Karnataka Heritage Tour

**Duration:** 15 Nights / 16 Days  

Take a trip into the past, you will discover a land of many surprises, Musical pillars, Stone dancers, Elephant stables, Monumental temples, Sandy beaches. You will enjoy them all while you enter through Gateway of India.

**Day 01: Arrive Mumbai**

On arrival you will be met by our representative & transferred to hotel, where we will be holding the rooms on ready occupancy basis. After traditional welcome check in into hotel. Overnight to be spent at hotel.

**Day 02: Mumbai**

In the morning, we have for you a half day tour of : Gateway of India – The stone archway designed by Wittett in the 16th century Gujarati style, Prince of Whales Museum & Elephanta Caves – 9 kms by sea. These 7th century rock – cut cave temples dedicated to Lord Shiva are situated a top a hill on the island. With everlasting memories of the day spend night at hotel.

**Day 03: Mumbai – Goa**

Bombay to Goa - Train or Flight. Pick up from Goa. Goa beach activites. Overnight at hotel.

**Day 04: Goa**

Now, be ready to visit the city that is called the "Archaeologist's Delight". In the morning you will visit North Goa and South Goa in the afternoon. Overnight at hotel.

**Day 05: Goa**

Today is your day, i. e. It's the day to relax. Where? At the beautiful, refreshing and health prone beaches of Goa. Overnight at hotel.

**Day 06: Goa - Belgaum – Badami**

Today after breakfast drive to Badami enroute visiting Belgaum - a total picture of contrasts. On one side is the old town area and modern on other, in the heart of Belgaum is the Fort. Inside it are most famous Kamala Basti, the Jain Temple & the Jama Masjid. The Kapaleeswarar Temple, the Ananthashayana. Overnight at hotel.
Day 07: Badami

Rock-cut cave Temples, Gateways, Forts, Inscriptions, Sculptures that seem to come alive before your eyes. Badami has to be seen to be believed. Climb a flight of steps to reach the ancient caves – all hewn out of sand stone on the precipice of a hill. Also a must see are Bhutanatha temples that lend their names to the lake just beneath the cave temples. Take a dip in this green tranquil river. It is said to have the healing properties. Badami also has the eighteen inscriptions ranging from 06 th to 09 th century. Overnight at hotel.

Day 08: Badami – Aihole – Pattadakal – Hospet

Today is your lucky day as you are going to Hospet enroute visiting Aihole and Pattadakal, and for that nothing can be said as everything is self explanatory. Aihole which is famous as the "cradle of the Indian Architecture". You will also visit Pattadakal – Situated on the left bank of the Malaprabha river, a world heritage centre, has 10 major temples representing early Chalukyan architecture, later continue towards Hospet. Overnight at hotel.

Day 09: Hospet

Come with us this morning to explore the beautiful world of Hospet. The touristic importance of this lies in its proximity to Hampi, the site of the Medieval Vijaynagar Empire, (13 kms) is the most evocative of all the ruins in Karnataka. Overnight at hotel.

Day 10: Hospet – Hassan

Have your breakfast and head towards the destination that has it all. Yes! You guessed it right. We are going to Hassan. Set and refresh into hotel. Take an excursion to Belur & Halebid, a beautiful example of Hoysala architecture. Famous of them is The Channekeshava Temple: which took 103 years to complete. The temples of Halebid bear mute testimony to the rich, cultural heritage of Karnataka. Overnight at hotel.

Day 11: Hassan - Shravanbelgola – Hassan

Today you will see the splendor of Shravanbelgola. 51 kms south – east of Hassan, one of most important Jain Pilgrim centers. Here is the 17m high monolith of Lord Bahubali – the world’s tallest monolithic statue. Rest of the day you will remain free to explore the surroundings. Spend your night at hotel.

Day 12: Hassan – Madikeri

Today morning we will be going to Madikeri, a place which is called as the "Scotland Of India". On arrival set yourself in the hotel, refresh yourself and come with us to visit Madikeri Fort, Abbey Falls, Nisargadhama – Known for its calm, serene beauty, this place is an ideal picnic spot visited by hundreds of tourists throughout the year. Overnight at hotel.
Day 13: Madikeri – Mysore

Today morning have your breakfast & ride with us to the exclusive locales of Mysore. On arrival, check in into hotel. Refresh yourself & visit: Mysore Palace, Chamundi hills – Towering over the city, these hills are 13 kms away from Mysore. Halfway up is the Nandi bull, 4.8m monolith. Brindavan Gardens – A site to be loved. The musical fountains & colorful lights transform this place into a fairy land. Overnight at hotel.

Day 14: Mysore

Get up & get set for your visit to: Sri Jayachamarajendra Art Gallery – Housed in the Jag Mohan Palace, the gallery has a collection of exquisite paintings. In the afternoon visit Somnathpur. It is a little village where you can see the famous 13th century temple well known for its great architectural beauty. The star shaped temple with three shrines is the latest & well preserved heritage of Hoysala architecture. Overnight at hotel.

Day 15: Mysore - Sirangapatnam – Bangalore

Today morning, you are free to explore the beautiful surroundings. Afternoon drive to Bangalore enroute visiting Sirangapatnam. capital of the warrior – King Hyder Ali & his son Tipu Sultan, has magnificent monuments that are well worth a visit. In the evening, drive to Bangalore. On arrival check into hotel. Overnight at hotel.

Day 16: Bangalore – Mumbai

Today morning come with us to explore the "city of gardens". We will take you to Vidhan Sudha – It houses the State's Legislature and Secretariat, Nandi Temple – One of the oldest temples, popularly known as the Bull temple. In the evening take your flight to Bombay. On arrival transfer to hotel where we will be holding the rooms for wash & change. Have your dinner being organized by us. Departure transfer to International Airport for flight back home.