

TRAVELLING TO NEW PLACES WITH CONFIDENCE

# India: Ruins of the South & Wildlife

11-Day, 10-Night Journey

*Badami, Hampi, Chikmagalur, Coorg, Nagarhole National Park, Mysore, Bangalore*

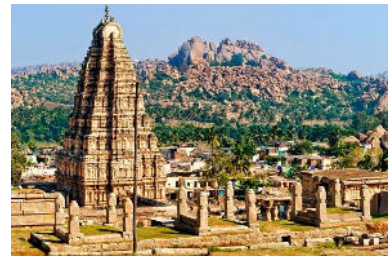
Explore India's diverse wonders: ancient Badami and Hampi ruins, lush Chikmagalur and Coorg hills, Nagarhole's wildlife safaris, Mysore's royal grandeur, and vibrant Bangalore. This trip blends rich history and stunning landscapes with thrilling nature experiences for travelers seeking culture and adventure.



Badami Rock-Cut Cave Temples



Durga Temple, Aihole



15th century Virupaksha Temple in Hampi



Temple Ruins, Hampi



Lotus Palace, Hampi



View from Palace of Tipu Sultan, Srirangapatna

## Inclusions

- Hotel Accommodations
- Daily Breakfast, 1 Lunch & 1 Dinner
- Private Airport Transfers
- Local guide per itinerary
- Entrance Fees to Monuments and Attractions per itinerary

## Exclusions

- International and Domestic Airfare
- Government Tourism Fee
- Travel Insurance
- Medical Expenses
- Visa Fee
- Gratuities
- Personal Expenses

## Nearby Airport

Hubli – Hubli Airport (HBX)

Bangalore - Kempegowda International Airport (BLR)

## Itinerary

### 1 NIGHT IN BADAMI

#### DAY 1: ARRIVE BADAMI

Upon arriving at **Hubli airport**, you'll be met and transferred to your hotel in **Badami**. The rest of the day is free.

[Meals: None]

### 2 NIGHTS IN HAMPI

#### DAY 2: BADAMI – HAMPI, BADAMI TEMPLE TOUR

**Badami** showcases ancient Indian rock-cut architecture with its stunning cave temples, offering a glimpse into the Chalukya dynasty's artistic heritage, which would appeal to those with an interest in history and archeology.

With your local guide, **Badami tour** (4 hours @9am) including:

**Aihole Temples:** This is the cradle of stone temples with the Dravidan style of architecture. The oldest temple **Lad Khan** goes back to the 5th century AD. There are 100 temples. The interiors of the **Durga Temple** houses intricate stone carvings that are most inspiring.

**Pattadakal:** Visit **Pattadakal** (a UNESCO World Heritage Site) to see the delicately chiseled sculptures and impressive carvings on pillars and ceilings.

**Badami Caves and Temples.**

After lunch, we drive to **Hampi** (4 hours @2pm).



Hampi's vast, surreal landscape of ruins from the Vijayanagara Empire provides a unique and awe-inspiring historical experience, attracting those who appreciate ancient civilizations.

[Meals: Breakfast]

### **DAY 3: HAMPI TOUR**

With your local guide, tour this ancient city of Hampi (8 hours @9am).

Visit Tungabhadra River, King's Palace, Queen's Bath, Lotus Mahal.

[Meals: Breakfast]

### **1 NIGHT IN CHIKMAGALUR**

#### **DAY 4: HAMPI – CHIKMAGALUR**

After breakfast we drive to **Chikmagalur** (6 hours @9am).

Chikmagalur's lush, mountainous terrain and coffee plantations offer a tranquil escape into nature.

[Meals: Breakfast]

### **1 NIGHT IN COORG**

#### **DAY 5: CHIKMAGALUR TOUR, CHIKMAGALUR – COORG**

With your local guide, Chikmagalur tour including Manikyadhara Waterfalls, Coffee and Spice plantation (4 hours @9am).

After lunch, we drive to **Coorg** (4 hours @2pm).

**Coorg**, with its rolling hills, coffee plantations, and distinct culture, provides a relaxing hill station experience and appeals to those seeking natural beauty and cultural immersion.

[Meals: Breakfast]

### **1 NIGHT IN KABINI**

#### **DAY 6: COORG – KABINI, NAGARHOLE NATIONAL PARK SAFARI**

After breakfast we drive to Kabini (3 hours @9am).

Nagarhole National Park, including the Kanini area, provides exceptional wildlife viewing opportunities, including leopards, tiger, black panther, wild gaurs, elephant, peacock and wild birds.

Enjoy an **afternoon jungle safari** at Nagarhole National Park with a park naturalist on a shared boat (4 hours @3pm).

[Meals: Breakfast, Dinner]

### **2 NIGHTS IN MYSORE**

#### **DAY 7: JUNGLE SAFARI, KABINI - MYSORE**

Enjoy an **early morning jungle safari** with a park naturalist on a shared boat (4 hours @5am).

After lunch, we drive to Mysore (2 hours @2pm).

**Mysore** is one of South India's most enchanting cities, famed for its glittering royal heritage and magnificent monuments and buildings. It is also famous for silk. The city is rich in tradition with a deeply atmospheric bazaar district with numerous spice shops and incense stalls.

Mysore's grand palaces, rich cultural heritage, and vibrant festivals offer a captivating look into India's royal history and rich culture.

[Meals: Breakfast, Lunch]

## **DAY 8: MYSORE TOUR**

With your local guide, enjoy the **Mysore tour** (8 hours @9am) including:

Somanathapura: A star-shaped temple of Hoysala architecture.

Lalitha Mahal Palace

Chamundi Hills: The Nandi Bull statue in Sri Chamundeswari Temple, Chamundi Hill was carved out of solid rock and is the third largest statue of Nandi in India.

Mysore Palace: Home of the Wodeyar Maharaja who ruled Mysore for more than seven centuries.

[Meals: Breakfast]

## **2 NIGHTS IN BENGALURU**

### **DAY 9: MYSORE – BENGALURU, SRIRANGAPATNA TOUR | BISHNOI VILLAGE SAFARI**

This morning, depart to Bengaluru (1 hour @9am). En-route, a guided tour in Srirangapatna (3 hours @10am).

Continue the drive to Bengaluru (3 hours @2pm). Bangalore is India's "Silicon Valley" and offers a blend of modern urban life and historical sites, appealing to those interested in technology, diverse cuisine, and a modern Indian city experience.

[Meals: Breakfast]

### **DAY 10: BENGALURU TOUR**

Today's **Bengaluru tour** is about 8 hours @9am. We visit Bengaluru Palace, Vidhana Soudha (state government offices), Lalbagh Botanical Garden, Tipu Sultan's Summer Palace, and Sri Big Bull Temple.

[Meals: Breakfast]

### **DAY 11 – BENGALURU AIRPORT**

After breakfast, hotel check-out and transfer to Bengaluru airport (BLR) for your flight home.

[Meals: Breakfast]

\*Hotel check-out time is generally around 11 am. If your flight departs in the evening or past midnight, we suggest you consider adding a post-tour hotel night during booking, to be comfortable and well rested before your flight home.

\*The duration and start time of excursions are subject to change without prior notice.