

Tour Name: Goa to Belgaum, Bijapur & Badami Extension Tour

Tour Duration: 4 Nights/ 5 Days

Tour Map: <https://tinyurl.com/2c4sxyua>

Tour Overview

Embark on an enriching journey through Karnataka's rich heritage with the "Goa to Belgaum, Bijapur & Badami Extension Tour". Begin in Belgaum, where historic forts and temples beckon with tales of valor and spirituality. Explore Bijapur, famed for its architectural marvels like the Gol Gumbaz and Ibrahim Rauza, showcasing the grandeur of medieval Deccan architecture. In Badami, delve into ancient cave temples carved into red sandstone cliffs, adorned with intricate sculptures from the Chalukyan era. Immerse yourself in the region's cultural tapestry, from majestic fortresses to serene temples, culminating in a journey back to Goa filled with memories of Karnataka's timeless allure.

Tour Itinerary

Day 1: Goa - Belgaum (125kms)

- Depart from Goa and drive to Belgaum, a city rich in historical heritage and cultural significance.
- Visit the Belgaum Fort, known for its massive walls, ancient temples, and mosques, reflecting the architectural diversity and historical importance of the region.
- Explore the Kamal Basti, a Jain temple located within the fort complex, famous for its beautiful architecture and serene ambiance.
- Discover the Kapileshwar Temple, one of the oldest temples in Belgaum, dedicated to Lord Shiva and renowned for its intricate carvings and peaceful surroundings.
- Take a stroll in the beautiful St. Mary's Church, an architectural marvel known for its stunning stained-glass windows and serene atmosphere.
- Enjoy the local cuisine at a recommended restaurant before heading to your hotel for the night.

Day 2: Belgaum - Bijapur (220kms)

- Start the day with breakfast at the hotel.
- Depart for Bijapur, a city renowned for its magnificent Islamic architecture and historic monuments.

- Visit the Gol Gumbaz, the mausoleum of Mohammed Adil Shah, famous for its gigantic dome and whispering gallery that echoes even the faintest whisper.
- Explore the Ibrahim Rauza, a stunning tomb and mosque complex known for its elegant arches, intricate stonework, and beautiful gardens.
- Discover the Malik-e-Maidan, a massive medieval cannon, reputed to be the largest in medieval India, and marvel at its sheer size and craftsmanship.
- Admire the architectural beauty of the Gagan Mahal, a palace with impressive arches and domes that served as a royal residence and durbar hall.
- Visit the Asar Mahal, a historic building believed to contain relics of Prophet Muhammad, showcasing beautiful Indo-Islamic architecture.
- End the day with a leisurely walk around the Bijapur market, experiencing the local culture and shopping for souvenirs.

Day 3: Bijapur - Badami (120kms)

- Start the day with breakfast at the hotel.
- Depart for Badami, famous for its rock-cut cave temples and ancient architecture.
- Visit the Badami Cave Temples, carved out of sandstone cliffs, showcasing intricate sculptures and frescoes dedicated to Hindu, Jain, and Buddhist deities.
- Explore the Bhutanatha Temples, situated on the banks of Agastya Lake, offering serene views and an ideal spot for photography.
- Discover the Archaeological Museum of Badami, housing a collection of sculptures, inscriptions, and artifacts from the Chalukyan era, providing deep insights into the region's rich cultural heritage.
- Walk through the historic Badami Fort, located on a hilltop, and enjoy panoramic views of the town and surrounding landscapes.
- Take a boat ride on Agastya Lake, offering a unique perspective of the surrounding temples and caves.

Day 4: Badami

- Start the day with breakfast at the hotel.
- Visit the nearby sites of Aihole, known as the "Cradle of Indian Temple Architecture," and explore its ancient temples and monuments, including the Durga Temple, Lad Khan Temple, and Ravanaphadi Cave.

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- Explore the Pattadakal Temples, a UNESCO World Heritage site known for its intricate temple architecture blending Nagara and Dravidian styles, showcasing a harmonious blend of Hindu and Jain temples.
- Return to Badami and visit the Banashankari Temple, dedicated to the goddess Banashankari, known for its annual fair and cultural significance.
- Explore the Mahakuta Temples, a group of ancient temples nestled in a serene forested area, known for their tranquil ambiance and historic value.
- In the evening, enjoy a traditional Karnataka meal at a local restaurant, savoring the regional flavors and delicacies.

Day 5: Badami - Goa (250kms)

- Start the day with breakfast at the hotel.
- Depart from Badami and drive back to Goa, enjoying scenic views of Karnataka's countryside and villages along the way.
- En route, visit the Gokak Falls, a picturesque waterfall known for its stunning beauty and the old bridge across the Ghataprabha River.
- Stop by the ancient Mahalakshmi Temple in Kolhapur, dedicated to the goddess Mahalakshmi, known for its architectural splendor and spiritual significance.
- Continue the journey to Goa, concluding the tour with fond memories of Karnataka's ancient forts, temples, and rich cultural heritage.

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	1,295	686	574	609	533	516	475	445
4★ Deluxe	1,420	765	654	689	613	595	555	524

Single Room Supplement

3★ Standard: USD 155 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 200

Triple Sharing Discount (Per Person)

3★ Standard: USD 20 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 36

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Price Includes:

- Assistance on arrival at airport.
- 4 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 4 nights' accommodation

3 Star Hotels

- Belgaum x 1 night: UK 27 The Fern/ Native by Chancery Hotels
- Bijapur x 1 night: The Fern Residency/ Kyriad Hotel Vijayapura by OTHPL
- Badami x 2 nights: Badami Court/ Clarks Inn

4 Star Hotels

- Belgaum x 1 night: Regenta Resort Belagavi/ Fairfield by Marriott Belagavi

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- Bijapur x 1 night: The Fern Residency/ Kyriad Hotel Vijayapura by OTHPL
- Badami x 2 nights: Morpho Banashree Resort/ WADA1

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.

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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.