

HAMPI - UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE (6 Night/7 days)

What this tour is all about?

This tour starts with cosmopolitan city Bengaluru followed by Mysore- a city of Maharajas and Palaces, silks and sandalwood, the lingering aroma of incense, the delicious flavour of Mysore Pak and then to Hampi- an ancient village in the south Indian state of Karnataka with ruined temple complexes from the Vijayanagara Empire on the south bank of the River Tungabhadra. After Hampi we drive to historic city Badami- the foundation of this city were laid in 6th century AD by Badami Chalukyas. It is located in a ravine at the foot of a rugged, red sandstone outcrop that surrounds Agastya lake. You may either fly back to Bengaluru at the end or drive to Goa and spend few nights to relax in a beach resort

Arrival Bengaluru airport, meet & greet; transfer to hotel. Afternoon go for a short tour and back to hotel for overnight

Cosmopolitan Bengaluru is the number one city in the Indian Deep South, blessed with a benevolent climate and a burgeoning drinking, dining and shopping scene. It's not necessarily a place you come to be wowed by world-class sights (though it has some lovely parks and striking Victorian-era architecture), but instead to experience the new modern face of India.



Day 02: Bengaluru

Visit Iskcon temple - the Krishna Temple is a blend of Modern technology and spiritual harmony, Lalbagh - 240 acres of beautifully sculpted gardens, flowers abound, rare collection of tropical and sub-tropical plants, Vidhana Soudha - this massive building houses the state Legislature and the Secretariat, Bull Temple - Dravidian - Style temple, has a huge monolithic bull is the vahana of Lord Shiva. Later visit Bangalore Palace and Tipu's Palace. Evening return to hotel and overnight.



Day 03: Bangalore - Mysore (140 Kms / 3 Hours drive)

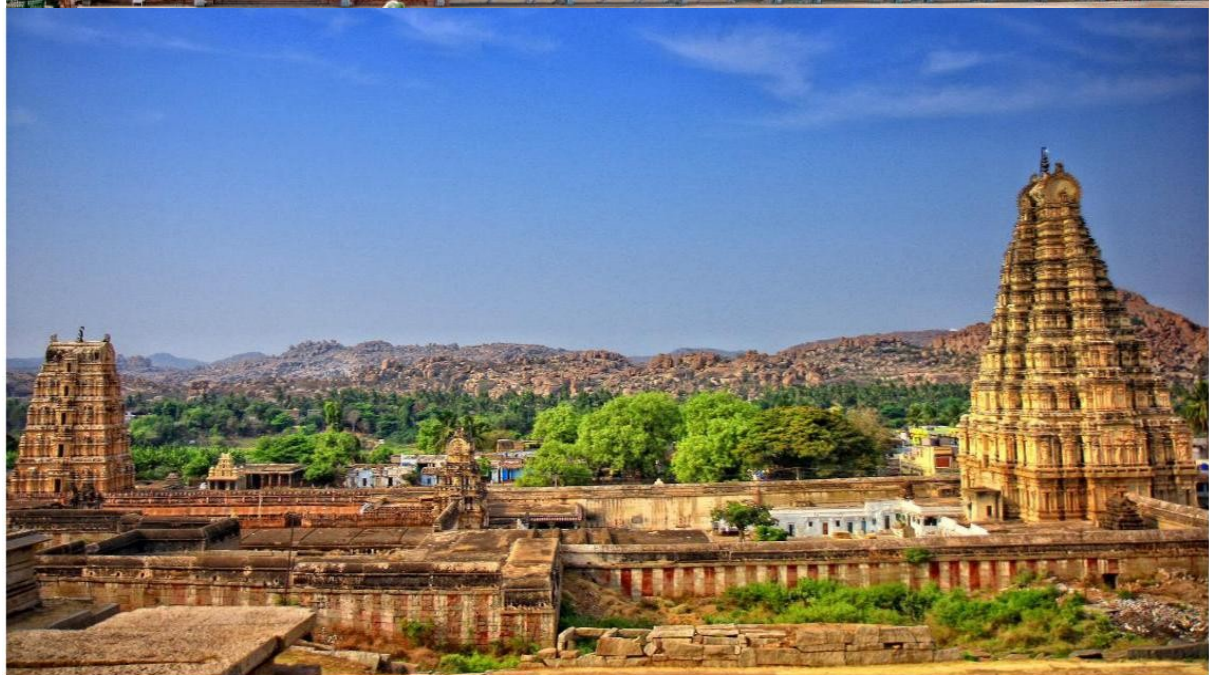
Morning after breakfast, checkout and proceed to Mysore - Known for its magnificent palaces and majestic buildings, sprawling gardens and treeline boulevards, shimmering silks and sandalwood, the 'City Royale' always figures in the tourist's itinerary. Enroute visit Srirangapatna - Island fortress of Tippu Sultan. Visit Tippu's summer Palace, Mosque, and Srirangapatna Temple.

On arrival in Mysore check into a hotel and evening visit Chamundi Hill - perched a top a hill-the 4.8m tall monolith of Nandi and the gigantic Mahishasura statue are added attractions. Maharaja Palace - the palace is a splendid structure in the Indo-Saracenic Style, among its many attractions are a magnificent gold throne displayed during the Dasara celebrations, Later on in the evening visit Brindavan Garden - the Krishna Raja Sagar Dam after sundown, when musical fountains and colored lights transform this place into a magical fairyland Return to hotel and overnight.

After breakfast proceed to Hassan, enroute visit Shravanabelagola - The monolithic statue of Lord Gomateshwara, a Jain saint and an object of worship for centuries, standing atop one of the hills.

On arrival check into a hotel. After lunch visit Belur - The most photographed and perhaps the best and they are a must on every tourist's temple itinerary and Halebidu - the temple, perched on a star-shaped base amidst lawns, is a sculptural extravaganza. Overnight at hotel.

Early morning breakfast, checkout and start drive to Hospet - a town near Hampi village World Heritage site, is the most beautiful and evocative of all the ruins of Karnataka. Capital of Vijayanagar kingdom is full of delightful surprises. On arrival check into a hotel and Overnight.



Day 06: Hospet - Hampi- Hospet (12 kms one way)

Morning breakfast, proceed for a full day tour of Hampi, visit to King's Palace - This is the largest enclosure, including two major platform structures, an underground chamber which must have served as a treasury or private audience hall, Mahanavami Dibba - Equally impressive is the massive Mahanavami Dibba, where the kings once sat on gem-studded golden thrones and watched processions pass by. Queen's Bath - This structure has a very plain exterior but the interior is stunningly ornate, with graceful arched corridors, projecting balconies and lotus-shaped fountains that used to spout perfumed water for the ladies of the court. Return to hotel and overnight.



Day 7: Hospet - Bangalore (By train/air from Belgaum airport)

Morning after leisurely breakfast transfer to Balgaum airport (160 kms/ 3.5 hours' drive) on time to board flight to Bangalore or take a train back to Bangalore. On arrival connect with international flight. **[End of service]**