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SRI VIJAYA PURAM

Nestled along the east coast of South Andaman Island, Sri Vijaya Puram is the vibrant capital of the Union Territory of the Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Beyond its bustling waterfront and administrative role, it offers a unique blend of natural beauty and cultural heritage - from serene beaches and lush green hillsides to colourful local markets and historic port zones.

Originally named Port Blair after Archibald Blair, it was officially renamed Sri Vijaya Puram on September 13, 2024. The change was part of an effort to remove colonial-era names and honor the Andaman and Nicobar Islands' role in India's freedom struggle.

The name "Sri Vijaya Puram" is inspired by the ancient Srivijaya Empire (6th–13th century CE), a powerful maritime kingdom based in Sumatra (modern Indonesia) that exerted influence over much of Southeast Asia, including the Andaman and Nicobar trade routes.



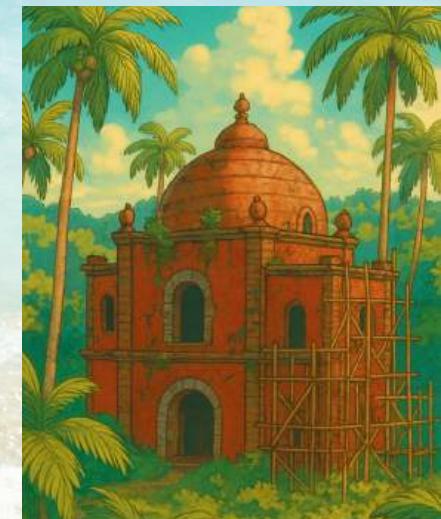
CHATHAM

Chatham Island, one of the earliest British settlements in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, is home to Asia's oldest and India's largest operational sawmill, established in 1883 and still functioning today. The island also bears the scars of World War II, having been bombed during Japanese air raids in 1942. Today, it houses a museum showcasing the region's forestry history and the island's colonial past. It is connected to Sri Vijaya Puram by a motorable bridge.



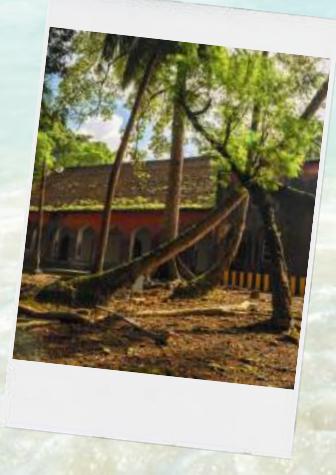
VIPER ISLAND

Viper Island, was the earliest British jail in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands, built in 1867. Named after the ship HMS Viper that once sailed these waters, the island's prison once housed Indian freedom fighters who endured brutal punishments and solitary confinement.



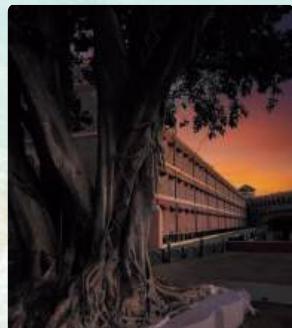
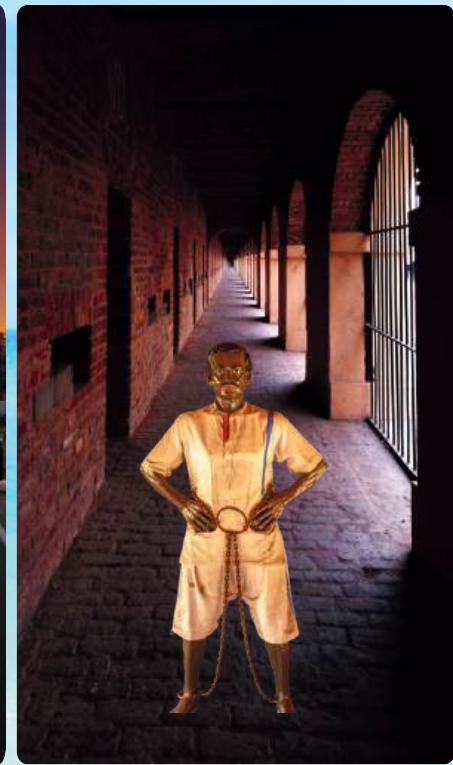
NSCB ISLAND

Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Island, formerly known as Ross Island, lies just a 20-minute ferry away from Sri Vijaya Puram and was once the glittering British capital of the Andaman & Nicobar Islands, famed as the “Paris of the East” for its opulent clubs, churches, and colonial bungalows. After an earthquake in 1941 and the Japanese occupation during World War II, the island was abandoned, allowing giant banyan roots to reclaim the ruins — creating a surreal mix of history and nature. Netaji hoisted the Indian flag here in 1943 declaring the islands as 1st territory freed from British rule.



CELLULAR JAIL

Built between 1896 and 1906, the jail's unique seven-winged, spider-like architecture allowed authorities to isolate prisoners completely while keeping them under constant surveillance. Notable revolutionaries like Veer Savarkar, Yogendra Shukla, and Batukeshwar Dutt endured unimaginable hardships here.



BEACHES

CORBYN

Bird watching, sunset viewing, speedboat rides and jet skiing.



CHIDYATAPU

Bird watching, sunset viewing, trekking to Munda Pahad, relaxation and picnics.



WANDOOR BEACH

Explore the Marine Interpretation Centre, natural walks, sunsets and relaxation.



SHOAL BAY BEACH

Sunbathing, mangrove walks and boating.



Game Fishing

Offers a thrilling chase for marlins, tunas, and giant trevallies in pristine tropical waters.



Must-Visit Museums

Samudrika, Anthropological, Forest Museum, Science Centre, Cellular Jail



Dinner Cruise

Magical evening of dining, music, and city lights over the tranquil waters of the Andaman & Nicobar Sea.

