairpin bends and jaw-dropping natural treasure draw several visitors. Navigating through the serpentine hill roads amidst the jagged peaks is itself an exhilarating experience.

Araku, a promising charismatic hill station offers surging waterfalls, thrilling caves, and relaxing gardens. Witnessing the dramatic mountains and breathtaking scenery makes for a remarkable voyage. This enchanting valley draws several visitors, especially during the months of November to February.

Borra Caves is one of the major landmarks of the revered vacation destination near Araku. Adventure aficionados would be thrilled to visit the underground landscape that is said to have been visited by Lord Rama, Sithaand, Lakshmana during their 14 years of exile. Considered to be one of the deepest caves in the country it also enshrines a Shivalingam.

Vizag on the other side has the Eastern Naval Command of the Indian Navy and is also a major financial hub of Andhra Pradesh. Vizag is one of the most frequented holiday destinations in the state that boasts of its splendid coastlines, stunning beaches, inspiring hill ranges, and picturesque valleys.

Experience the abundant greenery and enjoy the awe-inspiring views with our one-day Vizag to Araku Valley tour. Visitors would be mesmerized by the tranquillity and beauty of the fascinating place.

PADMAPURAM GARDENS



Kick start your fantastic journey with the visit to the inspiring Padmapuram Gardens. Tourists would be enlightened by the impressive variety of foliage. Situated at a distance of 2.5km from Araku bus station, the garden features hanging cottages which are built at a height of ten feet above ground level. Spanning over an area of 26 acres of land, the spectacular garden has an exotic variety of flowers and orchids. Visitors would be delighted to take a stroll through the spectacular rose garden.

TRIBAL MUSEUM



Take a voyage back in time with the visit to the Tribal Museum one of the key attractions of Araku. Be amazed at the rich collection of artefacts that includes clay figures of tribal people, hunting tools, and kitchen utensils. The Section that displays the attire of tribal people belonging to the northern part of Andhra Pradesh and the traditional handicrafts is a must-see section.

Set within a red building made of mud and metals, the museum portrays village panchayat, market, and agricultural activities. Noteworthy displays are tribal jewellery, musical instruments and masks. It also accommodates a Tribal Arts and Crafts Centre that features several exhibitions and workshops for the promotion of tribal art and craft.

ANANTHAGIRI COFFEE PLANTATION



One of the best attractions of the day trip to Araku tour is the visit to the Ananthagiri Coffee Plantations. A must-visit for the coffee connoisseurs, these inspiring coffee plantations are spread over the Ananthagiri Hills and serve as a major source of income for the Araku tribal people. It boasts of being the first producer of organic coffee in India. Travellers would be hooked up with the aroma of one of the most favourite brews in the world, the pleasant climate, and the breathtaking surroundings at Ananthagiri.

GALIKONDA VIEW POINT



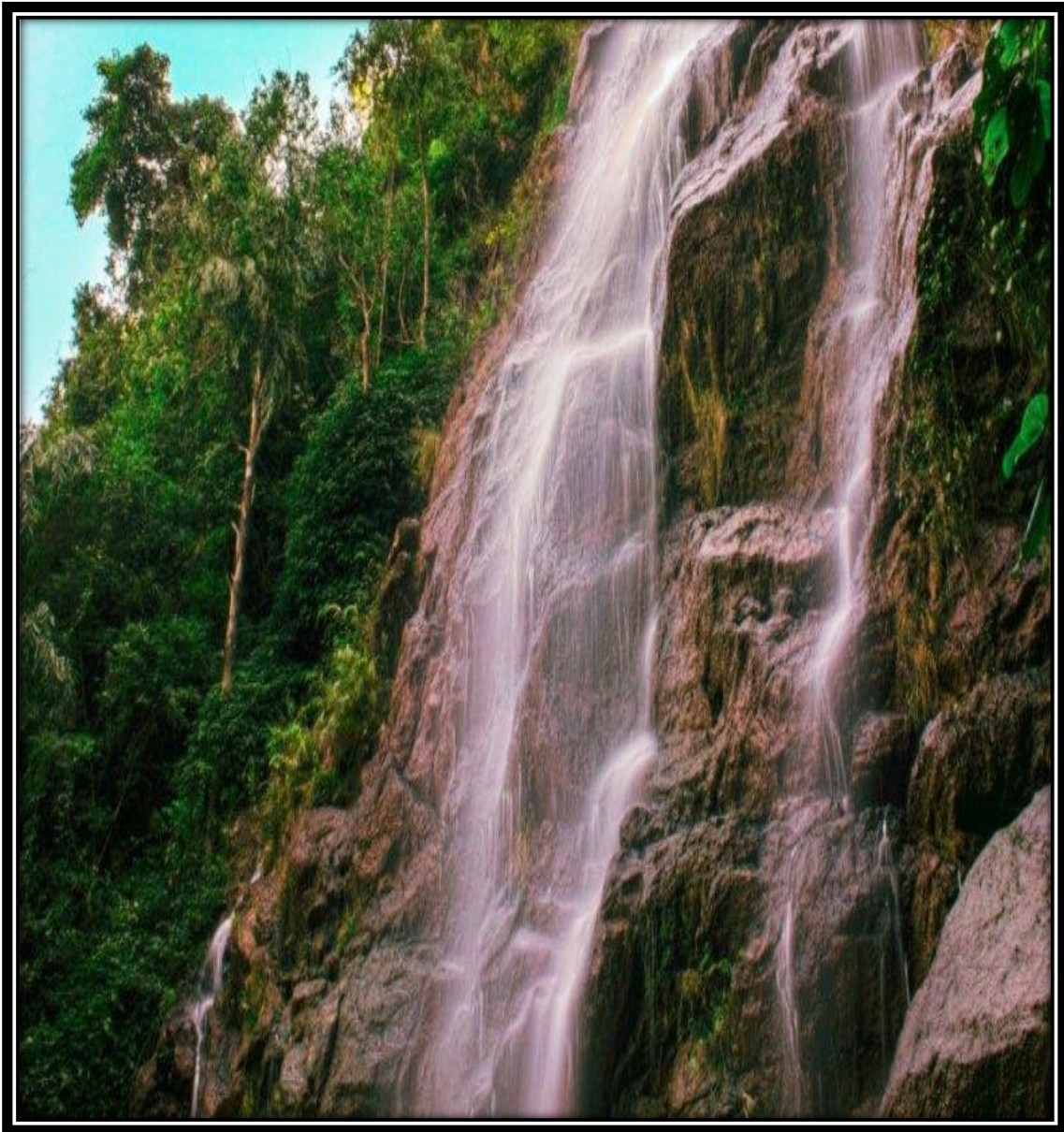
Visitors would appreciate the spectacular views of the city as the one-day Vizag to Araku tour takes them to the iconic sightseeing spot called the Galikonda View Point. Nature lovers would be mesmerized to view the iconic natural panorama. Standing at a height of 4320 feet above sea level on the Eastern Ghats and viewing the austere beauty of the picturesque landscape is going to be a rewarding experience. A postcard- perfect viewpoint gives the sight of incredible scenery.

BORRA CAVES



Head up to one of the largest caves in the country the Borra Caves, as the next stop of our one- day Vizag to Araku tour. A landmark tourist destination also known as Borra Guhalu was discovered by British geologist William King in 1807. Scramble your way through the one million-year-old limestone caves set at an elevation of 705 m above sea level for an unforgettable journey. An underground world of admiration, Borra Caves is a must-visit and is filled with stalagmite and stalactite formations featuring Shiv Parvathi, Tiger, Mother - Child, Cows udder, Human Brain, Crocodile and Rishi's Beard.

KATIKI WATERFALLS



The marvel of nature, the gorgeous Katiki Waterfalls. These are one of the most magnificent waterfalls of Araku that are formed by the river Gosthani originating from the Borra caves. The incredible 50 feet high waterfall is one of the most attracting sights of Araku.

TOUR PICS

STUDENTS PICTURE WITH STAFF AT THE SUB-MARINE



STUDENTS AT R.K BEACH



STUDENTS AND STAFF AT ARAKU RAILWAY STATION.

A PICTURE AT COTTAGE.



BORRA CAVES

MR. SOMA SEKHAR EXPLAINING THE HISTORY OF THE CAVES



STUDENTS & STAFF GATHERING AT ARAKU RAILWAY STATION.

Conclusion:

Study tours give practical knowledge to the students and help them to understand geographical conditions of that place. Apart from class room teaching tours enhance students interest towards the subject.

Study tours give awareness on Indian Art & Architecture. These tours help students to get comprehensive knowledge on historical and tourist places in India.

Thank you.