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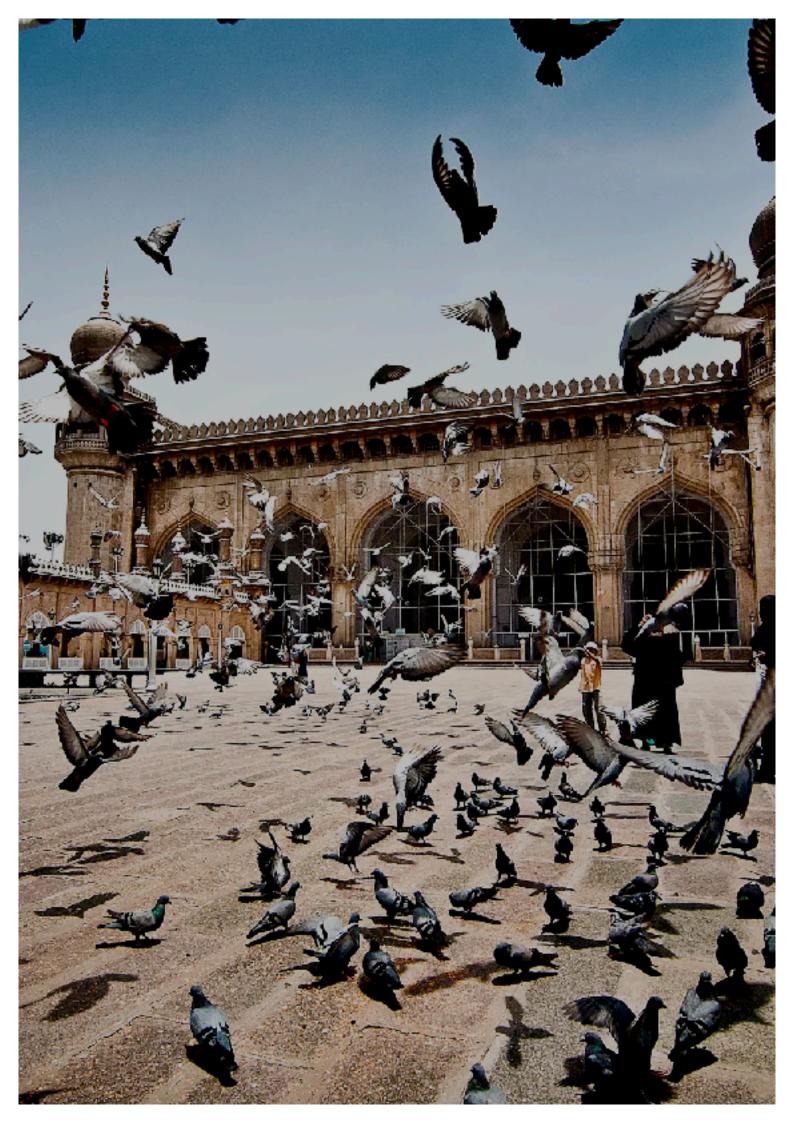
The 29th state of India, Telangana is located in South-Eastern (Deccan) India. The name Telangana, is said to have been derived from the word Trilinga, which translates to the native language means "the land of the three lingas".

According to a Hindu legend, Lord Shiva descended in the form of lingam on three mountains, Kaleshwaram, Srisailam and Draksharama, which marked the boundaries of the Trilingadesa, currently Telangana.

Also the name distinguishes the mainly Teluguspeaking region of the former Hyderabad State from its predominantly Marathi-speaking, Marathwada.

Telangana is best known for the Nizams of Hyderabad who ruled in the 14th century making it a princely state. Endowed with a deep historical connect, rich culture and a treasure trove of tourist attractions as monuments, forts, temples, waterfalls, sacred groves, national parks and sanctuaries.

Hyderabad, the former center of the Nizam Province and currently the capital of the state is one of the best places to visit in Telangana. It still retains the olden charm in addition to matching pace with the modern world. The Charminar in Hyderabad is a beauty to marvel art.



# GENERAL INFORMATION

#### Welcome to Telangana

Independence might have knocked the door in Telangana a bit late but its tourism has been quite a hit even when it was part of Andhra Pradesh. Yes this 29th state of India has so much to offer ranging from temples to history and from food to nature that you cannot help falling in love with it.

Telangana is indeed a must visit destination in India a soulful place that takes pride in its rich heritage culture wildlife and beauty of nature.

#### Best Time to Visit

Telangana, the newest state of India is blessed with semi-arid weather. Located inland in the Deccan Plateau, the region has a weather of warm summers, moderate rainfall and pleasant winters. September to March is the best time to visit Telangana. Summers are scorching whereas during winters, temperature come down to the bottom of the mercury level. Plan your trip to Telangana after you get to know the season, climate and best time.

#### Why to Visit

For the pristine natural beauty, opulent heritage, architectural grandiose, pilgrimage site, rich wildlife, flavoursome cuisine, colourful festivals, gorgeous art and craft.

#### How to Reach

Telangana lies almost in the heart of Deccan. The state is easily accessible by air, rail and road. Hyderabad the capital city has both international as well as domestic airport. The rail network is as extensive and vast. The roads offer easy access from almost every city and state in South India.

#### Folk Dance & Music

One of the newest states of India, Telangana has been carved out of Andhra Pradesh – a state in South. The state is celebrated for its vibrant culture and dances form an integral part of the same. With origin of Telangana from Andhra Pradesh, the dance form also has a new address. With a cultural history that dates back to thousands of centuries, dance, music, and art still hold the age-old quintessence. So, here are some of the most popular folk dances of Telangana.

#### Language

Telangana lies at a crossroads between northern and southern India, and it has a diverse population.

In general, the state's various communities are identified more readily by a combination of language, religion, and social class or caste than they are by specific ethnic affiliation. The Dravidian language Telugu is the official and most widely spoken language in the state.



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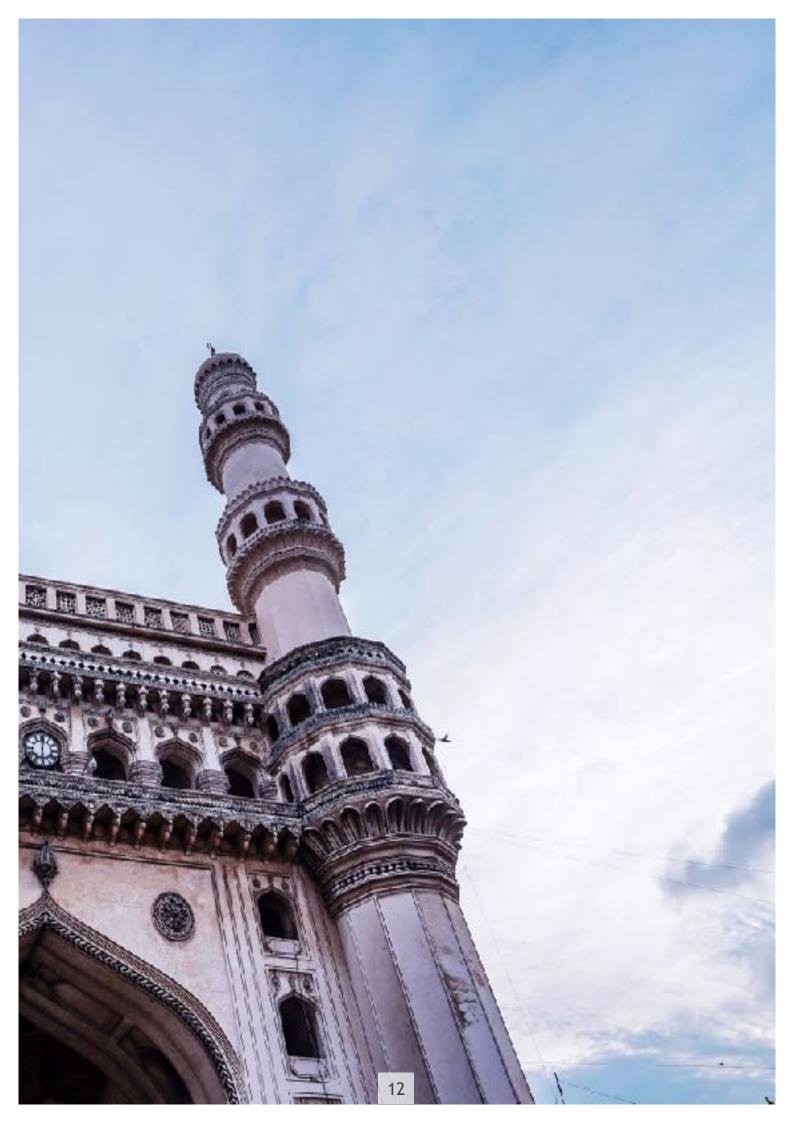
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# Hyderabad - The Capital

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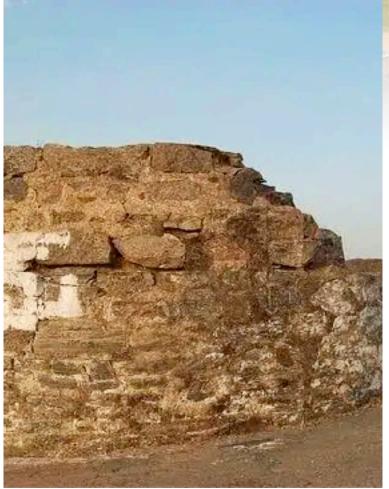
#### Alampur - Situated By Tungabhadra River

This is one of the well-known places to visit in Telangana. This place has a large number of temples in Telangana and has a lot of religious significance. The place is just 218 km away from Hyderabad, and 22 km from Kurnool. Alampur is the western gateway to the pilgrimage town Srisailam.

The temples that one can see in this place are the Jogulamba Temple, the Navabrahma temples and the Sangameswara Temple. If you are visiting Telangana in winter, add this place to your itinerary. All the temples here have inscriptions dating back to the 7th and 16th century.

Alampur is situated by the river Tungabhadra and has been ruled by several famous dynasties of the Satavahanas, the Chalukyas, the Kakatiyas, the Bahamani sultans, and the Vijayanagara kings.



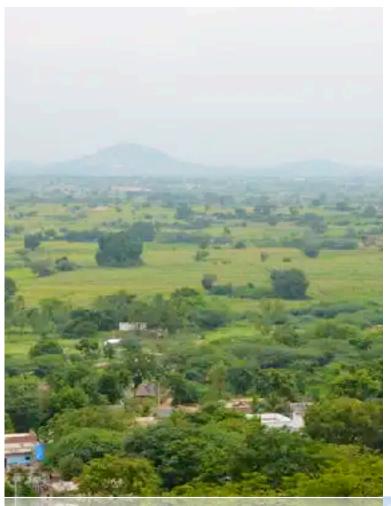


# Khammam - Famous for forts & sanctuaries

Considered to be one of the best tourist spots of Telangana, this town is located at a distance of 198 km from Hyderabad. This place is famous for its forts and sanctuaries and was once under the rule of the Kakatiyas, Musunuri Nayaks and Velama kings, Reddy kings, Qutb Shahi, and the Nizams of Hyderabad.

As a result, the place is a store of architectural wonders. So, visiting this place is one of the best things to do in Telangana.

The place has derived its name from Stambadri, the Godavari River flows through the town. Some of the tourist attractions of this place are Bhadrachalam, Kinnerasani Dam & Sanctuary, Khammam Fort, Kusumanchi Temples, and Nelakondaalli.



### Mahabubnagar - Ruled By Several Kingdoms

This place was once ruled by several great kings of Chalukyas, Bahmanis, Vijayanagar, and Golconda Nawabs. The place is well known for the several wars that were fought here. The mighty rivers of Krishna and Tungabhadra flow through the region making it a famous tourist town.

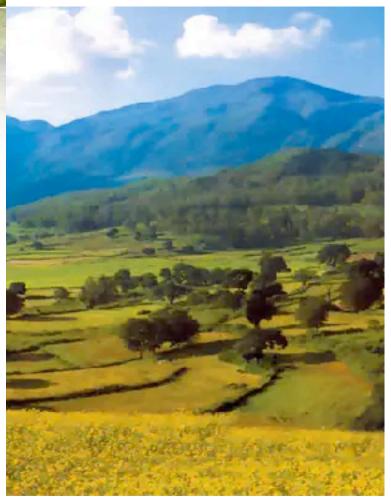
There are a number of tourist attractions of this place like Alampur, Pillalamarri, Jurala Dam, Koilkonda Fort, Gadwal Fort, Kollapur, Somalsia, and others. All the tourist spots can be covered is a day or two. This makes Mahabubnagar one of the best Telangana tourist places.

# Anantagiri - Trekking Near Hyderabad

This is one of the best tourist places in Telangana. This place is just 79 kilometers from Hyderabad and has become important to get away from the mundane city life. The Anantagiri forests are famous for the Anantha Padmanabha Swamy Temple built by the Nizam Nawabs 400 years ago.

A little away from the temple is a lake surrounded by lots of ruined structures and a temple of Lord Shiva. The main temple of Anantagiri is built around a cave. The condition of this place is being improved to draw in more tourists.

There are also trekking facilities for those who love adventure. you will find more exquiste places near Anantagiri that you could visit if time permits.



## Medak - A Blend Of Hindu And Islamic Architectures

Medak is famous for its rock paintings that date back to the Neolithic era. The Narsapur Forest is a great place to visit especially for the wildlife enthusiasts.

The Devnoor Village is a beautiful village which is located by the Manjira River and is a great place to visit. The Manjira Wildlife Sanctuary is also a great place to visit and is a home to a variety of migratory birds and crocodiles.

The Medak cathedral is a monolithic church of the Methodist Christian sect and the second largest Diocese in the world. The gothic styled architecture is a marvel to behold.



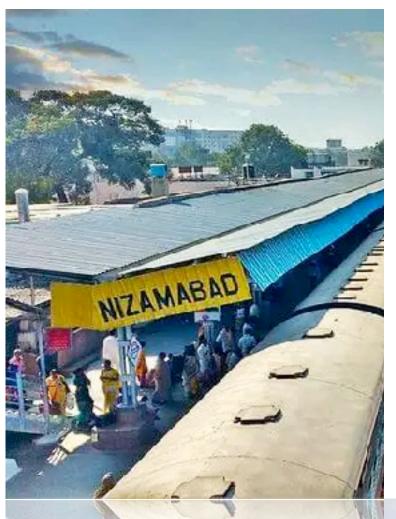
#### Sangareddy - Famous For Jail Museum

This recently framed region of Sangareddy is another famous tourist spot in Telangana situated close to the capital Hyderabad and it is well known for a 1796 A.D manufactured Jail Museum.

Spread more than 3 sections of land, the historical center offers you a knowledge into the history and the jail life. This is an old region prison comprising two wings to visit – male and female.

While the male segment of the historical center comprises of nine huge structures, the female area has one.

It stores apportion rooms, gas room, storage spaces, kitchen, break room and washing space (for the porcelain and cutlery). This is one of the best tourist places in Telangana.



## Nizamabad -Culturally Rich

Another famous tourist place in Telangana is Nizamabad. Renowned for their wonderful stone-engraved sanctuaries and recorded landmarks, a visit to Nizamabad can be a strict issue for pioneers. Bring a look into an old sanctuary, Kanteshwar, where you can see the impact of the North Indian style of engineering.

Attractions like Nizamabad Fort show a mix of straightforwardness and polish that delicately sits on a slope, around 300 meters high from the fields. Aside from the stronghold referenced above, you can take an odd outing to Alisagar Reservoir.

The different spots you need to visit are two dams, to be specific, Nizam Sagar and Pochampad and spots for nature darlings, for example, Pocharam Wildlife Sanctuary and Mallaram Forest.

# Ramagundam - Easygoing Escape

Ramagundam is one of the favored tourist spots in Telangana to visit for easygoing escapes particularly from Karimnagar and Warangal. It's quiet environs may make you need to stay here for a considerable length of time.

Ramagundam perhaps somewhat strange goal however here, you can visit a couple of attractions.

You can investigate nearby tourist spots like the Rama sanctuary situated in the old port town. It is the most established sanctuary in Ramagundam.

Likewise, an imperative spot to visit is the Ramagundam Dam, which is probably the greatest dam in South India.



#### Karimnagar - Riverine Backwoods

Karimnagar has a handful of attractions that makes it one of the most famous places in Telangana.

Supplied with a rich history, pause for a moment to value remains mixed with nature by visiting a portion of the charming landmarks like Elgandal Hill-Fort, Jagtial Fort, and Ramagiri Fort. One must visit Manthani Temple situated in the town named Manthani. It engages guests with its other intriguing spots.

As far as untamed life is concerned, Karimnagar isn't a long ways behind; Shivaram Wildlife Sanctuary is the best spot to visit for creature sweethearts. Its riverine backwoods makes it a perfect territory for species like crocodiles, panthers, dark bucks and sloth bears.



# Chaya Someshwara Temple - A Historic Site In Telangana

This is a famous historic site in Telangana. It is believed that the shadows of the pillars of the temple dance relentlessly on the main deity of Shivalingam – which gives it the name of Chaya Someswara Temple.

This temple is proof of the awesome creative thinking and scientific knowledge of the architects of the Kunduru dynasty. The temple is famous for the architecture – the dance of the shadow of the pillars is just an illusion.

The temple is so built that the rays of light fall at the same spot throughout the day. The stories of various episodes of the Ramayana and Mahabharata are inscribed onto the walls. There are a number of Shiva Lingas in the temple that were collected from the nearby villages – these were submerged during the construction of Nagarjuna Sagar Dam.



# Warangal - Carved out of A Single Rock

What makes Warangal one of the best places to visit in telangana is its historical sites. It is the second biggest city in Telangana after Hyderabad and lures tourism in the state. It used to be the capital of the Kakatiya dynasty from 12th to 14th century.

Hence, you will find a number of historical sites here. It is also believed that the whole city was carved out of a single rock. That's fascinating to see. It also home to one of the national parks in Telangana.

## Yadagirigutta - Known For The Cave Temple

Also known as Vedagiri, Yadagirigutta is one of the most religious Telangana tourist places. Yadagirigutta Temple is where devotees in huge numbers come to pay their respect to God.

The cave temple that is located at an altitude of 300 feet on a hillrock is dedicated to the incarnation of Lord Vishnu. It is also believed that this is where Lord Vishnu kept all his vedas.



## Basara - Unique Saraswati Temple In

Situated by the banks of Godavari RIver, Basara is one of the most beautiful places to see in Telangana. What makes it a significant place is the Saraswati Temple where people come to worship the Goddess of Knowledge.

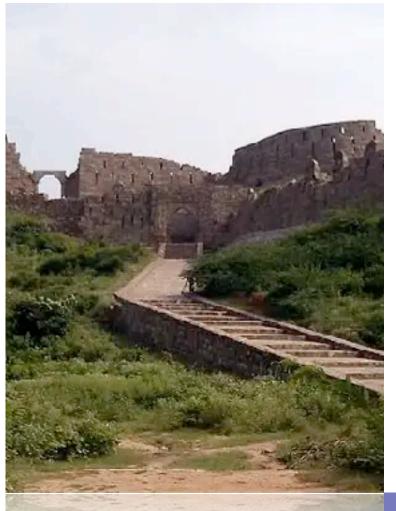
The temple is unique in its way as it is one of the oldest Saraswati temples in India. It is where children are brought for the learning ceremony called aksharabhyasam.





## Vemulawada - Home To Rajarajeshwara

Built by one of the governors of Kalyani Chalukyas between 11th and 12th century, Vemulawada is one of the best places to visit in Telangana. It is located on the banks of the Melavagu stream. You will see the remains of temples and forts that portray the example of fine Chalukya architecture. It is most famous for the temple of Rajarajeshwara Swamy, an incarnation of Lord Shiva, which is visited by 5 hundred thousand devotees every year.



# Adilabad - Scenic Waterfalls & Landscapes

Located on the border of Telangana and Maharashtra, Adilabad is one of the most famous Telangana tourist places. The place offers scenic waterfalls and picturesque landscapes to feast your eyes. Once ruled by the famous emperor called Adil Shah, Adilabad is one of the most important districts. One can enjoy visiting the dense forest, beautiful valleys and several rivers in the district. It is indeed one of the best places to visit in Telangana.

## Nagarjuna Sagar -Refreshing Escape

Nagarjunasagar is a site of spectacular manmade marvel flanked by equally enchanting panoramic vistas of lush green surrounding. Lying in the Nalgonda District of Andhra Pradesh, the most popular landmark of the town is world's tallest masonry dam Nagarjunasagar dam built over Krishna River.

With the capacity of irrigating around 10 acres of land, this modern architectural grandeur is a sight to behold. Other than that, the town is also renowned for much the talked about the excavation of Buddhist Civilization.

An island named as Nagarjuna Konda lying amidst the man-made lake is a site where the relics of such great significance are preserved. In fact, the town got its present name from a Buddhist saint and scholar Acharya Nagarjuna who resided in the 2nd century. The town of Nagarjunasagar or Vijayapuri as it was earlier known is today blessed by the Mother Nature in full glory.

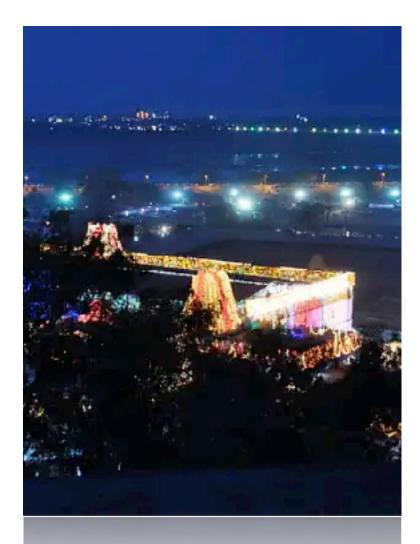


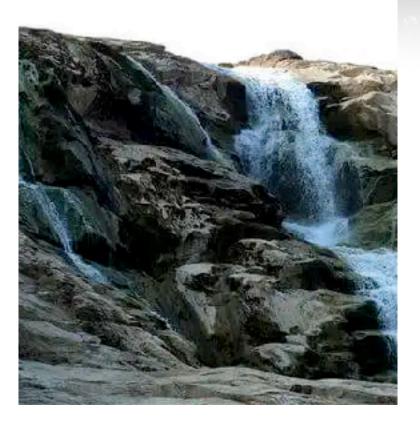
#### Bhadrachalam -Serene Pilgrimage

Bhadrachalam is a serene pilgrimage town located in Khammam district of Telangana.

Nestled on the banks of the River Godavari, this beautiful place is home to the famous Sri Rama Temple which is believed to be constructed in the 17th century.

There are numerous interesting religious stories about the temple.



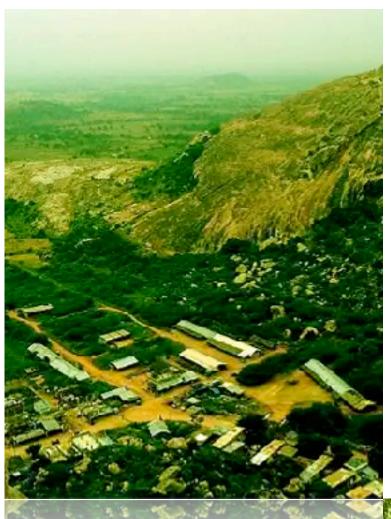


# Kuntala Falls - Highest Waterfall In Telangana

If you are looking for an exciting and reviving place to visit in Telangana then Kuntala Falls is surely one of the best weekend escapes for you.

The place is quite frequently visited by people staying in Hyderabad. This is one of the highest waterfall in Telangana and is formed by the cascading waters of the River Kadam.

This is amongst the famous places in Telangana.



#### Nalgonda - Historical Retreat

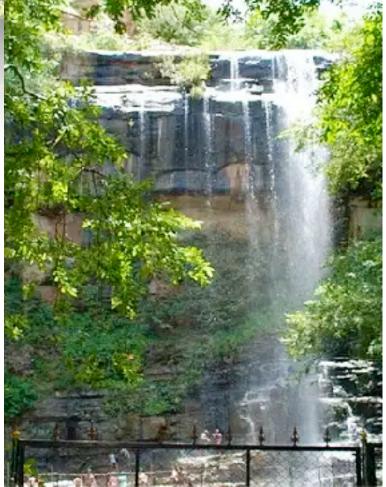
Nalgonda is another historical place in Telangana that is believed to be settled during the pre-historic times.

The place remained a prominent spot during the reign of Chalukyas and Kakatiryas and later merged into Golconda state. The place played a significant role in Telangana's struggle against Nizam of Hyderabad.

# Mallela Theertham - Reviving Getaway

Malle Theertham is located at a distance of 58 kilometres from Srisailam and this popular tourist place in Telangana is an ideal site for weekend vacay.

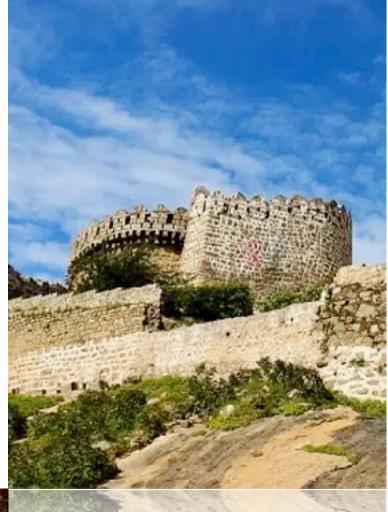
This charming waterfall beautifies the dense forest of Nallamala with its refreshing presence. The water cascades from the height of 150 feet and later meets the River Krishna.



# Bhongir Fort - Marvel Of The 12th Century

Another popular tourist attraction in Telangana is Bhongir Fort. Located in Bhuvangiri district of Nalgonda district the fort is truly delightful for history lovers looking for a short trip from Hyderabad.

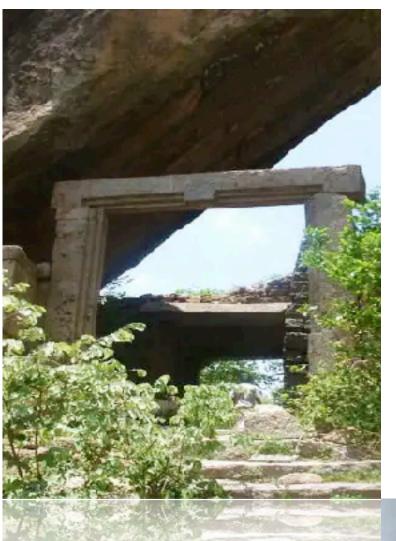
It was established in the 12th century by Tribhuvanamalla Vikramaditya VI, the prominent Chalukya ruler. The fort is located on a huge monolithic rock making it one of its kinds. This is amongst the famous places in Telangana.



# Devarakonda Fort -Interesting

Located in Devarakonda town in Nalgonda district, the fort is an important historical site that exhibits interesting architecture.

The fort was built in the 14th century the Velama Kings. The fort was also ruled by Maada Naidu who was a great warrior and an eminent educationist of his time.



## Rachakonda Fort -Architecture of Medieval Times

The Rachakonda Fort is a beautiful marvel that was built in the 14th century by the ruler of Padma Nayaka dynasty, Recherla Singama Nayak.

The fort exhibit marvellous architecture of medieval times apart from offering panoramic views of the surrounding plains. The place also attracts trekkers looking for a simple excursion.

# Jurala Dam - Famous Indira Priyadarshini Project

Jurala Dam is located near Mahabubnagar and is of the popular tourist attractions in Telangana.

It was established under Indira Priyadarshini Project in the year 1995 and the River Krishna. If you are planning a visit to this dam then forget to explore the beautiful Deer Park located at a distance of nearly 1.5 kilometres.



#### Papikondalu - Serene Escape

Papikondalu mountain range runs along the River Godavari (Western Godavari) and is located in Rajahmundry, Andhra Pradesh. Papikondalu is a sheer fest to the eyes in terms of its scenic beauty. As the hills become closer and closer to the visitor, the width of the mighty Godavari becomes narrower.

In accordance with this view resembling the middle partition of a woman's hair, it was initially named as 'Papidi' Kondalu- Paidi in Telugu means the middle partition of a woman's hair. Later, it came to be known as Papikondalu in the local language. The river narrowing, its twists and turns along with the Papi Hills form a breathtaking visual experience.

Its beauty is often compared to that of Kashmir as the area around the ranges is quaint and bountiful with nature. The ranges also boast of waterfalls at Munivaatnam.

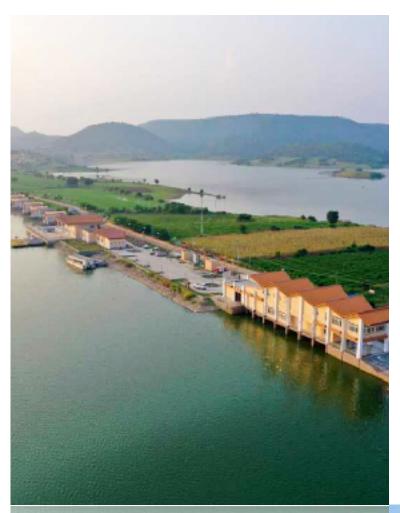


#### Secunderabad

Located presently in the Indian state of Telangana, Secunderabad has been called the "Twin city of Hyderabad".

The city, located on the northern part of the Deccan Plateau, was established in 1806 by the English as a cantonment after they defeated the Asaf Jahi dynasty. While Hyderabad has still retained the influences of the Nizam's rule in its culture and architecture, Secunderabad has a more English touch to it as it was under the British until 1948.

The city of Secunderabad is divided from Hyderabad by the Hussain Sagar lake, but still forms a part of Hyderabad's Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC). One of the largest cantonments in India, Secunderabad enjoys a significant presence of an army as well as airforce personnel. As a cosmopolitan city, it is home to many communities apart from the natives, including many Parsis and Anglo-Indians



#### Somasila

Somasila is a temple town in Telangana that has recently been developed as an eco-tourism project. Well-known for its 7th Century Lalitha Someswara Swamy Temple, the village is home to 15 Shiva temples.

By the banks of the auspicious river Krishna, pilgrims flock to Somasila in plenty, especially for purifying Pushkar Snanams. It is also a common picnic-spot in this area. Religious tourism increases during the Krishna Pushkarams.

#### Nelakondapalli

If you're fond of cultural, religious, or historical exploration, and if you happen to have a marked fascination with architecture, then the grand temples of this place are bound to enthrall you.

Not only does this site of wonder in the Deccan have recently dug up ancient Buddhist stupas but it also boasts of an association with the Hindu epic Mahabharata.

Situated at the crest of the Deccan, at a distance of about 22 km from Khammam, the town of Nelakondapalli can lend you a unique and enriching experience. Whether looking to satisfy an itch for archaeological exploration or intending to fulfill your curiosity about yet another place of ancient religious significance in the Deccan region, Nelakondapalli is for you!

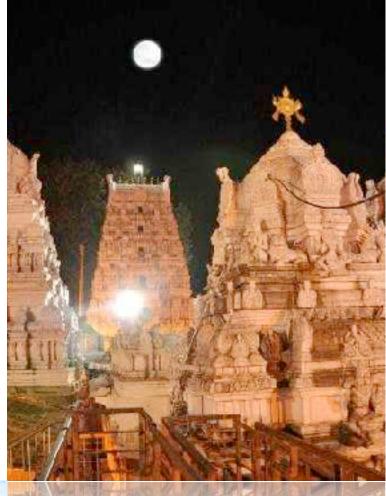


#### Vemulawada

The southern region of India is host to numerous remarkable temples famous for their intricate Dravidian architecture, life sized shrines and rich history, these temples are visited by over a million devotees all year round from all parts of the world.

Vemulawada's most popular tourist attraction, the Rajanna Temple is almost synonymous with the ancient pilgrim town nestled away in the quaint little district of Rajanna Sircilla along the southern coast of India. The temple is also the recipient of the maximum influx of visitors to Vemulawada, which is often referred to as Dakshin Kashi and Southern Banaras.

Vemulawada also has a plethora of several other temples tucked away in its bylanes just a walking excursion away, offering you a sense of calm and solace away from the hullabaloo of cities.

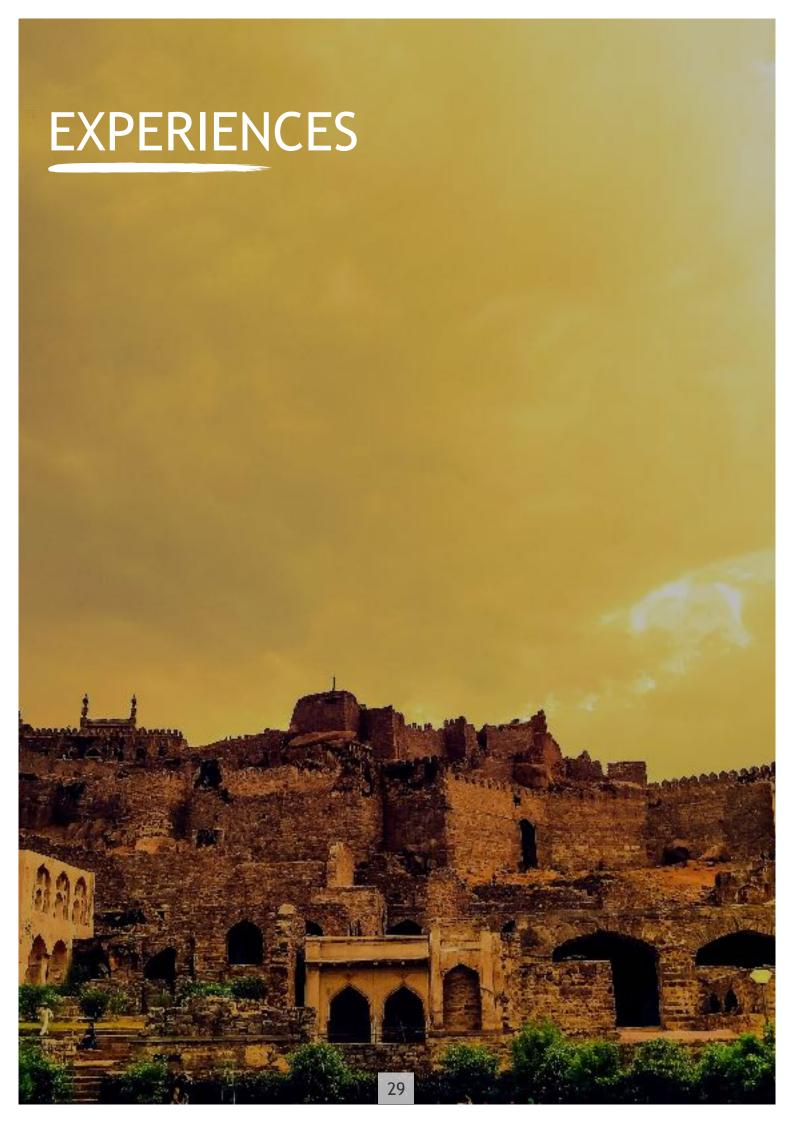


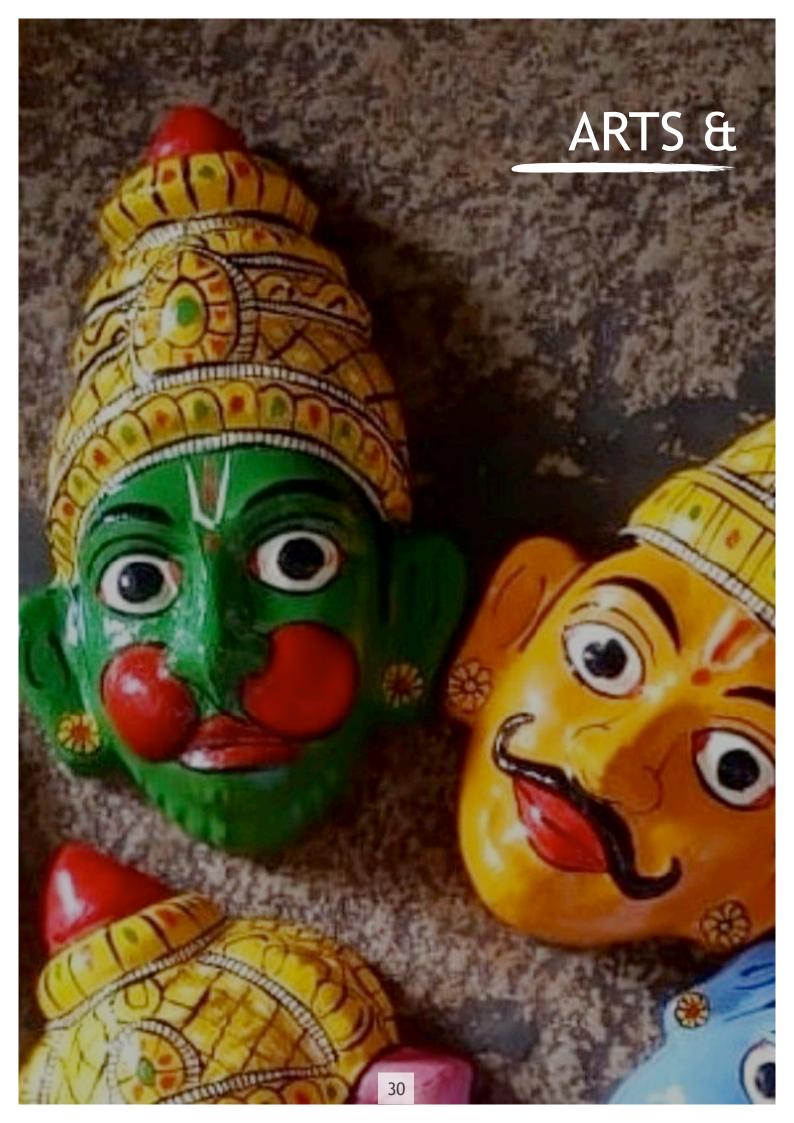
#### Rangareddy

Rangareddy was formed in 1978 when it split from the Hyderabad district. The town is basically a rural district and is famous for its temples.

Ananta Padmanabhaswamy Temple is a major tourist attraction here.

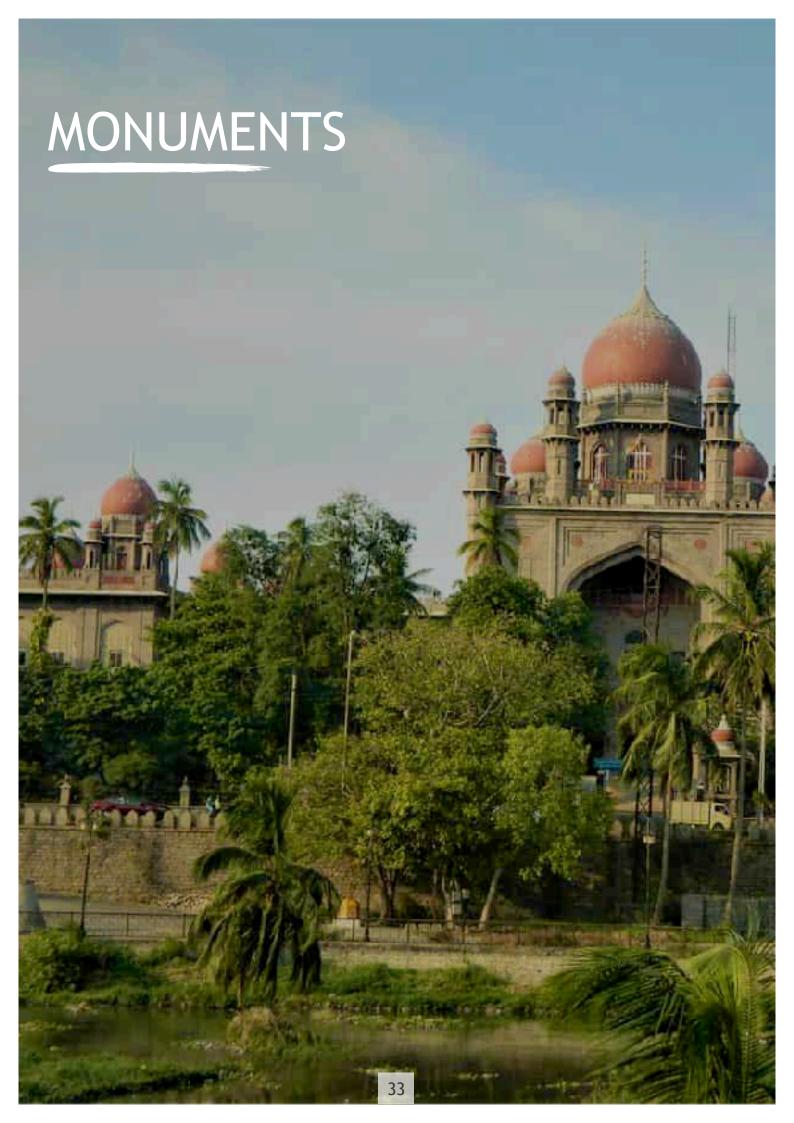
The Osman Sagar Lake is also a great place to visit. The town however has less attractions than the rest of the cities in Telangana and due it being close to Hyderabad can be covered in a day.

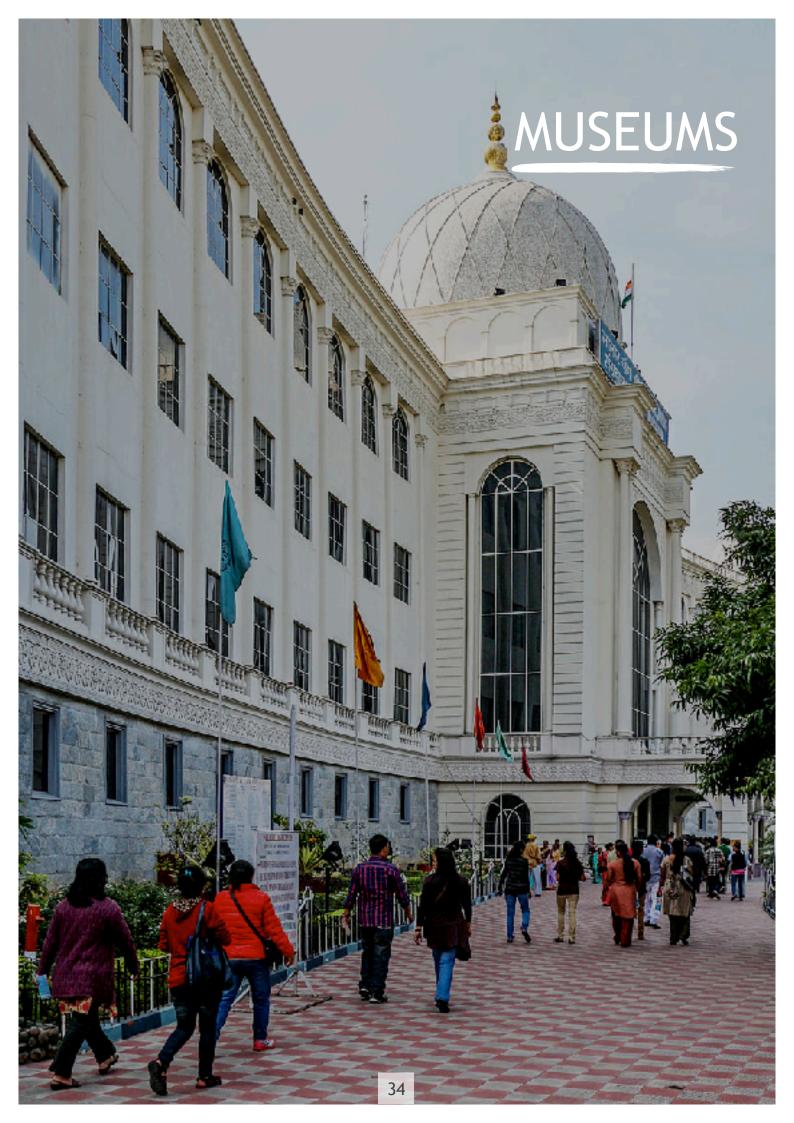




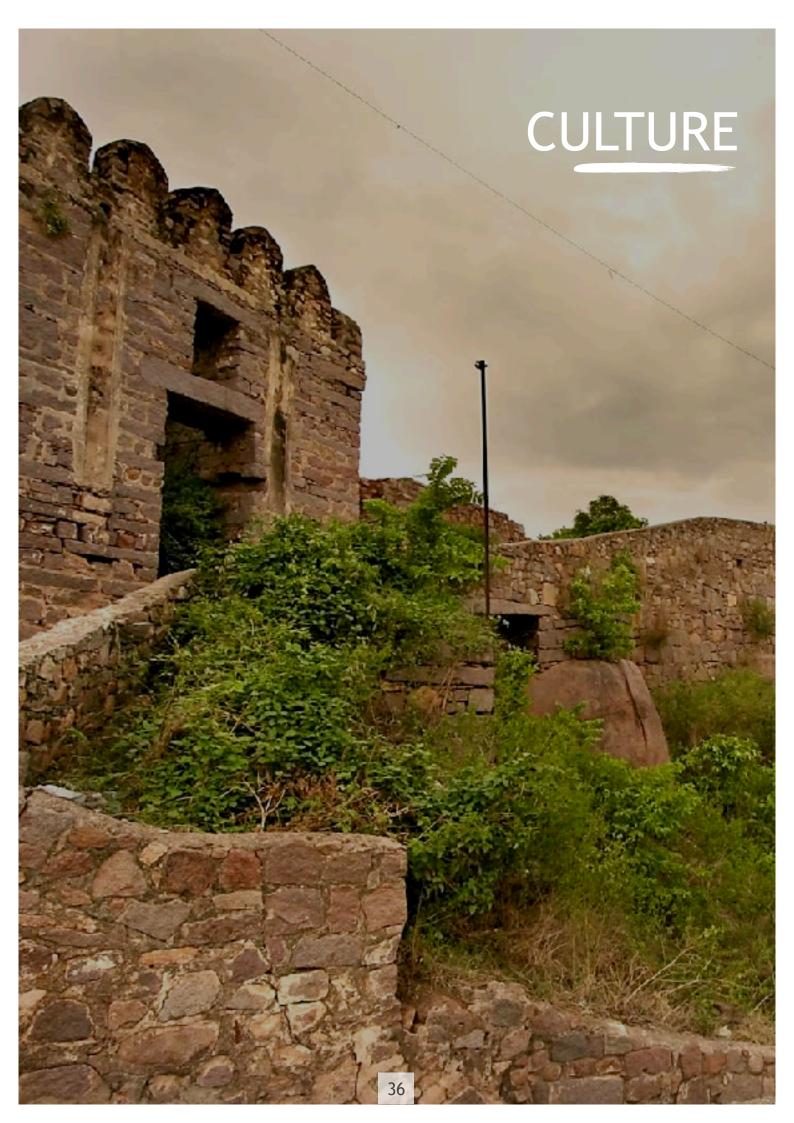


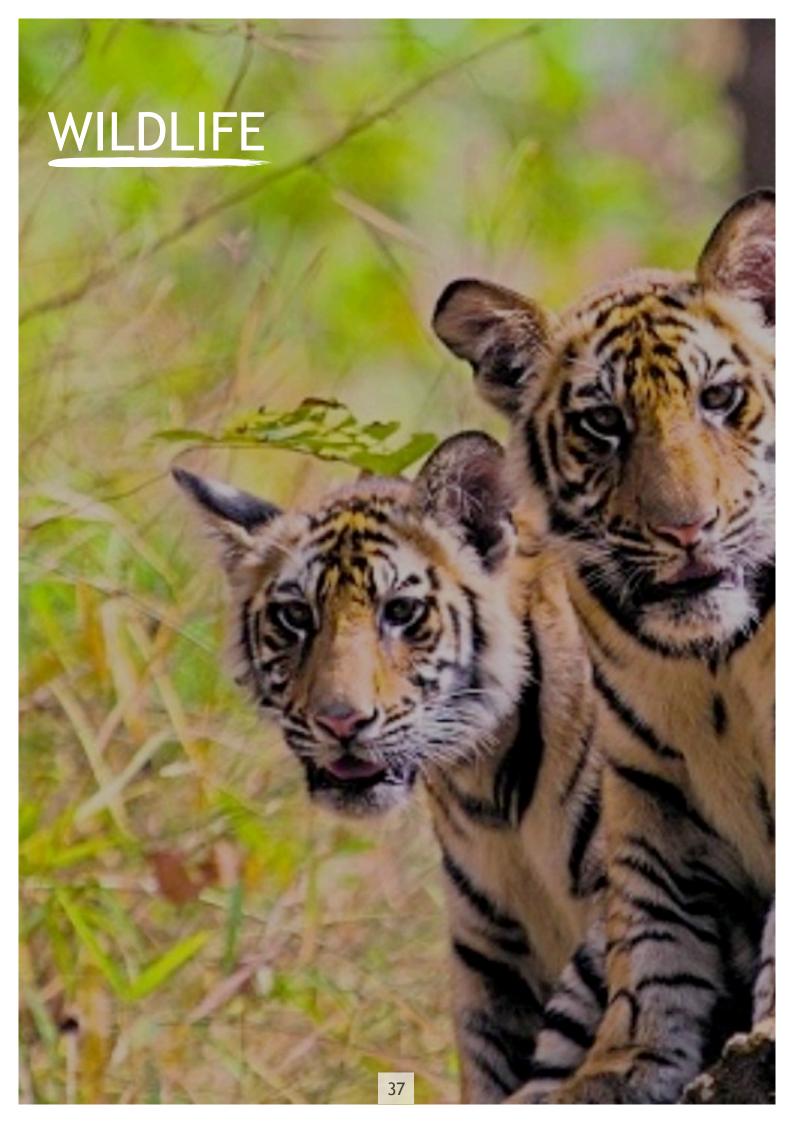
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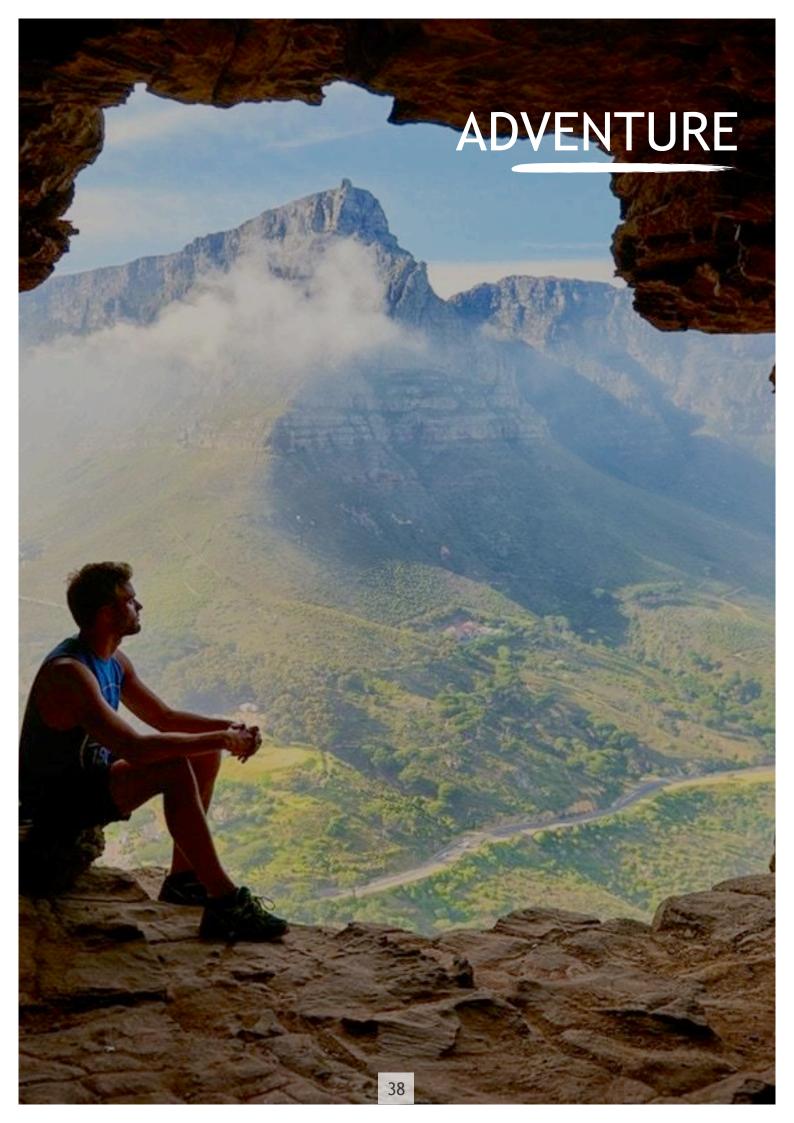




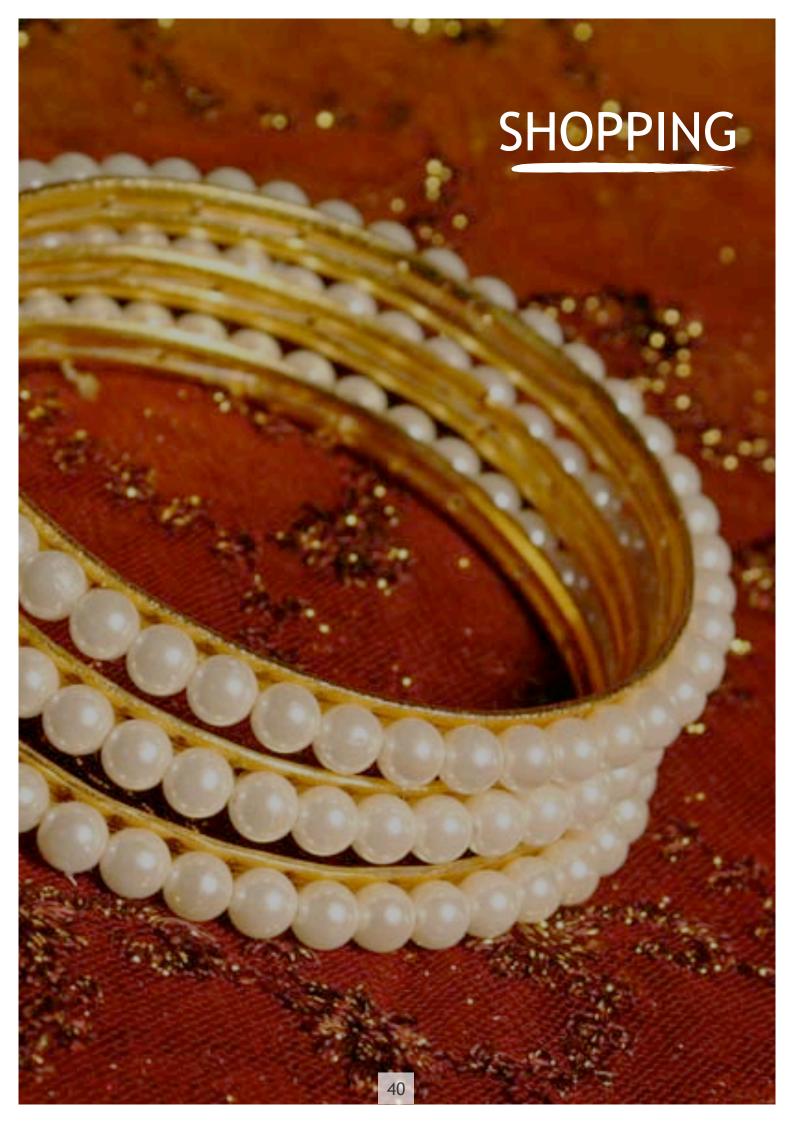


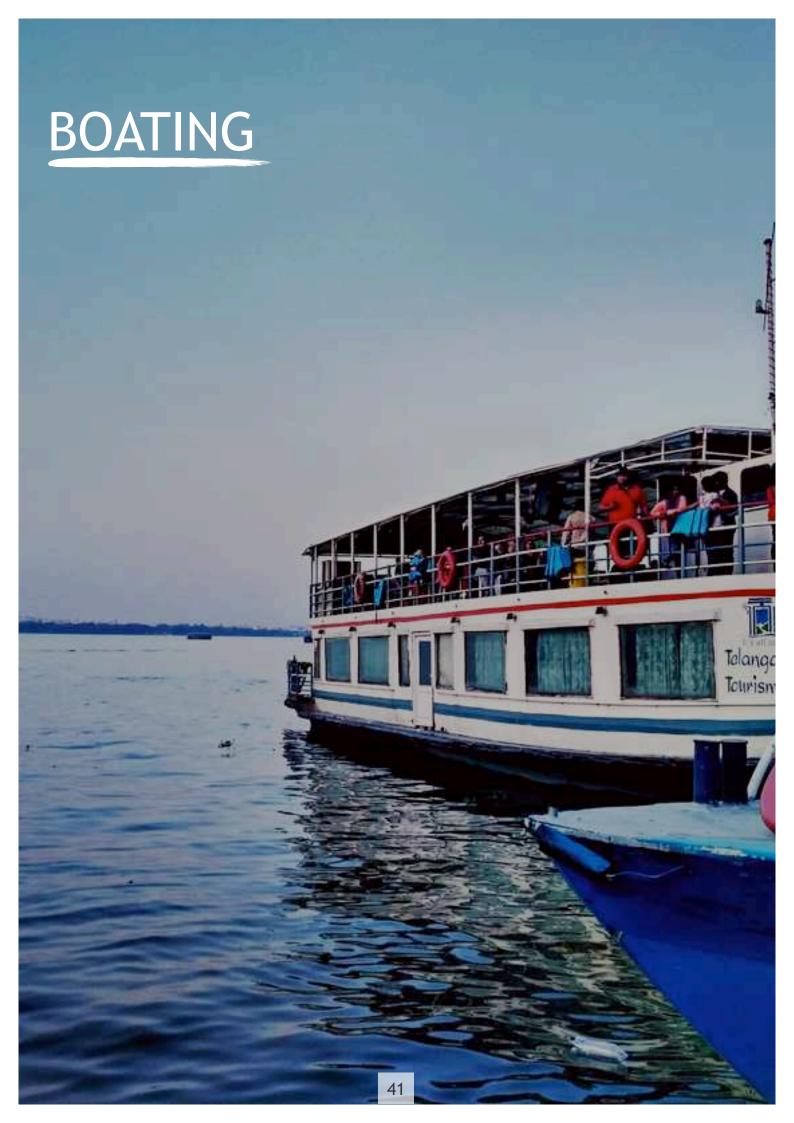


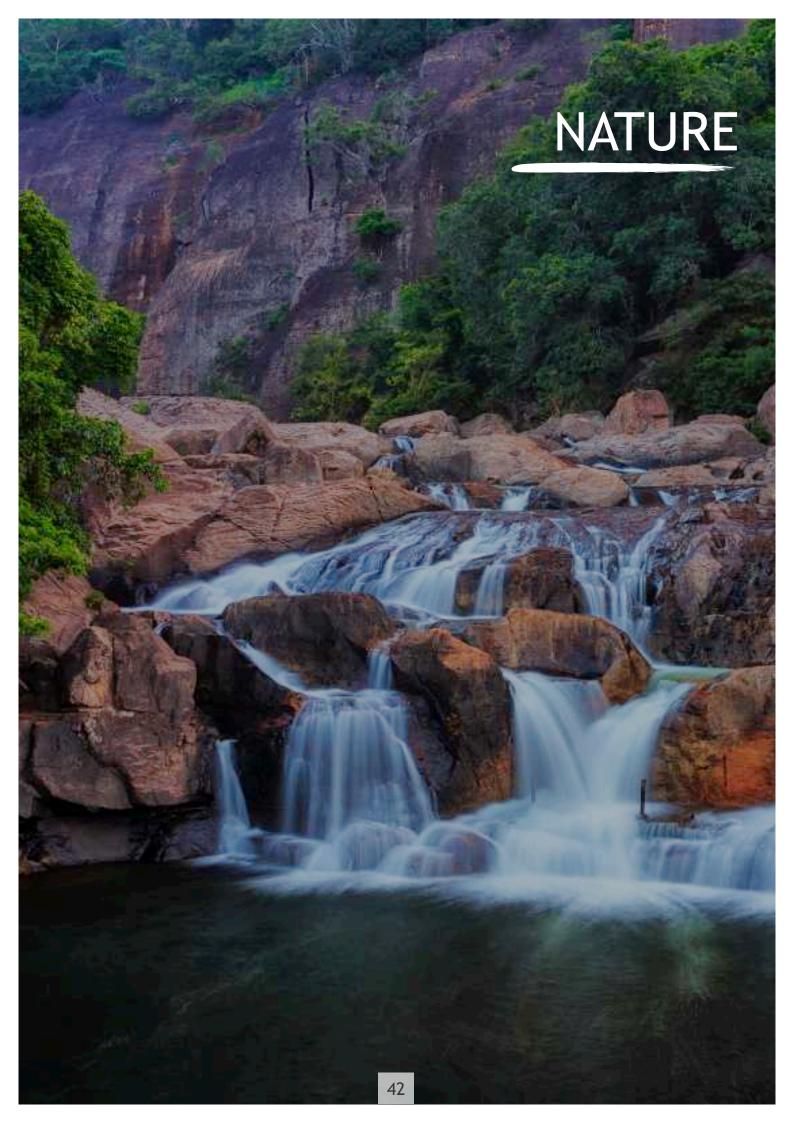












#### **MALLIKARJUNA**

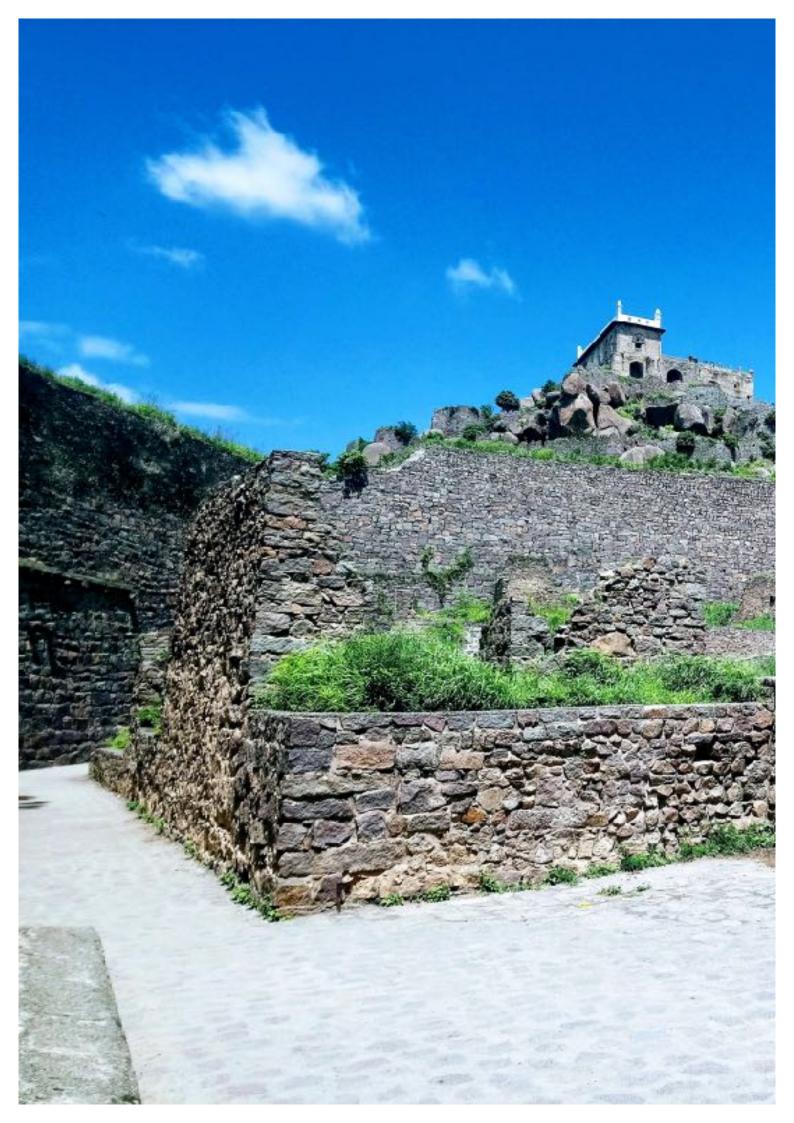
Srisailam, a hill town in Kurnool district of Andhra Pradesh is home to the holy Malikarjuna Jyotirlinga and also as one of the eighteen Shakti Peethas of goddess Parvati. Situated on the banks of river Krishna, Srisailam is identified with a wildlife sanctuary and a dam.

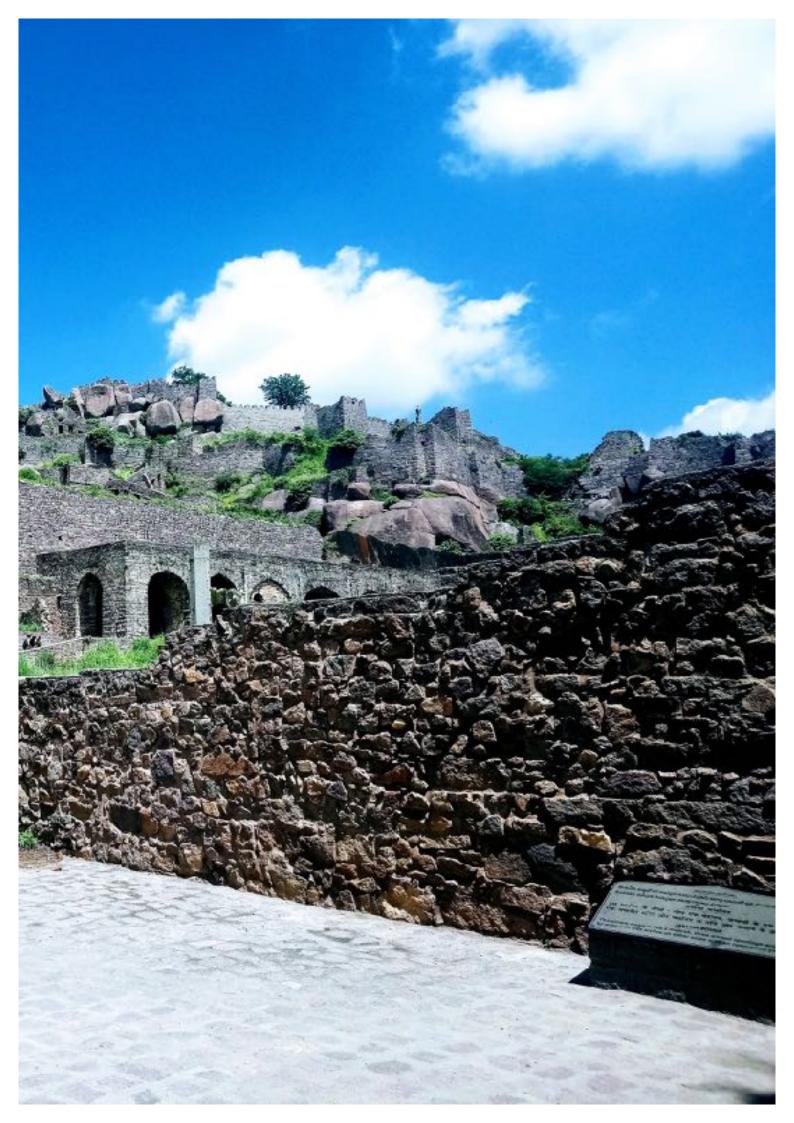
You could seek the blessings of the almighty by visiting the many majestic temples in the city such as the one dedicated to Lord Shiva (it is renowned as Sikhareswara Swamy temple) or the famous Bhramaramba Mallikarjunaswamy Temple which is located at a height of around 457m from sea level.

One of the 12 jyotirlinga, Sri Mallikarjuna Swamy Temple is dedicated to Lord Shiva. The Nallamala forest ranges with multifarious flora and fauna lie in close proximity to the Srisailam hills.

Mallikarjuna Swamy Temple is situated on the top of Nallamala Hills with River Krishna flowing on its right side, presenting a breathtaking scenic beauty as well. The hill on which the temple is located is also known with the names such as Sri Parvatha, Srigiri, Srinagam, Siridhan, etc.









#### Kinnerasani Wildlife Sanctuary

Sprawling over a vast area of almost 635 sq. kms, Kinnersani Wildlife Sanctuary is situated in the Khammam district of Telangana. Nestled amidst the Dandakaranya Forest, the sanctuary is flanked by river Godavari on one side.

Besides the variety of endangered flora, it is also home to umpteen species of Chousinghas, Sambar, Wild Boars, Gaurs, Chinkara, Cheetals, Hyenas, Sloth Bears etc.

With suitable temperature and a pleasant climate, several species live here in tune with nature. In addition to the nature lovers, the region is also a popular hot spot among birdwatchers and photographers.

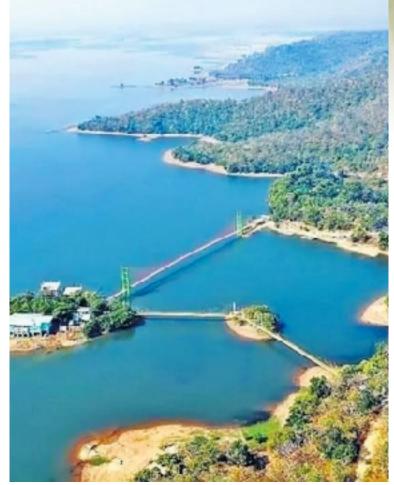


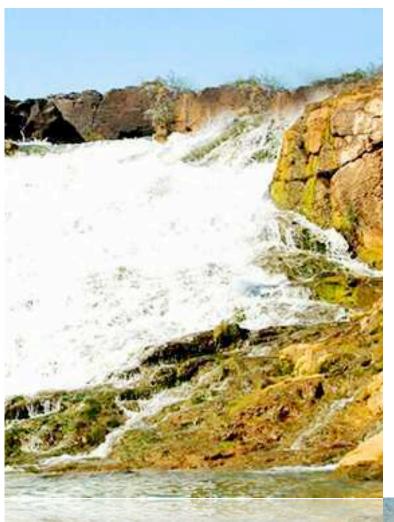


Warangal is prominent for the several remarkable lakes it has incorporated in its topography, it was also the former capital of Kakatiya dynasty.

Laknavaram Cheruvu or Laknavaram Lake is a man-made wonder tucked away from civilisation in the Govindaraopet just 80 kilometres from Warangal, cradled by lush green dense forest cover and glorious hills. Laknavaram lake in the Bhupalpally district in the state of Telangana is locally famous by the name of Laknavaram Cheruvu. The lake amasses an area of over a whopping 10,000 acres. and was built by the Kakatiya clan when Warangal served as their capital.

What is seemingly unique about Laknavaram is that it has 13 small islands spread across it within the lake and 160-meter-long three individual suspension bridges that connect 3 islands with each other and the main shore.





#### Kanakai Waterfalls

Kanakai Waterfalls located in Girnur village, Telangana is an impassable 30 feet cascade of water stream descending from a cliff into a large pool at the bottom of the falls.

The beautiful Kanakai waterfalls is an excellent location to trek, and you can also witness a great panoramic view of the whole waterfall and its neighbouring landscapes from the top of the cliff.

Kankai Waterfalls, with its breathtaking views, make it the perfect setting for a time out from your hectic schedule in the lap of nature.

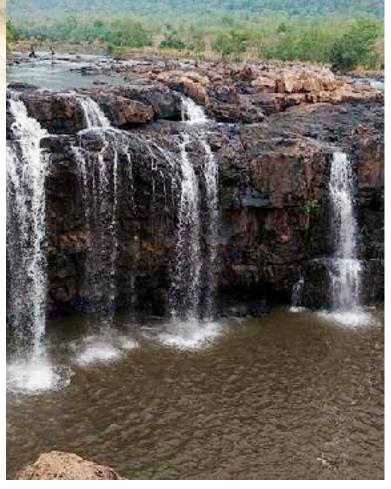
#### Bogatha Falls

Also called the "Niagara of Telangana", Bogatha Waterfalls is an eye pleasing and the second largest waterfall located in the state of Telangana.

This is an offbeat place which proffers mesmerizing and picturesque views of the colourful and rich landscape that circumscribes it.

The variegated hills from where the water bubbles and cascades down in a tortuous manner is simply beautiful. Falling from an elevation of 30 feet, many small gushing water streams coalesce to form a large magical pool at the bottom.

The water of the Bogatha Waterfall later on merges with the Godavari river. Bogatha Waterfalls is a hidden gem that will prove to be a great getaway from the hustle bustle of the city and give you an opportunity to spend some time in the lap of nature and enjoy the pleasant sound and touch of bountiful water drops.



#### Gayatri Waterfalls

Gayatri Falls is a beautiful cascading waterfall over River Kadem in the Adilabad district of Telangana.

Colloquially known as Gadidha Gundam or Mukti Gundam, the waterfalls are secretly tucked in between the deep woods of the Tarnam Khurd Village.

Popular for beautiful scenic views and panoramic vistas, the spot also offers moderate to challenging trekking opportunities and is best visited during monsoons.

The lesser-known Gayatri waterfalls is usually visited with the Pochera and Kuntala Falls situated in close vicinity.



#### Mrugavani National Park

Located in the slightly silent and remote region of Chilkur in Hyderabad in the state of Telangana, Mrugavani National Park is the most popular weekend getaway for the locals and a common favourite destination of the tourists.

Sprawling over a vast area of 1211 acres, the park houses a whopping 600 species of animals and plants. The park was declared a National Park only in 1994 and has been a hit ever since. In addition to birdwatching and jungle safaris, the park also houses a tall tower that lets you take a look at the mesmerising view of the wildland below.

Besides providing the experience of witnessing exotic species of flora, fauna and avifauna; the Mrugavani National Park also has a jungle resort which allows you to unwind and relax amidst nature.



#### Thousand Pillars Temple

The Thousand pillars temple which is located in Hanamkonda is one of the most important parts of the Warangal City. The temple was constructed in the 1163 AD by the great Rudra Deva. Every part of the temple depicts the typical Chalukya style of architecture. The Thousand Pillar temple has three presiding deities, Lord Vishnu, Shiva and Surya Deva. The temple stands as a statement of the finest of arts of the Kakatiyas.

Visiting the Thousand Pillar Temple is a must if you want to learn more about the richness of our country. Thousand Pillar Temple is a very popular pilgrimage center, in Warangal and thousands of devotees of all faiths come here to pay their homage and get a glimpse of this wonderful construction.

### Charminar, Hyderabad

Charminar is a monument and a mosque, which is synonymous with the history of Hyderabad, India. The majestic structure was completed in 1591 CE and is not only a landmark building of Hyderabad but also a famous monument of India.

It is believed that Mohammed Quli Qutb Shahi, the fifth sultan of the Qutub Shahi dynasty had built the monument to commemorate the end of a deadly plague menace that had gripped the city then. It is located near the bank of the river Musi. Charminar is derived from two distinct words Char and Minar, which means four towers.

Mir Momin Astarabadi of Qutb Shah dynasty played an important role and he ordered extensive preparations for the design and layout.

Historians believe that this structure is an example for Indo-Islamic architecture combined with few Persian elements. The monument is located in the heart of old city and it is believed that Hyderabad was measured in four directions from Charminar for administrative purposes.

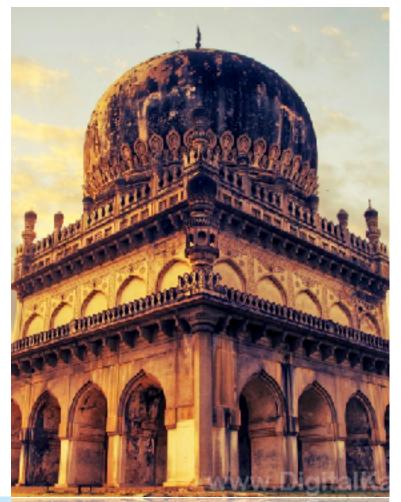


#### **Qutub Shahi Tombs**

Erected in the memory of the departed kings of Golconda, they are magnificent monuments that have withstood the test of time and nature's vagaries. They are located one kilometer north of Golconda Fort's called Banjara Darwaza. They are imposing marvels of architectural excellence that stand as the reminders of the glory of Golconda kings who are buried at the same spot.

Built by the Qutub Shahis, these tombs are considered to be among the oldest historical monuments of Hyderabad.

These tombs are present in a large group on a raised platform. They resemble Persian, Pathan and Hindu architectural styles that makes use of grey granite, with stucco ornamentation and is a one-of-its-kind place in the world where the whole dynasty is buried at a single spot. They lie amidst beautifully landscaped gardens with intricately carved stonework.



#### Mecca Masjid

The historic Mecca Masjid is located adjacent to Charminar in a south-west direction. The construction of this mosque started in the year 1614 by Sultan Muhammad Qutb Shah and was Aurangzeb completed in 1693. Built with local granite, it finds place among largest mosques in India and is the most important and largest one in the city. The arched gallery displays the tombs of all the Nizam's from the year 1803.

The mosque has a length of 225 feet and is 180 feet wide with a height of 75 feet. The name is derived from the Grand Mosque in Mecca on which it is modeled. The hall has a dimension of 67 metres x 54 metres x 23 metres. The roof is rested on 15 arches.

There is a high blocking wall on the western side for Mehrab. It has two huge octagonal columns, which are created from a single piece of granite. This is inturn topped by an arched gallery crowned by a dome. This mosque can accommodate 10,000 worshipers at any time. It is located two hundred yards from Charminar.



#### Golconda Fort

Golconda Fort is located in the western part of Hyderabad city and is about 9 km from the Hussain Sagar Lake. The outer fort occupies an area of three square kilometers, which is 4.8 kilometers in length.

It was originally known as Mankal, and built on a hilltop in the year 1143. It was originally a mud fort under the reign of Rajah of Warangal. Later it was fortified between 14th and 17th centuries by the Bahmani Sultans and then the ruling Qutub Shahi dynasty. Golconda was the principal capital of the Qutub Shahi kings. The inner fort contains ruins of palaces, mosques and a hill top pavilion, which rises about 130 meters high and gives a bird's eye view of other buildings.

Golconda fort is undoubtedly one of most magnificent fortress complexes in India. The history of Golconda Fort goes back to early 13th century, when it was ruled by the Kakatiya's followed by Qutub Shahi kings, who ruled the region in 16th and 17th century. The fortress rests on a granite hill 120 meters high while huge crenellated ramparts surround this structure.

#### Falaknuma Palace

A visit to the Falaknuma Palace is like retracing the paths of Nizams, walking in step with the European royalty, feeling the presence of the flamboyant Begums, walking arm-in-arm with distinguished Heads of the State and walk the Kings way, slicing your path through the choicest architecture.

It is like walking into the heavens as the palace stands high about 2000 feet above the city. The Falaknuma Palace's exquisite beauty allows you to enjoy a journey into the blue skies, into the glided ages of time immemorial, where grandeur and lavishness is all you see.

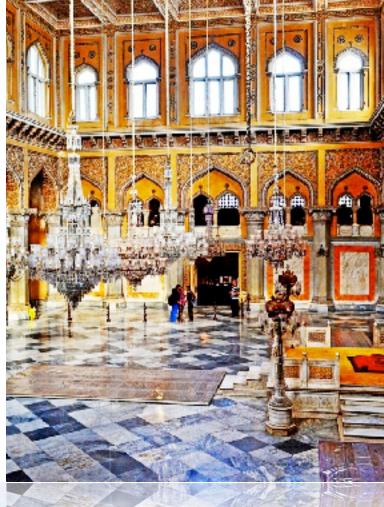
Those who have basked in its opulence have rejoiced in its brilliantly designed Venetian chandeliers, uniquely made furniture, an awe inspiring marble staircases and sloshing fountains, enchanting statues, and objects d'art.



#### Chowmahalla Palace

The history of Hyderabad is so enticing that it feels like reading a wonderful love story and its glorious past is no less than a fairy tale. And the most interesting part of this novel forms the rule of the Nizams, which fills pages of history with legendary contributions of art, architecture and science.

A testimony to this aspect is seen in the form of the many exquisite monuments scattered all over the city. One such monument that in its striking sumptuousness still shows off the power of time immemorial is the engrossing Chowmahalla Palace. The name Chowmahalla refers to four palaces. The construction of the palace was initiated in the year 1750 by Nizam Salabhat Jung but it was Nizam Afzar-ud-Dawla Bahadur who saw that the palace was completed between the years 1857 and 1869.



#### **Elgandal Fort**

The spires of the Elgandal Fort or Elagandula Khilla stand tall into the sky, piercing their way out to narrate the stories of its glorious past from the skyline of Karimnagar. They stand proudly narrating the glories of its past to posterity.

Even after facing ravages of man and nature, the Elgandal fort still stands high showing its lust for power that has been pivotal in grazing and raising dynasties. The crumbling walls of this magnificent fort still carry the stamp of every dynasty that had once embraced its illustrious portals. Despite its debauched state, the Fort still remains one of the most splendid relics of Telangana's history and a commonly visited spot in Karimnagar tourism.

Located on a very scenic hillock, the fort gives a beautiful view of the Elgandal town. The fort is accessed with its only entrance gateway. The sumptuousness of the entrance gate continues to appeal tourists even today. The Elgandal town is situated on the banks of the Manair River.





#### Nandikonda

Nandikonda is a small village located along the banks of Krishna River in Nalgonda district. It is located close to the magnificent Nagarjuna Sagar dam. Nandikonda was part of the Ikshvaku Dynasty and the village shot into prominence after scores of ancient Buddhist structures like pillared halls and monasteries were unearthed.

The relics that were unearthed during a series of excavations are today displayed at the Museum of Central Archeological Department here.

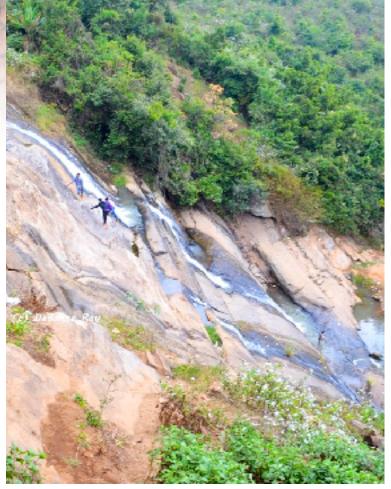
There are also ruins of a fort dating back to Ikshvaku Dynasty. The citadel consists of gates, strong fortifications, water trenches, and even as rectangular-shaped stadium were found during archeological excavations. The Nagarjuna Sagar dam was initially called Nandikonda project and the place finds place in the Buddhist circuit of Telangana.

#### Vikarabad Adventure

Vikarabad is a charming place where one can derive pleasure in trekking. In fact, it is one of the favourite trekking spots for people who crave for adventure close to Hyderabad city. This place is covered with red soil, containing a mixture of rock and loose soil; therefore, it is a thrilling place for Rappelling and Rock Climbing.

There are two different trails for the people coming here to have an adrenaline rush. The forest is an ideal place even for beginners.

Vikarabad is surrounded by many small hills, making it convenient for trekking and apart from this; one can also enjoy some wild adventures in the Vikarabad forest. Tourists enjoy forest trails by traversing some of the interior regions of the forest where they enjoy photographing the panoramic views and wildlife, fresh water streams and the verdant greenery.



#### Nagarjunsagar Srisailam Tiger

The Nagarjunsagar Srisailam Tiger Reserve, which spread over Nalgonda and Mahabubnagar is the largest Tiger reserve in the country. This Tiger Reserve covers a total area of about 3,568 square kms. Srisailam's temples and reservoirs are the major attraction for thousands of tourists and pilgrims visiting the holy town.

The Nagarjunsagar-Srisailam Tiger Sanctuary was declared officially in the year 1978 and has been recognized by the Project Tiger in the year 1983. This Reserve has been renamed as the Rajiv Gandhi Wildlife Sanctuary in the year 1992.

The reserve is known for its breath taking scenic beauty. Situated in the deciduous Nallamala forests, the mystifying landscape of the lofty hills and echoing valleys, exciting winding roads, perennial rivers, is this most charismatic world of the wild cats. It is a true wild paradise.

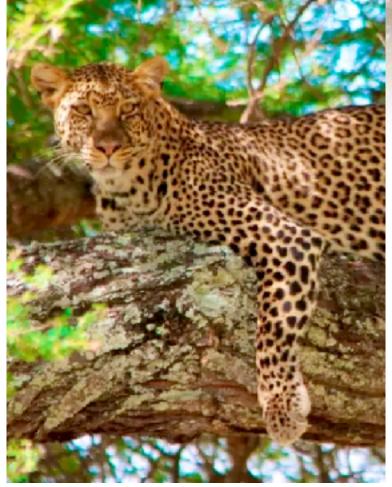


### Pakhal Wildlife Sanctuary

The Pakhal Wildlife Sanctuary is a striking manmade lake, which was completed in the 1213 AD by the royal Kakatiyas. This beguiling sanctuary is spread over an area of 860 square kilometers.

The place gets more interesting as this amazing plateau region is surrounded by a mesmerizing range of low hills. The environment of the sanctuary and the Pakhal Lake as an add-on form the most stunning sight ever. The flora consists of mixed forests, bamboo and teak forests.

The wildlife park's natural scenic beauty and its breath taking landscape are extremely captivating. A visit to this promising spot would never disappoint you. The months of November to June are the best to visit this place.





#### Purani Haveli

An aristocratic palace, also called the Nizam Jubilee Pavilion, Purani Haveli is a significant landmark in the city. Said to have been built in the 18th century, it boasts large open courtyards and a fusion of European and Indian architectural influences. It is located on the south-east side of the Afzal Gunj Bridge near Dewan Devdi.

Tourists are particularly entranced by a museum housed within the premises that captures the history of the region in the form of various artefacts. It is dedicated to Mir Osman Ali Khan, the last Nizam of Hyderabad, and one can find exhibits of souvenirs and gifts that were given to him

The museum also hosts silver replicas of monuments in Hyderabad. Some other major attractions are a gold tiffin box inlaid with diamonds, painting of Mir Osman Ali Khan, silver perfume containers, caskets, pearl-studded wooden writing box, diamond and gold studded daggers, silver coffee cups studded with diamonds etc.

#### Chilkur Balaji temple

The Chilkur Balaji Temple, located on the outskirts of Hyderabad, on the banks of the Osman Sagar Lake, is a popular site for the devotees of Lord Balaji Venkateswara.

It is believed that prayers offered after 11 pradakshanas (rounds) of the temple come true on the condition that once the prayer is fulfilled, devotees have to come back and do an added 108 pradakshanas (circumambulation). Devotees can be seen walking around the temple late into the night.

The temple is also known as visa temple, as it is said that people attempting to obtain a visa to any country are never disappointed if they pray here. The temple has beautiful architecture and it is believed that it was built more than half a millennium ago.

The main deity is Lord Balaji Venkateswara, who is accompanied by Sridevi and Bhoodevi.



#### Rural Life -Shilparamam

A rural set-up to give you an ethnic Indian village feeling amidst the busy life! This is exactly what Shilparamam is. A place, which gives you a feel of authentic village nativity in the busy capital city of Hyderabad.

A must-see place in Hyderabad, Shilparamam is an arts and crafts exhibition hub, in the form of a village set up located in Madhapur, Hyderabad, Telangana.

The main idea behind the establishment of the village was to create an environment of a village for the locals and provide the traditional artisans a stage to exhibit their art. Shilparamam is a tribute to all the traditional and cultural craftsmen of Telangana.





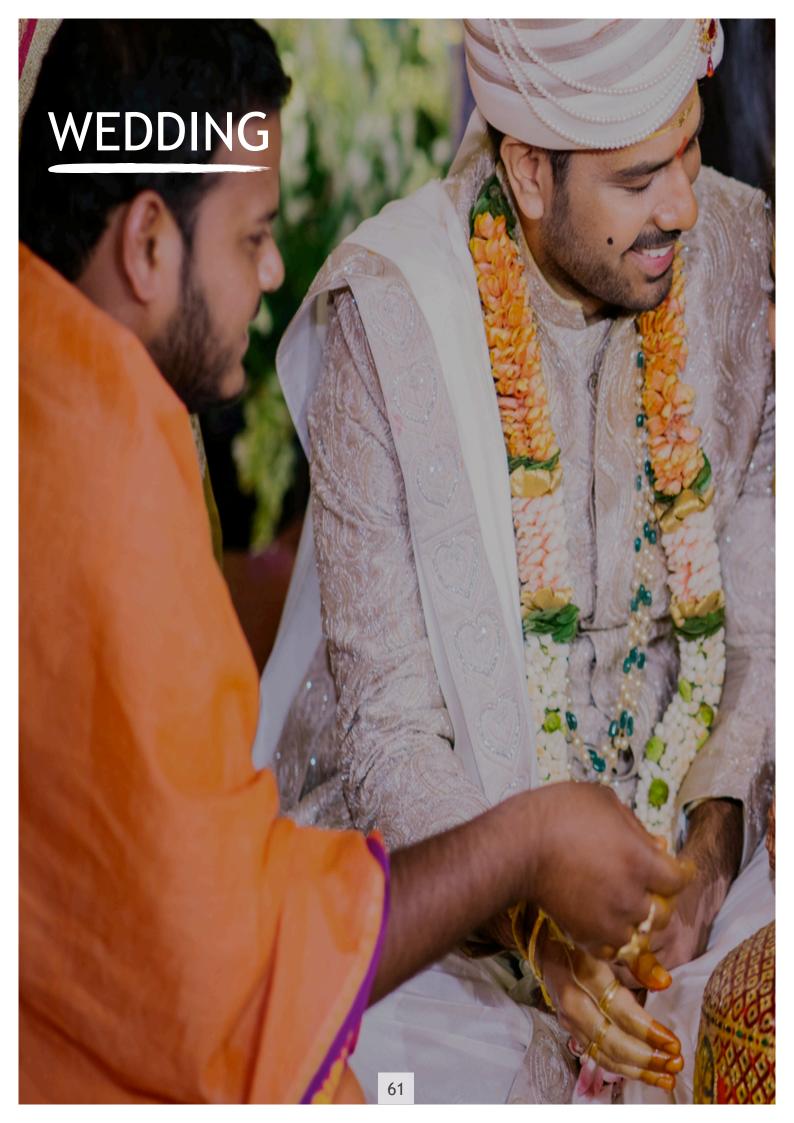
#### Budhavanam

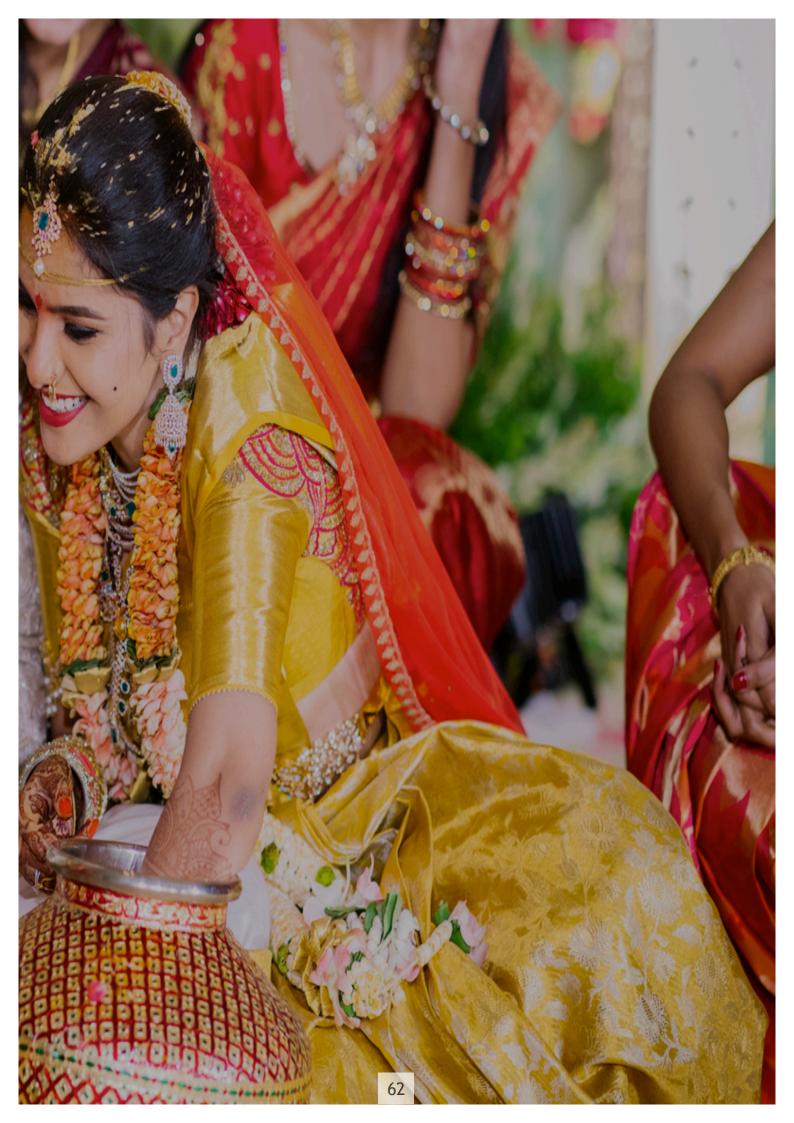
Siriparvata Arama (Buddhavanam) at Nagarjunasagar is a Buddhist Heritage Theme Park, attracting domestic and foreign tourists, particularly from the South-East Asian countries.

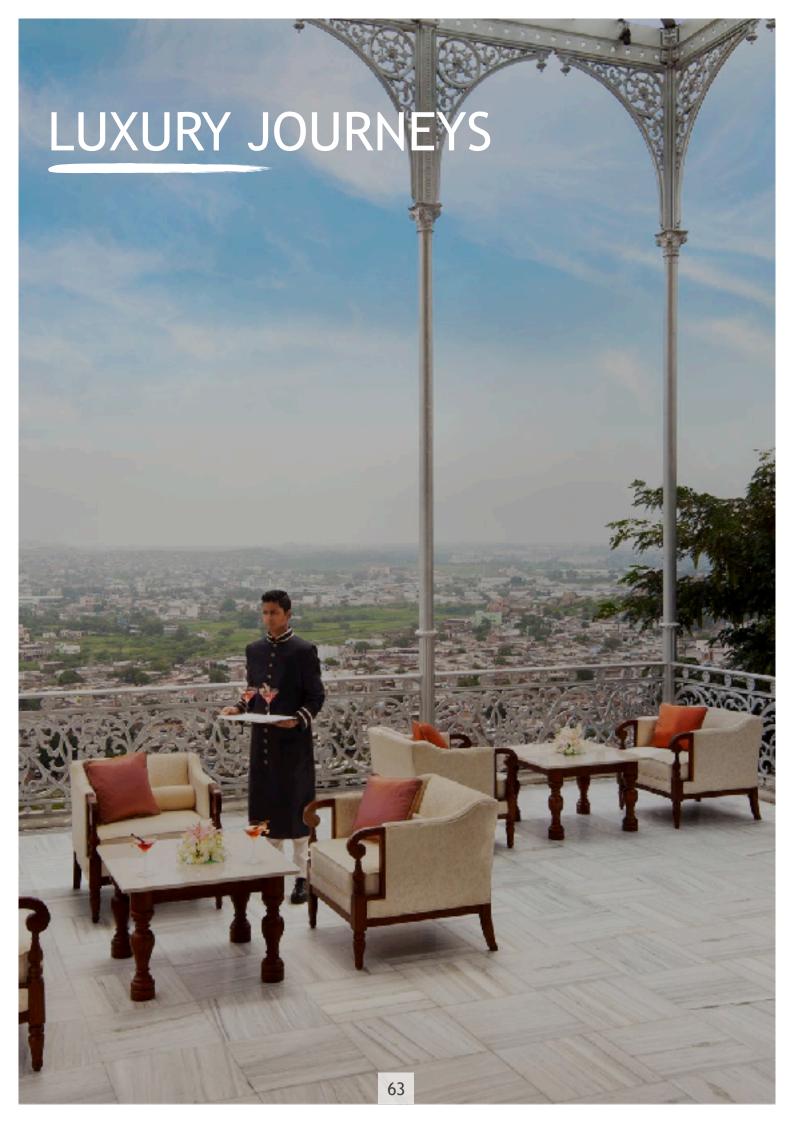
The attraction on the left bank of the river Krishna, spread across 274 acres, is divided into eight segments such as Buddhacharitavanam, Bodhisattva Park (Jataka Park), Dhyanavanam (Meditation Park), Stupa Park, Acharya Nagarjuna International Centre for Higher Buddhist Learning, Krishna Valley Park, Buddhism in Telugu States, and a Mahastupa. The Buddhavanam symbolically represents the Astangamarga propounded by the Buddha.











### Deccan Nostalgia

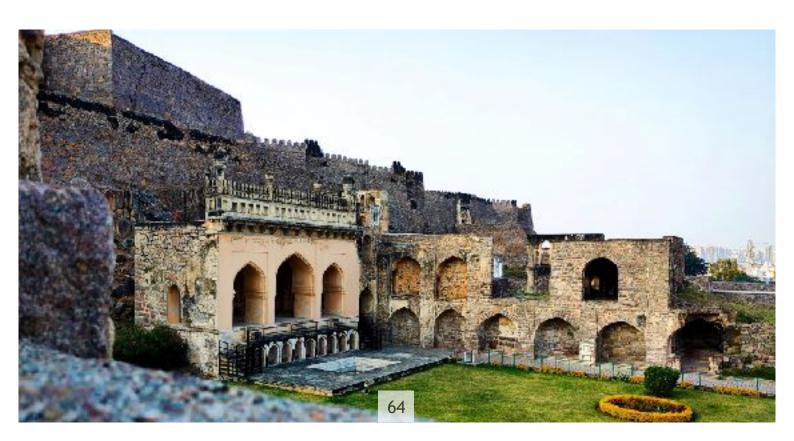
Duration: 12 Nights / 13 Days

Cruises: Hyderabad | Gulbarga | Bijapur | Badami | Hospet | Hassan | Mysore | Bangalore

Snuggled between two mountain ranges- Eastern Ghats and the Western Ghats- The Deccan region covers the most of the southern region of India. The journey will extensively cover some of the most prominent destinations in the state of Karnataka. The destinations covered will bring you face to face with medieval structures built during the region of erstwhile south Indian rulers.

Blessed with the epitomes of modern day lifestyle and culture, the regions of Deccan, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka are the exemplary emblems of affluent past as well. All the three regions boast natural beauty that lures the senses of nature lovers. A history buff and architecture aficionado can visit the scores of historic present in these regions. A visit to any of these three regions is a unique experience in itself and if the tour is arranged in the same go, the delight amplifies to several folds.

The major destinations covered in the itinerary are Hyderabad, Gulbarga, Bijapur, Badami, Hospet, Hassan, Mysore, and Bangalore. These regions slot in several archetypes of ancient historic genius and several other things of tourist interest making these regions sublime place to travel for the travellers of altered and assorted sense of taste.



# Andhra Pradesh & Telangana Pilgrimage

Duration: 12 Nights / 13 Days

Places: Hyderabad | Warangal | Vijayawada | Nagarjuna Sagar | Srisailam | Kurnool | Puttaparthy |

Tirupati | Chennai

Andhra Pradesh and Telangana are well known among the spiritual travellers for its beautifully fortified temples that epitomize the architectural brilliance of ancient times.

These consecrated edifices boast soothing serenity that offers peace and delight to the senses of travellers. These temples hold a high place in Hindu mythology and thus hold a high significance in the religion.

This 12 Nights and 13 Days of itinerary of pilgrimage trip of Andhra and Telangana takes travellers to beautiful and stunning temples located in these states. Other than temples, the tour incorporates visiting historic monuments as well.

The trip starts from Hyderabad. The major highlights of the trip are visiting Golkunda Fort and royal Tombs of the Qutb Shahi kings in Hyderabad, exploring temples in Warangal and Vijayawafa, traversing through Buddhist remains in Nagarjuna Sagar, and much more.



# Telangana Buddhist Journey

Duration: 06 Nights / 07 Days

Places: Hyderabad | Warangal | Vijayawada | Amravati | Visakhapatnam | Delhi

The states of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh are replete with loads of Buddhist temples offering the spiritual tourists a unique sense of tranquillity and spirituality. These temples belong to ancient times and boast high significance as well.

For this reason, these temples are swarmed by the tourists all-round the year. The magnificent architecture of these temples add feather to the hat.

This 06 Nights and 07 Days of itinerary take the travellers to a Buddhist Tour of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. Major destinations covered in the itinerary are Hyderabad, Warangal, Nagarjunkonda, Vijayawada, Amravati, and Vishakhapatnam.

Some of the major highlights of the trip are enjoying sightseeing tour in Hyderabad, exploring temples and forts in Warangal, traversing through the wonderful cities Amravati and Vijayawada, and enjoying laze around on the sandy beaches in Vishakhapatnam. This tour perfectly blends a nature tour and spiritual excursion.



## Telangana Heritage Journey

Duration: 11 Nights / 12 Days

Places: Hyderabad | Warangal | Bhadrachalam | Rajahmundry | Vijayawada | Srisailam | Kadapa |

Tirupati | Chennai

Telangana, the 29th and youngest state of India, formally recognized on June 2, 2014 is a treasure trove of tourist destinations. Telangana is known for its hospitality and multicultural and pluralistic society. Hyderabad, the capital city of this state is the fifth largest city in India and home to some of India's best educational institutions, public sector and defence companies and a thriving global services sector and film industry and known for its world famous Hyderabadi Biryani.

Constituting a major part of Deccan plateau, Telangana has a pleasing climate, with abundant natural and water resources. The state is the gateway to Krishna and Godavari Rivers in South India and is considered the seed capital of India. One of the wealthy economies in India, Telangana is here to take its rightful place in the country, as a highly developed state and society with a proud history and grand heritage. Telangana apart from the historical perspective of various dynastic and regional and cultural influences offers its visitors a plethora of places of pristine natural beauty. With serene lakes, verdant woods, rocky regions, abundant wildlife, flora and fauna, elaborately carved temples, magnificent palaces and forts reflecting architectural blends of Hindu, Pathan and Persian styles.



## Tracing the path of Krishnaveni

Duration: 10 Nights / 11 Days

Places: Hyderabad | Warangal | Vijayawada | Srisailam | Hyderabad

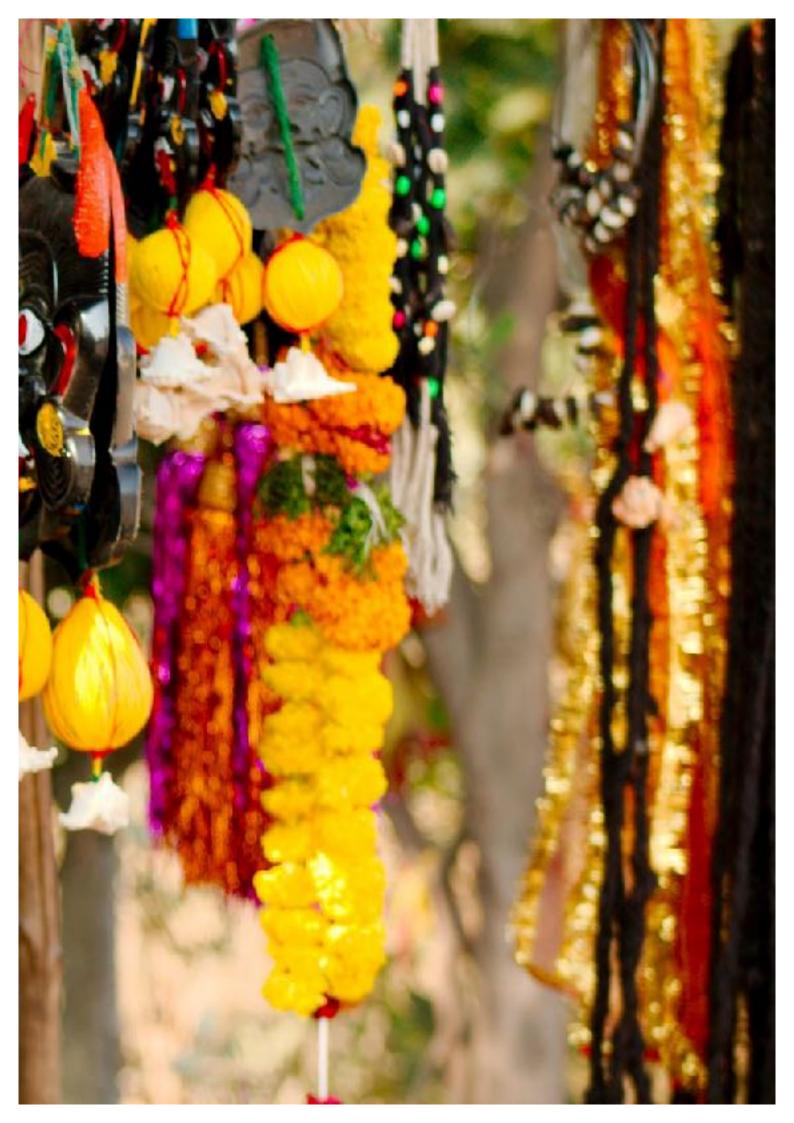
Blessed with two beautiful rivers, Krishna and Godavari, Andhra Pradesh has the Bay of Bengal to its west, and it boasts of a coastline of 972km, the longest in the country. This state is widely advertised as the Kohinoor of India by the tourism department. The state is most visited for its world famous Tirupati temple. Srisailam Mallikarjuneswar temple is another famous Shiva shrine and is one of the 12 Jyotirlinga temples in India.

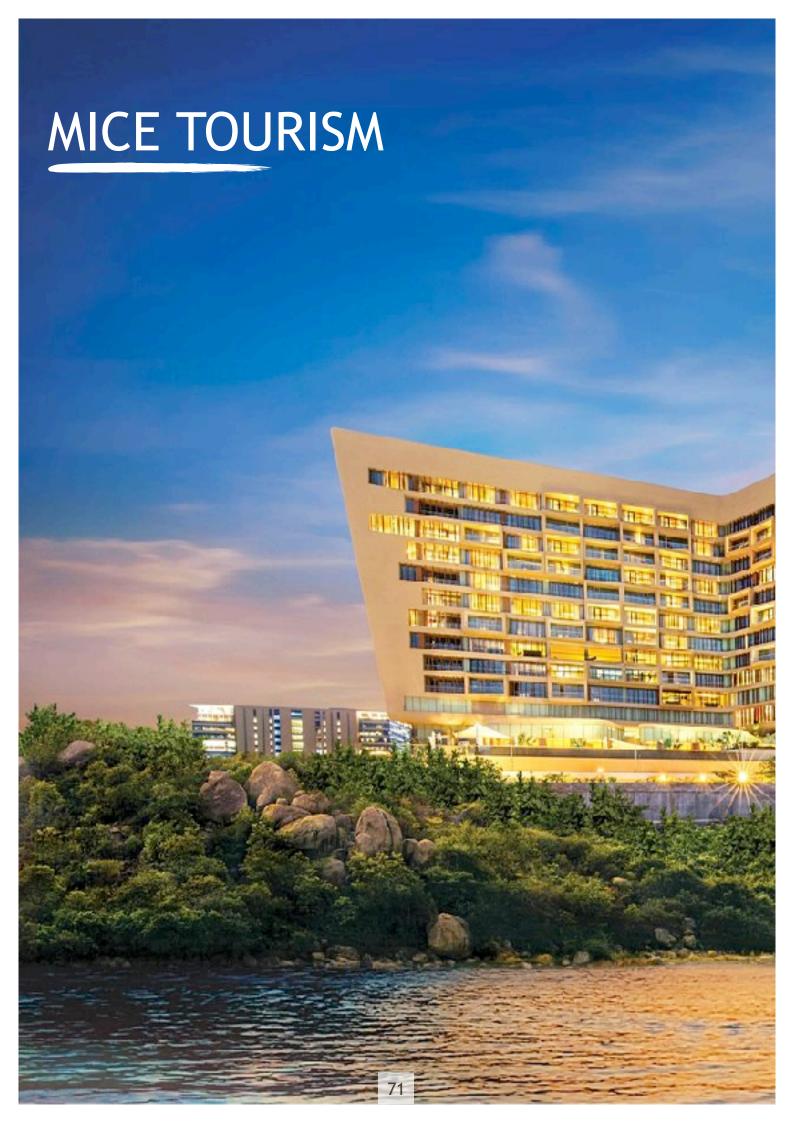
In spite of the recent division of the state of Andhra Pradesh, which resulted in the formation Seemandhra which is what was left of Andhra Pradesh after Telangana region was carved out, Seemandhra seems to have got the better share regarding tourism.

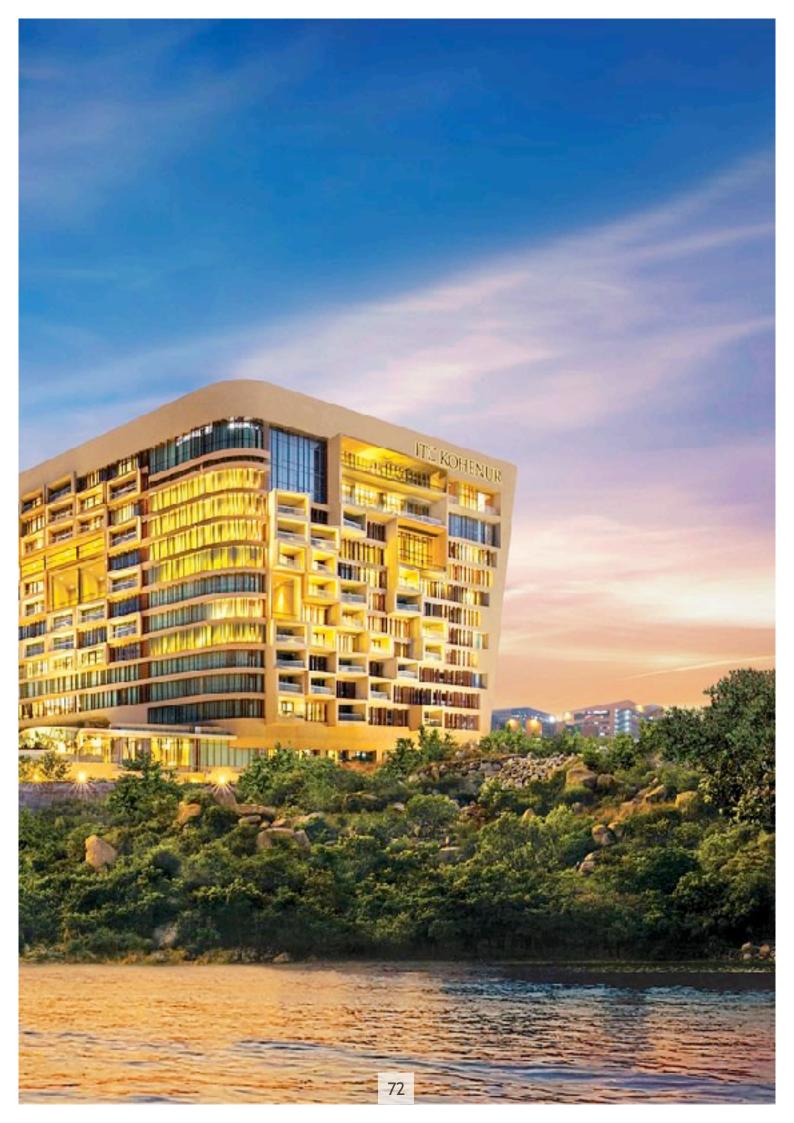
Places like Belum caves, Nagarjuna Konda, Borra caves and Pulicat Lake have all come under Seemandhra. Apart from this, it retains the better part of the culture and cuisine of Andhra Pradesh and has an already established tourism development. The state is home to various centres that have quite a lot of Buddhist influence like Dhulikatta, Bavikonda, Thotlakonda, Amravati, Nagarjuna Konda, etc.

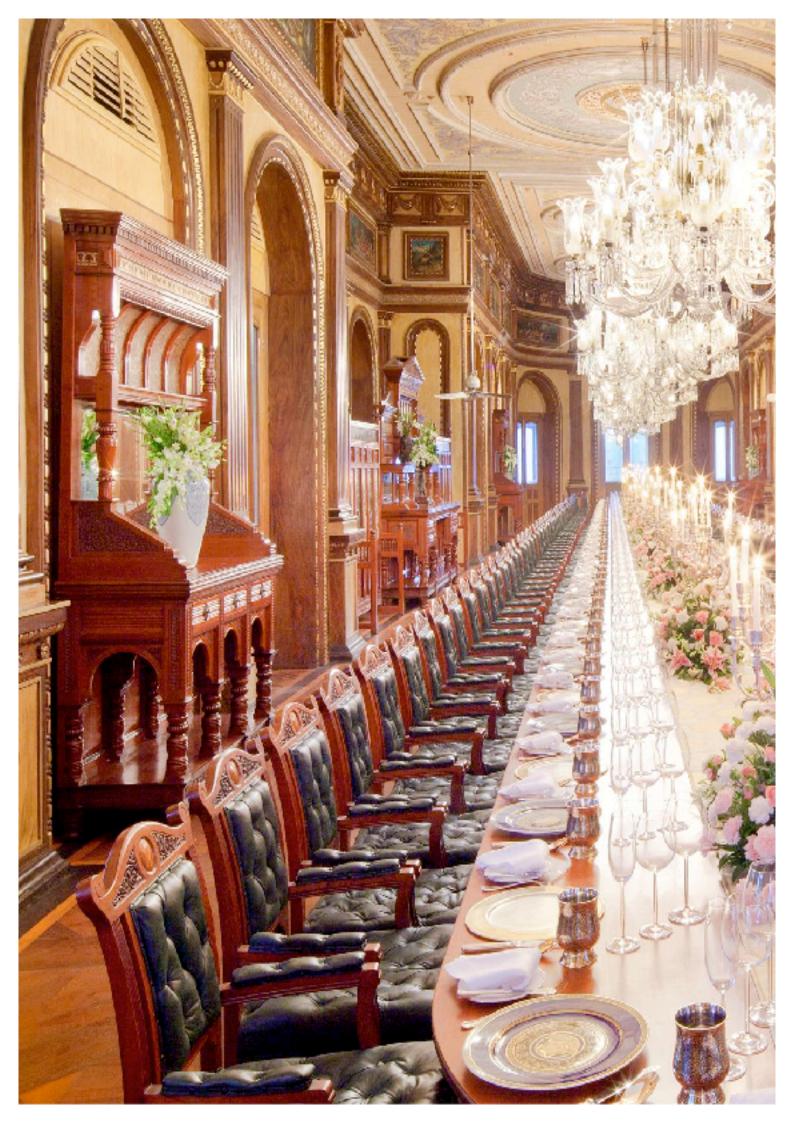


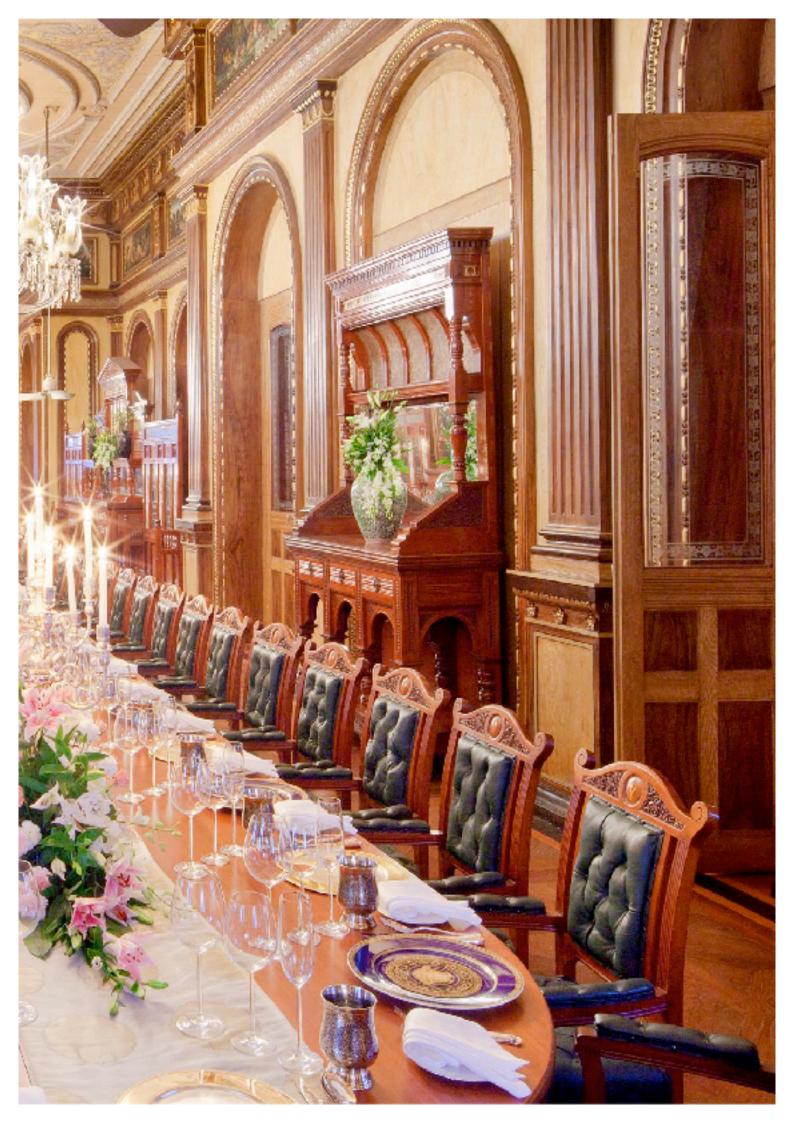


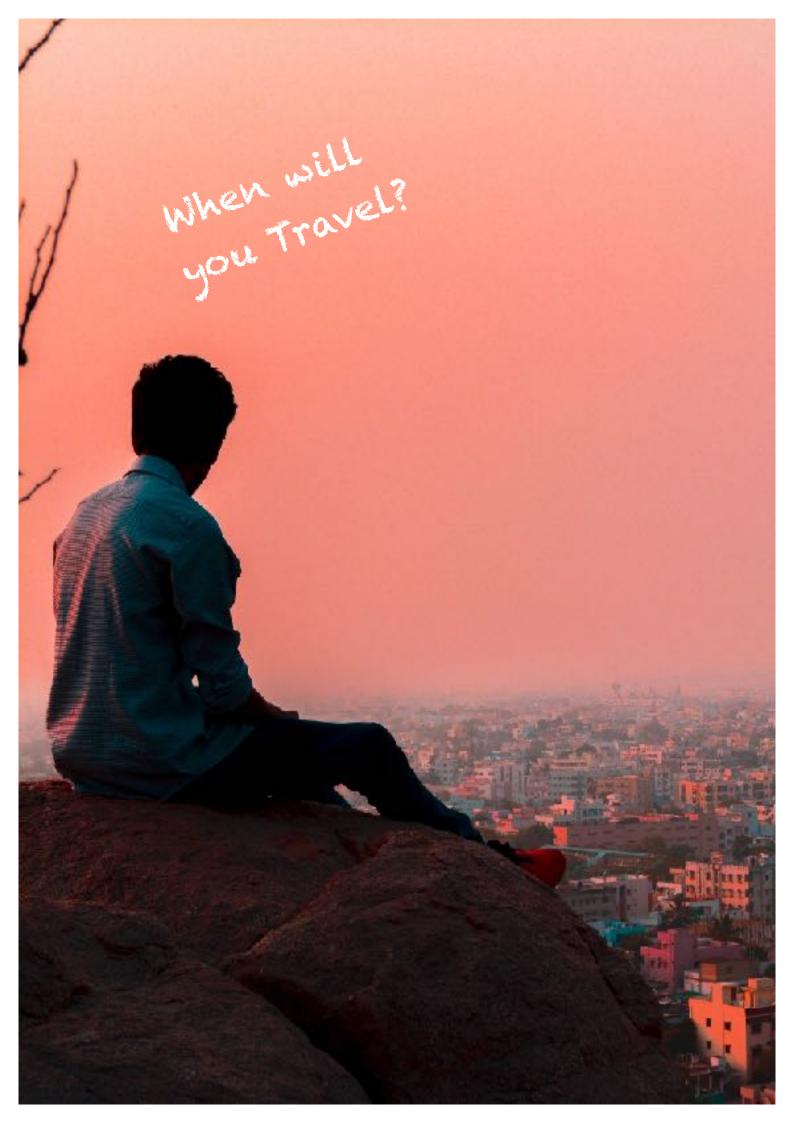


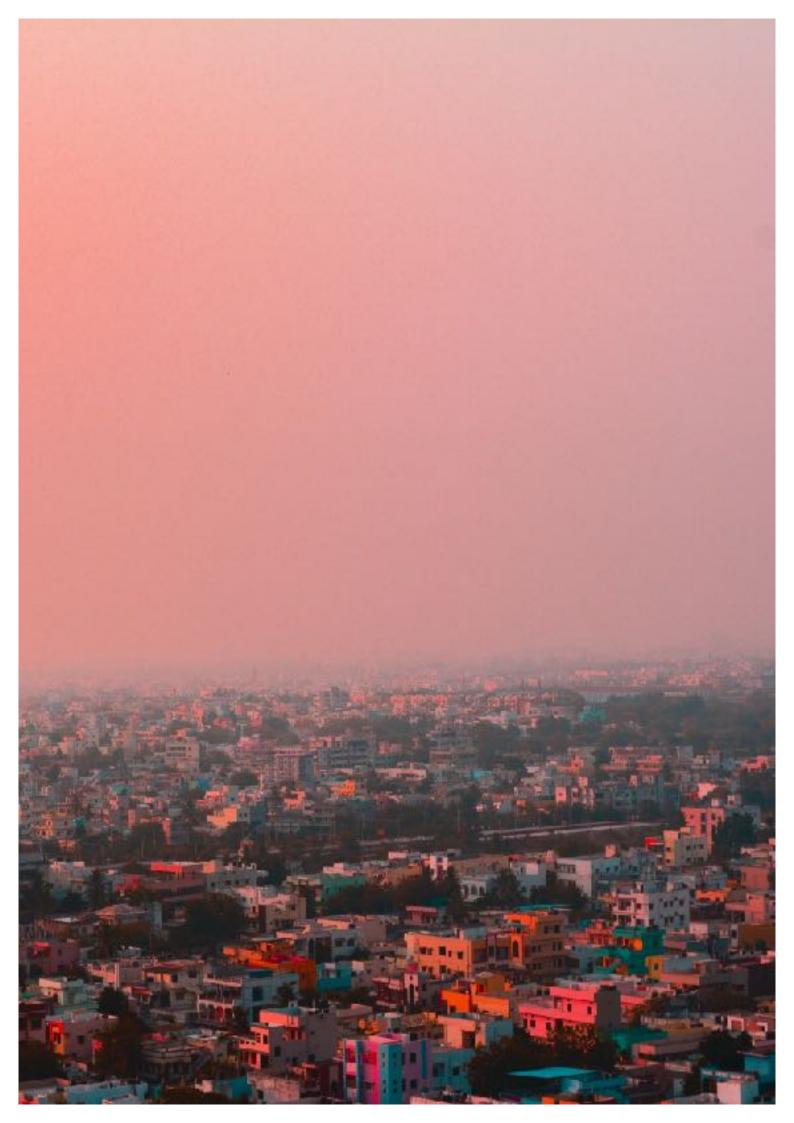














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