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Amusement Parks

Kishkinta

30 minutes South of Chennai city, this theme park is situated 5 kms west of Tambaram bus stand offering various entertainment such as Wave pools, water rides, roller coasters, toy trains, etc.

MGM “Dizzee World” Beach Resort

MGM Dizzee World is better known as Chennai's best amusement park, located on East Coast Road (Muttukadu). Sprawled across a vast expanse, the amusement park consists of the Water World, Dizzee World and Marry World, offers ample car parking, in-house restaurants and caters to both, children and adults.

Prime Time

An exclusive children's park located in Anna Nagar area, offering exciting entertaining rides and games for children. Bumper Car Rides and the Play Pen are the most popular ones hosted by Prime Time.

Dash 'N Splash

Just 30 Kms from Central Station is South India's exclusive water park - Dash 'N Splash. It has wave spiral and free fall slides and flumes from height of 12ft to 35ft.

VGP Golden Beach

A popular beach resort and amusement park for family located around 25 kms from Chennai offers fun filled rides, games for children and has seaside restaurant.



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MEMORIALS

Anna Square

Located in the center of a beautiful park, Anna Square is essentially a memorial dedicated to the great leader of Dravidian movement, Aringnar Annadurai. The entrance to which is a spectacular contemporary-style arch in the shape of twin converging elephant tusks.

MGR Memorial

Located on Marina Beach adjacent to Anna Square, dedicated to M.G. Ramachandran, India's first actor to become a Chief Minister and for three consecutive terms until his death.

Rajiv Gandhi Memorial

Located in Sriperumbudur, the memorial was the place where Rajiv Gandhi was assassinated. Also, the birth place of Sri Ramanujar, the Vaishnavite saint.

Victory War Memorial

Victory War Memorial is dedicated to those soldiers who gave their life for the country. The Victory War Memorial is also known as 'Cupid Bow' is located near the Fort St. George on the Beach Road on the starting point of Marina beach.

Valluvar Kottam

The Valluvar Kottam is located at the junction of Kodampakkam High Road and Valluvar Kottam Road, dedicated to the well-known intellectual poet, philosopher and saint, Thiruvalluvar, The architectural pattern of the Valluvar Kottam is like a temple chariot (39 m high), inside which there is a huge stone effigy of the saint Thiruvalluvar.



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MUSEUMS

Government State Museum

The Museum is a grand repository of the rich heritage of Indian state of Tamil Nadu and is comprised of six individual buildings displaying different antiquities exhibited in 46 galleries. Each building has separate items on display like art, numismatics, archeology, anthropology and more.

Fort St. George Museum

A famous museum in Chennai depicting artifacts of different ages of modern Indian history, popularly known as the White Town in Indian history.

National Art Gallery and Museum

Built in 1906, the Chennai National Art Gallery was originally intended to be a memorial to Queen Victoria. An impressive cartel dome flanked a series of smaller domes supported by pillars on each side. After independence, it became an art gallery in 1951.

Birla Planetarium

The Planetarium is a miniature form of our happening universe. To make the visitors aware about the astronomical phenomenon different celestial actions are recreated using multimedia effects and other scientific elements.



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PARKS AND ZOO

Vedanthangal Bird Sanctuary

85 Kms south of Chennai is the Vedanthangal bird sanctuary, which is one of the major ones in India. Every year during the rainy season an average of 1,00,000 birds come here.

Children's Park

On Sardar Patel Road, find the entrance to the Children's Park on the left when coming from Adyar. The main attractions of the Park are the elephant and pony rides.

Snake Park

Adjacent to Childrens' park is the city's interesting snake park. The snake park houses a vast variety of reptiles, ranging from the dark deadly 'King Cobra', 'Banded' Krait' to puff adders', vipers, pythons and alligators.

Crocodile Park

The park is one of the largest reptile zoos in the world and one of the oldest non-government environmental organizations in Asia. Their aim is to promote the conservation of reptiles and amphibians.

Anna Zoological Park

30 Kms south of Chennai, large numbers of different species of animals are kept in large open enclosures. The kids can have a jolly ride on the toy train.



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OTHER ATTRACTIONS

Marina Beach

This expansive beach is Chennai's most famous tourist attraction. In Chennai, this is one ideal place for laid back holidays. The composed climate, the whispering sea, the shimmering sun and the soft sand are all that will make a perfect beach holiday. Marina beach lies to the east of Chennai. The fine sandy beach extends to a length of 55Km.

Kapaleeshwar Temple

This ancient shrine dedicated to Lord Shiva is centrally located and among the area's most popular landmarks. The story goes, Lord Shiva once pinched off one of the heads of Brahma to arrest his pride. A crestfallen Brahma came to this place, installed a Siva Lingam and performed penance. The Lingam is known as Kapaleeswarar.

Adyar Banyan Tree

This banyan tree is one of the largest trees in the world. It measures 238ft from north to south and 250ft from east to west. The total area exceeds 59,500sq ft. The tree has been the centre of many notable gatherings of the Theosophical Society.

The Santhome Basilica

It was built in the 16th century by the Portuguese, in 1896 it was made a basilica. The beautiful stained glass window at the basilica portrays the story of St. Thomas. The central hall has 14 wooden plaques depicting scenes from the last days of Christ. In the cathedral is a 3ft. high statue of Virgin Mary which is believed to have been brought from Portugal in 1543.

Theosophical Society

The society was founded by Madame Blavatsky and Col. Olcott in USA, and later moved to Adyar in 1882, basically to facilitate and encourage the study of comparative religion, philosophy and science. It is situated in beautiful sylvan settings in Adyar. Apart from shrines of all faiths and the peaceful Garden of Remembrance, there is a 95-year old library which has a very good collection of rare Oriental manuscripts written on palm leaves and parchment.