



SEASON'S FAVOURITES

HERE ARE SOME TOP OFFERS AND PACKAGES FROM APTDC AND HOTELS FOR THE MONTHS OF JANUARY TO MARCH.

VIZAG-ARAKU RAIL CUM ROAD TOUR

Andhra Pradesh Tourism Development Corporation (APTDC) offers various packages from Vizag to Araku Valley. The Visakhapatnam-Araku Rail Cum Road Tour is a quick break from fast-paced city life. The stopover is at Araku Valley. You can stay either at Haritha Valley Resort or Mayuri Hill Resort, both APTDC properties. The trip begins at six in the morning and ends at 8.30 pm the next day. During weekdays, the rate of the package is from ₹2,686 (AC suite) to ₹2,009 (Non-AC room) at Valley Resort and from ₹2,773 (AC Deluxe) to ₹2,364 (Non-AC Deluxe) at Mayuri Hill Resort. From Friday to Sunday, the fare changes to ₹2,922 (AC suite) to ₹2,130 (Non-AC room) at Valley Resort and ₹3,009 (AC Deluxe) to ₹2,543 (Non-AC Deluxe) at Mayuri Hill Resort. The cost covers accommodation, food and transport. aptdc.gov.in

VIZAG TO ARAKU BY VISTADOME COACH

This luxury package tour begins at Visakhapatnam Railway Station and goes to Tyda, Araku Valley, in the Vistadome

luxury coach. The journey begins at 7 am daily and ends at 8:30 pm. Taking the scenic route, the train delivers travellers amazing views of Araku Valley and Borra Caves. Ananthagiri coffee plantations and Galikonda view point are other points covered in this trip. The tariff is ₹3,200 per head (limited offer). aptdc.gov.in

GATEWAY HOTEL FAMILY GETAWAY

This two-night Family Getaway package lets you explore Visakhapatnam, a city blessed with a wealth of sights and sounds. Also on offer are its restaurants, known for delicious food made with the freshest local produce. The package includes accommodation, breakfast, dinner at GAD and 20 percent discount on F&B (*a la carte*). The rates vary from ₹11,999 (Standard Room, single occupancy) to ₹13,999 (Executive Sea-view Room, double occupancy), valid for a minimum stay of two nights. An extra person and child will cost you ₹3,500 and ₹2,000, respectively. The Taj Holidays Winter Offers are valid till March 31, 2018. gateway.tajhotels.com/en-in/beach-road-visakhapatnam



MARASA SAROVAR PREMIERE
₹14,499
LEISURE PACKAGE



Clockwise: Marasa Sarovar Premiere, Tirupati; a houseboat in Dindi; Gateway Hotel Beach Road Visakhapatnam; a room in Coconut Country Resort, Dindi.



GATEWAY HOTEL
₹11,999
FAMILY GETAWAY

MARASA SAROVAR PREMIERE, TIRUPATI

This Leisure Package of two nights is for ₹14,499 (single/double occupancy). It includes breakfast and dinner at Lotus Café, airport transfer from/to Renigunta or to the railway station, a half-day tour to Padmavati and Apalagunta Temple, a welcome drink, 20 percent discount on food and soft beverages, 15 percent discount at the spa and all applicable taxes. The package is valid till March 31, 2018. sarovarhotels.com



RIVER CRUISES

APTDC operates over 25 tour packages, including on-demand tours and river cruises, attracting many travellers round the year. There is also an option to book a houseboat to enjoy both riverfront and inland landscapes.

Visakhapatnam-Bhadrachalam Road Cum River Cruise

An on-demand tour of APTDC, the Visakhapatnam-Bhadrachalam Road Cum River Cruise goes as far as Purushottapatnam by road. The trip onwards to Papikondalu and Pochavaram is by boat. The journey to Bhadrachalam Temple and eventually to Vizag is by road. The package includes non-air-conditioned Hitech Coach transportation, boating charges, breakfast, lunch and dinner. The cost of the package is ₹2,502 for an adult and ₹2,002 for a child.

Polavaram-Papikondalu AC Cruise

This two-day tour from Rajahmundry to Papikondalu covers Gandhi Pochamma Temple on the bank of the Godavari and Perantapalli, a quaint little village. The trip begins at 7 am and culminates at 7 pm at Papikondalu. The package includes food and accommodation. The package is priced at ₹2,200 for an adult and ₹2,000 for a child.

Book a houseboat at Dindi

The charge for a houseboat is ₹12,000 for 24 hours and ₹9,000 for 12 hours (4 adults and 4 children). The tariff for air-conditioned Standard Rooms (25) is ₹2,300, Deluxe Rooms (7) ₹2,600 (including complimentary breakfast for two), and ₹6,000 (a conference hall for 200 members for six hours).

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