



The stone chariot at Hampi

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Karnataka: Lost Kingdoms & Living Landscapes

Mysuru, Coorg, Hoysala temples, Hampi and Badami

15 DAYS / 14 NIGHTS

Recommended travel window

January-February and November-December 2027

Private dates and personalised quotation on request.

A JOURNEY WITH TIME TO ENJOY IT

The experience

Karnataka offers one of India's most rewarding routes for travellers who enjoy architecture in its landscape. Begin with Mysuru's palace traditions, take time in the coffee-growing hills of Coorg, and explore the remarkable carving of the Hoysala temples. Then spend three nights beside Hampi's boulder-strewn ruins before continuing to Badami and Pattadakal. The journey balances substantial cultural visits with quieter stays and personal encounters. Fifteen days make it possible to see the region's variety without reducing Hampi or the northern temple sites to a single hurried stop.

What makes this journey special

- Mysuru Palace and the history of Srirangapatna
- Two nights in the coffee hills of Coorg
- Belur and Halebidu's extraordinary stone carving
- Three nights around the UNESCO landscape of Hampi
- The cave temples and lake at Badami
- Pattadakal and the early temple architecture of Aihole

Best time to travel. November-February offers comfortable conditions for the open-air monuments of Hampi and Badami, as well as pleasant visits to the coffee hills.

Designed for. Architecture enthusiasts, photographers, walkers and returning visitors

Pace and activity. Moderate; archaeological-site walking, steps and one long road transfer.

Your private start date is chosen within the recommended season. The exact hotel list, room categories and final package are provided in your personal quotation.

THE JOURNEY AT A GLANCE

15 days, thoughtfully arranged

DAY	EXPERIENCE	OVERNIGHT
01	Arrive in Bengaluru	Bengaluru
02	Bengaluru: gardens and city life	Bengaluru
03	Srirangapatna and Mysuru	Mysuru
04	Mysuru: palace and everyday traditions	Mysuru
05	Into Coorg's coffee country	Coorg
06	A day in the coffee hills	Coorg
07	Coorg to Hassan	Hassan
08	Belur and Halebidu	Hassan
09	Hassan to the Hampi region	Hampi
10	Hampi: temples and the sacred centre	Hampi
11	Hampi: the royal city and Vittala	Hampi
12	Aihole and the road to Badami	Badami
13	Badami and Pattadakal	Badami
14	Fly back to Bengaluru	Bengaluru
15	Depart Bengaluru	Journey ends

Road distances and travel times in the programme are approximate, excluding major visits. Flight and rail timings are confirmed for your selected dates.



Days 01-02 | The glass house at Lalbagh, Bengaluru

DAY 01

Arrive in Bengaluru

Meet your representative at Bengaluru airport and transfer to your hotel. The first day is kept relaxed, with time to recover from the flight and meet your guide over dinner. Discuss the balance of architectural visits, photography and walking that interests you most. Your guide introduces the route through southern and northern Karnataka, explaining how the different kingdoms and landscapes fit together before the journey begins in earnest tomorrow.

Travel: Private airport transfer; allow 1-2 hours.

Meals: Dinner | **Overnight:** Bengaluru

DAY 02

Bengaluru: gardens and city life

Explore a selected part of Bengaluru, combining a garden visit, such as Lalbagh, with an introduction to one of the older neighbourhoods. Your guide explains the city's development beyond its modern technology identity. A local market or cultural visit can be included according to your interests. The day remains comfortable after the international flight, leaving time to rest before the overland journey begins. Tomorrow takes you towards Mysuru through an important historic island town.

Travel: Private city touring and gentle walking.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner | **Overnight:** Bengaluru



Days 03-04 | Daria Daulat Bagh, Srirangapatna

DAY 03

Srirangapatna and Mysuru

Drive towards Mysuru, stopping at Srirangapatna to explore selected sites associated with Tipu Sultan. Visit Daria Daulat Bagh and learn about the town's role in the region's eighteenth-century history. Continue to Mysuru and settle into your hotel before a light orientation. The shorter final stretch leaves time to enjoy the city without rushing its palace visit. Two nights here provide a comfortable introduction to one of southern India's best-known royal capitals.

Travel: Approximately 145-160 km; 3.5-4.5 hours driving, plus visits.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner | **Overnight:** Mysuru

DAY 04

Mysuru: palace and everyday traditions

Explore Mysuru Palace with a guide, moving through its decorated halls and learning about the Wadiyar rulers. Continue to Devaraja Market or another suitable neighbourhood to see the city's everyday commercial life. A silk or craft visit can be arranged according to your interests. The palace illumination is included only when your dates match an announced operating evening; the main experience does not depend on it. Return to your hotel with time to relax.

Travel: Private city touring and market walking.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner | **Overnight:** Mysuru



Days 05-06 | Coffee cultivation in Coorg

DAY 05

Into Coorg's coffee country

Travel into the Kodagu region, widely known as Coorg, where coffee grows beneath a canopy of trees. Settle into a comfortable plantation-style stay and take a short introductory walk with a local host. Learn how coffee cultivation sits alongside other crops and the surrounding landscape. The afternoon is kept quiet so you can enjoy the change from city touring to the hills. A full day here tomorrow allows for a more personal look at the area.

Travel: Approximately 115-130 km; 3-4 hours driving.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner | **Overnight:** Coorg

DAY 06

A day in the coffee hills

Walk through an operating coffee estate with a knowledgeable host, learning about the plants, shade trees and seasonal work. The experience varies with the agricultural calendar, so the focus is on understanding the process rather than promising a harvest activity. Later, choose a guided countryside walk or a cultural visit connected with Kodava traditions. There is time for birdwatching, photography or rest at your property, making this a deliberately gentler day within the wider route.

Travel: Guided plantation walk; optional 1-3-hour countryside outing.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner | **Overnight:** Coorg



Days 07-08 | Sculpture at Chennakeshava Temple, Belur

DAY 07

Coorg to Hassan

Leave the coffee hills for Hassan, the base for exploring the Hoysala temple region. Settle into your hotel and enjoy an easy afternoon, with a short local introduction if you wish. Your guide explains the architectural ideas and stories that will help you appreciate tomorrow's carvings. Keeping the temple visits separate from the transfer allows time to look closely and compare the two main sites, rather than arriving at one of them at the end of a tiring day.

Travel: Approximately 130-160 km; 3.5-4.5 hours driving.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner | **Overnight:** Hassan

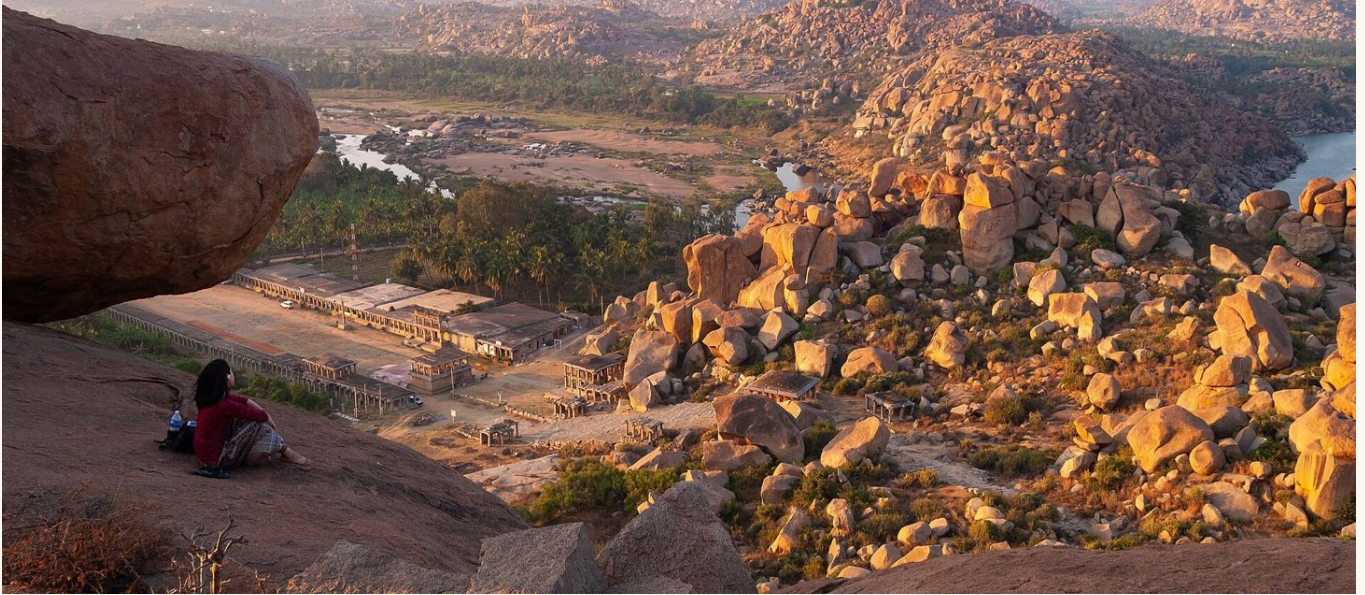
DAY 08

Belur and Halebidu

Visit Chennakeshava Temple at Belur and Hoysaleswara Temple at Halebidu, taking time to compare their plans, materials and sculpted detail. Your guide helps identify narrative panels, dancers, animals and divine figures without turning the visit into a list to memorise. The skill visible in individual surfaces is as rewarding as the overall architecture. Return to Hassan for the night, with a relaxed evening before the longer transfer north towards Hampi.

Travel: Approximately 90-110 km of local driving; guided temple walks.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner | **Overnight:** Hassan



Days 09-10 | The landscape around Hampi

DAY 09

Hassan to the Hampi region

Travel north to Hampi with regular comfort stops. This is a full transfer day, so major sightseeing is reserved for the following two days. Arrive at your hotel in the Hampi or Hosapete area and enjoy an introductory conversation about the Vijayanagara capital and its vast archaeological landscape. The three-night stay here is an important part of the route, allowing enough time to explore different areas and appreciate the setting at a comfortable pace.

Travel: Approximately 330-370 km; 7-8 hours driving.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner | **Overnight:** Hampi

DAY 10

Hampi: temples and the sacred centre

Explore the area around Virupaksha Temple and Hampi Bazaar, learning how the sacred and commercial parts of the old city connected. Continue to selected monuments among the boulders, with breaks arranged around shade and comfortable temperatures. The route combines major sites with time to understand the landscape itself. A late-day viewpoint can be included using an accessible approach rather than a demanding hill climb, allowing you to appreciate the scale of the former capital.

Travel: Private vehicle touring and guided archaeological-site walks.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner | **Overnight:** Hampi



Days 11-12 | The stone chariot at Hampi

DAY 11

Hampi: the royal city and Vittala

Visit the Vittala Temple complex and its stone chariot, then explore selected royal-centre monuments such as the Lotus Mahal, Elephant Stables and stepped tank. Your guide explains how the surviving structures relate to the wider city and court. The programme avoids trying to cover every ruin and instead gives the principal sites proper attention. Return to your hotel with time to rest or revisit a favourite landscape view in the changing afternoon light.

Travel: Guided monument visits; walking on uneven stone surfaces.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner | **Overnight:** Hampi

DAY 12

Aihole and the road to Badami

Travel towards Badami, stopping at Aihole to explore selected early temples and see how architectural forms developed over time. The visit provides valuable context for the next day's sites without requiring every monument to be covered. Continue to Badami and settle into the best suitable local hotel. An easy view over the lake introduces the dramatic setting of the cave temples, with their main visit reserved for tomorrow.

Travel: Approximately 150-175 km; 4-5 hours driving, plus visits.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner | **Overnight:** Badami



Days 13-14 | The temple complex at Pattadakal

DAY 13

Badami and Pattadakal

Explore Badami's rock-cut cave temples, climbing at a comfortable pace and taking time to appreciate the sculpture and views over Agastya Lake. Continue to Pattadakal, where the temple group brings different architectural traditions together in one setting. Your guide connects these buildings with what you have already seen at Aihole, Hampi and the Hoysala sites. The day forms a strong conclusion to the journey's architectural story, with a quiet final evening in the region.

Travel: Approximately 45-60 km of local driving; cave-temple steps.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner | **Overnight:** Badami

DAY 14

Fly back to Bengaluru

Transfer to Hubballi airport and fly to Bengaluru on the best suitable scheduled service available for your dates. The final flight routing is confirmed when timetables are published. Settle into your hotel for the last night and enjoy an included farewell dinner. Returning to the international departure city today keeps the domestic connection separate from tomorrow's flight home and provides a comfortable end to the overland journey.

Travel: Approximately 110 km / 2.5-3 hours to Hubballi; flight around 1-1.5 hours.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner | **Overnight:** Bengaluru

YOUR DAY-BY-DAY EXPERIENCE

Time to enjoy the journey

DAY 15

Depart Bengaluru

Enjoy breakfast and checkout according to your flight schedule. Your representative assists with the final transfer to Bengaluru airport. The fifteen-day journey ends after linking palace cities, coffee hills and several of India's most important architectural landscapes. If you would like to continue to the coast or another southern region, an extension can be arranged privately around your interests and available time.

Travel: Private airport transfer; allow 1-2 hours from the city.

Meals: Breakfast | **Journey concludes today**

Make the journey yours

Share your preferred dates, who will be travelling and the experiences you most want to enjoy. Midasia Routes will prepare the accommodation choices and a personal quotation for your party, with the final arrangements brought together in one clear programme.

Begin planning with Sumit

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The details, taken care of

Your accommodation. 14 nights in individually selected accommodation. Luxury city hotels, heritage stays and suitable resorts or lodges are chosen to match the route. Exact properties and room categories are confirmed in your quotation.

Arrival and transport. Airport meet-and-greet after customs, baggage assistance, private transfers, a suitable air-conditioned touring vehicle and driver, fuel, parking and road tolls. Domestic flights and reserved air-conditioned train journeys described in this programme are included.

Guiding and visits. English-speaking local specialist guides, the scheduled visits, entrance fees and activities described. Your private travelling party is guided at an agreed pace; park excursions and resort activities follow their operating arrangements.

Meals and practical support. All meals shown each day, drinking water and standard tea or coffee. Vegetarian and other dietary preferences are arranged in advance. Standard tourist-visa application support and government fees for eligible travellers, applicable local taxes, and customary local-guide and driver gratuities are included.

Your journey extras. The Hubballi-Bengaluru domestic flight, the scheduled plantation experience and specialist-guided monument visits are included in the quotation.

Personal coordination. Pre-travel planning, a detailed arrival briefing and Midasia Routes support throughout your journey. Prices are quoted privately for your dates, room requirements and travelling party.

Not included

International flights; travel and medical insurance; personal shopping and laundry; premium or alcoholic drinks; and optional activities, treatments or extra nights outside the agreed programme.

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A FEW USEFUL DETAILS

Planning your journey

Hampi and the northern temple sites involve exposed outdoor walking; cooler months are prioritised. Badami uses the best suitable local accommodation. Mysuru palace illumination follows its announced schedule.

Visa issue is subject to government approval and traveller eligibility. The programme is personalised when your dates are agreed; no hotel, flight or departure is held by this brochure. Travel windows describe typical seasonal conditions, rather than a weather forecast.

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