

History & Culture



Chandragiri Fort

Chandragiri was the last capital of Vijayanagar kings. Vijayanagar Empire contributed vastly to the enrichment of Telugu culture, art and literature. Situated atop a huge rock that stands 56 meters tall, Chandragiri Fort has the grand palaces - Raja Mahal and Rani Mahal.

Sound & Light Show Daily Evening Timings: 6:30pm (Telugu), 7:30pm (English); **Ticket Charges:** Adult:45/-, Child:35/-, **Sound & Light Show:** Ph: 0877-2289122 **Archeology Museum Entry Ticket:** Rs.10/- **Fast Facts:** Friday Holiday; Ph: 0877-2276246, **Where to Stay:** Tirupati, **How to Reach:** 16 kms from Tirupati;



SV Museum

S.V. Museum, which is also known as Sri Venkateshwara Museum, is housed in a beautifully architected complex that captures the attention of visitors at Tirumala. It holds a wonderful collection of temple architecture and historical artefacts like ancient weaponry, pooja items and idols. The museum also has an elaborate photo gallery that delivers a unique insight into the region's culture and traditions.

Fast Facts: Friday Holiday; **Timings:** 8:00am - 8:00pm; **Entry fee:** 20/-; **How to Reach:** Opp. 2nd Vaikuntam Queue Complex, Tirumala

Kolatam (Dance Form)

Kolatam or the stick dance is a popular dance performed during village festivals. It is a combination of rhythmic movements, songs and music.



Cuisine



The famous local dish here is Raagi Sankati with pachadi and pongali which is not only delicious but also healthy! The meals are served on a banana leaf, which involves 'Daddoanam' (Curd Rice), Pulihora (Tamarind rice) Vadda and Chakkara Pongal (Sweet Pongal), Miryala-pongali, Appam, Payasam, Jaggery, Murukku, Dosa and Seera (Kesari).



Rural Tourism / Handicrafts

Shilparamam

Shilparamam is Tirupati's tribute to India's natural beauty, cultural heritage and vibrant ethos. It is a place where artisans from across India showcase their individual skills in a wide variety of arts, crafts and culture. From Indian pottery to a plethora of weaves, woodwork, jewellery, clothes and local crafts.

Timings: 9:00am - 5:00pm; **How to Reach:** 4kms from Tirupati; **Entry Fee:** 5/-; **Where to Stay:** Haritha Tirupati, Cell: +91 8772289123, Hotel Harsha Residency, Tirupati, Ph: +91-877-2244150



Kalamkari

Kalamkari works are handmade and are painted using a pen. Involving as many as 17 steps, Kalamkari, the traditional pen, uses dyes made from natural materials. This is a slow and vigorous process, which takes as many as 20 days to create one kalamkari cloth!



Connectivity

Air: Renigunta Airport

Rail: Tirupati is well-connected to all major cities of India

Road: Tirupati is well-connected to Bengaluru, Chennai, Hyderabad and Vijayawada

Local Transport: Tourists can take APSRTC buses and taxis to reach Tirumala



Local Tour Organisers

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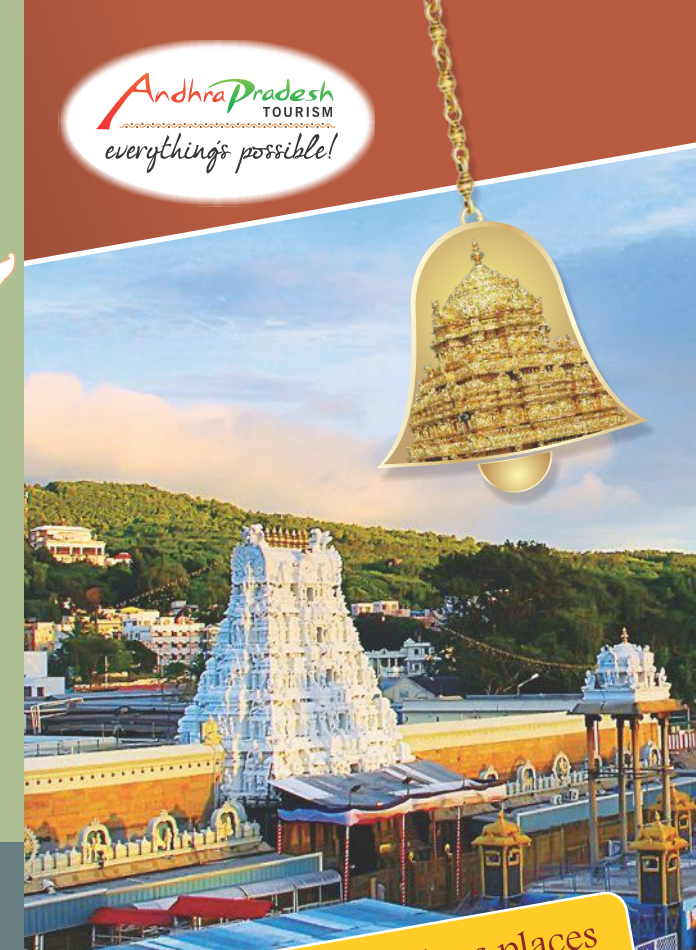
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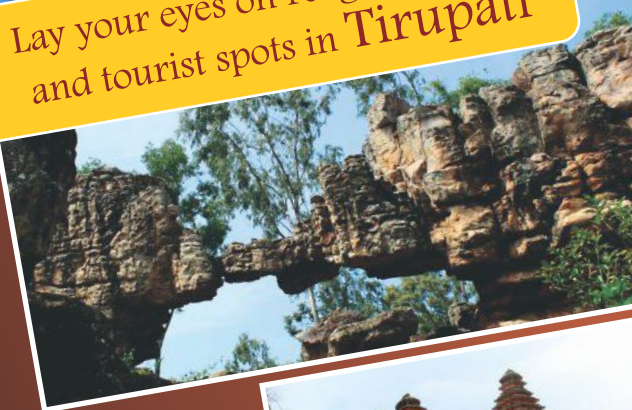
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Lay your eyes on religious places and tourist spots in Tirupati



Incredible India

Tirupati, Chittoor District



The lush greenery of the Eastern Ghats that extend into Andhra Pradesh are truly a sight to behold. Amidst these beguiling hills is located the revered and well-known temple town of Tirumala with Tirupati at its foothills. These twin places are among India's prominent destinations for pilgrim tourists. There are countless other remarkable places here, where the tourist can find solace, adventure and excitement.



Religious / Pilgrimage

Lord Venkateswara Swamy Temple, Tirumala

The Lord Venkateswara temple in the hill town of Tirumala, is the world's richest and most-visited place of worship. The presiding deity here is also known as 'Srinivasa', 'Balaji', 'Govinda' and the "Lord of the Seven Hills".

Timings: 3:00am - 1:00am;
Avail online bookings for darshan at www.ttdsevaonline.com
Dress code: For men, Dhoti or Pyjama;
For women, Saree or Half-saree or Churidar with Dupatta;
Where to Stay: TTD Cottages and Choultries,
Ph: 0877-2233333, 2277777

Goddess Alamelumanga Temple



The Goddess Alamelumanga temple is located in Tiruchanur. The Goddess is the consort of Lord Venkateswara residing atop the hill. This temple town lies on the bank of the Swarnamukhi river.

Timings: 5:30am - 7:00pm; **How to Reach:** 5kms from Tirupati;
Where to Stay: In Tirupati - Srinivasam, Madhavam, Vishnu Nivasam and Choultries of TTD and also in Tiruchanur and private hotels.

Srikalahasti Temple



This is the temple of Lord Siva in the form of a 'Vayulinga'. Legend has it that Sri, a spider, spun a web over the Linga; Kala, a snake, placed a gem atop it, while Hasti, an elephant, brought water in its trunk to wash the Linga. All the three were ardent worshippers of Siva.

Timings: 6:00am - 9:00pm; **Abhishekam:** 7:00am, 9:30am;
How to Reach: 37kms from Tirupati;
Where to Stay: Srikalahasti Temple accommodation, APTDC Haritha Hotel and private hotels.

Sila Thoranam

This is believed to be 1500 million years old, formed by weathering and wind erosion. The arch is 25 feet wide and 10 feet high and is a source of great attraction to tourists.

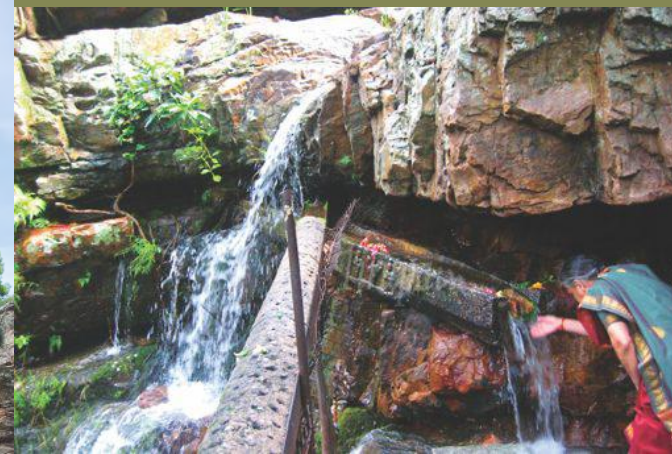
Timings: 9:00am - 5:00pm;
How to Reach: Walkable distance from Tirumala Temple
Where to Stay: Haritha Tirupati, Cell: +91 8772289123



Kapila Theertham

Amongst several Vaishnavi Temples situated in Tirupati, Sri Kapila Theertham Swami Temple is the only temple to be dedicated to Lord Shiva. Annual Brahmotsavams, festivals and Annabhishekam are performed in a grand manner here.

Timings: 5:30am - 7:00pm; **How to Reach:** 5kms from Tirupati;
Where to Stay: Haritha Tirupati, Cell: +91 8772289123



Akasa Ganga

Originating at the feet of the deity, this sacred waterfall, Akasa Ganga, is only 3 kms away from Tirumala Temple. During monsoon season, the waterfalls provide a spectacular scene.



ISCKON Temple

On the 10th April 1984, a small temple was inaugurated by installing the most beautiful 'Archa Vighraha' of Sri Radha Govinda at the foot of the Tirumala Hills. This temple project - A centre for vedic culture and theology - is envisaged to be a strong spiritual base of India.

Timings: 5:30am - 7:00pm; **How to Reach:** 5kms from Tirupati
Where to Stay: Haritha Tirupati, Cell: +91 8772289123
Hotel Mayura, Tirupati, Ph: +91-877-2225925

Nature



Sri Venkateshwara Zoological Park

SV Zoological Park is home to 56 species of animals, birds and reptiles with a total of 500 animal specimens. Lions and Tigers are new additions here. This is quite a well-known park.

Timings: 9:00am - 5:00pm; **How to Reach:** 16kms from Tirupati
Where to Stay: Haritha Tirupati, Cell: +91 8772289123
Hotel Jayasyam Inn, Tirupati, Ph: +91-877-2221475