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The Ultimate 2-day itinerary for Hampi

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Looking for a **2-day itinerary for Hampi**? This post will guide you through the best places in Hampi.

Hampi is located in the **Indian state of Karnataka**. It was the capital of Vijayanagar empire of medieval India. In the present times, we get to see the ruins of the glorious past.

Hampi is a UNESCO World Heritage site and is well-known for its historical value, stunning architecture, top-class engineering.

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When to Visit Hampi

October to February is the best time to visit Hampi when the weather is cooler in India. Hampi can get very hot in summers because the rocky structures and the stone ruins radiate heat



You can also plan to visit Hampi during yearly carnival – “**Hampi Utsav**”. Hampi Utsav is a celebration of life and culture in Karnataka. It is hosted in the first week of November.

How to Reach Hampi

By Road:

Car:

Hampi is an approximately 6-hour car drive from Bangalore and hence it makes for a sought-after weekend destination for people in Bangalore.

Bus:

Hampi is well connected by Bus routes with other places in Karnataka. There are buses operated by the State-run Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC). There are inter-state buses as well which connects Hampi with Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, and Goa.

You can book online bus tickets beforehand:

[KSRTC Online Bus Ticket booking](#)

[RedBus Online Tickets](#)

By Train:

The nearest Railway Station is the Hospet junction which is approximately 13 KM from Hampi. Hospet Junction is a major station. It is well connected with Bangalore, Hyderabad, and Goa.

You can book your train tickets from the official website of **Indian Railways**.

Where to stay in Hampi

There are several good hotels, homestays and guest houses in and around Hampi. You can check in [Booking.com](#) for the review.



One recommended location for staying at Hampi is **near the Hampi Bazaar** which is close to all major attractions.

For our stay at Hampi, we narrowed down to Radisson and Hyatt Place and finally stayed at Hyatt Place.

Hyatt Place Hampi

Hyatt Place is located at 45 mins car-driving distance from the main historical center. This means you need to travel up and down to reach the historical center.

We drove down to Hampi from Bangalore and hence had access to the car, Alternatively, you can request Hotel authorities to arrange for the same. They will happily oblige.

2-Day Itinerary for Hampi – points to note:

Let's talk about the itinerary for Hampi now.

Hampi boasts of yester-year architectural ruins and several temples. This itinerary will take you through the not-to-miss destinations.

Opt for a guided tour while exploring Hampi. Although not essential to book a Guide beforehand, you can check with the hotel you are staying in to arrange for a guide.

Or else, you can reach your first destination and get a guide from there itself. Always go for the ones who display Government registered identity cards.

The rich history of Hampi calls for a guided tour to travel back in time and **for a more enriching experience.**





Day 1 of itinerary for Hampi :

Day 1 of Itinerary for Hampi is a combination of history, shopping and relaxation. It starts with Virupaksha Temple.

a) Virupaksha Temple

Virupaksha Temple

Virupaksha temple is the only temple in Hampi where daily puja is performed. The temple is dedicated to Lord Virupaksha, a form of Shiva.

It was built during the reign of Deva Raya II of Vijayanagar empire. The temple is particularly fascinating owing to its architectural pattern. Note that Photography is allowed in the temple complex but prohibited **inside the temple**.

b) Hampi Bazaar Street



Hampi Bazaar street is located just next to the Virupaksha temple. It's a long stretch of not-so-wide road dotted with **flea market style small shops**.

All sorts of knick-knacks are available here, ranging from stone artifacts, banana fiber crafts, embroidered cloth bags, leather purses, and inexpensive stoles/T-shirts.

It's a **great place to collect some souvenirs**.

The street also has some good restaurants to settle down for lunch.

We went to **Mango Street** (as recommended by a locale) and tried a variety of options. They have cuisines ranging from North Indian to South Indian dishes as well as Pizza.

The restaurant has different seating arrangements including a sit-on-the-floor-and-dine option for an authentic royal experience – this one has some waiting time though.

c) Coracle Ride at Tungabhadra River

After a sumptuous lunch, head on to the **banks of the Tungabhadra river for the coracle ride**. It is just a Km away from Virupaksha temple.

Coracles are round-shaped boats made from bamboo and plastic.

Initially, I was a little skeptical whether to take the ride or not. It turned out to be a fascinating experience eventually.

You can go for a **30 minute or a 1-Hour** ride.

We went for the 30-minute ride across the river where the helmsman elaborated about the temples within the rocky structures. The rocky structures has **mythological significance** dating back to the Ramayana.

He also took us under a big boulder which acts as a natural air-conditioner. Towards the end of the ride, he spun the coracle very fast! It was an amazing experience.

The natural air conditioning while on Coracle Ride

Coracle ride is very safe and there are no chances of overturning.

d) Sunset at Hemakuta Hills



Hemakuta Hills are close to the Virupaksha Temple. It is one of the best places in Hampi to see the sunrise and sunset. A cluster of temples dedicated to Lord Shiva are found at the hilltop.

Hemakuta hills are not very high and offers a fairly easy climb.

Visit the Hemakuta hills for a panoramic view of Hampi.

Day 2 of itinerary for Hampi:

Day 2 of itinerary for Hampi covers historical spots and winding up the day with something very trendy!

a) Vijaya Vitthala Temple



Chariot at Vijaya Vitthala Temple

Vitthala Temple is probably the most famous attraction of Hampi. The temple was built in the 16th century and is **dedicated to Lord Vittala (Lord Vishnu)**, this structure is an architectural wonder and a historical marvel.

As you approach the temple (which is approximately 1 KM away from the main gate), you will get to see **ruins of Vijaynagar empire on both sides**. The carvings on stones and the architecture



speaking volumes of the life and happenings of the bygone time.

The moment you enter the temple complex, you will get to see **the over-sized statue of a chariot** right in the middle.

Stop by here and take some time to admire the beauty of the carvings on the chariot.

The complex has other structures as well like the musical pillars.

b) Queen's Bath:

Queen's Bath

Queen's Bath is another heritage structure that used to be **the private bathing chamber of the royals**.

It is rectangular in shape and surrounded by open windows on each side.

The saying goes that when the queens used to take bath here, their maids would wait at the windows with various floral fragrances and sprinkle on the queens as they came nearer to the windows.

