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Established on the southern banks of the river Musi, Hyderabad is a city of rocky terrain that has with time transformed into a bustling metropolitan offering the best Biryani's ever. The city has one of the best variety of pearls and gemstones in the world. Home to various IT firms and pharmaceutical companies, Hyderabad is a hub for commercial business processes. Some of the must-visit attractions in the city include Charminar, Golkonda, Hussain Sagar, Salar Jung Museum,

Ramoji Film City, Nehru Zoological Park, Chowmahalla Palace, Birla Mandir, etc.

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Famous For : City

Hyderabad is an old city that has been known for its rich heritage and culture. An ideal destination for foodies that offers food traditionally cooked in the Mughal and Persian style. The large variety of lip smacking biryani's can make anybody's visit here just perfect. Hyderabad, the sixth most populous city in India, is the capital of both Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. Founded in the late 16th century by Muhammad Quli Qutb Shah, it later became the capital of the larger state of Hyderabad ruled by the colourful dynasty we know as the Asaf Jahi Nizams. The Nizams ruled over Hyderabad for two centuries till 1948. Their state included regions of present-day Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra and Karnataka. In a famous episode of modern Indian history, in 1947, the then Nizam, Osman Ali Khan, refused to join either India or Pakistan, but the following year the state was annexed by India by force. Hyderabad's twin city, Secunderabad, was founded in the early 18th century as a British cantonment,

separated from Hyderabad by the Hussain Sagar Lake. Hyderabad is known for its unique culture- the aromatic biryani, the lilting tongue called Dakhani or Hyderabadi, the rich legacy of the Nizams

and the stunning Charminar. The region is also famous for its diamond mines that produced some of the world's most coveted rocks- the Kohinoor, the Regent Diamond, the Hope and the Orloff. In the last two decades, Hyderabad-Secunderabad has grown into a hub of information technology, and is sometimes given the sobriquet 'Cyberabad'.

The city is also home to the Telugu film industry (predictably called Tollywood), the third largest in the country. Hyderabadis are proud of their city, of the colourful stories behind its splendid palaces, of the Nizams with their many wives and as many eccentricities. They love to sip Irani chai at small joints in the shops around Charminar. They love the larger-than-life Tollywood stars, who exhort them to buy cola from gigantic hoardings, and who routinely step out of sprawling mansions in the upmarket Jubilee Hills or Banjara Hills to add histrionics to the political scene. Also, the city has developed to become a hub for the IT sector along with the pharmaceutical and BPO processes making it a busy commercial city. The wide range of precious and semi-precious stones and pearls and intricate art and handicraft make Hyderabad one of the

most sought after destinations among the tourists. To top it all, it is the home to one of the very popular attractions in the country, Charminar.

Hyderabad is one city that still holds its beautiful old world charm along with the modern day elegance. Remember the sensuous 'Ooh La La' song from 'The Dirty Picture'; it was shot in the Ramoji Film City of Hyderabad. 'Hero Hiralal', starring Naseeruddin Shah and Sanjana Kapoor had a few scenes shot at the Golkonda Fort, Hussain Sagar, and the iconic Charminar. Some other popular movies that were shot in Hyderabad are Bobby Jasoos, Wanted, Daawat-E-Ishq, and Bewafaa.

Vacation in Hyderabad is always a one-of-a-kind experience but this is doubled up if you happen to visit during any of the festivals and events. Festivals like the Deccan Festival, International Kite Festival, Lumbini Festival and Ugadi Festival. On top of all these festivals and events unique to the state, festivals like Holi, Deepavali, Id-Ul-Fitr, Christmas are also celebrated with equal gusto and pomp. List of festivals in Hyderabad is as big as the city itself.

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Charminar in Hyderabad is a monument synonymous with the city itself, the four spires rising in the sky seem to proclaim to the world of the rich heritage of this ancient city. The breathtaking structure, which is at the heart of the city will mesmerise you more as you come closer. The four storied minars are ornamented with ring formations in the shape of delicate flower petals. Since there are no official documents or inscriptions about Charminar, not much is known about the date of its foundation or the reason behind it. However, there are a number of theories abound.

An excellent example of Islamic architecture, the structure is made up of pulverized marbles, granites, mortar and limestone. There are 45 praying spaces but the best one is the rooftop mosque at the western end of the structure. As the sound of the city dwindles down, as serenity starts surrounding you, you will feel like heaven itself is blessing you. There are 149 winding steps that lead up to the rooftop. Take a break and stand on the balcony of the first floor and feast your eyes on the hustle and bustle of the busy Laad Bazaar down below.

Don't miss out on this one. A visit to Hyderabad doesn't count if you haven't seen the Charminar.

4 Golconda Fort



Ibrahim Bagh, Hyderabad, Telangana 500008, India

Golconda Fort, Hyderabad is one of the primary tourist attractions. Renowned for its diamond mines that have given the world the famous Kohinoor and Darya-i-noor diamonds, Golconda is also known for this famous fort. The ancient fort complex of Golconda will charm you with its history, tinged with legends and anecdotes. The construction of this regal structure is believed to have started in 1143 as a mud fort, during the rule of the Kakatiya Dynasty. Today, the granite fort stands on a 400 feet hill, and seems to emit a kind of ancient aura from each and every part. The fort complex is made up of four separate forts surrounded by an outer wall whose

perimeter is around 10 km. Apart from that, there are semi-circular bastions, some of them still sporting cannons on top, drawbridges, eight gateways, stables, mosques and temples. Golconda Fort still have the remnants of the palatial rooms and halls. Standing inside one of these will give you an idea of the kind of grandeur this place must have had during its golden days. An ingenious example of acoustical engineering can be experienced at the iron spiked Fateh Darwaza, one of the fort entrances, spiked so as to prevent elephants from breaking open the gates. A hard clap made under the dome can be heard as far as the highest pavillion (Balsa Hill) almost a kilometre away. This arrangement worked as a warning to alert the forces in the fort in case of an incoming attack. With so much ground to cover, exploring every nook and cranny might be tedious. You can hire a tour guide who can show you around more efficiently with details on the stories and legends associated with Golconda Fort. If you are planning to stay back till late, don't miss the Light and Sound Show here. The shows usually start at 7 PM in summers and 6 PM in winters, with shows in Telugu held on Thursdays, shows in Hindi held on Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays and English shows held on Wednesdays and Sundays. There are no shows on Mondays.

5 Ramoji Film City



Anaspur Village, Hayathnagar Mandal, Hyderabad, Telangana 501512, India

Ramoji Film City is India's very own version of Disneyland, with a twist that only Indian cinema can bring! The film city is owned by the Ramoji group, which is headed by Ramoji Rao, a famous director of the Telugu film industry. Declared as the 'largest film city in the world' by the Guinness Book of World Records, the place attracts millions of tourists every year. As you enter this place, you will see miniature replica sets of the Golconda Fort and the Hawa Mahal. The Fort is built on a hilltop from where you can get spectacular views of the entire film city.

Ramoji Film City has a 5-star and 7-star hotel for tourists who are looking for good accommodation options. Also, these hotels play host to corporate affairs and weddings. There are many interesting dining options including multi-cuisine restaurants, fast food joints and stylish cafes.

What To SEE



5 Sights

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1 Treasure Island Gandipet



Next to Golkonda Resort, Gandipet, Hyderabad, Telangana 500075

A popular amusement park for both children and adults, Treasure Island Gandipet attracts hundreds of visitors everyday. From go-karting

large swimming pools, camel rides, fun indoor games to dry and water rides, this amusement park is a perfect holiday destination. The place is famous not only for the fun activities but also for the 30 bamboo cottages where you can spend the night with family and friends. So for a fun filled day, this place is perfect for all.

2 Surendrapuri



Surendrapuri, Near Yadagirigutta, Nalgonda District, Telangana, Hyderabad 508115, India

If you have ever wondered about the innumerable Hindu Gods and Goddesses, you should check out this Surendrapuri Hyderabad. Located about 60 km away from Hyderabad city, not many tourist make it up to this place. But once you reach here, you'd realize how cool this place is. Also called the Mythological Awareness Centre, the museum was established to create knowledge about Hindu mythology.

The museum was actualized by Mr. Kundu Satyanarayana, who built it in the memory of his son. There are life-size replicas of most of the important Hindu deities inside. The replicas are convincing enough to give you the feeling of being inside the real temple. According to their sizes, these replicas are either constructed outdoors or kept indoors. Apart from these impressive structures, you will find a number of paintings and sculptures depicting instances from Ramayana, Mahabharata, Bhagavad Gita etc. There are even life-sized artistic representations of the 'three worlds', heaven and hell. A visit to Surendrapuri would be a fun way to teach your kids or learn yourself, the basic background of the Hindu Mythology. Truly devout people can have the satisfaction of having visited all the sacred temples at one place.

3 Charminar



Where To Eat

5 Places

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1 Paradise Restaurant



Paradise Food Court, S D Road, Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh, 500003, India
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Paradise Restaurant is one of the best and oldest restaurants in Hyderabad, famous for its Biryanis. It started out as a small tea and snacks restaurant in 1953. Growing from the humble beginnings, today it has transformed into a palatial restaurant, synonymous with the flavourful biryani! It also serves Hyderabad, Indian, Chinese and Continental delicacies. Its truly a mecca for chicken biryanis and mirch ka salan served along with biryanis. The ambiance is great, service is quick and the staff is courteous.

2 Pista House



Kotla Alijah, Moghalpura, Hyderabad, Telangana 500002, India
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3 Kebabs and Kurries



ITC Kakatiya Hotel, 6 -3 -1187, Greenlands, Begumpet, Hyderabad, Telangana 500016, India
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Kebabs & Kurries has the typical rugged North-West Frontier ambience,

minimalist décor with copper slate flooring, in milk and reduced on low heat, and sandstone walls & pillars, and antique enriched with khoya), it's a refreshing (and artifacts adding to the 'Indianness'. The sight-tighter on the palate) change from the usual of the clear glass live kitchen with its array of Shahi Tukras and Khubani ka Meethas iron tandoors, skewers, clay ovens, rustic served up at these places.

tawas, pans and spit charcoal grills, drums up your appetite as you walk in. As expected, the menu here is brimming over with kebabs, kormas, qaliyas and salans in the best traditions of the ITC signature restaurants Bukhara and Dum Pukht. Try their Burra and Kakori Kebabs, Tali Sabz Macchli, Murgh Angaar, Tandoori Jhinga and Pudina Paneer Tikka, all of them superlative, with the grilled aroma, which is just the right shade of subtlety. The Tali Macchli, (white

pomfret fillet marinated in a paste of fresh garlic, green chillies and coriander leaves, crumbed and pan fried on a tawa), especially, is a culinary masterpiece, crisp on the outside, and melting with the aroma of the green paste, inside. So are Tandoori Jhinga (jumbo prawns marinated in an ajwain-flavoured mixture of yoghurt, red chillies, turmeric and garam masala, skewered and roasted over charcoal). Excellent korma (curry) options include Murgh Korma and Murgh Bemisaal and Do Pyaza Gosht. For vegetarians, don't miss the evergreen Dal Bukhara, that rich, creamy and delicious black lentils speciality, or the Aloo mandra' (stuffed potato barrels simmered in a curd-based gravy). There is an assortment of Indian breads like Warqi Parathas. For desserts, do try Yaquti, (broken basmati rice and moong dal cooked

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