

Tour Name: Architecture, Temple & Beach

Tour Duration: 9 Nights/ 10 Days

Tour Map: <https://tinyurl.com/33ydyzwm>

Tour Overview

Embark on the Architecture, Temple & Beach Tour, a journey through the rich heritage and architectural marvels of Southern India. Begin in Bangalore, exploring its lush gardens, royal palaces, and ancient temples before heading to Hassan to marvel at the intricate carvings of the Belur and Halebidu Temples. Continue to Hampi, where the majestic ruins of the Vijayanagara Empire await, offering a glimpse into a glorious past. Fly to Hyderabad to discover its iconic landmarks and historic forts. Journey to Puri, home to the revered Jagannath Temple and serene beaches, with a visit to the enchanting Chilika Lake and the stunning Konark Sun Temple. Conclude your tour in Bhubaneswar, exploring its ancient temples and rock-cut caves, for a truly unforgettable experience of India's cultural and historical grandeur.

Tour Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Bangalore

- Arrive at Bangalore airport and transfer to the hotel. Check-in and relax at the hotel after your journey.
- Start the day with breakfast at the hotel.
- Visit Lalbagh Botanical Garden, a 240-acre garden featuring rare plants, centuries-old trees, and the iconic glasshouse inspired by London's Crystal Palace.
- Visit Bangalore Palace, a Tudor-style palace showcasing opulent interiors, gothic windows, and furniture that brings a royal charm, reflecting the grandeur of the Wodeyar dynasty.
- Visit Tipu Sultan's Summer Palace, a beautiful example of Indo-Islamic architecture with ornate arches, balconies, and intricate frescoes.
- Visit ISKCON Temple, a grand temple dedicated to Lord Krishna, offering a peaceful spiritual experience with its impressive architecture and serene surroundings.
- Visit Bull Temple, a historic temple featuring a massive monolithic statue of Nandi, the sacred bull, carved out of a single granite rock.

- Visit Government Museum, one of India's oldest museums, showcasing a vast collection of artifacts from ancient and medieval periods, including sculptures, inscriptions, coins, and paintings.

Day 2: Bangalore - Hassan (200km)

- Start the day with breakfast at the hotel.
- Drive to Hassan.
- Enroute visit Sravanabelagola, a prominent Jain pilgrimage site with a massive monolithic statue of Lord Gomateshwara. The 57-foot statue is one of the largest free-standing statues in the world, accessible via a steep climb of 614 steps, offering a spiritual and physical challenge (visit only for those who are fit and can walk on a rough path for approx. 1 km each way).
- After sightseeing, drive to Hassan and check-in at the hotel.

Day 3: Hassan - Hampi (330km)

- Start the day with breakfast at the hotel.
- Drive to Hampi.
- Visit Belur Temple, famous for its intricate sculptures and detailed carvings on the exterior and interior walls. This 12th-century temple is dedicated to Lord Chennakesava and is an outstanding example of Hoysala architecture.
- Visit Halebidu Temple, another masterpiece of Hoysala architecture known for its stunningly detailed carvings, sculptures, and friezes that depict scenes from Hindu mythology. This temple complex, which includes the Hoysaleswara and Kedareshwara temples, is a UNESCO World Heritage site.
- After sightseeing, drive to Hampi and check-in at the hotel.

Day 4: Hampi

- Start the day with breakfast at the hotel.
- Visit Virupaksha Temple, one of the oldest functioning temples in India, dedicated to Lord Shiva. The temple features a towering gopuram, elaborate carvings, and is part of the Hampi UNESCO World Heritage site.
- Visit Vijaya Vittala Temple, renowned for its iconic stone chariot and musical pillars that produce musical notes when tapped gently. This temple complex is a testament to the architectural brilliance of the Vijayanagara Empire.

- Explore the Royal Enclosure, a fortified area housing several ancient structures including the Mahanavami Dibba, where the king once sat to watch processions and ceremonies, and the Queen's Bath, a grand bathing area.
- Visit Lotus Mahal, an elegant pavilion with a unique blend of Islamic and Hindu architectural styles, known for its lotus-shaped arches and serene atmosphere.
- Visit Elephant Stables, a large and impressive structure with a series of interconnected chambers that once housed the royal elephants.
- Visit Hampi Bazaar, a historic market street that once served as a bustling trade center, now lined with ancient pavilions and temples.
- Visit Achyutaraya Temple, known for its grand architecture, detailed carvings, and serene surroundings, dedicated to Lord Vishnu.
- Visit Hemakuta Hill Temples, a cluster of ancient temples offering panoramic views of Hampi, perfect for sunset viewing.
- Return to the hotel after a day of exploration.

Day 5: Hampi/Vijayanagar - Hyderabad (flight)

- Start the day with breakfast at the hotel.
- Transfer to the airport for your flight to Hyderabad.
- Arrive at Hyderabad airport and transfer to the hotel.

Day 6: Hyderabad

- Start the day with breakfast at the hotel.
- Visit Charminar, a symbol of Hyderabad, this iconic monument features four grand arches and a mosque on the top floor. Built in 1591, it stands at the heart of the old city and offers a glimpse into the city's rich history.
- Visit Mecca Masjid, one of the largest mosques in India, constructed with bricks brought from Mecca. The mosque's vast courtyard can accommodate over 10,000 worshippers, and its impressive architecture is a blend of Qutub Shahi and Mughal styles.
- Visit Golconda Fort, a historic fort known for its acoustic marvels, majestic palaces, and stunning architecture. The fort complex includes royal apartments, halls, temples, mosques, and the famous Fateh Rahben gun, one of the cannons used in the last siege of Golconda.

- Visit Qutub Shahi Tombs, a complex of beautifully preserved tombs of the Qutub Shahi dynasty. The tombs feature exquisite architecture, blending Persian, Pathan, and Hindu styles.
- Explore Salar Jung Museum, one of the largest museums in India, housing an extensive collection of art and artifacts from around the world, including Persian carpets, Japanese swords, Chinese porcelain, and European paintings.
- Return to the hotel after a day of exploration.

Day 7: Hyderabad - Puri (65km)

- Start the day with breakfast at the hotel.
- Drive to Puri.
- Visit Jagannath Temple, a revered Hindu temple in Puri, famous for its annual Rath Yatra and unique Kalinga architecture. The temple is dedicated to Lord Jagannath, a form of Lord Vishnu, and is one of the Char Dham pilgrimage sites.
- Explore Puri Beach, a popular destination known for its golden sands, roaring waves, and vibrant local culture. It's an ideal spot for relaxation and experiencing the coastal life of Odisha.
- After sightseeing, drive to Puri and check-in at the hotel.

Day 8: Puri - Chilika - Konark - Puri (130kms round)

- Start the day with breakfast at the hotel.
- Depart for a round trip to Chilika and Konark.
- Visit Chilika Lake, Asia's largest brackish water lagoon, known for its rich biodiversity and birdwatching opportunities. The lake is home to a variety of migratory birds, especially during the winter season.
- Take a boat ride on Chilika Lake to spot migratory birds and visit the Nalabana Bird Sanctuary, a haven for bird watchers.
- Visit Konark Sun Temple, a UNESCO World Heritage site, this 13th-century temple is shaped like a giant chariot and dedicated to the Sun God. The temple is renowned for its intricate carvings, architectural grandeur, and historic significance.
- Explore the Konark Beach, known for its scenic beauty, serene environment, and the annual Konark Dance Festival held in December.
- Return to Puri after sightseeing and relax at the hotel.

Day 9: Puri - Bhubaneswar (65km)/ Bangalore

- Start the day with breakfast at the hotel.
- Drive to Bhubaneswar.
- Visit Lingaraj Temple, an ancient temple dedicated to Lord Shiva, exemplifying Kalinga architecture with its towering spire, intricate carvings, and elaborate rituals.
- Visit Udayagiri and Khandagiri Caves, historic rock-cut caves that served as Jain monastic complexes, featuring intricate carvings and inscriptions from the 2nd century BCE.
- Visit Mukteshwar Temple, known for its exquisite carvings and beautiful architecture, often referred to as the "Gem of Odisha." The temple is a significant example of the Somvanshi period and features a unique blend of architectural styles.
- Transfer to the airport for your flight to Bangalore.
- Arrive at Bangalore airport and transfer to the hotel.

Day 10: Bangalore - Departure

- Start the day with breakfast at the hotel.
- Transfer to the airport for your departure flight.

Package Price (USD Per Person Sharing Double/Twin Room)**Valid for Travel: Until 20 September 2027**

Persons	Solo	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
3★ Standard	2,744	1,480	1,302	1,314	1,178	1,152	1,078	1,023
4★ Deluxe	3,431	1,849	1,671	1,683	1,547	1,521	1,447	1,391
5★ Luxury	5,632	3,065	2,731	2,743	2,607	2,581	2,507	2,451

Single Room Supplement

3★ Standard: USD 417 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 735 | 5★ Luxury: USD 1,876

Triple Sharing Discount (Per Person)

3★ Standard: USD 61 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 90 | 5★ Luxury: USD 303

Price Includes:

- Assistance on arrival at airport.
- 9 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:

- Vijayanagar - Hyderabad & Bhubaneswar - Bangalore flight fare approx INR 10,500 per person in economy class.
- 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 9 nights' accommodation

3 Star Hotels

- Bangalore x 1 night: Royal Orchid Central/ Ramada Bangalore
- Hassan x 1 night: The Ashhok/ Pearl Hotel
- Hampi x 2 nights: Malligi Hotel/ Clarks Inn
- Hyderabad x 2 nights: Hotel Abode/ Aditya Park
- Puri x 2 nights: Toshali Sands/ The Hans Coco Palms
- Bangalore x 1 night: Royal Orchid Central/ Ramada Bangalore

4 Star Hotels

- Bangalore x 1 night: Lemon Tree Premier/ Gokulam Grand Hotel & Spa
- Hassan x 1 night: Hosyala Village Resort/ Rosetta By Ferns – Sakleshpur
- Hampi x 2 nights: Heritage Resort/ Royal Orchid Central Keerti
- Hyderabad x 2 nights: The Golkonda Hotel/ Lemon Tree Hotel
- Puri x 2 nights: MAYFAIR Heritage/ Mayfair Waves
- Bangalore x 1 night: Lemon Tree Premier/ Gokulam Grand Hotel & Spa

5 Star Hotels

- Bangalore x 1 night: ITC Gardenia, a Luxury Collection/ Vivanta Bengaluru, Residency Road
- Hassan x 1 night: Hosyala Village Resort/ Rosetta By Ferns – Sakleshpur
- Hampi x 2 nights: Evolve Back, Hampi
- Hyderabad x 2 nights: ITC Kakatiya, a Luxury Collection/ Trident Hotel
- Puri x 2 nights: MAYFAIR Heritage/ Mayfair Waves
- Bangalore x 1 night: ITC Gardenia, a Luxury Collection/ Vivanta Bengaluru, Residency Road

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.

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- 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.
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- 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.

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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.