

Tour Name: Goa to Hampi & Badami Extension Tour

Tour Duration: 3 Nights/ 4 Days

Tour Map: <https://tinyurl.com/mt5yb5he>

Tour Overview

Embark on a captivating journey with the "Goa to Hampi & Badami Extension Tour," tracing the footsteps of ancient civilizations from the coastal charm of Goa to the historical wonders of Hampi and Badami. Begin amidst the vibrant streets of Goa, then venture inland to Hampi, a UNESCO World Heritage site renowned for its majestic ruins and ancient temples. Explore Hampi's architectural marvels, including the Virupaksha Temple and Vittala Temple with its iconic stone chariot. Continue to Badami, where rock-cut cave temples and serene lakeside temples await, offering a glimpse into Karnataka's rich cultural tapestry. This tour blends scenic drives through Karnataka's countryside with immersive experiences in its ancient heritage, promising a journey filled with discovery and historical intrigue.

Tour Itinerary

Day 1: Goa - Gadag - Lakkundi - Hampi (340kms)

- Depart from Goa and drive to Gadag, known for its historical and architectural significance.
- Visit the Veeranarayana Temple, an exemplary Hoysala architecture marvel known for its intricate carvings depicting scenes from the Ramayana and Mahabharata.
- Explore the ancient temple complex of Lakkundi, famous for its step wells (stepped tanks) like the Musukina Bavi and the ornate Brahma Jinalaya Temple dedicated to Lord Brahma.
- Continue the journey to Hampi, a UNESCO World Heritage site and ancient city known for its magnificent ruins and temples, once the capital of the Vijayanagara Empire.

Day 2: Hampi

- Start the day with breakfast at the hotel.
- Visit the Virupaksha Temple, dedicated to Lord Shiva and renowned for its towering gopuram (gateway tower) and intricate sculptures depicting mythological tales.

- Explore the Vittala Temple complex, famous for its iconic stone chariot, a symbol of Hampi's architectural brilliance, and the musical pillars inside the Ranga Mantapa that produce melodic sounds when tapped.
- Discover the Royal Enclosure, including the Queen's Bath, an ornate bathing chamber adorned with intricate carvings and motifs, and the Lotus Mahal, an elegant pavilion showcasing Indo-Islamic architectural influences.
- Visit the Hazara Rama Temple, known for its exquisite bas-reliefs depicting the Ramayana epic on its walls.
- Explore the Elephant Stables, a row of large domed chambers that once housed the royal elephants, showcasing a blend of Hindu and Islamic architectural styles.
- Wander through the Hampi Bazaar, lined with ancient pavilions and structures, offering insights into the bustling commerce and daily life during the Vijayanagara Empire.
- In the evening, enjoy a sunset visit to Matanga Hill, one of the best viewpoints in Hampi offering panoramic views of the entire ancient cityscape and the meandering Tungabhadra River. Watch as the sun sets, casting a golden glow over the rocky landscape.

Day 3: Hampi - Badami (140kms)

- Start the day with breakfast at the hotel.
- Depart from Hampi and drive to Badami, another UNESCO World Heritage site known for its rock-cut cave temples dating back to the 6th century.
- En route, visit Aihole, known as the "Cradle of Indian Temple Architecture," and explore its ancient temples and monuments, including the Durga Temple with its semi-circular apse and intricate carvings, Lad Khan Temple with its unique architecture, and Ravanaphadi Cave, a rock-cut cave temple dedicated to Lord Shiva.
- Explore the UNESCO-listed Pattadakal Temples, showcasing a harmonious blend of Nagara and Dravidian temple architecture styles, with highlights including the Virupaksha Temple, Mallikarjuna Temple, and Papanatha Temple.
- Explore the Badami Cave Temples, carved out of sandstone cliffs overlooking the Agastya Lake and dedicated to Hindu, Jain, and Buddhist deities. Marvel at the intricate sculptures and detailed frescoes depicting stories from Hindu mythology.
- Visit the Bhutanatha Temples, located on the banks of Agastya Lake, offering serene views and an ideal spot for photography, especially during sunrise and sunset.

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- Explore the Archaeological Museum of Badami, housing a collection of sculptures, inscriptions, and artifacts from the Chalukyan era, providing insights into the region's rich cultural heritage and history.
- Climb up to the North Fort to see the remnants of the ancient Badami Fort, offering panoramic views of the town and surrounding countryside.

Day 4: 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 picturesque countryside and charming villages.
- Continue the journey to Goa, concluding the tour with memories of Karnataka's ancient heritage, architectural marvels, and the cultural richness of Hampi and Badami.

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	1,223	717	619	643	579	567	533	507
4★ Deluxe	1,554	892	794	818	754	742	708	681
5★ Luxury	2,383	1,346	1,199	1,223	1,159	1,147	1,112	1,086

Single Room Supplement

3★ Standard: USD 114 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 270 | 5★ Luxury: USD 695

Triple Sharing Discount (Per Person)

3★ Standard: USD 17 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 44 | 5★ Luxury: USD 111

Price Includes:

- Assistance on arrival at airport.
- 3 Nights' accommodation in selected price category hotels.
- Daily breakfast at hotels.

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- 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 3 nights' accommodation

3 Star Hotels

- Hampi x 2 nights: Malligi Hotel/ Clarks Inn
- Badami x 1 night: Badami Court/ Clarks Inn

4 Star Hotels

- Hampi x 2 nights: Heritage Resort/ Royal Orchid Central Keerti
- Badami x 1 night: Morpho Banashree Resort/ WADA1

5 Star Hotels

- Hampi x 2 nights: Evolve Back, Hampi
- Badami x 1 night: 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.
- 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.
- 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.

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- **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.