

Heritage of Karnataka

Pre Tour: 22nd June 2015 - 25th June 2015; From and To Bangalore

Post Tour: 1st July 2015 - 4th July 2015; From and To Bangalore

Places Covered: Hospet, Hampi, Hassan, Belur and Shravanabelagola

Itinerary

Day 1 - Hospet

Departure City: Bangalore

Departure Time: 08:00

Mode of Travel: Road

Travel Time: 07 hrs



After breakfast drive to Hospet (329 km). Arrive in Hospet and Check in into the hotel. After lunch, visit **Kishkinda** - the natural wonder with huge and mighty granite boulders with breath taking and stunning views. It is also one of the greatest pilgrimage centres for the Hindus for its mythological linkage with Hanuman, the Monkey god. See the magnificent sunset over the vast rocky valley. Return to the hotel for Dinner. Stay overnight in Hospet.

Day 2 – Hampi



After breakfast drive to Hampi. Hampi is a visual delight, especially due to its stark contrast from most other places. Rocks are all you see whichever direction you look at. Vegetation is visible in the wet months; but again it never dominates the landscape. It is an ideal spot for people who are interested in history and/or nature.



See the gigantic monolithic granite statue of Narasimha (the 4th incarnation of Lord Vishnu). Continue to the ruins and see the unique musical temple (Vittala temple) and other ruins. Later visit the ancient Virupaksha temple and Hampi Bazar. After lunch visit the royal complex, the great Step Well and the other Palace ruins. Overnight at Hampi.

Day 3 – Hasan

Departure City: Hampi



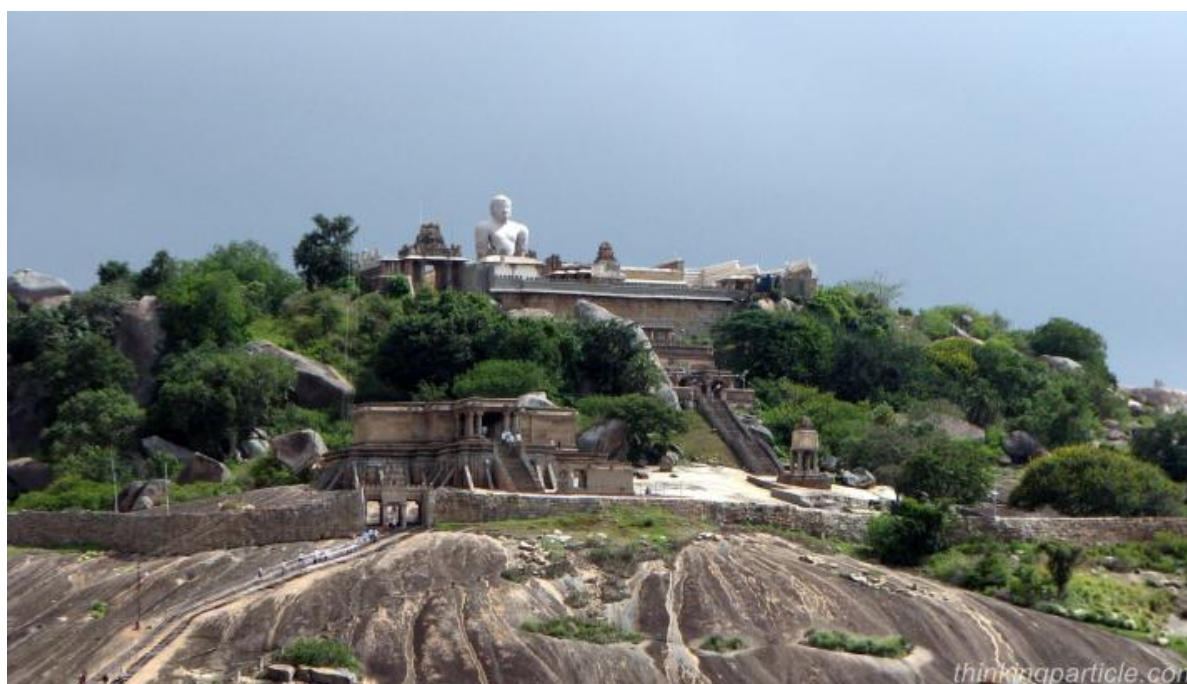
After breakfast, drive to Hassan and transfer to the hotel. After lunch in the hotel, visit **Halebidu** – the home to the best instance of the Hoysala architecture and art – namely the amazing stone carvings. The main attraction is the twin temples of Lord Hoysaleswara and Kedareshwara. The city which was originally called Dorasamudra – got the name Halebidu because it was ransacked two times by the Muslim invader Malik Kafur. Spend some time visiting the nearby Jain temple ruins. Dinner in the hotel and overnight stay at Hassan.

Day 4 – Belur



After breakfast, drive to Belur – another cluster of the great Hoysala Hindu temples. Chennakesava Temple, which was built by the great patronage of art Hoysala Vishnuvardhana has Stories from the Puranas, Upanishads and other mythological stories carved in the most authentic way. The 37 meter tall multi shrine temple, housing the shrines of Kappe Chenniga Andal, Saumya Nayaki etc represents the greatest and most intricate stone carvings in the world. Spend time to see the temple rituals. After lunch in the hotel drive to Shravanabelagola.

Shravanabelagola has the 58-feet tall monolithic statue of Gommateshvara located on Vindiyagiri Hill. It is considered to be the world's largest monolithic stone statue. Continue journey back to Bangalore.



	Tour Cost in INR
01 Paying Pax travelling on Twin sharing basis	INR 31,250 Per Person
01 Paying pax travelling on Single occupancy	INR 44,650 Per Person

The tour cost includes:

- Arrival/Departure transfers, sightseeing, excursion as per programme by an air-conditioned Luxury Car/Coach with services of an English speaking guide for city tour.
- Hotel accommodation in a 5* category on twin sharing in standard room. Wherever, there is no 5* property available, accommodation will be provided at the highest category accommodation available there.
- All three meals included in the cost of the tour programme.
- Monument entrance fee wherever applicable.
- The rates/costs quoted above are inclusive of all taxes and Service Tax @ 2.58%. Any increase in the Service Tax is payable by the guest

The tour cost does NOT include:

- Any additional accommodation not specified in the itineraries.
- Personal expenses like camera/video/handycam fee, laundry, telephone calls, tips, /gratuities, extra at the hotels etc. The cost also doesn't include room service, mini bar, any personal order of juice, tea, coffee, soft or hard drinks, etc.
- Any other services not specified above.

AIRFARES - if applicable will be additional at the time of booking. Airfares from destinations to Bangalore and Bangalore to destinations are not included in the above mentioned costs/rates.