

MUST VISIT

Lambasingi is an ideal summer escape, situated a few hours away from the city

A walk in the clouds

Often referred to as the 'Kashmir of Andhra Pradesh', Lambasingi would be the perfect choice for a summer road trip. Besides the fact that the temperature never goes over ten degrees even in the summers, you will also have the place to yourself as it hasn't opened up to tourism yet. The place first came under the spotlight when it made headlines for being one of those rare places that receives snowfall even down South.

Stay the night in a camp, wake up to bird song, take a walk by the clouds to catch the sun rise over the lush green Eastern Ghats and spend the rest of the day strolling through plantations of coffee and pepper. Combine the trip to Lambasingi with a scenic train ride to the Araku Valley. During winters, the place is slightly more crowded as you will find people making their way through the mist laden forest to experience the now much talked about snowfall.

While there isn't much here in terms of a luxurious stay, there are a few campsites that offer the basic amenities and work is underway by the Andhra Pradesh State Tourism Department to build cottages with a view to popularize Lambasingi as an offbeat destination. So you have your summer escape right here, only a few hours from home. ■ NEEHARIKA SATYAVADA

Getting There

Lambasingi is at a distance of 550 kilometers from Hyderabad and it is a 12-hour drive to get there. One can also reach Lambasingi from Vishakhapatnam in less than two hours.

Stay

Lambasingi Valley View Resorts Tel: 9493124886

Places of Interest

Kothapalli Waterfalls: Just like Lambasingi, these came to be main stream only in the last few years.

Though the water doesn't fall from a great height, the powerfully gushing water on the rocky outcrop makes for a cool picnic spot. Kothapalli Waterfalls are situated 35 kilometers from Lambasingi.

Araku Valley: It isn't just Vishakhapatnam's most loved getaway; it is also Andhra's most popular one. This valley is currently getting a lot of love for its organic coffee. The valley is located at a distance of 90 kilometers from Lambasingi.

