

Hampi

A Kingdom in ruins



What is it?

Hampi is India's Pompeii.

But unlike the ancient Roman town, it wasn't buried under the ashes of a volcanic eruption, instead it was built around the remains of what certainly was a volcanic eruption 65 million years ago.

In Hampi, the Ramayana finds abundant mention, for this is the mythical land of Kishkinda, home to Hanuman and his monkey army.

It was the capital city of the Vijayanagara Empire that ruled the Deccan (Southern India) from 1336 until 1565 AD.

Once home to half a million people, it was sacked in 1565 by the armies of the Sultans. Then for hundreds of years, the city of victory lay abandoned until the British rediscovered it in the 19th century.

Its an arresting Landscape littered with bulbous granite rocks and the scenery here is the perfect example of the integration between archaeology and geology.

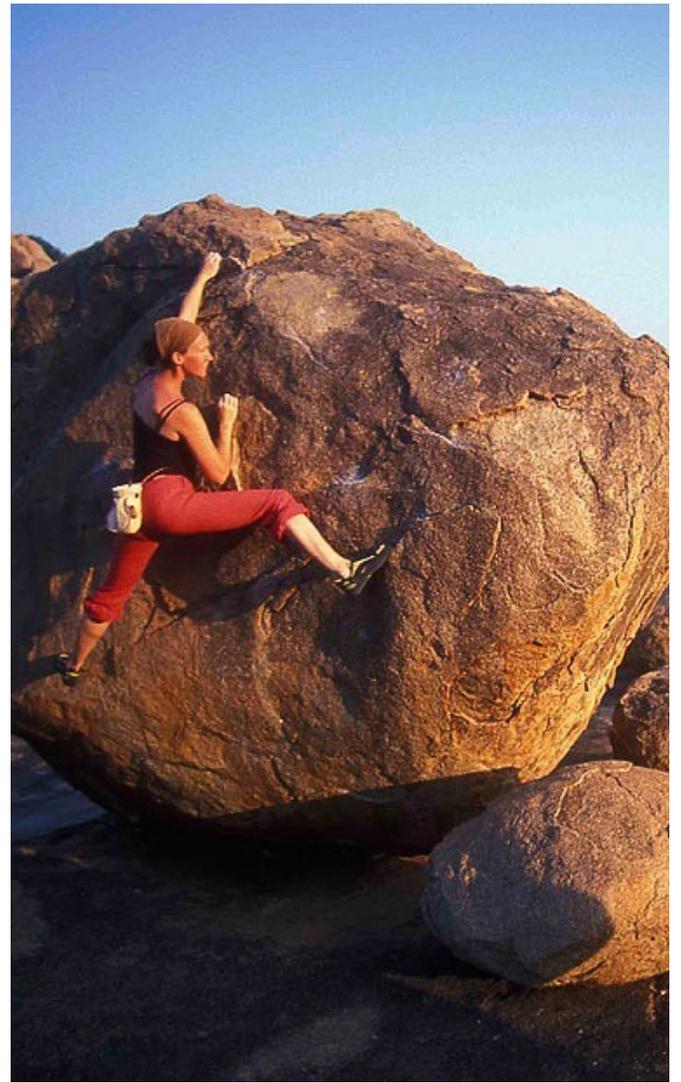
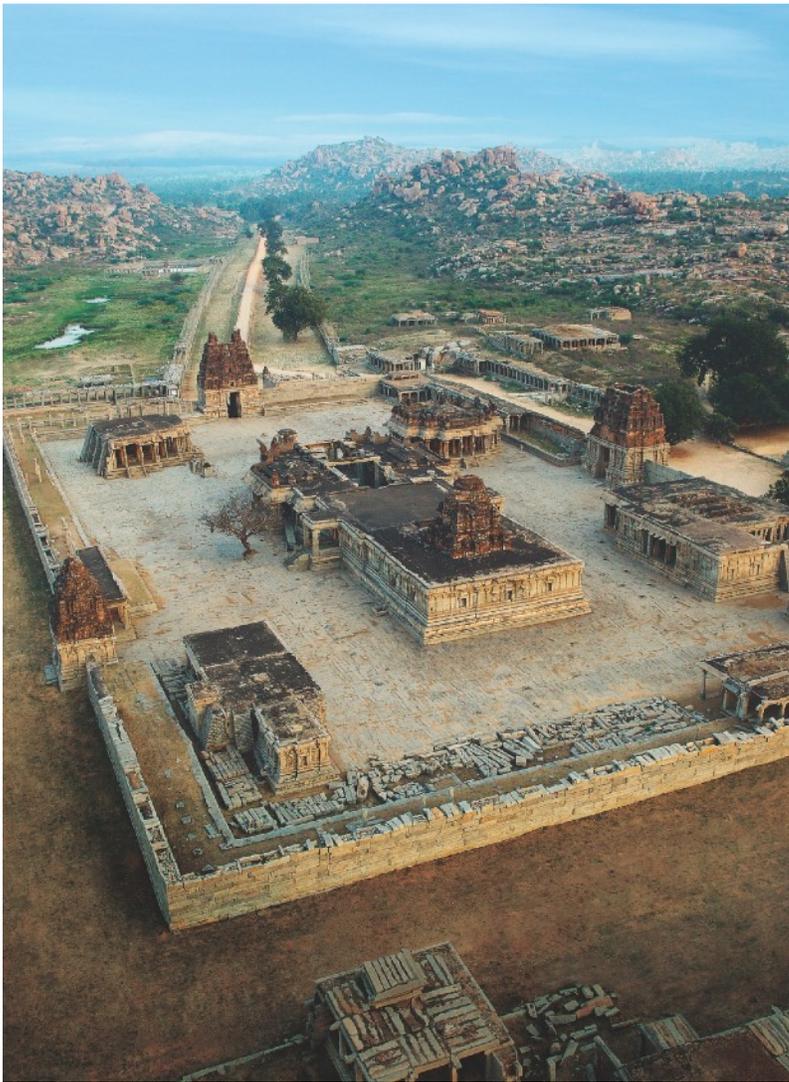
Now it is a UNESCO world heritage site and has 2,000 monuments scattered across a landscape of enormous rocky site with hundreds of temples some in ruins, some active

Why to visit?

Hampi is full of hidden treasures.

Be a part of this Indiana Jones adventure to see its ancient temples, strewn boulders, sleeping Gods, screeching monkeys.

Get ready for an epic journey through this forgotten Kingdom with a Stone Chariot, Big Boulders and a meandering river, dancing divinities and countless ruined Temples and Palaces.



What to do?

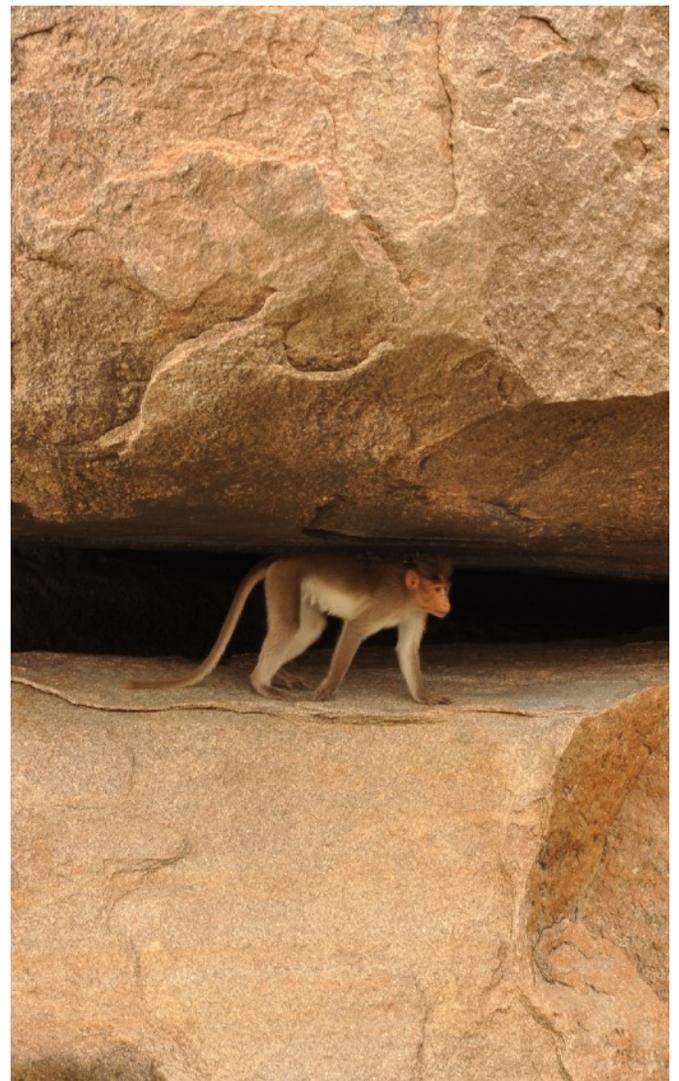
Hampi is a best place for Photographers, Rock Climbers, Cyclist, Ramblers and the person who is interested in history & mythology as well.

There are numerous temples namely Virupaksha Temple, Vijaya Vittala Temple, Hazararama Temple, Chandramouleshwara Temple, Anjanadri Hill are worth to visit.

You can take an excursion to Badami, Aihole, and Pattadakal: Decorated with creative interpretations of myths.

Not to be missed -

- Prehistoric Cave paintings - Just off the main road between Anegundi and Mallapur.
- Kishkinda Trust Craft Shop - This quaint shop sells banana-fibre bags and clothes made from local textiles.
- Hampi Festival OR Vijaya Utsav - a grand cultural festival featuring dance, drama and music held every year. This year, the event will be held from 09 - 11 January.
- Stay at Orange County Resort - Expected to open in the first week of April 2016, the resort draws generously from the landscapes of the Hampi ruins and its 38 dwellings will reflect Hampi's glorious past. It will undoubtedly be the best place to stay.



When to visit?

Make your trip to Hampi between October to February.

How to get there?

Fly from Bangalore to Hubli on Air Pegasus (India's newest regional airline) and from here, its a 2 hours drive to Hampi.

You can also drive from Goa or take a scenic train through the western ghats to Hospet.

Or board the GOLDEN CHARIOT - Winner of Asia's leading luxury train award in 2013. The train offers 07 Days exclusive trip through South India: Bangalore - Kabini - Mysore - Hassan - Hospet - Badami - Goa. You will reach Hospet on the 05th day (nearest railway station from Hampi, merely 14 Kms). The train stops only for one day at Hampi.