



India Gallery which houses the textiles of the region, Manuscript Gallery, Wood Craft Gallery, Painting Gallery, Freedom Fighter Gallery and Village Life of Assam Gallery. The second floor has an Ethnography Gallery. The well maintained exhibits are in glass cases and date back several centuries. You will need to spend at least a couple of hours to get a reasonably fair idea of the museum so make sure you have enough time when you are here.

gallery, library, children's park, landscape spaces as well as a few retail outlets that sell typical Assamese ware. There is also a museum dedicated to Assamese legend Bhupen Hazarika on the premises here. The entry here is ticketed and the space has been designed to serve as a platform to preserve, research, restore and promote the diversity and ethnicity of the communities of the state. The

ALL THINGS CULTURAL AT SRIMANTA SANKARADEVA KALAKSHETRA

The rich cultural heritage of Assam is best experienced at Srimanta Sankaradeva Kalakshetra (SSK). The centre is spread over several acres and houses a museum, an open air theatre, art



central museum exhibits masks and traditional articles used by the tribes of Assam. The artistic village on the site gives guests an interesting insight into rural life through the homes and sculptures that depict the same. The theatre here hosts cultural performances. There are visual arts, cinema and drama workshops as well.

TAKE A FERRY OR COUNTRY BOAT TO THE SMALLEST RIVER ISLAND IN THE WORLD

Less than 50 km from Guwahati is Umananda Island, the world's smallest river island, located on the Brahmaputra river. Called Peacock



Island by the British on account of its shape, it houses a popular Shiva temple, built by a devout Shaivaite king of the 17th century. There are five other temples here. Also on the island are a few golden langurs, one of the most endangered species on earth. There are tourists and pilgrims in most months here. But their numbers swell up on the occasion of Shivaratri. The island is extremely sensitive and ecologically balanced and local authorities ask tourists to not litter the place.

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