



Hyderabad City Guide

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Hyderabad City History

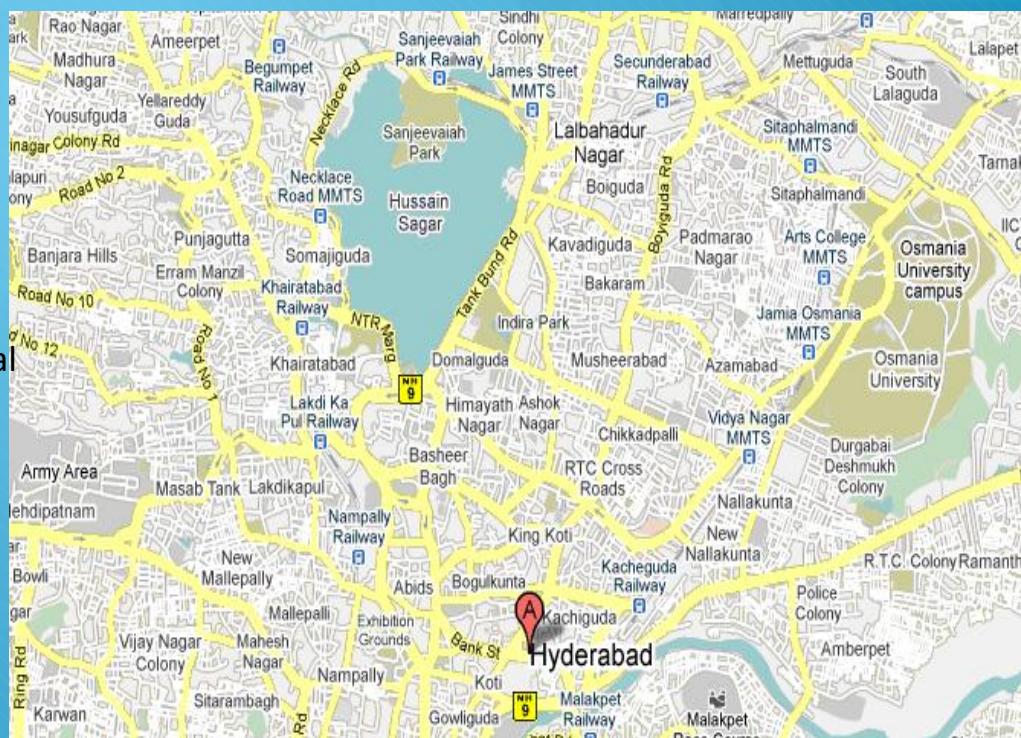
Hyderabad is Telangana's largest and most-populous city. It is the major urban centre for all of south-central interior India. From 1956 to 2014, Hyderabad was the capital of Andhra Pradesh state, but with the creation of Telangana from Andhra Pradesh in 2014, it was redesignated as the capital of both states. The city was founded by the Qutb Shahi sultans of Golconda, under whom the kingdom of Golconda attained a position of importance (second only to that of the Mughal Empire to the north). The old fortress town of Golconda had proved inadequate as the kingdom's capital, and so in about 1591, Muhammad Qulī Qutb Shah - the fifth of the Qutb Shahs, built a new city called Hyderabad on the east bank of the Musi River, a short distance from old Golconda. The Charminar, a grand architectural composition in Indo-Saracenic style with open arches and four minarets, is regarded as the supreme achievement of the Qutb Shahi period. It formed the centerpiece around which the city was planned. The Mecca Mosque, which was built later, can accommodate over 10,000 people.



Hyderabad Map

Hyderabad city maps are not only useful for the tourists; but they are also useful for students and for every person who wants to get some information about the city. There are several options to use the Hyderabad maps – one can use printed maps from private publishers, atlases and some books. You can also get Hyderabad maps in tourist guides. Survey of India also provides several types of maps.

A good map of Hyderabad is very useful as the city is undergoing constant changes and new areas, buildings, roads are getting developed as the population is increasing. A recent map giving updated information is needed by both long term residents and those who are new to the city.



Hyderabad Weather Conditions



Seasons in Hyderabad

WINTERS

This season starts from November and lasts till February. The average day temperature in Hyderabad is very comfortable and remains around 32 degrees. Minimum too is pleasant and hovers around 15 degrees.

SUMMERS

Summer season starts in March and ends in May. The place witnesses uncomfortable summer conditions with the average maximum temperature hovering around 37 degrees.

MONSOONS

The season starts in June and ends in September. The city often witnesses heavy to very heavy rain with strong westerly winds during these months.



Hyderabad Transportation

With numerous IT companies and MNCs setting up their offices throughout Hyderabad, the city has attracted numerous job seekers from all over the country. However, those relocating to Hyderabad to start their career or for a better career opportunity in the city often come up with a question, how will they travel?

Even the locals who lived in old Hyderabad often have to commute to the newly constructed Hi-Tech city for their jobs. Travel is an issue. But there are lots of choices for people using public transportation in Hyderabad. Previously, Hyderabad used to face a lot of traffic congestion on a daily basis. But, the problem has been solved to a great extent with the construction of flyovers. Hyderabad is also getting metro services to minimize the traffic problems further. Here are some of the options for the daily commuters:

- Buses
- Autos
- Railways
- Metro
- Taxis



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Hyderabad Housing Market

Of all the popular metro cities in India, Hyderabad is the most reasonably and affordably priced. Real estate in Hyderabad has matured both commercially and even in the residential market. In the recent years, despite the division of states and resultant chaos, commerce has thrived well, leading to improvement in the job scenario as well as infrastructure development. The property market in the city is sentiment-driven as is the case in most cities and the costlier the property prices get, sentiments turn unfavorable. Despite this, end-user interest in the city is maintained.

Property prices in the city vary with differences in the kind of infrastructure, connectivity, demand, and supply in a given location.

Below are the expat preferred areas:

- Banjara Hills
- Jubilee Hills
- Hitech City
- Gachibowli
- Kokapet
- KPHB





Few things to keep in mind before finalizing a property and normal Hyderabad market practices as per norms:

- In Hyderabad, the lease tenure is normally for 11 months. If a lease is more than 11 months, then it needs to be registered at the concern Sub – Registrar Office. Time duration for lease registration is 8 – 12 days
- Property – Furnished, Semi-furnished or Unfurnished and what all is included. Also, get clarity on payment methods and TDS deductions
- Advance rent – 1 month
- Security deposit is anywhere from 3 to 6 months, depending on both the property and the landlord.
- Lock-In clause – typically, it is for 9 months plus 2 month of notice period
- Escalation clause: 3 – 10 % per year
- TDS deduction: - 10 to 30 % depending on the monthly rent. In case of NRI landlord, the TDS has to be 30% on the rent. TDS certificates to be provided to the landlord on the deductions made on rent

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Hyderabad Culture

Hyderabad, also known as the 'City of Nawabs' is steeped in rich culture and history. The city is known for its opulent heritage, with a wide array of mosques, churches, temples, monuments, historic places, food, and arts. The city is recognized for its hospitality and is the one place where you can find a perfect amalgam of North and South Indian dwellers belonging to different regions. Telugu, Tamil, Malayalam, Hindi, Urdu, and Marathi are some of the many languages that are spoken here. Hyderabad has its own distinctive culture with the profusion of Islamic and Hindu philosophies. People who speak Telugu and are of 'Andhra' descent are called 'Andhraites', whereas, the people whose vernacular Hindi language is Urdu, are typically known as Hyderabadi. The food here is considered to be the fieriest in India and is indeed, fit for the kings! Hyderabadi Biryani, 'Double Ka Meetha', 'Haleem' and 'Naancut' biscuits are some of the popular food delicacies here. Festivals such as Diwali, Eid, Dusshera and Christmas are also celebrated on a large scale. A perfect blend of traditional ethos and modern lifestyle - the culture of Hyderabad is a diverse one.



Language

The population of the city speaks a number of diverse languages such as Hindi, English, Urdu, and Telugu, making Hyderabad a truly cosmopolitan city. Hyderabad, being the capital of Andhra Pradesh, has the perfect concoction of North and South Indian languages. In many nooks and crannies of the city, one will be able to hear the local dialect - Urdu, which is popularly read, written, and spoken here.

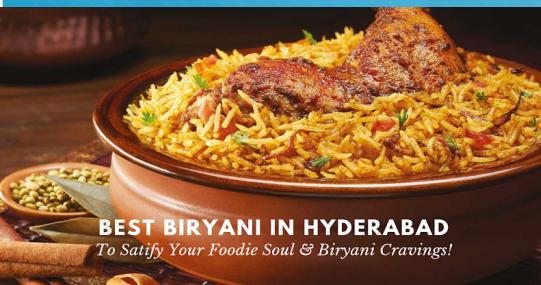
Hyderabad was the hub of the Bahamani Kingdom and traditionally, Urdu was the court language of the royals. Centuries down the line, Urdu is still commonly used in Hyderabad. Telugu is the native language of Andhra Pradesh. Derived from the Dravidian community, Telugu dates back to ancient times and is the second most popular language in Hyderabad. Apart from Urdu and Telugu, Hindi, English, Marathi, Tamil, and Gujarati are also spoken in this city.



Food

The 'tehzeeb' (culture) of Hyderabad would be incomplete without a special mention of its zesty food. 'Mehman-nawazi' (hospitality), combined with the rich fare of the Hyderabidis, has won praises and accolades all over the world. If you are new to Hyderabad, get ready to be completely bowled by the traditional Hyderabadi cuisine in the umpteen restaurants and food stalls located all over the city.

Hyderabidis are proud of their 'Irani Chai' (tea), Hyderabadi Biryani, 'Lukhmi', 'Mirchi Ka Salan', 'Double Ka Meetha', 'Naancut Biscuits' and 'Haleem'. Most of these dishes are found in big and small restaurants and are also sold by local vendors in ancient parts of the city. A perfect blend of Mughal, Nawabi and Andhra cuisine, the food in Hyderabad is a paradise for all those who love a bit of 'fire' and rich cuisines, complete with 'Desi Ghee', dry fruits, meats and lots of masala!



Arts



There are innumerable art centers for all those wanting to savor a taste of the world of 'arts' in Hyderabad. Head straight to a cultural center or a local university to learn more about Telugu/Urdu literature or head out to an art center to witness the mesmerizing forms of dance and music. Kathak, a popular dance form, whose inception was in the courts of the Mughals and Nawabs, is the most famous dance form in the city, followed by Kuchipudi, Bharatanatyam, and Odissi. Hindustani Classical Music and Carnatic Classical Music are also unique to the tradition and culture of the city. If you love paintings, regular exhibitions at the various arts and cultural centers in Hyderabad will give you a whiff of typical Nawabi styled portraits and contemporary paintings.

Festivals

Festivals such as Dusshera, Ramzan, Eid, Christmas, Diwali, and Navaratri are celebrated on a grand scale all over Hyderabad. Being a melting pot of cultures and ethnicity, Hyderabad has its very own range of festivals that are unique to its culture and traditions. The Deccan Festival is an important event and is held in Hyderabad annually. Other festivals such as Bonalu, Sankranti, and Rakhi are also celebrated with great fanfare across the city and state.



Cinema

Hyderabad is home to the Telugu Film Industry, also known as Tollywood. Tollywood is the largest film industry in the world in terms of architecture and also holds a Guinness World Record for the same. The industry is also associated with the Motions Picture Association of America. Founded by B.N. Reddy and Narayana Swamy, Tollywood forms the lifeline of the entertainment hub in the city and the rest of Andhra Pradesh.

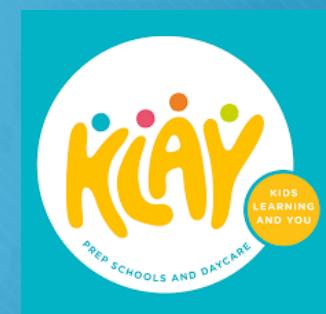
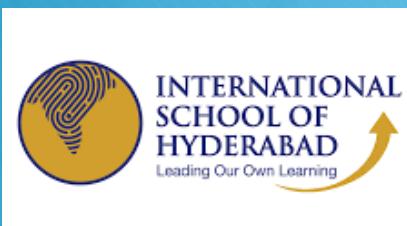
Local Hyderabidis and Telugu inhabitants are believed to be extremely passionate about their film industry, making Telugu films one of the most popular sections of films around the world. Hyderabad is home to the famous Ramoji Film City and also hosts some of the biggest film festivals in India such as the Busan Film Festival. If you are willing to take a glimpse of the entertainment in Hyderabad, it would be best to watch a Tollywood film or even just simply visit the Ramoji Film City!



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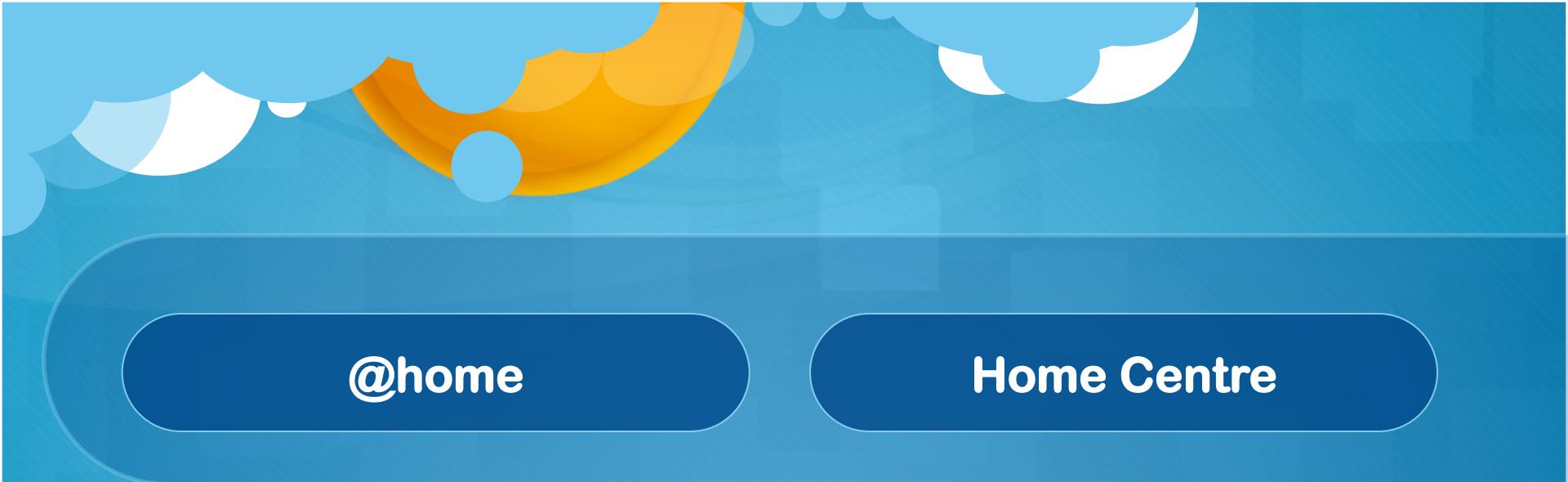


Hyderabad Furniture and Retail Outlets

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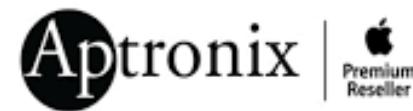


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Hyderabad Historical Monuments

Charminar



Mecca Masjid



Golconda Fort



Taramati Baradari



Assembly



Birla Temple



Chowmahalla Palace



Falaknuma Palace



Ramoji Film City



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