

DRAVIDIAN TRAIL - 17 Days / 16 Nights

From USD 1759 onwards

Tour Code
GITC/IB/007

| HYDERABAD BIJAPUR BADAMI HOSPET HAMPPI HASSAN MADIKERI NAGARHOLE MYSORE BANGALORE | | | | | | | |
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| CATEGORY | PERIOD | MEAL PLAN | PRICE PER PERSON | | | MIN. PAX | FROM - TO |
| | | | 1/2 DBL | SGL SUPPL | 1/3 TPL | | |
| Superior | 04/01/06 - 09/30/06 | BB | 1759 | 406 | 1420 | 02 | Hyderabad - Bangalore |
| Superior | 10/01/06 - 12/15/06 01/16/07 - 03/31/07 | BB | 1886 | 453 | 1538 | 02 | Hyderabad - Bangalore |
| Superior | 12/16/06 - 01/15/07 | BB | 1894 | 458 | 1545 | 02 | Hyderabad - Bangalore |
| Deluxe | 04/09/06 - 09/30/06 | BB | 2504 | 836 | 2075 | 02 | Hyderabad - Bangalore |
| Deluxe | 10/01/06 - 12/15/06 01/16/07 - 03/31/07 | BB | 2643 | 915 | 2185 | 02 | Hyderabad - Bangalore |
| Deluxe | 12/16/06 - 01/15/07 | BB | 2737 | 977 | 2261 | 02 | Hyderabad - Bangalore |

DAY 01: HYDERABAD

Arrival at Hyderabad. You will be greeted and assisted at the Airport by GITC representative and transferred to the hotel for 02 nights. Hyderabad known as 'City of Pearls' is Southern India's counterpart to the Mughal splendour of Delhi, Agra & Fatehpur Sikri and an important centre of Islamic culture. A sizable percentage of Hyderabad's population is Muslim.

DAY 02: HYDERABAD

Breakfast. Proceed for a sightseeing tour of the city. Visit Birla Mandir. View the magnificent Charminar square edifice of granite, Golconda Fort - a 16th century fortress. Afternoon, visit Salar Jung Museum and go for a boating on Hussain Sagar Lake to get a closer look at the mighty Buddha statue. Later shopping at Laad Bazaar.

DAY 03 : HYDERABAD - BIJAPUR

[300 kms / 9 hrs]
Breakfast. Check out and drive to Bijapur. En route visit Gulbarga Fort. Within the ramparts of the fort, there is an imposing mosque, which resembles the great mosque of Cordova in Spain. Bijapur is known for its tombs and dargahs. Gol Gumbaz, the tomb of Mohammed Adil Shah, has superb acoustics. The town has an architectural character strongly influenced by the Adil Shahi dynasty of Turkish origin. Check in at hotel for 01 night. Afternoon, visit Gol Gumbaz & Jumma Masjid - one of the oldest mosques in India.

DAY 04: BIJAPUR - BADAMI

[130 kms / 4 hrs]
After breakfast, checkout and drive to Badami. En route visit Pattadakal and Aihole. Aihole, acclaimed as the cradle of Hindu temple architecture has over 125 temples. Pattadakal, a world heritage centre has 10 major temples that display the successive

Dravidian temple architecture and traces of North Indian Nagara style. Badami near Aihole which is set in beautiful countryside at the foot of a red sandstone ridge has a fort and cave temples. Check in at hotel for 01 night.

DAY 05: BADAMI - HOSPET

[138 kms / 4 hrs]
Breakfast. Checkout and drive to Hospet. En route visit the cave temples of Badami. Hospet was a satellite town built during the reign of Krishnadevaraya. This is a typical county town of Karnataka situated 13 kms from Hampi. Check in at hotel for 02 nights.

DAY 06 : HOSPET - HAMPPI - HOSPET

Breakfast. Full day sightseeing of Hampi. Hampi was once the seat of the great Vijayanagar Empire. Although in ruins today, this capital city once boasted riches known far beyond the shores of India. The ruins of Hampi of the 14th Century lie scattered in about 26 sq. km area. Visit Virupaksha Temple, one of the city's oldest structures; Vitthal Temple, Lotus Mahal - an amazing synthesis of Hindu & Islamic styles construction; Sule Bazaar, Achyutaraya Temple, Royal Centre, Elephant Stables & Queen's Bath.

DAY 07: HOSPET - HASSAN

[350 kms / 8 hrs]
After breakfast, check out and drive to Hassan. This clam and peaceful town is a convenient base to visit Sravanabelagola, Belur & Halebid. Check in at hotel for 02 nights.

DAY 08: HASSAN

Breakfast followed by sightseeing tour of Belur & Halebid. Belur, 38 km from Hassan is known as the Dakshina Varanasi or Southern Banaras. The serenity of Belur is attributed to the celebrated temple of

Hoysalas. Halebid has several strikingly beautiful Hoysala temples and Jain shrines.

DAY 09: HASSAN - MADIKERI

[150 kms / 5 hrs]
Breakfast. Check out and drive to Madikeri. Madikeri, the district headquarters of Kodagu is dubbed as the Scotland of India. Misty hills, lush forests, acres and acres of tea and coffee plantations, undulating streets and breathtaking views are what make Madikeri an unforgettable holiday destination. Check in at hotel for 03 nights.

DAY 10: MADIKERI

Breakfast. Sightseeing of Madikeri. Visit Madikeri Fort - a 19th century fort, Abbey Falls and Nisargadhama - known for its calm, serene beauty. This place is an ideal picnic spot visited by hundreds of tourists.

DAY 11: MADIKERI

Breakfast. Full day at leisure /free to explore this hill station.

DAY 12: MADIKERI - NAGARHOLE

[70 kms / 1 1/2 hrs]
Breakfast. Check out and drive to Nagarhole. This wildlife sanctuary is in an isolated pocket of the Kodagu region. In addition to the elephants, the park also has gaur, four horned antelope, sloth bears and monkeys. Check in at the resort for 02 nights.

DAY 13: NAGARHOLE

Breakfast. Take a coracle ride through the serene backwaters of the Kabini river followed by jeep safari at the park to see animals. Afternoon, elephant ride in the jungle. Evening birdwatch at Korapur forest.

DAY 14: NAGARHOLE - MYSORE

[80 kms / 2 hrs]
Breakfast. Check out and drive to Mysore. One of the finest cities of Southern India, Mysore is a small,

easygoing, sandalwood country; a craft-crazy city, with friendly people going about their business in a city of gardens, tree-lined boulevards, art galleries and a palace. Check in at hotel for 02 nights.

DAY 15: MYSORE - SOMNATHPUR - MYSORE

Breakfast. Proceed to Somnathpur, one of the most famous Hoysala Temples. The temple is in excellent condition, has frescoed exteriors with episodes from the epics. Afternoon, sightseeing tour of Mysore covering Chamundi hill - a popular tourist and pilgrimage centre which is topped by the huge Chamundeswari temple, Maharaja's Palace, the magnificent three-storied structure and Deva raja Market.

DAY 16: MYSORE - BANGALORE

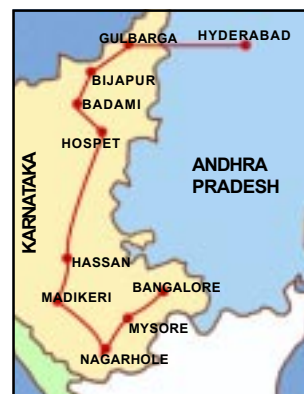
[140 kms / 4 hrs]
Breakfast. Check out and drive to Bangalore. En route visit Ranganathittu bird sanctuary and Srirangapatnam, the capital of the warrior King Hyder Ali & his son Tipu Sultan.

Bangalore, often referred to as the 'Garden City' is known for its beautifully laid out parks and gardens, wide tree lined avenues and imposing buildings. The main attractions are Vidhan Soudha building, Cubbon Park and Museum, Botanical Garden, Tipu Sultan's Palace and Bull temple. Check in at hotel for 01 night.

DAY 17: BANGALORE

On time transfer to Bangalore Airport to connect flight for onward destination.

Tour Concludes!



Map not to scale



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INCLUSIONS : 16 nights accommodation in double room on twin sharing basis on BB plan. All transfers, sightseeing and excursions as per the itinerary in A/c medium car. Service of a local English speaking guide wherever applicable. Entrance tickets. Arrival & departure assistance. All currently applicable taxes (any Govt. or State taxes subsequently introduced will be extra.)
EXCLUSIONS : Expenses of personal nature such as hard/soft drinks, still/video camera fees at monuments, laundry, phone/fax, tips & gratuities and travel insurance. Flight tickets. Any increase in fuel costs. Any other item not mentioned in the above clause "inclusions".
 Xmas and New Year eve supplement.