

# A Natural Spiritual Retreat

## VivekanandaPuram

Vivekanandapuram is the headquarters of Vivekananda Kendra. It is a 100-acre campus at Kanyakumari - the Southernmost tip of India which is a natural spiritual retreat. It has 24 hours water supply, generator support for emergencies, post office, State Bank of India , dispensary, STD facility, Vegetarian Canteen and frequent free bus service to and from Kanyakumari township which attracts thousands of pilgrims and tourists to seek accommodation in Vivekanandapuram. The beach of Vivekanandapuram from where the Sun-rise can be seen is an added attraction for one and all.

### Places of Interest

1. **Vivekananda Rock Memorial** - The legendary national monument to the Patriotic Monk, Swami Vivekananda.
2. **Wandering Monk Exhibition** - A terracotta exhibition on Swami Vivekananda's soul stirring experiences during his Parivrajak period.
3. **Arise! Awake! Exhibition** - A unique pictorial exhibition depicting the contribution of Swami Vivekananda to India and his clarion call to serve the Motherland.
4. **Gangotri** - A Pictorial presentation of a wonderful story of adamant will, Bhagirath-ic efforts and great vision for Nation-building as seen through the life and message of Sri Eknathji Ranade - the Founder of Vivekananda Kendra.
5. **Bharat Gramodaya Darshan Park** - This latest exhibition depicts the exhibits on Water, Shelter, Food and Herbal Medicines with a working model on rain water harvesting and affordable houses.
6. **Library** - Over 26,000 books in many Indian languages on religion, philosophy, spirituality, Yoga, culture and other topics of general interest and a Reading Room with around 100 periodicals to cater to the needs of our visitors.
7. **Beach** - Vivekanandapuram beach is sanctified with a Mandapam with Swami Vivekananda's life size statue and Mananeeya Eknathji's Samadhi. It also has a beautiful beach garden and Sun-rise point. The view of Vivekananda Rock Memorial in the mid-sea at Sun-rise is an unforgettable lifelong experience.
8. **Ekakshara Mahaganapati Temple** ? A beautiful Vinayaka temple ? latest entrant into Vivekanandapuram landscape.

