

Tour Name: Architecture of South India

Tour Duration: 10 Nights/ 11 Days

Tour Map: <https://tinyurl.com/66rxfm88>

Tour Overview

Embark on a captivating journey through "Architecture of South India" tour, tracing the region's rich historical and cultural tapestry from Bangalore to Goa. Begin amidst the regal charm of Bangalore, exploring majestic palaces and verdant gardens. Journey through Mysore's royal legacy and Hassan's Hoysala temples before immersing yourself in the UNESCO World Heritage site of Hampi, where ancient ruins whisper tales of the Vijayanagara Empire. Delve into Badami's rock-cut cave temples before concluding in Goa, where Portuguese influences blend seamlessly with India's vibrant coastal culture. This meticulously crafted itinerary promises an unforgettable exploration of architectural marvels, spiritual sanctuaries, and the serene shores of Goa, ensuring a journey steeped in Southern Splendor.

Tour Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Bangalore

- Arrival at Bangalore Airport, known as the "Garden City" and the tech hub of India.
- Transfer to the hotel and check-in.
- Evening at leisure to explore local markets like Commercial Street or Brigade Road, known for shopping and dining options.

Day 2: Bangalore - Mysore (145km)

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Visit Bangalore Palace: A majestic palace built in Tudor-style architecture, featuring exquisite woodcarvings, paintings, and an impressive ballroom. Take a guided tour to learn about the palace's history and royal lifestyle.
- Explore Lalbagh Botanical Garden: Home to diverse flora, including the famous Lalbagh Rock, and a 300-year-old bonsai garden. Stroll through the garden's pathways and visit the iconic glasshouse.
- Drive to Mysore and check-in at the hotel.

Day 3: Mysore - Hassan (140km)

- Breakfast at the hotel.

- Visit Mysore Palace: Discover the opulence of the Wodeyar dynasty with its grand halls, stained glass ceilings, and intricately carved doors. Attend the palace's daily lighting ceremony for a cultural experience.
- Explore Chamundi Hill and Chamundeshwari Temple: A sacred hilltop shrine dedicated to Goddess Chamundeshwari, offering panoramic views of Mysore. Climb the 1000 steps or take a scenic drive up the hill.
- Visit Jaganmohan Palace: Known for its beautiful architecture and housing an art gallery with a rich collection of paintings, artifacts, and sculptures.
- Explore Devaraja Market: Dive into Mysore's vibrant local culture at this bustling market known for its spices, silk sarees, and traditional crafts.
- Drive to Hassan and check-in at the hotel.
- Overnight in Hassan.

Day 4: Hassan - Hampi (330km)

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Drive to Hampi, en route visit Belur and Halebidu Temples:
- Begin your day with a visit to Belur to explore the exquisite Chennakesava Temple. This temple is a masterpiece of Hoysala architecture, dedicated to Lord Vishnu. Admire the intricate carvings, detailed sculptures, and stunning architecture that reflect the finesse of ancient Indian craftsmanship. The temple complex is adorned with depictions of various mythological scenes and characters from the Hindu epics.
- Proceed to Halebidu to visit the Hoysaleswara Temple. Dedicated to Lord Shiva, this temple is renowned for its exceptional sculptures and detailed craftsmanship on the outer walls. Marvel at the intricately sculpted scenes depicting Hindu epics, mythological tales, and daily life during the Hoysala Empire. Don't miss the large Nandi (bull) statue and the two Jain basadi (temples) within the temple complex.
- Drive to Hampi, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- Check-in at the hotel in Hampi.

Day 5: Hampi

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Explore Hampi Archaeological Ruins: Visit Virupaksha Temple, dedicated to Lord Shiva, and marvel at the intricate carvings and stunning architecture. Explore the nearby Hemakuta Hill temples for panoramic views.
- Discover Vittala Temple: Known for its iconic stone chariot, musical pillars, and exquisite sculptures depicting mythological tales. Attend the evening sound and light show for a cultural immersion.
- Visit the Royal Enclosure: Wander through the remnants of palaces, halls, and water structures that once symbolized the grandeur of the Vijayanagara Empire. Explore the underground Shiva temple and the Lotus Mahal.
- Evening at leisure to explore Hampi Bazaar and enjoy local cuisine. Consider visiting local craft shops to see traditional Hampi stone carvings.
- Optional sunset visit to Matanga Hill for panoramic views of Hampi's rocky terrain and the Tungabhadra River.

Day 6: Hampi - Badami (195km)

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Visit Anegundi Village: Discover ancient temples, fort ruins, and cave paintings, offering insights into local heritage and rural life. Take a coracle ride on the Tungabhadra River for a unique perspective.
- Drive to Badami.
- Check-in at the hotel in Badami.

Day 7: Badami

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Visit Aihole: Known as the "Cradle of Indian Architecture," explore its numerous ancient temples reflecting early Chalukyan architecture.
- Discover Pattadakal Temples: A UNESCO World Heritage site showcasing a blend of Dravidian and Nagara architectural styles, showcasing the artistic achievements of Chalukya dynasty. Visit the Virupaksha Temple for its ancient sculptures and inscriptions.
- Explore Badami Fort: Climb up to the hilltop fort for panoramic views of Agastya Lake and explore ancient temples and granaries. Visit the Upper Shivalaya temple complex for its unique blend of Dravidian and Nagara architectural styles.
- Visit Bhutanatha Temples: Located on the banks of Agastya Lake, these temples offer serene surroundings and beautiful carvings. Attend the evening aarti ceremony for a spiritual experience.
- Evening visit to Badami Cave Temples: Admire the rock-cut architecture and intricate sculptures depicting Hindu deities. Explore the nearby Agastya Lake and the Bhutanatha Temples.
- Overnight in Badami.

Day 8: Badami - Goa (235km)

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Drive to Goa, a coastal paradise known for its sandy beaches, vibrant nightlife, and Portuguese heritage.
- Check-in at the hotel/resort in Goa.
- Evening at leisure to relax on the beach or explore the local markets.

Day 9: Goa

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Visit Basilica of Bom Jesus: Admire the Baroque architecture and see the mortal remains of St. Francis Xavier. Attend the morning mass for a spiritual experience.
- Explore Se Cathedral: Built to commemorate the victory of Portuguese over a Muslim army, it houses the Golden Bell and is known for its grandeur. Visit the nearby Archaeological Museum for its ancient artifacts and sculptures.
- Visit Fontainhas: Wander through Goa's Latin Quarter known for its narrow streets, vibrant houses, art galleries, and local bakeries.

AGORA VOYAGES (OPC) PVT. LTD.

Approved by Ministry of Tourism, Government of India | Member – IATO

- Explore Panjim Market: Shop for local handicrafts, spices, and clothing while experiencing the bustling local culture.
- Evening visit to Aguada Fort: Enjoy panoramic views of the Arabian Sea and the Mandovi River while exploring this well-preserved Portuguese fort.
- Overnight in Goa.

Day 10: Goa

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Leisure day to relax on the beaches of Goa, such as Baga, Calangute, or Anjuna, known for water sports and shacks serving Goan cuisine. Take a boat cruise on the Mandovi River for panoramic views and dolphin sightings.
- Optional activities: Explore the Dudhsagar Waterfalls for a guided trek and swimming session. Visit the Salim Ali Bird Sanctuary for bird watching and nature trails.
- Overnight in Goa.

Day 11: Goa - Departure

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Transfer to Goa Airport for your departure flight, concluding your memorable journey through the cultural and historical highlights from Bangalore to Goa via Mysore, Halebidu, Hampi, and Badami.

Package Price (USD Per Person Sharing Double/Twin Room)

Valid for Travel: 01 October 2026 - 15 April 2027

Persons	Solo	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
3★ Standard	2,989	1,605	1,403	1,439	1,278	1,245	1,158	1,093
4★ Deluxe	3,762	2,016	1,813	1,849	1,688	1,656	1,569	1,503
5★ Luxury	5,803	3,185	2,801	2,837	2,676	2,644	2,556	2,491

Valid for Travel: 16 April 2027 to 15 September 2027

Persons	Solo	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
3★ Standard	2,898	1,567	1,365	1,401	1,240	1,207	1,120	1,055
4★ Deluxe	3,437	1,860	1,657	1,693	1,532	1,500	1,413	1,347
5★ Luxury	4,623	2,619	2,235	2,271	2,110	2,078	1,990	1,925

Single Room Supplement

3★ Standard: USD 413 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 776 | 5★ Luxury: USD 1,829

Triple Sharing Discount (Per Person)

3★ Standard: USD 60 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 105 | 5★ Luxury: USD 295

Price Includes:

- Assistance on arrival at airport.
- 10 Nights' accommodation in selected price category hotels.
- Daily breakfast at hotels.
- Private AC car/van for airport transfers, sightseeing, and excursions as per the program.
- English speaking tour guide on sightseeing days (local guide in each city), as per program.
- Monument entrances and activities charges mentioned in the itinerary.
- Bottled drinking water in car.
- Government taxes.

Price Does Not Include:

- Any flight tickets.
- Camera charges at monuments if any.
- Meals other than mentioned in the inclusions.
- Expenses of personal nature like liquor, laundry, tips, telephone, fax, internet etc.
- Gratuities and optional activities.
- Anything not mentioned in inclusions.

Hotels used or similar for 10 nights' accommodation

3 Star Hotels

- Bangalore x 1 night: Royal Orchid Central/ Ramada Bangalore
- Mysore x 1 night: Sandesh the Prince/ Regenta Central Herald By Royal Orchid Hotels
- Hassan x 1 night: The Ashhok/ Pearl Hotel
- Hampi x 2 nights: Malligi Hotel/ Clarks Inn
- Badami x 2 nights: Badami Court/ Clarks Inn
- Goa x 3 nights: The Fern Residency Miramar/ Zone Connect Hotel Parra

4 Star Hotels

- Bangalore x 1 night: Lemon Tree Premier/ Gokulam Grand Hotel & Spa
- Mysore x 1 night: Fortune Park JP Palace/ Royal Orchid Brindavan Garden

AGORA VOYAGES (OPC) PVT. LTD.

Approved by Ministry of Tourism, Government of India | Member – IATO

- Hassan x 1 night: Hosyala Village Resort/ Rosetta By Ferns – Sakleshpur
- Hampi x 2 nights: Heritage Resort/ Royal Orchid Central Keerti
- Badami x 2 nights: Morpho Banashree Resort/ WADA1
- Goa x 3 nights: Lemon Tree Hotel Candolim/ The Chances Resort & Casino

5 Star Hotels

- Bangalore x 1 night: ITC Gardenia, a Luxury Collection/ Vivanta Bengaluru, Residency Road
- Mysore x 1 night: Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel
- Hassan x 1 night: Hosyala Village Resort/ Rosetta By Ferns – Sakleshpur
- Hampi x 2 nights: Evolve Back, Hampi
- Badami x 2 nights: Morpho Banashree Resort/ WADA1
- Goa x 3 nights: Alila Diwa Goa/ Kenilworth Resort & Spa, Utorda Beach

Payment Policy:

- Deposit of 25% of the package cost at the time of booking.
- Deposit of 50% of the package cost, 30 days prior to arrival date
- Deposit of 100% of the package cost, 10 days prior to arrival date

Cancellation policy:

- Note: Written cancellation will be accepted on all working days, except Sundays. Any cancellation sent on Sundays will be considered on the next working day (Monday).
- X-mas and New Year Period (20 Dec to 05 Jan): The payment is non-refundable during this period.
- After Trip Commencement: If you cancel the trip after it has commenced, the refund will be limited to the amount we are able to recover from hoteliers/contractors. We are not responsible for refunds on unused hotel accommodations, chartered transportation, or missed meals.
- 61 days or more before the tour: No cancellation charges.
- Between 60 to 30 days before the tour: Cancellation charges equal to 20% of the full tour booking value.
- Between 30 to 15 days before the tour: Cancellation charges equal to 50% of the full tour booking value.
- Within 5 days before the tour or no show: Cancellation charges equal to 90% of the full tour booking value.

Our Liabilities & Limitations:

- Price Changes: After the finalization of the tour/service cost, if there are any hikes in entrance fees, taxes, fuel costs, or guide charges by the Government of India, these will be charged as extra.
- Role as Agent: Agora Voyages acts only as an agent for hotels, airlines, transporters, railways, and contractors providing services. All receipts, contracts, and tickets issued by us are subject to terms and conditions of the service providers.

AGORA VOYAGES (OPC) PVT. LTD.

Approved by Ministry of Tourism, Government of India | Member – IATO

- **Itinerary Changes:** All itineraries are sample itineraries intended to provide a general idea. We reserve the right to change the schedule based on factors such as weather, road conditions, or the physical ability of participants to ensure safety, comfort, and well-being.
- **Rate Modifications:** Our rates are based on negotiated rates with hotels and airlines. If the rates are modified by these service providers, we reserve the right to adjust the quoted rates accordingly. Hotel bookings are based on usual check-in and check-out times, unless otherwise indicated.
- **Liability Disclaimer:** We are not responsible for delays, alterations, or expenses incurred due to natural hazards, flight cancellations, accidents, weather, sickness, political closures, or any unforeseen incidents.
- **Damage, Loss, or Injury:** We are not responsible for any loss, injury, or damage to persons, property, or otherwise, caused by acts of God, fire, accidents, machinery breakdowns, political disturbances, theft, epidemics, or other factors beyond our control.
- **Insurance:** We do not offer insurance for accidents, sickness, theft, or other unforeseen circumstances. We recommend travelers arrange for insurance in their home country. All personal property and baggage are at the client's risk at all times.
- **Unforeseen Circumstances:** We are not responsible for costs arising from landslides, roadblocks, bad weather, or similar unforeseen circumstances.

Tipping

- Tipping is not included in our price. It is optional but often expected in the travel industry. There is no limit on the amount you can tip, though the average guideline is around \$10-15 per day for guides, drivers, and other crew members.

Trip Comments

- After your trip, we would love to hear your experience. Any photos, suggestions, or feedback will be greatly appreciated. While we strive to make every trip perfect, we acknowledge that there is always room for improvement. Your comments, whether positive or constructive, are invaluable to us.