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★ KARNATAKA ★

Treasures of the State

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BIJAPUR

Bijapur city is approximately 530kms from Bangalore. The historical monuments that reflect great architectural precision are worth a visit.

MYSORE

Mysore is more than just the 'City of Palaces'. This otherwise calm and laid back city, sure knows how to keep the festive spirit alive. Visit Mysore during Dussehra and you'll have no choice but to agree. A variety of performances, *jumbo savari* and processions, make Mysore in Dussehra a complete celebration. The lit up Mysore Palace is always a treat for visitors.



Ibrahim Rauza, Bijapur

PATTADAKAL

In 1987, UNESCO listed Pattadakal among the World Heritage Sites. Approximately 22Km from Badami, this village lies in Bagalkot district and is an important tourist destination.

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Pattadhakal, UNESCO Heritage



Gulbarga

Earlier known as Kalburgi (stony land), Gulbarga district is found in the Northern part of Karnataka. Not exactly a tourist destination, Gulbarga, however, has plenty of historical and architectural marvels.

Gulbarga Fort

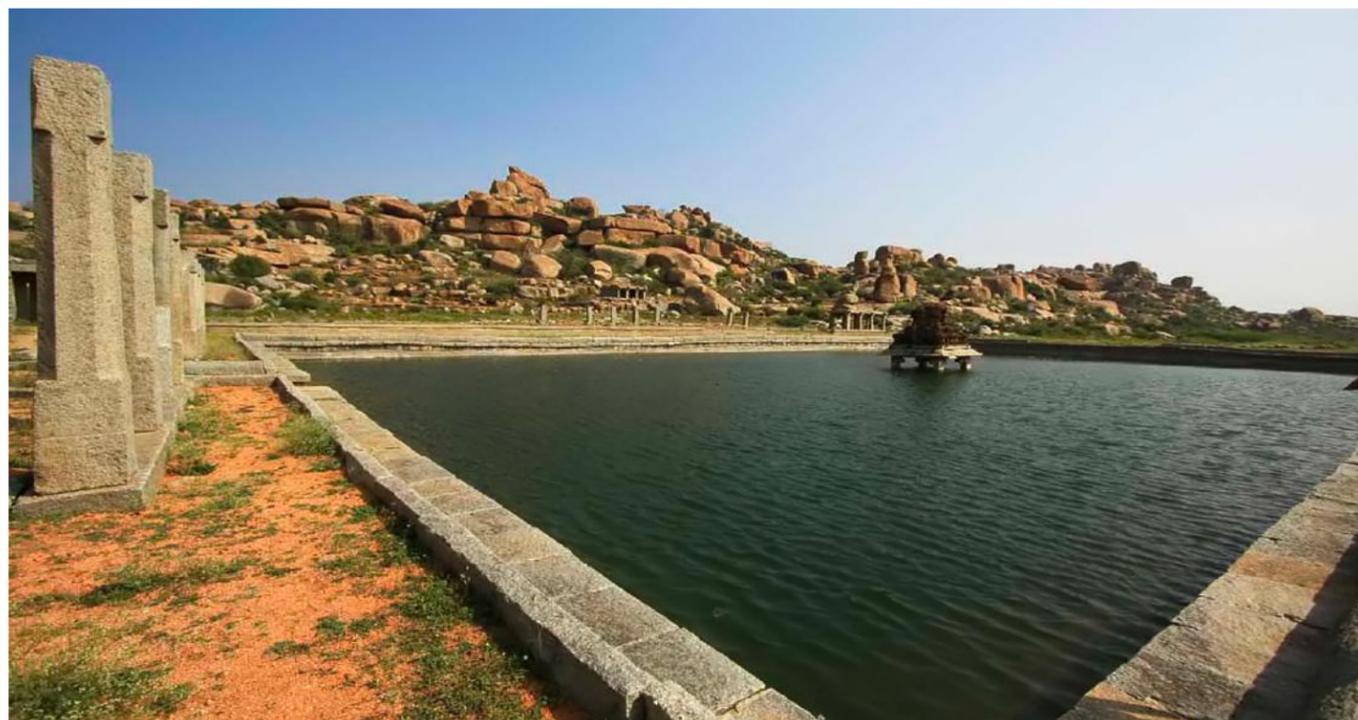
HAMPI

This photographer's paradise is not only a must visit for all photography enthusiasts, but also for anyone looking for rich culture, heritage and outstanding architecture. It's the perfect destination for budget holidays.

Left to right: 1. Village life in North Karnataka; 2. Mysore Jambhu Savari; 3. Visitors at Vithala temple, Hampi; 4. Inside the Gol Gumbaz arena, Bijapur; 5. Sumberged temple at Hampi Pushkarni



ACROSS THE COTTON SOILS





Bhoganandeeswara Temple near Nandi Hills, Bangalore



BADAMI

In the Bagalkot district of Karnataka lies the sleepy town of Badami. Once the royal capital of the Chalukyas, Badami is now home to a number of cave temples, fortresses and entryways. If art and architecture are your area of interests, visit Badami and witness some fine Dravidian architecture.

COORG

Not too far from Namma Bengaluru lies the Land of Coffee. A popular tourist destination, Coorg never disappoints. With a number of typical tourist destinations from Tandiyandamole, Kote Betta and Nagarhole to places of Pilgrimage like Bagamangala, the Scotland of India has it all. Visit Coorg for that perfect weekend getaway.



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- 1. Town of Badami**
- 2. Bhagamandala Theertha, Coorg**