

**34th IATO ANNUAL CONVENTION,
6 – 9 SEPTEMBER 2018, VISHAKHAPATNAM, ANDHRA PRADESH**

SPOUSE TOURS AND POST CONVENTION TOURS

Various post-convention tours and spouse tours have been arranged for the delegates and for their spouses as details given below. Delegates interested to join the tour may indicate tour no. on the registration form. (Program and number of tours shall remain subject to change)

SPOUSE TOURS

Spouse Tour No. - 1

7th September – City Sightseeing Tour. Departure at 1400 hrs from Novotel Hotel, Vishakhapatnam

Spouse Tour No. 2

8th September – Shopping Tour. Departure at 1000 hrs from Novotel Hotel, Vishakhapatnam

POST CONVENTION TOURS

Post Tour No. 1- 9th September 2018

Same Day Return – Vishakhapatnam/Sankaram

9th September 2018: Depart from your room your respective hotels

Located 40km southwest of Vizag, the stunning Buddhist complex of **SANKARAM**, also known by the names of its two parts, Bojjannakonda and Lingalakonda, occupies a rocky outcrop about 300m long. Used by monks from the 2nd to 9th centuries AD, the outcrop is covered with rock-cut caves, stupas, ruins of monastery structures and reliefs of the Buddha. Bojjannakonda, the eastern part, has a pair of rock-cut shrines with several gorgeous carvings of the Buddha inside and outside. Above sit the ruins of a huge stupa and a monastery. Lingalakonda, at the western end, is piled with tiers of rock-cut stupas, some of them enormous. Both parts afford fabulous views over the surrounding rice paddies. **Lunch:** 50 kms away @ AP Tourism, Haritha Rishikonda Beach Resort (sea view)

Drop : Post lunch drop at Visakhapatnam airport by 4PM (22 kms from Lunch stop)

Note: Book any flight after 6 pm on 9th September 2018

Post Tour No. 2 One Night /2 days

9 - 10 September 2018– Vishakhapatnam/Araku Valley

Day 1 (09 Sept 2018): Depart at 8AM by surface for Simhachalam (22 kms from city) **SIMHACHALAM:** is a South Indian Hindu temple situated on the Simhachalam hill, which is 800 metres above the sea level, one of the 32 Narasimha temples in Andhra Pradesh, Tuluva dynasty of Vijayanagara Empire is a notable one. The temple underwent 40 years of religious inactivity from 1564 AD to 1604 AD. After darshan proceed for lunch at Tyda. 62 kms away is this AP Tourism Property with ecotourism resort, and Restaurant. After Lunch drive to Araku Valley for brief visit of Coffee and Tribal museum. Dinner & Overnight at Araku Valley / Ananthagiri.

Day 2 (10 Sept 2018): Morning after breakfast check out and proceed to visit the Borra Caves (15 kms away) William King, the British geologist discovered the cave in 1807. It is a naturally formed cave believed to be 150 million years old. The Humic acid in the water reacts with the Calcium Carbonate in the limestone and dissolves the minerals breaking the rock gradually. Lunch at Anantha Giri AP Tourism Property (17 kms). Later drive to Visakhapatnam airport 80 kms – to arrive by about 4 PM

Note: Book any flight after 6 pm on 10th September 2018

Post Tour No. 3 One Night /2 days

9/10 September 2018– Vishakhapatnam/Sri Kakulam

Day 1 (9th September 2018): Depart at 8 AM by surface to visit Thotlakonda / Bavinkonda Buddhist site approximately 35 kms from Visakhapatnam **Thotlakonda** 2nd BC Buddhist Complex is situated on a hill near Bheemunipatnam on 128 metres (420 ft) above sea level and overlooks the sea. **BAVIKONDA** 5 kms away 3rd BC Buddhist complex. Lunch: 10 kms at AP Tourism Haritha Rishikonda Beach Resort sea view. Later drive to Mukhalingam Temple approximately 150 kms / 3+ hrs drive **MUKHALINGAM:** living and archaeological temple The omnipotent, omnipresent and omniscient God Siva for facilitating the individual souls to worship him has manifested himself into different forms. Among them the formless form of Sivalinga is classified as "Nishkala". And the Shivalingas with the head of Shiva on their face are called as Mukhalinga and are classified as "Sakala nishkala" form. After Mukhalingam visit drive to SriKakulam city 50 kms Late evening visit of **Sri Kurmam** – the only Tortoise incarnation living temple of God Vishnu. Overnight at Sri Kakulam (only private hotels available)

Day 2 (10 Sept 2018) Morning after breakfast visit 3rd Cen BC excellent Salihundam Buddhist **SALIHUNDAM:** 15 kms is a very imp Buddhist monuments lying on top of the hill on the south bank of the Vamsadhara River. Four stupas, relic caskets, and architectural shrines sculptures of Buddhist deities Mareechi and Tara. 2nd cen AD – 12th century AD reflecting the different times of: [Mahayana](#), [Theravada](#) and [Vajrayana](#). Lunch: 70 kms at Sunray village resort (private) Bogapuram Bogapuram - Visakhapatnam airport (55 kms) drop by about 4 PM.

Note: Book any flight after 6 pm on 10th September 2018

Post Tour No. 4 - 2 Nights /3 days

9 - 11 Sept 2018– Vishakhapatnam/Araku Valley/Kakinada-Vishakhapatnam

Day 1 – (09 Sept 2018): Depart at 8AM leave by surface for Simhachalam (22 kms from city) **SIMHACHALAM:** is a South Indian Hindu temple situated on the Simhachalam hill, which is 800 meters above the sea level, one of the 32 Narasimha temples in Andhra Pradesh, Tuluva dynasty of Vijayanagara Empire is a notable one. The temple underwent 40 years of religious inactivity from 1564 AD to 1604 AD. After darshan proceed for lunch at Tyda. 62 kms away is this AP Tourism Property with ecotourism resort, and Restaurant. After Lunch drive to Araku Valley for brief visit of Coffee and Tribal museum. Dinner & Overnight at Araku Valley / Ananthagiri.

Day 2 - 10 Sept 2018: - Morning after breakfast check out and proceed to visit the Borra caves (15 kms away) William King, the British geologist discovered the cave in 1807. It is a naturally formed cave believed to be 150 million years old. The Humid acid in the water reacts with the Calcium Carbonate in the limestone and dissolves the minerals breaking the rock gradually. Lunch at Anantha Giri AP

Tourism Property (17 kms). Later drive to Kakinada 220 kms. Overnight at A P Tourism Beach Resort, Kakinada

Day 3 - 11 Sept 2018: - After breakfast drive to Visakhapatnam via visit of Living Temple - at Annavaram 55kms and drop by about 4 PM

Note: Book any flight after 6 pm for 11th September 2018

Post Tour No. 5 - 2 Nights /3 days

9 - 11 Sept 2018 – Vishakhapatnam/Kakinada- Araku Valley-Vishakhapatnam

Day 1 (9 Sept 2018) Depart at 8 AM leave by surface enroute visiting Annavaram 110 kms and then proceed to Kakinada 55 kms. Lunch at Kakinanda AP Tourism Beach resort After lunch visit Koringa Wild Life Sanctuary 10 kms. Overnight at Kakinanda. AP Tourism Beach resort.

Day 2 (10 Sept 2018) Depart at 8 am after for breakfast boat cruise. After lunch drive to Araku Valley via visit of Sankaram Buddhist site 240 kms. Overnight at Araku Valley .

Day 3 (11 Sept 2018) At 8 AM after breakfast visit Borra Caves and then lunch at Tyda. After lunch drop at Visakhapatnam airport – arrive by about 4 PM.

Note: Book any flight after 6 pm on 11th September 2018

Note:-

- All post tour will conclude at Vishakhapatnm Airport at 4 pm.
- For the members who wish to stay in the hotel on return after the post tour, IATO has negotiated the same room rates as applicable during the convention. Please fill in the same on the form in case you want to stay at the Hotel.
- Registration for post-convention tours would be on FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS
- Delegates who are taking any of the Post-Convention from Post Tour No. 1 to 5 should book their flights/ train tickets departing Vishakhapatnam any time after 6 pm.
- **Accommodation will be on sharing a twin bedded room basis.**
- For all the Post Tours except for post tour no. 3, accommodation is being arranged at the Andhra Pradesh Tourism hotels.
- For tour 2 to tour no. 5, please note all accommodation will be of **BASIC NATURE** at each place
- Post tour charges are mentioned below which will include transport and accommodation per pax on sharing a twin bedded room on room plus breakfast basis.

Post Tour no. 1 - Rs. 590 per pax

Post tour no. 2 - Rs. 1180 per pax

Post tour no. 3 - Rs. 1180 per pax

Post Tour no. 4 - Rs. 1770 per pax
Post Tour no. 5 - Rs. 1770 per pax

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