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Fort & Palaces of Deccan India

HYDERABAD – BIDAR – GULBARGA – BIJAPUR – BADAMI – HOSPET – HAMPI – HASSAN
HALEBIDU – BELUR – MYSORE – BANGALORE

13 days trip starting from \$1780 per person

Discover some of India's finest historical attractions, the princely capitals of the Maharaja's with their magnificent remains of once powerful Hindu Kingdoms, states tales of courage and valour, tales of sacrifice and wars. All these and more told from the sight of the forts, welcome to Karnataka, the lost empire! Once the golden cities of the south, today stand in ruins a mute reminder to the glorious past that was ruled by the mighty Tipu and known as Deccan. The Deccan is a glorious slice of history with cities like Hyderabad, Bangalore, Hampi and Mysore. With this, there are some lesser-known cities like Gulbarga, Bidar and Badami which themed around forts and palaces. The extravagance of Nizams of Hyderabad cast a surreal sheen as one starts the trip. The beauty stays with the traveller as one makes the way through Bidar and then crossing over to the state of Karnataka, known for its rulers who left an inedible imprint on the land.

DAY 01: HYDERABAD

Arrive at International airport at Hyderabad and meet our representative. Transfer to hotel. Check-in at the hotel. Rest of the day at leisure. Overnight stay at the hotel.

DAY 02: HYDERABAD

After breakfast, city tour by visiting Charminar which is as much the signature of Hyderabad as is Taj Mahal of Agra. Visit the Mecca Masjid – one of the largest mosques in the world, Hussain Sagar Lake and the Golconda Fort. Overnight stay at the hotel.

DAY 03: HYDERABAD – BIDAR – GULBARGA (262 KMS – 05 HRS)

After breakfast, check out from the hotel and leave for Gulbarga. Enroute visit to Bidar. Visit the Bidar Fort with tombs of the Bahamani. Continue towards Gulbarga. Arrive at Gulbarga and check-in at the hotel. Rest of the day at leisure. Overnight stay at the hotel.

DAY 04: GULBARGA – BIJAPUR (150 KMS – 03 HRS)

After breakfast, check out from the hotel and visit Gulbarga Fort, which is a huge complex that includes vast courtyards, grand buildings, intricately carved temples, beautiful mosques, splendid stables and former ammunition dumps. The mosque, called Jumma Masjid, is a particular attraction and has been built after the model of the Great Mosque of Cordoba, in Spain. The fort was originally built by king Gulchand of Warangal Kakatiyas in the 12th century and was fortified in the 14th century by Al-uddin Bahamani of the Bahmani dynasty.

Leave for Bijapur. Arrive at Bijapur and check in at the hotel. Rest of the day at leisure.

Overnight stay at the hotel.

DAY 05: BIJAPUR – BADMI (125 KMS – 2½ HRS)

After breakfast, check out from the hotel and Bijapur sightseeing by visiting Gol Gumbaz – considered as one of the most important tourist attractions in the city. Gol Gumbaz is basically the mausoleum of Mohammed Adil Shah. It is also among the most historic monuments in India as well as the largest dome ever built in the country. The tomb is a beautiful example of Deccan architecture. Visit Jama Masjid and Bara Kaman.

Leave for Badami. Arrive at Badami and check in at the hotel. Badami, nestled in a canyon, this was the Chalukyan capital from 543 - 757 A.D.

Afternoon, visit the ancient city, Badami which is dotted with Hindu and Jain temples along with Buddhist caves temples, four of which are cut out of the hillside in the second half of the 6th century. Overnight stay at the hotel.

DAY 06: BADMI

After breakfast, full day excursion to Aihole & Pattadakal.

Aihole – a picturesque village known as cradle of late Chalukyan temples which are dedicated to Hindu, Buddhist and Jain divinities and famous for their architecture. There are over 100 temples scattered all over the village.

Pattadakal – It's like Hampi and it is the cradle of Hindu Temple architecture. Pattadakal lies on the banks of the Malprabha River and is on the world Heritage map of UNESCO.

Back to Badami and overnight stay at the hotel.

DAY 07: BADMI – HOSPET (130 KMS – 03 HRS)

After breakfast, check out from the hotel and leave for Hospet. Arrive at Hospet and check in at the hotel.

Hospet, officially recognized as Hosapete, is a major city of the Bellary district located in central Karnataka. The city lies beside the Tungabhadra River. The city was built in the year 1520 by Krishna Deva Raya, one of the most prominent kings of Vijayanagara dynasty.

Visit Tungabhadra Dam which is an important tourist attraction and the ancient ruins of the Vijayanagara Empire. Also, visit the fort and hill town of Chitradurga referred to as Kallina Kote or Place of Stones. Overnight stay at the hotel.

DAY 08: HOSPET – HAMPI (12 KMS – ½ HR) – HOSPET

After breakfast, Full day visit to witness magnificent ruins of Hampi.

Hampi, the glorious capital of Vijayanagara Empire and grand renaissance in art and architecture spreads over an area of 26 kms. Once thriving with temples and living quarters, now the city lies in ruins – though not any less spectacular. Drive back to Hospet. Overnight stay at the hotel.

DAY 09: HOSPET – HASAN (310 KMS – 5 HRS)

After breakfast, check out from the hotel and leave for Hasan. Arrive at Hasan and check in at the hotel. Rest of the day at rest. Overnight stay at the hotel.

DAY 10: HASAN

After breakfast, visit Halebidu and Belur to see the Hoysala Temples famous for their intricately carved sculptures and friezes, interior, pillars and exquisite panels.

Hoysalesvara Temple at Halebidu is perched on a star-shaped base with every centimeter of the walls covered in endless intricate details of Hindu deities, sages and animals. Just a few kms away the Chennakesava Temple of Belur is equally exquisite. Back to Hasan. Overnight stay at the hotel.

DAY 11: HASAN – MYSORE (115 KMS – 2½ HRS)

After breakfast, check out from the hotel and leave for Mysore. Arrive at Mysore and check in at the hotel.

Afternoon, visit Maharaja's Palace and Museum - built in the Indo-Saracenic style. It's an imposing structure standing the heart of the city and is one of the largest of its kind in India. It was formerly the residence of Wodeyar family. The Palace is a breath-taking sight particularly on Sundays & public holidays when it is illuminated. Visit the capital of warrior – King Hyder Ali & his son Tipu Sultan, has magnificent monuments that are well worth a visit. Also visit Golden royal Elephant and Durbar Hall. Visit Chamundi Hills – Right on the top of the hill is the temple of Goddess Chamundeshwari – family deity Mysore royal family and then visit Brindavan Gardens – Witness the exuberant beauty of Brindavan Gardens. Overnight stay at the hotel.

DAY 12: MYSORE – BANGALORE (150 KMS – 3½ HRS)

After breakfast, check out from the hotel and leave for Bangalore, enroute visiting Srirangapatnam. Arrive at Bangalore and check in at the hotel. Rest of the day at leisure.

Overnight stay at the hotel.

DAY 13: BANGALORE

After breakfast, half day city tour visiting Vidhan Soudha a four storeyed spacious granite structure in the Neo Dravidian style. Housing the legislative chambers of the State Government, this 46 mtrs. high seat of the Government is Bangalore's best-known landmark. Visit the Lal Bagh – the garden spread over 240 acres and one of the best botanical gardens in the country, a paradise with rare trees brought from Persia, Afghanistan and France. Overnight stay at the hotel.

Rest of the day at leisure. Late check out from the hotel and in evening transfer to international airport to fly back home/ onward destination.



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