

# Overview

# Hampi Karnataka Tourism

## Discover the Timeless Beauty of Hampi with Our Tour Packages

Hampi, nestled on the banks of the Tungabhadra River, is a living canvas of history, adventure, and scenic beauty. Known for its massive boulders, captivating temples, and vibrant culture, this UNESCO World Heritage Site is a must-visit destination for history buffs, nature enthusiasts, and adventure seekers alike.

Explore the ancient ruins of Vijayanagara, once a prosperous empire now celebrated for its awe-inspiring architecture and mystical aura. Stroll through the Vittala Temple, marveling at the famous stone chariot and melodic musical pillars, or soak in the serene vibes of Hippie Island, an oasis of relaxation offering picturesque landscapes and island vibes.

Feel the thrill of a coracle ride on the Tungabhadra, as the rippling waters offer a unique perspective of Hampi's iconic sites. Wander amidst the towering boulders of Hampi, uncovering hidden treasures and stories of the past. Every corner of Hampi tells a tale, from the grandeur of Hampi Temples to the bustling charm of its markets.

Our thoughtfully curated Hampi tour packages promise an immersive experience, blending history, culture, and adventure. Whether you want to unravel Hampi's rich



history, bask in the laid-back charm of its villages, or explore the vibrant tapestry of Hampi tourism, we've got you covered.

Uncover Hampi, where time stands still and every moment is a memory waiting to happen.

Ready to plan your adventure? Let us make your Hampi dreams a reality.

# Hampi Trip Highlights: Adventure Awaits

• Explore Magnificent Temples and UNESCO Sites: Step into history as you wander through the awe-inspiring Hampi Temples, from the intricate carvings of the Vittala Temple to the spiritual aura of the Virupaksha Temple, both steeped in the legacy of a bygone empire.

• Thrilling Coracle Rides & Cliff Jumping: Drift along the Tungabhadra River in a traditional bamboo coracle ride—a quintessential Hampi adventure. For thrill-seekers, Sanapur Lake offers the chance to leap from cliffs into cool waters, making it an unforgettable experience.

• Rustic Village Vibes: Immerse yourself in the charm of Hippie Island and its vibrant Indian village setting, where a blend of adventure and relaxation awaits. The laid-back lifestyle here perfectly complements the rugged beauty of Hampi.

• Jaw-Dropping Viewpoints: Scale Hampi's majestic boulders and hills, like Matanga Hill or Anjaneya Hill, for panoramic views of the ancient ruins and scenic landscapes. These climbs reward you with vistas that are equal parts adventure and serenity.

• Vibrant Cafes and Island Vibes: Discover Hampi's abundance of colorful cafes on Hippie Island, offering a blend of local flavors, artistic vibes, and the perfect spots to unwind after a day of exploration.

Hampi is not just a destination; it's an adventure through time, culture, and nature. Get ready for a journey filled with breathtaking views, thrilling activities, and unforgettable moments.





# Hampi Tour Package Details

- Duration: 2 Nights / 3 Days
- Destinations Covered: Explore the historical gems of Hampi, Karnataka, including iconic UNESCO World Heritage sites, stunning temples, and breathtaking viewpoints
- Package Cost: ₹9,999/- per person

# Hampi Tour Itinerary

## Day 0 - Thursday Night

- Catch CSMT Hosapete SF express (11139) from CSMT.
- 09:20 PM Boarding at CSMT

# Detailed Itinerary for the Hampi from Pune

#### Day 1 - Hampi Trip

• 8:00 PM: Departure from Pune by comfortable transport.

#### Day 2: Island Adventure & Local Exploration

- 7:00 AM 9:00 AM: Arrive at the hotel, freshen up, and enjoy a hearty breakfast.
- Morning: Begin your adventure by exploring Hippie Island on bikes.
- Experience the thrill of a coracle ride and, if you're feeling adventurous, try cliff jumping.
  - Visit historical and cultural spots:





- Durga Temple
- Sugriva's Gufa
- Anegundi Village
- Chintamani Temple (a significant site from the Ramayana).
- Evening: Head to Anjanadri Hills to witness a mesmerizing sunset.
- Post-sunset: Explore vibrant local cafes for dinner and soak in the island vibes.
- Overnight: Relax and sleep at your leisure.

## Day 3: Historic Hampi Sightseeing

- 6:00 AM: Wake up, check out from the hotel, and enjoy breakfast.
- Dive into the heart of Hampi tourism by exploring its most iconic landmarks:
- Vijaya Vittala Temple with its legendary Stone Chariot.
- Queen's Bath, Elephant Stables, Lotus Mahal, and the Watch Tower.
- Royal Enclosure, Pushkarni, and the intriguing Secret Chamber.
- Hazara Rama Temple and the Underground Shiva Temple.
- Hampi Bazaar, Badavi Linga, Narasimha Temple, and Saasivekaalu Ganesha.
- End with a visit to the grand Virupaksha Temple and greet Laxmi the Elephant.

• Evening: Capture the sunset at Hemakuta Hills, followed by dinner and a stroll through the vibrant Hampi market.

• Depart for the journey back home.

Day 4



• 5:00 AM – 8:00 AM: Return to Pune with unforgettable memories and stories from Hampi.

This itinerary promises an exciting blend of **adventure**, **history**, and cultural exploration, making your **Hampi trip** a truly immersive experience!

# **Cost Per Person**

- From Pune: ₹7,500 per person
- From Hospet: ₹5,500 per person
- Couple Sharing Room: Additional ₹1,500 per couple
- Long Weekend Batches: Extra ₹1,000 per person

Clear and straightforward pricing tailored to your preferences. Book your **Hampi** adventure now!

# **Important Booking Notes**

- Booking Amount: ₹4,000 per person (non-refundable).
- Balance Payment: Must be cleared at least 5 days before the trip.
- Trip Cancellation Policy:
- If the tour is canceled due to insufficient bookings, you will receive:
- A full refund, OR
- A transfer to another trip, OR
- A voucher equivalent to the trip amount, valid for 365 days from the date of issue.

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• Weather-Dependent Activities: Coracle rides and cliff jumping are subject to weather conditions and may be canceled for safety reasons.

Plan ahead and ensure a smooth experience for your Hampi adventure!

# Inclusions

- 🗸 \*Includes\* :-
  - 1. \*Travel\*(non ac Seater private Bus)
  - 2. \*Hotel/Cottage stay\* Non Ac Sharing Basis Genderwise
  - 3. \*Food\* :-
  - Two Veg Lunch
  - Two Breakfast + Tea (limited South Indian)
  - 4. All Entry tickets
  - 5. Internal Transport via Bike with 1 lit petrol or Via bus (Depends on Availability)
  - 6. Professional Guide
  - 7. Coracle Ride & Cliff jump

# **Exclusions**

Exclude -

- All Dinners
- Any personal expenses
- Mineral water/cold drinks
- Food During Bus Travel
- Anything Not mentioned Above

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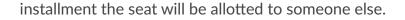
# Highlights

- Terms & Conditions\* :-
  - Accomodation will be on sharing basis Genderwise different Rooms/Cottages.
  - In Hampi 3/4 Sharing Rooms with Attached private Washrooms, Double bed with Extra Mattress
  - Standard check in time is 12pm so you'll get 1/2 common Rooms for fresh up.
  - Long Weekend/Special Events Charges may vary.
  - Non ac Seater bus (Tempo Traveller/ 32 Seater bus)
  - Seats will be allotted on first come first serve basis at the time of Pickup.
  - This trip is organised to provide you the best views with all the local Amenities. Please don't expect it as Luxurious Tour.
  - The timing are practiced theoretically, Exact timing may vary.

\*Cancellation Policy\* :-

- Booking Amount Non refundable at any conditions
- Remaining Amount to be paid 2 days before The departure
- Your registration will be confirmed only after the acceptance of complete Trip fees.
- Incase you fail to pay the second





- Incase of non payment the Booking amount paid is not refundable.
- In Case of Cancellation from our side 100% Refund will be given.

#### \*THINGS TO CARRY\*

- 1. Water bottle ,cap, Sunglasses
- 2. Power Bank / charger
- 3. extra clothes, warm clothings, towel /napkin
- 4. Umbrella compulsory/ raincoat
- 5. Neck travel pillow/ Shawl if needed (optional)
- 6. Toiletries like (brush, toothpaste, facewash, bodywash)
- 7. Dry snacks like biscuits, chips, chocolate .
- 8. Plastic bag for wet clothes
- 9. Medicine if any
- 10. Please do not carry trolley bags Carry single Rucksack or backpacks
- 11. Adhar card or any valid id Card

# Itinerary

# Hampi Trip Packages

Don't miss the chance to explore the ancient marvels of Hampi! Our exclusive Hampi tour packages are designed for travelers from Pune, Mumbai, Hyderabad, Bangalore, and Ahmedabad, offering a seamless journey to this UNESCO World Heritage site. Whether you're seeking the historical wonders of Virupaksha Temple, the beauty of



the Vittala Temple, or the scenic landscapes of Hampi's boulders and river views, this is the perfect getaway for history and adventure lovers.

Limited slots are available! Book now to secure your spot and immerse yourself in the rich cultural heritage of Hampi. Hurry, as these packages sell out quickly, and you don't want to miss out on the chance to experience this magical destination with expert guides, comfortable transport, and unforgettable experiences. Contact us today to reserve your seat!

# Hampi Temples

Hampi, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is home to some of the most stunning ancient temples in India, with Virupaksha Temple standing out as the most significant. Dedicated to Lord Shiva, the Virupaksha Temple Hampi is one of the oldest active temples in the country, believed to have been in worship since the Vijayanagara Empire's reign. The temple complex is an architectural marvel, featuring towering gopurams, intricate carvings, and a tranquil atmosphere that captivates visitors.

Another prominent site in Hampi is the Vittala Temple Hampi, known for its iconic Stone Chariot and the captivating musical pillars. This temple, dedicated to Lord Vittala (an incarnation of Vishnu), is an example of the grandeur of Vijayanagara architecture, with its stunning carvings and intricate sculptures that tell stories of gods and mythology.

The Hampi temples are not just religious centers but also important cultural landmarks that provide a deep insight into Hampi history and the glorious past of the Vijayanagara Empire. Whether it's the historic Virupaksha Temple or the magnificent Vittala Temple, each site offers a unique experience, reflecting the empire's architectural brilliance and spiritual depth.

# **Places to See in Hampi**

Hampi offers a rich tapestry of history, culture, and natural beauty, making it a must-visit destination. From ancient temples to boulder-strewn landscapes, there's no shortage of Hampi attractions.





Key Hampi sightseeing spots include the Virupaksha Temple, Vittala Temple, and the Hazara Rama Temple, each showcasing intricate carvings and timeless beauty. The Royal Enclosure, with its fortified walls and palaces, provides a glimpse into the grandeur of the Vijayanagara Empire.

# Hampi City

Hampi, located in the state of Karnataka, is an ancient city that was once the capital of the mighty Vijayanagara Empire. Today, it stands as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, attracting visitors from around the world due to its rich history and architectural wonders. The city is a treasure trove of ancient temples, royal enclosures, and breathtaking landscapes, such as its famous boulder-strewn hills and the serene Tungabhadra River. Hampi is also a hub for archaeology enthusiasts, history lovers, and spiritual seekers, offering a window into India's medieval past through its well-preserved ruins.

# Hampi Resorts

When visiting Hampi, there is no shortage of comfortable and unique accommodation options, with Hampi resorts offering a blend of rustic charm and modern amenities. Whether you're seeking a budget-friendly guesthouse or a luxury resort by the river, Hampi has it all. Many of these resorts are designed to enhance your experience, providing beautiful views of the surrounding landscapes, such as the picturesque boulders and temples. Some resorts also offer guided tours of the city's historical sites, Hampi temple visits, and local experiences like coracle rides on the Tungabhadra River. Popular options include resorts located in Hippie Island and near the Virupaksha Temple, ensuring that your stay in Hampi is both memorable and convenient.

# How to rent a bike in Hampi?

Bike rentals in Hampi offer a convenient and adventurous way to explore the historical sites and scenic landscapes. Many rental shops in Hampi Bazaar and nearby areas provide bicycles, mopeds, and motorcycles.



Prices for bike rentals typically range from ₹300 to ₹800 per day depending on the type of bike. Renting a bike allows you to explore at your own pace, including popular spots like the Hampi ruins, Anjanadri Hill, and the iconic boulders. Whether you prefer a casual bicycle ride or a more rugged moped experience, bike rentals are a popular option for tourists in Hampi.

# Information about Hampi Festival

One of the most celebrated festivals in **Hampi** is the **Hampi Utsav**, also known as the **Hampi Festival**. It is an annual cultural event that showcases the rich cultural heritage and traditions of the region. The festival usually takes place in **November** or **December** and spans several days, with vibrant celebrations and activities.

## Key Highlights of Hampi Utsav:

1. **Cultural Performances:** The festival features classical dance forms like Bharatanatyam, Kathak, and Odissi, alongside folk dances and music performances. Traditional art forms like Yakshagana, a local theatre form, are also performed.

2. Heritage Walks and Exhibitions: The event includes heritage walks, where tourists and locals explore the ancient temples, ruins, and the history of the Vijayanagara Empire. There are also exhibitions showcasing local arts, crafts, and textiles.

3. **Light and Sound Shows:** The festival often includes mesmerizing light and sound shows that highlight Hampi's historical monuments and ruins, immersing visitors in the grandeur of the ancient kingdom.

4. **Processions and Pageants:** A grand procession featuring elephants, camels, and cultural performances adds a royal touch to the festival, recreating the splendor of the Vijayanagara Empire.

The **Hampi Utsav** is not just a celebration of culture, but a way for the local community to showcase their heritage and for visitors to immerse themselves in the region's historical and artistic wealth. The festival attracts both domestic and international tourists, making it one of the most popular events in Karnataka.



# Hampi Weather

Hampi's weather plays a crucial role in determining the best time to visit. The region has a tropical climate with hot summers, pleasant winters, and a brief monsoon season. The best time to visit Hampi is from October to March, when the weather is cool and ideal for outdoor activities such as trekking and sightseeing. Summer months (March to June) can be very hot, with temperatures rising above 40°C, making it less comfortable for exploring. The monsoon season (June to September) brings rain, which adds a lush greenery to the landscape, but can also make some paths slippery, so it's not the best time for trekking. Planning your visit according to Hampi weather ensures a comfortable and enjoyable experience while exploring the city's rich history.

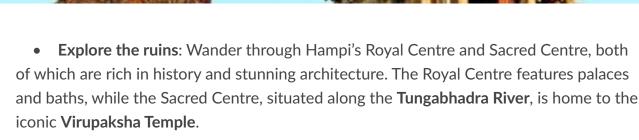
# **Stone Chariot Hampi**

The Stone Chariot Hampi, also known as the Stone Rath, is one of the most iconic monuments in Hampi, located at the Vittala Temple complex. This intricately carved stone structure, resembling a chariot, is believed to represent the divine vehicle of Lord Vishnu. The Stone Chariot stands as a testament to the advanced engineering and architectural skills of the Vijayanagara Empire. It is made entirely of stone, with beautifully detailed carvings, including wheels and horses, all sculpted with precision. The chariot was originally used for religious processions, adding to its spiritual significance.

The Stone Rath is a must-see during any Hampi tour, attracting visitors for its historical importance and artistic grandeur. Though the chariot's wheels are immobile today, the structure remains a symbol of Hampi's glorious past, showcasing the creativity and craftsmanship of ancient artisans. It is a prominent feature in Hampi tourism, making it a highlight for history and architecture enthusiasts.

# Tell me about Hampi Beach?

Hampi does not have a beach, as it is an inland city located in the state of Karnataka, India. It is renowned for its rich historical and architectural heritage, with ancient temples, royal palaces, and impressive fortifications scattered across the landscape. While you won't find sandy shores in Hampi, there are still plenty of exciting activities to enjoy:



• **Rent a bicycle or moped**: Discover Hampi's breathtaking landscapes at your own pace by renting a bicycle or moped. Rental shops are available in **Hampi Bazaar** and **Kamalapura**.

• Take a coracle ride: Experience the **Tungabhadra River** in a traditional coracle boat, offering a unique perspective of Hampi's surroundings.

• **Climb the boulders**: Hampi's landscape, famous for its massive boulders, is ideal for rock climbing, making it a haven for adventure enthusiasts.

• Watch the sunset: The sunset over Hampi's ancient stones creates a stunning scene, perfect for photography and reflection.

• Visit Hampi's Boulders Resort: Stay at this popular resort, which offers activities like beach volleyball, bird watching, an island walk, and even a rock pool for relaxation.

Hampi may not have a traditional beach, but its historical significance and scenic beauty make it a fascinating destination.

# **Places to Visit in Hampi**

Hampi, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is not just about historical temples and ruins but also offers a variety of places to visit that appeal to nature lovers and adventure seekers alike.

Island Vibes Hampi is a serene location along the Tungabhadra River, where you can experience the tranquil beauty of Hampi's landscape. The calm waters and lush greenery make it a perfect spot for relaxation and reflection.

For those seeking adventure, the boulders of Hampi provide an ideal setting for rock climbing and exploring the rugged terrain. The striking landscape of massive granite boulders scattered across the area is one of the unique features of Hampi.



Goan Corner Hampi offers a vibrant, laid-back atmosphere similar to Goa, with its beachlike vibe, colorful cafes, and local eateries, making it a must-visit for travelers looking for a blend of culture and relaxation.

Hippie Island Hampi is a popular spot for backpackers and those seeking a peaceful retreat. With its relaxed vibe, eclectic mix of cafes, and scenic views, it's a great place to unwind.

Lastly, Stay Chill Hampi offers an escape from the busy streets, where visitors can kick back, enjoy the simplicity of life, and soak in the natural beauty of the region. Whether you're lounging by the river or exploring the temples, Hampi offers a unique blend of history, adventure, and serenity.

# How to Reach Hampi

#### By Train:

The nearest railway station to Hampi is **Hospet Junction**, located about 13 kilometers from the town. Hospet is well-connected to major cities such as **Bangalore**, **Hyderabad**, and **Mumbai**. Trains from these cities regularly operate to Hospet, making it an easy access point for visitors. From Hospet, you can travel by bus, taxi, or auto-rickshaw to reach Hampi in just 30 minutes. This makes **Hospet to Hampi distance** very convenient for travelers arriving by rail.

#### By Air:

The **closest airport to Hampi** is **Hubli Airport**, which is about 164 kilometers away. Hubli serves domestic flights, especially from major cities like **Bangalore**, **Mumbai**, and **Hyderabad**. Alternatively, you can fly into **Bangalore's Kempegowda International Airport**, which is approximately 350 kilometers from Hampi. Bangalore is a key hub with frequent flights from major cities across India. Another option for international travelers is **Goa International Airport** (Dabolim), located around 350 kilometers from Hampi.

#### By Road:

Hampi is accessible by road from various nearby cities, making it a great option for travelers who prefer driving. From **Bangalore**, it takes about 6-7 hours (350 kilometers) to



reach Hampi. If you are traveling from **Hyderabad**, the journey is around 7 hours (350 kilometers), and from **Mumbai**, it's approximately 660 kilometers, taking around 12-13 hours. The distance from **Chennai** to Hampi is around 380 kilometers, making it a convenient drive for those from southern India.

Best Time to Visit Hampi:

The **best time to visit Hampi** is from **October to March**, when the weather is cooler and more comfortable for sightseeing and outdoor activities. During these months, the temperature remains pleasant, making it ideal for exploring Hampi's historical ruins and stunning landscapes.

No matter which mode of transport you choose, **Hampi from Pune**, **Hampi from Bangalore**, or **Hampi from Mumbai**, the journey is relatively easy and offers travelers a chance to enjoy the scenic beauty of the surrounding areas.

# Hampi Utsav and Visiting Places in Hampi

Hampi Utsav 2025 is an annual cultural festival celebrated in the historic town of Hampi, Karnataka. This vibrant event brings together local and national artists, showcasing the rich cultural heritage of the region. With performances of classical music, dance, and traditional folk art, the festival immerses visitors in the essence of Hampi tourism. The Hampi Utsav 2025 promises to be a grand celebration, attracting tourists and locals alike, making it a perfect time to visit the town.

Hampi, located in the southern state of Karnataka, is a UNESCO World Heritage site known for its stunning temples, ruins, and scenic landscapes. The temperature in Hampi varies throughout the year, with Hampi temperature reaching highs of 40°C in summer. However, the best time to visit Hampi is from October to March, when the weather is cooler and more pleasant, making it ideal for sightseeing and outdoor exploration.

Some must-see places in Hampi include the Virupaksha Temple, Vittala Temple, and the Stone Chariot. These historical sites are a glimpse into the grandeur of the Vijayanagara Empire, which once ruled this region. For a unique experience, don't miss the opportunity to visit Hippie Island, known for its relaxed atmosphere, colorful cafes, and scenic views,



which offer a perfect contrast to the ancient ruins. Additionally, Boulders Hampi and Goan Corner Hampi provide tranquil spots for visitors to relax and unwind amidst nature.

Whether you are visiting for the cultural extravaganza of Hampi Utsav 2025 or exploring the ancient wonders, Hampi's charm lies in its blend of history, culture, and natural beauty.

# What is Hampi, and why is it famous?

Hampi is a UNESCO World Heritage Site located in the state of Karnataka, India. It is famous for its rich historical and architectural significance, serving as the capital of the Vijayanagara Empire during the 14th to 16th centuries. The site features awe-inspiring temples, intricate stone carvings, and ancient ruins spread across a stunning landscape.

Hampi is known for iconic structures like the Virupaksha Temple, Vittala Temple, and the Stone Chariot, which showcase the grandeur and engineering brilliance of the empire. Additionally, its unique boulders and beautiful riverside views add to the charm, attracting tourists for both historical exploration and natural beauty.

As a major destination for Karnataka tourism, Hampi not only attracts history buffs and architecture enthusiasts but also offers a peaceful, scenic retreat for nature lovers. The rich heritage and ancient ruins make it a must-visit for those looking to experience the cultural depth of India's past.

# What can I expect to see on a Hampi Tour Packages?

Our Hampi tour packages offer a unique opportunity to explore the ancient wonders of this UNESCO World Heritage Site. Over the years, we have carefully crafted this trip, drawing on our extensive experience in planning, to ensure that each traveler has an unforgettable journey. You'll visit magnificent temples like the Virupaksha Temple, known for its stunning architecture, and the Vittala Temple, famous for its iconic stone chariot. The Lotus Mahal and intricate sculptures in the royal complexes are also highlights that will leave you in awe.



Our deep understanding of Hampi's history and culture, along with meticulous planning, makes this trip truly memorable. Whether you are marveling at the intricacies of the Vitthala Temple complex or taking in the breathtaking landscapes, our carefully curated itinerary promises to immerse you in the grandeur of this ancient city. With years of expertise in guiding travelers, we ensure a seamless and enriching experience, allowing you to fully appreciate the beauty and heritage of Hampi.

# How to Reach Hampi Karnataka

If you are one of our customers, we will share the detailed itinerary and **how to reach Hampi** instructions via WhatsApp to ensure a smooth and hassle-free journey.

From Mumbai:

• **By Train**: The most convenient option is to take a train from **Mumbai** to **Hospet Junction**, which is the nearest railway station to Hampi (around 13 km away). The journey takes about 10-12 hours.

• **By Air**: The closest airport is **Hubli Airport** (about 164 km from Hampi), though **Bangalore International Airport** (350 km away) is a more frequent choice for flights. From the airport, you can take a taxi or bus to reach Hampi.

• **By Road**: You can drive from **Mumbai to Hampi** (approximately 660 km) in about 12-13 hours. Alternatively, buses are available from Mumbai to Hospet, followed by a short drive to Hampi.

## From Pune:

• **By Train**: From Pune, you can take a train to **Hospet Junction**. The journey takes about 8-9 hours, depending on the train.

• **By Air**: You can fly from **Pune to Hubli Airport** (approximately 160 km from Hampi). A more common option is flying to **Bangalore** and driving or taking a bus to Hampi.



• **By Road**: Driving from Pune to Hampi takes around 10-11 hours (approximately 460 km). You can also take a bus to Hospet and then a short taxi ride to Hampi.

#### From Bangalore:

• **By Train**: Take a train from **Bangalore** to **Hospet Junction**. The journey takes about 6-7 hours. From Hospet, it's a short 30-minute drive to Hampi.

• **By Air: Bangalore International Airport** is about 350 km away from Hampi. After reaching Bangalore, you can take a taxi, bus, or train to Hospet and then reach Hampi.

• **By Road**: The distance from **Bangalore to Hampi** is around 350 km, and the journey by road takes about 6-7 hours. You can also opt for buses that run regularly from Bangalore to Hospet, followed by a short drive to Hampi.

#### From Hyderabad:

• **By Train**: You can board a train from **Hyderabad** to **Hospet Junction**, which is wellconnected by trains. The journey typically takes around 7 hours.

• **By Air**: The nearest airport is **Hubli Airport** (about 164 km). Alternatively, you can fly to **Bangalore International Airport** and then take a taxi or bus to Hampi.

• **By Road**: The distance from **Hyderabad to Hampi** is around 350 km, and it takes approximately 7-8 hours to reach Hampi by car or bus. Buses and private taxis are easily available for this route.

# When is the best time to visit Hampi?

The best time to visit Hampi is during the winter months, from October to February, when the weather is cool and pleasant, making it ideal for exploring the ancient ruins. This period offers a comfortable climate to wander through the magnificent tourist places in Hampi, such as the iconic Virupaksha Temple, Vittala Temple, and the mesmerizing Stone Chariot.



The cooler temperatures allow you to fully experience the historical and architectural wonders of the region without the extreme heat that can be present during the summer months. Additionally, this time of year is perfect for sightseeing and enjoying the unique landscapes, making your trip to Hampi truly memorable.

# Are there any entry fees or permits required for visiting the heritage sites in Hampi?

Yes, there are entry fees for some of the heritage sites in Hampi, especially for popular tourist attractions like the Vittala Temple and Virupaksha Temple. It's always advisable to check the latest entry fees and any necessary permits before planning your visit, as they may change from time to time. You can easily find updated information on the Karnataka Tourism website or other local tourism platforms for precise details. This ensures that you are well-prepared for your visit to the stunning tourist places in Hampi.

How long does a typical heritage tour of Hampi take?

A typical heritage tour in Hampi can range from one to three days, depending on your interests and the depth of exploration you desire. Most tourists spend at least two days to cover the main attractions.

# Is it necessary to hire a guide for the heritage tour?

While hiring a local guide in **Hampi** is not mandatory, it is highly recommended for an enriching experience. A knowledgeable guide can provide invaluable insights into **Hampi's history**, its **architecture**, and the stories behind the ancient temples, royal complexes, and monuments, greatly enhancing your understanding of the site. They can also offer recommendations on the best spots to visit and the hidden gems within **Hampi's tourist places**, ensuring you don't miss out on any important details.

Our team, with years of experience managing **Hampi tours**, has refined the itineraries to ensure that every visitor gets the most out of their trip. We continuously improve the planning process based on feedback and local knowledge, providing you with a well-



organized tour that covers both the popular attractions like the **Virupaksha Temple** and **Vittala Temple** and off-the-beaten-path locations for a more personalized experience. Our aim is to make your Hampi tour memorable, providing you with a deeper connection to this UNESCO World Heritage Site.

What should I wear while visiting Hampi's heritage sites?

It's advisable to wear comfortable clothing and suitable footwear for walking and exploring the rocky terrain. Modest attire is appreciated when visiting temples and religious sites.

# Are there accommodations available in Hampi?

## 1. Hampi's Boulders Resort

This serene resort located near Hampi offers stunning views of the boulders and lush greenery. It combines comfort and nature, making it ideal for those seeking tranquility. The resort has cottages that blend with the natural surroundings and provides activities like nature walks, bird watching, and a rock pool. Guests can unwind and enjoy peaceful island vibes.

## 2. Eagle Ridge Resort

Eagle Ridge Resort is a budget-friendly option located in the nearby town of Hospet, just a short drive from Hampi. The resort features well-maintained rooms, a swimming pool, and plenty of open space for relaxing. It is an excellent choice for families and large groups, offering a blend of comfort and simplicity with beautiful views of the surrounding area.

## 3. Hampi Desert Resort

A perfect fusion of luxury and nature, Hampi Desert Resort provides a glamping experience surrounded by natural beauty. The tents are equipped with modern amenities, and the resort offers activities like cycling, coracle rides, and cultural performances. It's an ideal choice for those looking for a unique experience with comfort.





Situated on the banks of the Tungabhadra River, this resort offers a peaceful atmosphere with easy access to Hampi's temples and ruins. The resort offers a variety of rooms and has an in-house restaurant serving local delicacies. It's ideal for travelers who want to experience both historical sites and modern-day comfort.

#### 5. Vijayshree Resort & Heritage Village

Located in Hospet, this resort combines luxury with a heritage experience, offering a village-themed stay. The resort is built in the style of traditional villages and features well-equipped rooms, a swimming pool, and a spa. Its proximity to Hampi makes it a favorite among tourists who want a blend of heritage and comfort.

These top resorts in and near Hampi offer a range of options from budget to luxury stays, catering to the diverse needs of travelers. Whether you're looking for a peaceful retreat or a culturally immersive experience, these resorts provide a perfect base for exploring the historic city of Hampi.

Can I take photographs at the heritage sites in Hampi?

Yes, photography is generally allowed at most heritage sites in Hampi. However, there may be certain restrictions, particularly within temples and religious areas. It's important to respect any signage or guidelines provided on-site.

# Most famous resort in Hampi?

**Evolve Back Hampi** is one of the most famous and luxurious resorts in Hampi, known for blending modern comfort with the rich history of the region. Located in a picturesque setting with views of the surrounding boulders and heritage sites, the resort offers an immersive experience with its unique architecture inspired by the Vijayanagara Empire. Guests can enjoy world-class amenities such as a pool, spa, and fine dining, while also participating in cultural activities like heritage walks and local sightseeing tours. With its serene atmosphere, **Evolve Back Hampi** provides the perfect blend of luxury and history for an unforgettable stay.



# Lotus Mahal Hampi Information

The Lotus Mahal in Hampi is a stunning example of Indo-Islamic architecture and is one of the most iconic structures within the ruins of the Vijayanagara Empire. Located in the Zenana Enclosure, the Mahal is believed to have been used by the royal women of the empire, offering both beauty and functionality. The architecture of the Lotus Mahal is inspired by the lotus flower, with its graceful arches and the central dome resembling a blooming lotus.

This **Hampi temple** or palace structure combines Islamic and Hindu architectural styles, characterized by its delicate arches, elegant symmetrical design, and ornate carvings. The open spaces within the Mahal allow for a cool breeze to flow, a necessity in the hot climate of the region. Notably, the Lotus Mahal also has a **double-storeyed design**, with separate sections for both private and public use. The intricate lattice work on the walls is another feature that adds to its charm, making it a must-visit site for anyone interested in the rich **Hampi history**.

When visiting, don't forget to explore the nearby structures, such as the **Elephant Stables**, which provide further insight into the grandeur of the Vijayanagara rulers' royal lifestyle. **Hampi tourism** has continued to thrive thanks to such remarkable sites, and the **Lotus Mahal** stands as a testament to the sophisticated engineering and artistic excellence of the empire. It's one of the most photographed **tourist places in Hampi**, offering picturesque views for visitors.

# Hampi and nearby places

Hampi is surrounded by several fascinating nearby places worth exploring. **Anegundi**, just across the Tungabhadra River, offers ancient ruins and serene landscapes. **Hospet**, the nearest town, is a great base for visiting Hampi and features the **Tungabhadra Dam**.

For nature lovers, **Badami** is famous for its rock-cut temples and scenic surroundings, while **Bijapur** is known for historical monuments like the **Gol Gumbaz**. **Hampi's Boulders Resort** offers a peaceful retreat with activities like bird watching and island walks, and



Hampi's hippie island offers a relaxed vibe with cozy cafes and stunning views of the ruins.

# Things to do in Hampi

## 1. Explore Ancient Temples and Ruins

Hampi is home to numerous temples and ruins that date back to the Vijayanagara Empire. Key sites include the **Virupaksha Temple**, **Vittala Temple**, and the **Stone Chariot**. These temples are rich in history and architectural marvels, offering a deep dive into the region's past. Exploring the **Sacred and Royal Centers** provides a glimpse into the empire's grandeur.

## 2. Take a Coracle Ride on Tungabhadra River

A unique way to experience Hampi is through a **coracle ride** on the Tungabhadra River. This traditional boat ride offers scenic views of Hampi's stunning landscape, including boulders, temples, and the surrounding countryside.

#### 3. Climb the Boulders

Hampi is famous for its massive boulders scattered across the landscape, ideal for rock climbing and hiking. For adventurers, **bouldering** offers an exciting way to explore the natural beauty of the area while challenging your climbing skills.

## 4. Watch the Sunset from Hemakuta Hill

Hemakuta Hill offers a perfect vantage point for watching Hampi's mesmerizing sunset. The view from the hill overlooking the temples and boulders is truly breathtaking, making it a popular spot for photography.

## 5. Visit Hippie Island

Across the river, **Hippie Island** (also known as **Virupapur Gaddi**) offers a more relaxed and laid-back atmosphere. You can explore colorful cafes, stay in unique guesthouses, and enjoy the tranquil surroundings with a bohemian vibe.

## 6. Cycle Around Hampi



Renting a bicycle is one of the best ways to explore Hampi at your own pace. Riding through the rural landscape, ancient ruins, and scenic viewpoints allows you to absorb the beauty and history of the place while enjoying the fresh air.

#### 7. Visit Anegundi Village

Just across the river from Hampi, **Anegundi** is a charming village that offers a peaceful escape from the bustling Hampi area. Here, you can visit the **Durga Temple** and **Sugriva's Cave**, and witness local life in this historically rich village.

## 8. Enjoy the Local Cafes

Hampi is filled with quirky cafes, especially in **Hippie Island**. Many cafes overlook the ruins, providing an excellent spot to relax, enjoy local food, and watch the sunset. Popular spots include **Goan Corner** and **Island Vibes** for a chilled-out atmosphere.

These activities offer a perfect blend of adventure, history, and relaxation, making Hampi a truly unique destination for travelers.

# **About Hampi River**

The Tungabhadra River, which flows through Hampi, is a significant geographical feature and an essential part of the area's cultural and historical landscape. The river has been a lifeline for the people of Hampi, serving as an important water source throughout the centuries. Today, it is a popular spot for various activities that allow visitors to experience the natural beauty of the area.

#### Activities on the Tungabhadra River:

1. **Coracle Rides:** A must-do activity in Hampi, the traditional bamboo coracle ride offers a unique perspective of the surrounding landscapes. It's a peaceful way to enjoy the river and explore nearby islands.

2. **Boat Rides:** Besides coracle rides, motorized boat rides are available for tourists, providing scenic views of the river, the boulders, and nearby temples. You can also visit the picturesque islands scattered across the river.



3. **Fishing and Relaxation:** The riverbanks are also great for fishing and relaxation. Many visitors spend time on the banks, soaking in the serene atmosphere while enjoying a picnic or just unwinding.

4. **Sunset Views:** The river offers spectacular sunset views, with the golden glow of the setting sun reflecting on the water, framed by the ancient ruins of Hampi in the background.

The river enhances Hampi's charm, combining history, nature, and adventure for a memorable experience. It's also a fantastic spot for photography, capturing both the ancient temples and the natural beauty of the surroundings.

# **Best Cafes in Hampi**

Here are the top 5 cafes in Hampi, known for their great food, ambiance, and perfect locations for relaxing after a day of sightseeing:

## 1. The Mango Tree Café

Located near the Virupaksha Temple, Mango Tree Café is one of the most famous cafes in Hampi. It offers a laid-back atmosphere with a variety of organic and freshly prepared dishes, including Indian and continental options. The café is known for its stunning view of the river and the ruins, making it a perfect spot for sunset views.

## 2. Tungabhadra Café

Situated near the Tungabhadra River, Tungabhadra Café offers a serene, riverside dining experience. The menu features a mix of local and international dishes, and it's a great place for those who want to enjoy the calm of the river while sipping on a fresh juice or tea.

#### 3. Shanti Café

Shanti Café, located on Hippie Island, is a popular destination for travelers. The café serves delicious food, including breakfast options, snacks, and beverages, and is known



for its laid-back vibes. It's a fantastic place to unwind, enjoy a meal, and meet fellow backpackers.

## 4. The Laughing Buddha Café

The Laughing Buddha Café, also on Hippie Island, is known for its cozy ambiance and eclectic menu. You can enjoy both Indian and Western dishes here, and it's especially famous for its breakfast options. The café is a favorite among travelers looking for a quiet and peaceful environment.

## 5. Goan Corner

Situated near the Virupaksha Temple, Goan Corner offers a refreshing fusion of Goan and local flavors. The café's tropical setting, combined with its wide variety of drinks and snacks, makes it a great place to relax after exploring the ruins of Hampi.

These cafes in Hampi not only serve delicious food but also offer the perfect setting to relax, enjoy the views, and interact with fellow travelers.

6. **Rasta Café Hampi** is another popular spot located on Hippie Island in Hampi, known for its relaxed ambiance and vibrant, bohemian atmosphere. The café is a favorite among backpackers and travelers who come here to enjoy a laid-back vibe while soaking in the natural beauty of the surroundings.

# Anjanadri Betta or Anjanadri Hill

**Anjanadri Betta** is a hill located about 3 km from Hampi, known for its spiritual significance and scenic views. According to local legends, it is believed to be the birthplace of Lord Hanuman. The hill is a popular destination for trekking, offering stunning views of Hampi's landscape and the Tungabhadra River. Visitors can also explore the Anjaneya Temple at the summit.

**How to reach Anjanadri Betta from Hampi:** From the Hampi Bazaar, you can take a taxi or auto-rickshaw to the base of Anjanadri Betta. Alternatively, it's a 30-45 minute hike to the top, which involves climbing around 575 steps.



# About Elephant Stables in Hampi

The **Elephant Stable** in Hampi is one of the most impressive and historically significant structures in the region. Situated near the Royal Enclosure, this remarkable building was used to house the royal elephants of the Vijayanagara Empire. The stable is a fine example of Vijayanagara architecture and showcases the empire's grandeur.

# **Key Features:**

1. Architectural Design: The Elephant Stable is composed of a series of interconnected domed chambers, each designed to house a single elephant. The structure is built with a unique blend of Indo-Islamic architectural styles, featuring large domes and arches. The central dome is particularly striking, while the other chambers are smaller but equally symmetrical.

2. **Historical Significance:** It is believed that the Elephant Stable was built during the reign of King Krishnadevaraya in the 16th century. This was a time when elephants were not only used for ceremonial purposes but were also vital in warfare and other royal activities. The stable served as a protective and grand residence for these majestic animals.

3. **Current Condition:** Though partially in ruins, the Elephant Stable remains an iconic structure in Hampi, offering insight into the royal practices of the Vijayanagara rulers. The structure is an essential part of Hampi's heritage and a popular stop for tourists.

Visitors to the Elephant Stable can admire its grandeur and imagine the past, where elephants were an integral part of the royal lifestyle in ancient India.

Duration None

FAQS

# 1. Where is Hampi?

Hampi is a lesser-known place in India, and so, many people don't know about it. It is in the central part of Karnataka.



#### 2. Is Hampi safe?

Yes, Hampi is perfectly safe, and you won't face any problems here in Hampi.

#### 3. Is cell phone network available?

Only BSNL connections work in Hampi. Therefore, you may need to change your connection provider temporarily.

#### 4. What about the internet connection?

BSNL is the only network and internet provider in Hampi. Internet speed may appear relatively slow, but it works.

#### 5. Are there other places to see near Hampi?

Yes, you can check out Aihole, Badami, and Pattadakkal. You should also see the Mahakoot Shiva Temple.

#### 6. When should I visit Hampi&Badami?

Winter is the best time for anyone to undertake an excursion here. The weather can be next to unbearable in summer.

#### 7. What should I wear?

Since the people of Hampi are quite old-fashioned, it will be better for everyone to stick to traditional clothes.

Reviews

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