
THE GOLDEN CHARIOT

“PRIDE OF SOUTH”



Over a billion people, several hundred dialects, 29 states, and a cultural diversity that baffles the mind and cannot be put in words...Each of India's states - and the uncountable villages within- has a distinct history, cultural markers and allure. It is a land of a thousand untold stories.



Between destinations... journey within and without...

ROUTE MAP

Route: Bangalore – Mysore– Kabini – Mysore – Hassan –Hampi– Badami – Goa – Bangalore





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DAY 1: BANGALORE BY FLIGHT

Arrive at Bangalore. You will be met and assisted by a Secrets of India's representative who shall handover your travel documents and transfer you Taj west End to do check-in formalities of Golden Chariot Train. Enjoy a high tea and visit ISKON Hindu Temple, before reaching railway station to board your train.

Overnight: Train
Meals Included: Dinner

DAY 2: MYSORE & KABINI BY TRAIN&SURFACE

Post relaxed breakfast pack your overnight clothes for night stay in jungle lodge. 1st visit early 20th century built Amba Vilas Mysore Palace, whose architecture style is a mix of Hindu, Muslim, Rajput & Gothic structure. View the durbar hall wing & Personal art gallery of former royalty.

On arrival in Kabini, check-in to your jungle lodge after lunch & brief rest proceed for safari, abound with herds of Asian Elephants, Sambar & spotted Deer; wild boar, sloth bear gaur & occasional sighting of panther & tiger, Evening return to lodge for screening of wildlife film, followed by campfire & dinner.

Overnight: Jungle Lodge
Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

DAY 3: KABINI & MYSORE BY TRAIN

Enjoy your day with an early morning boat ride in Kabini River, you may site crocodiles sunning themselves & many hued birds flitting in & out of the forest freeb canopy. Return back to your jungle lodge for breakfast and return to Mysore to board your train.

Relax for a while and later enjoy an excursion to 18th century built Srianga patnam Fort, on a river bank-which witnessed many a skirmishes between popular king Tipu Sultan & British colonial rules. Later visit Dariya Daulat & Tipu Mausoleum drive back to Mysore Town & time free for shopping. Later enjoy cultural program & dinner in Lalita Mahal Palace.

Overnight: Train
Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

DAY 4: HASSAN BY TRAIN



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Arrive in Hassan and proceed for excursion to Shravanabelagola village. Climb 700 steps, carved in a stone hillock to view 10th century built statue of Jain monk Gommateshvara Bahubali an architectural marvel towering 58 feet high.

Later taken an excursion to ancient Hindu at Halebedu & Belur, The 12st century built Belur temple is dedicated to Lord Vishnu & filled with intricate sculptures of Elephants, lions, horses & sensuous dancers. The 12th century built Halebidu temple complex is dedicated to Hindu God-Lord Shiva. The outer walls of the temples contain intricate array of stone sculptures.

Overnight: Train
Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

DAY 5: HAMPI BY TRAIN

Take excursion to UNESCO world heritage site of Hampi palace ruins. Located amongst awesome granite boulder strewn landscape, Hampi was the capital of mighty south Indian Vijayanagar Empire in 14th century. With opulent palaces, marvelous temples, massive fortifications, private baths for royalty, markets, pavilions & stables for Royal Elephants.

Later in the evening visit the 16th century built temple complex of Vithala, dedicated to Hindu god lord Vishnu. In courtyard of the main temple is a massive stone chariot, after which Golden Chariot train has been names. The stone wheels of the chariot can be rotated, however have been cemented by authorities to avoid damage.

One of the most notable features of Vittala temple are the musical pillars. Each of the pillar that support the roof of the main temple is supported by pillar representing a musical instrument, and in constructed as 7 minor pillar arranged around a main pillar.

Overnight: Train
Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

DAY 6: BADAMI & PATTADAKAL BY TRAIN

Take an excursion to UNESCO world heritage sites of Badami caves & Pattadkal temple complex carved out of sandstone hills, the 7th century built Badami cave temples are dedicated to Hindu religious sects of lord Shiva, Vishnu & Budha and Jain Faiths. Highlight of the cave sculptures is an 18 armed Lord Shiva in Tandav dancing pose.

Overnight: Train
Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

DAY 7: GOA BY TRAIN

Post relaxed breakfast proceeds for sightseeing of UNESCO world heritage site of old Goa churches. The old town of Goa is famous for its churches affiliated to various congregations, including the Se cathedral (the seat of the Archbishop of Goa), the church of St. Francis of Assisi, the church of S. Caetano, and notable, the Basilica of Bom Jesus which contains the relics of Saint Francis Xavier, later visit old Portuguese house & time free for shopping.



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Enjoy your lunch in a perfect setting of a luxury beach resort and have sometime for leisure.

Overnight: Tain
Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

DAY 8: BANGALORE BY TRAIN

After breakfast, you will disembark at Yeshwanthpura Railway Station, Bangalore.

Bid farewell to the Golden Chariot as your royal passage through the grand vistas of India comes to an end.

Meals Included: Breakfast

Please note venue of meals & timings of sightseeing's would be subject to change as per Indian railways norms.



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Departure Dates (2016 - 2017)

Month	Dates
October 2016	10
November 2016	07
December 2016	05
January 2017	16
February 2017	13
March 2017	13

**Rates are available on request from Guidepost Rail Tours
valid from Oct 2016 till Mar 2017**

Inclusions

- Accommodation in Deluxe cabin with attached bath and Jungle Forest Lodge
- All meals including tea, coffee and mineral water
- Transport for sightseeing in deluxe coaches
- Monument entry fee to all palaces & museums
- English speaking guide
- Service tax of 4.50%

Notes

- 10% Surcharge shall be levied on departures during Christmas / New Year
- Child below 12 years charged 50% of adult cost & provided bunker bed
- Child below 5 years complimentary without bed.