

# AN INTRODUCTION TO HYDERABAD



## THE CITY OF PEARLS

Also dubbed as the City of Pearls and Cyberabad, Hyderabad is the twin capital of the states of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh in India. Set up in 1591, the city is one of the major metropolitan cities of the country and with an output of US\$74 billion, the fifth-largest contributor to India's overall gross domestic product. It is famous for its IT industry, biopharmaceutical sector, and the Telugu film industry.

Hyderabad represents a convergence of the old and the new. It is known the world over for its 400-year-old Charminar as well as for its pearls, bangles, silks, IT companies and mouth-watering cuisine. Though a cosmopolitan city, it has retained its glorious past and is home to people from diverse cultures and traditions.

Hyderabad has something for everybody. It is a city, which is marching ahead to the future, while retaining its historical roots. If you are not stumped by the flavours of Hyderabadi cuisine, its grandiose monuments will floor you. It is a city that pulsates with life and is sure to make you come back for more.

## ATTRACTIONS



CSC TO CHARMINAR - 17 KMS

**Charminar** - A major landmark of Hyderabad with four graceful minarets located in the old city, Charminar was built by Muhammed Quli Qutb Shah as a memorial for plague victims. It is in the midst of Charkaman which are four archways leading to roads in all four directions of the monument.



CSC TO SALARJUNG MUSEUM - 17 KMS

**Salarjung Museum** - The museum houses the largest one-man collection of antiques in the world. Collections include The *Veiled Rebecca* and other huge collection of artefacts dating back to a few centuries. A mere day isn't enough to cover the whole museum.



CSC TO GOLCONDA - 09 KMS

**Golconda Fort** - Once abandoned by Qutub Shahis, Golconda Fort is one of the most magnificent fortress complexes in India. Seated on a hill on one side and spiraling fort on the other, its location and internal design made it one of the strongest forts in India.



CSC TO TANKBUND - 16 KMS

**Hussain Sagar** - It is a man-made lake famous for the 19-metre tall Buddha statue present in the middle. Located on its banks is Tank Bund which consists of beautiful gardens and statues of famous personalities. Boating and water sports are a regular feature at the lake.



CSC TO MECCA MASJID - 18 KMS

**Mecca Masjid** - A Symbolic Mosque, Mecca Masjid was built 400 years back during the reign of Sultan Muhammad Qutub Shah, the 6th Qutub Shahi Sultan of Hyderabad. The three arched facades have been carved from a single piece of granite, which took five years to quarry. More than 8,000 workers were employed to build the mosque. Muhammed Qutub Shah personally laid the foundation stone of the 'mosque'.



CSC TO RAMOJI FILM CITY - 67 KMS

**Ramoji Film City** - Spread across 1666 acres, Ramoji Film City is the largest integrated film city in the world.

It is also a popular tourism and recreation centre, containing both natural and artificial attractions including an amusement park.

## HYDERABADI CUISINE

Hyderabadi cuisine also known as Deccani cuisine of India was developed after the foundation of Qutb shahi dynasty by Sultan Quli, promoting the native cuisine along with their own.

Hyderabadi cuisine had become a princely legacy of the Nizams of Hyderabad State. It is an amalgamation of Mughlai, Turkish and Arabic along with the influence of the native Telugu and Marathwada cuisines. The cuisine comprises a broad repertoire of rice, wheat and meat dishes and the skilled use of various spices, herbs and natural edibles.



## RELISH THE FLAVORS OF THE HYDERABADI BIRYANI AND LUKHMI

**Hyderabadi Biryani** is Hyderabad's most famous meat-and-rice dish. The Nizams served some 26 varieties of biryanis for their guests. An authentic Hyderabad meal invariably includes a mutton biryani. Hyderabadi Biryani incorporating chicken, lamb, beef or vegetables instead of mutton are also popular.

**Lukhmi** is a typical Hyderabadi starter and the snack's original and authentic preparation is stuffed with mutton-mince (kheema). "Kheemey ki Lukhmi" is still served as a starter in the authentic Hyderabadi course of meal at weddings, parties, etc.

## HYDERABAD CLIMATE

Hyderabad has a tropical wet and dry climate bordering on a hot semi-arid climate. The annual mean temperature is 26 °C (79 °F) , May is the hottest month, when daily temperatures range from 26 °C (79 °F) to 38.8 °C (102 °F); January, the coldest, has temperatures varying from 14.7 °C (58 °F) to 28.6 °C (83 °F) . Temperatures in the evenings and mornings are generally cooler because of the city's moderate elevation.



Average high (°C): 31.8



Average low (°C): 17.0



Average Humidity (%): 49

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