

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE SACRED CIVILIZATIONS OF THE DECCAN

FROM JUNE 23RD TO JULY 1ST, 2026

**BETWEEN ANCIENT TEMPLES, ISLAMIC CITIES AND AMAZING LANDSCAPES,
FROM KARNATAKA TO GOA**

This journey is a profound immersion into the heart of spiritual and historical India, encountering the great civilizations of the Deccan. From Hyderabad to Goa, via Bidar, Gulbarga, Bijapur, Badami, and Hampi, we explore major UNESCO World Heritage sites, where sacred architecture, Islamic art, and rock-cut temples converse with breathtaking landscapes. A balanced itinerary of cultural discoveries, time for reflection, and timeless beauty invites you to slow down, contemplate, and feel the soul of ancient India.



The group will be bilingual (English and French). A permanent French-speaking guide will accompany the group throughout the trip, along with local English-speaking guides at different destinations. Coralie, who speaks both French and English, will also facilitate and support the group during the journey.

INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION

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Circuit Karnataka



This journey through Karnataka is a journey through time and life.

We begin in Hyderabad and the road leads us to the Fort of Bidar, silent guardian of history, then to Gulbarga and Bijapur, where Islamic architecture reveals its monumental splendor.

In Badami, temples and sacred caves immerse us in a millennia-old heritage. Hampi, a spiritual jewel of the journey, offers us its mystical landscapes, sacred ruins and a timeless energy.

Finally, arriving in Goa, a former Portuguese enclave, reconnects us to the ocean, with the possibility for everyone to stay longer.

ITINERARY

DAY 01 -23/06 : HYDERABAD – GULBARGA - 260 km / +- 6 h

Departure by road towards Gulbarga. On the way, visit to the Fort of Bidar.

Bidar, known as the "city of whispering monuments," is one of Karnataka's hidden gems. Located in the far northeast of the state on the Deccan Plateau, the city is renowned for its handicrafts and is also an important Sikh pilgrimage center. Bidar Fort is the region's main attraction.

Bidar Fort: A magnificent 15th-century fortress, an emblem of the city, it stands majestically on the Deccan Plateau and exudes an almost magical atmosphere. Inside, one discovers superb ceramic work, inlays, pillars, sculpted panels, and remarkable inscriptions.

Continue to Gulbarga, the former regional capital, famous for its mosques and madrasas. Now called Kalaburagi, the city is renowned for its Islamic art, culture and historical monuments, including the forts and mausoleums of the Bahmanid rulers.

Arrival and check-in at the hotel.
Overnight stay at the hotel.



DAY 02-24/06 : GULBARGA – BIJAPUR - 152 km / +- 4 h

Breakfast at the hotel.
Visit to Gulbarga Fort and the Dargah of Bande Nawaz Chishti.

Gulbarga Fort is the city's main tourist attraction, with its imposing towers and 9-meter-deep moat. Originally built by Raja Gulchand of the Warangal dynasty, it was expanded in 1347 by Al-ud-Din Bahmani. The complex houses several remarkable buildings, including a Jama Masjid (Islamic mosque), small palaces, pavilions, and tombs. The Jama Masjid, built in 1367, is unique for its Persian-inspired architecture, entirely covered, with elegant domes and arched columns.

After the visits, we'll head towards Bijapur.

Bijapur, renamed Vijayapura in 2014, is a city rich in monuments inherited from the Chalukya and Adil Shahi dynasties. It boasts a harmonious blend of Shaivite and Islamic architecture, reflecting the different periods of its history.

Arrival and check-in at the hotel.
Overnight stay at the hotel.



ITINERAIRE

DAY 03 -25/06 : BIJAPUR – BADAMI 122 KM / +- 3 H

Breakfast at the hotel.

Visit to Bijapur: Gol Gumbaz, Ibrahim Rouza, Jama Masjid and the great cannon Malik-e-Maidan.

Surrounded by tranquil gardens, the Gol Gumbaz is Bijapur's most iconic monument. It houses the tomb of Emperor Mohammed Adil Shah, his wives, his concubine, his daughter, and his grandson. Its immense dome, unsupported by pillars, is the second largest in the world. The monument is also renowned for its exceptional acoustics, allowing a whisper to be heard from the far end of the hall.



After the visits, we'll head towards Badami.

Badami, a once prestigious city, was long contested by the Chalukya, Pallava, and Rashtrakuta dynasties. This history explains the richness of its temples and monuments. Lovers of art, literature, and architecture, its rulers placed great importance on detail and innovation. The temples, some dating back to the 6th century, bear witness to exceptional refinement. Some are still used for worship, while others continue to inspire awe with their beauty.



Dinner and overnight stay at the hotel.

DAY 04-26/06: BADAMI

Breakfast at the hotel.

Day dedicated to discovering Badami, its caves and the sites of Aihole and Pattadakal.

Listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, these 6th-century rock-cut caves are dedicated to Hindu and Jain deities. The mythological sculptures are remarkably well-preserved. The view from the summit is well worth the climb, especially at sunset when the rocks are bathed in vibrant red hues.



The peaceful village of Aihole, the former capital of the Chalukya of Badami, is dotted with temples of various styles, richly decorated with sculptures representing deities, animals, battle scenes and mythological couples.



The UNESCO World Heritage site of Pattadakal comprises nine Hindu temples dedicated to Shiva and a Jain shrine. Many Chalukya king coronation ceremonies were held there. The temples, built between the 7th and 8th centuries, display a harmonious blend of northern and southern Indian architectural styles.



Dinner and overnight stay at the hotel.

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DAY 05-27/06 : BADAMI – HAMPI - 150 KM / +- 4 H

Breakfast at the hotel.

Departure towards Hampi.

Hampi, the ancient capital of the Vijayanagar Empire and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is one of India's most remarkable archaeological ensembles. The ruins of 15th-century temples and monumental complexes such as Krishna, Narasimha, Ganesha, Hemakuta, Achyutaraya, Vitthala, Pattabhirama, and the Lotus Mahal are the main attractions of this site steeped in charm and history.



Arrival and check-in at the hotel.

Free time.

Overnight stay at the hotel.

DAY 06-28/06: HAMPI

Breakfast at the hotel.

A full day dedicated to exploring Hampi.

The site is divided into a religious complex and a royal complex. The finely sculpted structures, scattered across a spectacular rocky landscape, create an enchanting atmosphere, particularly at sunset.

Vitthala Temple Complex: Hampi's main site, it houses an iconic stone chariot, reminiscent of Konark's, as well as the famous musical pillars that have fascinated visitors for centuries.

Virupaksha Temple: One of the oldest temples on the site, dedicated to Shiva under the name Virupaksha. Its monumental 15th-century tower dominates the Hampi skyline and makes it an important pilgrimage site.



Overnight stay at the hotel.

DAY 07-29/06 : HAMPI – GOA - 320 KM / +- 7 H

Breakfast at the hotel.

Route to Goa, the golden pearl of the Malabar Coast.

Here, India blends with Portugal: dazzling white facades, baroque churches, forts steeped in history, verdant rice paddies and coconut trees as far as the eye can see.

Goa is often reduced to festive clichés, but its real magic lies elsewhere: in its unique colonial heritage, its peaceful atmosphere, its very present Catholic culture and the gentle way of life that surprises all travelers.



Arrival and transfer to the hotel. Free time (without guide, without vehicle).

Overnight stay at the hotel.

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DAY 8 - 30/06 - GOA

Breakfast at the hotel.

Visit Old Goa: iconic Portuguese churches, powerful Catholic heritage, majestic architecture, colorful markets, lush rice fields and soothing palm groves.

Free afternoon for personal activities (without guide, without vehicle).

Overnight stay at the hotel.



DAY 9 - 1/07 - GOA - DEPARTURE FOR THE AIRPORT

Breakfast at the hotel.

Last day and transfer to the airport according to flight schedules.

Option to extend your beach stay in Goa (at an additional cost)



HOTELS

- **GULBARGA – 1 NIGHT**

Hotel : Kyriad – Standard room



- **BIJAPUR – 1 NIGHT**

Hotel : Kyriad – Superior room



- **BADAMI – 2 NIGHTS**

Hotel : Badami Court – Deluxe room



- **HAMPI – 2 NIGHTS**

Hotel : Hotel Malligi – AC Standard room



- **GOA – 2 NIGHTS**

Hotel : Colonia Santa Maria – Superior room



PRICE AND CONDITIONS

The price for this trip is: 890 EUR per person in a shared double/twin room

Single room supplement: 350 euros/person.

Possibility of extending your stay in Goa - do not hesitate to contact us.

The price is calculated based on a minimum of 15 participants and a maximum of 25 participants.

THIS PRICE INCLUDES:

- 6 nights' accommodation in a double/twin room, shared (hotels mentioned or similar)
- Meals: half board
- All transfers, tours and excursions in private air-conditioned vehicles
- Entrance fees to monuments included
- Permanent french-speaking Indian
- Local guide english spoken locals guides
- French-speaking and english speaking tour leader

THIS PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Lunchtime meals
- Drinks
- Flights
- Visa fees
- Personal expenses
- Tips
- Insurance and assistance
- Extension to Goa
- Single supplement

DEPOSIT AND RESERVATION

To participate in this trip, you can register by email at info@covoyagesacre.com, providing your personal details.

You will then receive an email with your travel contract, a registration form to complete, and the invoice for the 30% deposit. Signing your travel contract, completing the registration form, and paying your deposit confirms your registration for the trip. The remaining balance is due 45 days before departure, based on the final invoice that will be sent to you.

SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE

The specific cancellation conditions for a trip are as follows:

- From confirmation to more than 90 days before departure: 10% retention
- Between 90 and 45 days before departure: Deposit not refunded
- Between 45 and 30 days before departure: 50% retention
- From 30 days before departure until the day of arrival: 100% retention

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REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

To enter India you will need the following documents:

- Your passport must be valid for 6 months after the date of your return flight.
- An e-visa of 25 euros for 1 month - we will assist you with these procedures for an additional 50€/visa.
- An e-arrival card: to be completed 3 days before departure.

VACCINES

- Health restrictions (PCR test or vaccination certificate) for entry into Indian territory have been completely lifted, including, and this since February 13, 2023.
- No vaccinations are required to enter India. However, it is recommended to be vaccinated against hepatitis A and Japanese encephalitis, as well as to be up-to-date on your polio, tetanus, and diphtheria vaccinations. We recommend that you contact your doctor.