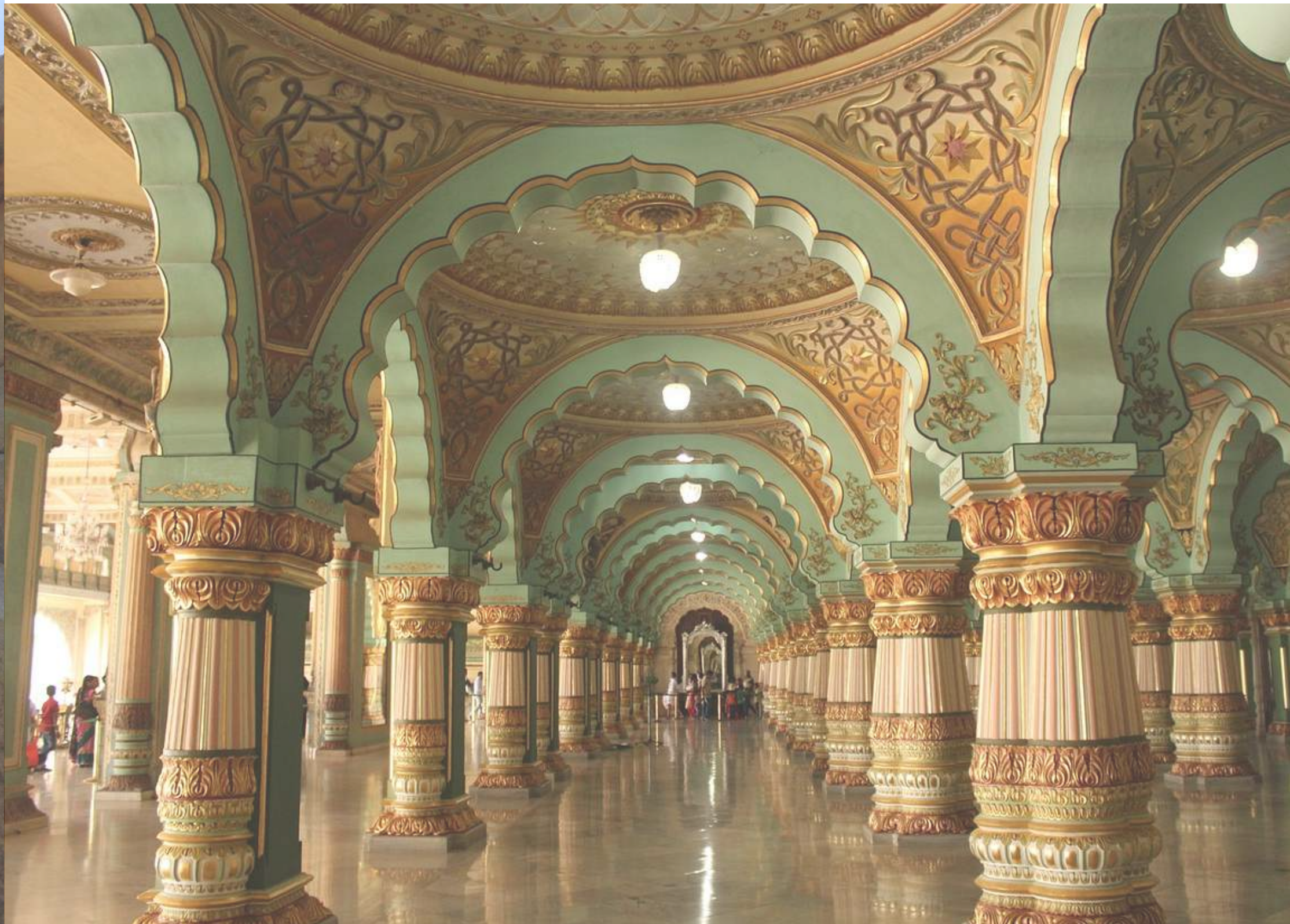


JOURNEYS

with Nikki

Experience India.

With an American of Indian ancestry.



DEJA VU - HISTORY REVISITED

9 DAYS, 8 NIGHTS

Bangalore, Mysore, Halebid, Belur, Hampi, Aihole, Pattadangal

INTERNATIONAL AIR FARES INCLUDED IN JOURNEY!!!!

Journey starts and ends at Bangalore

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“Of all the books in the world, the best stories are found between the pages of a passport.”

-Traveler unknown-

Journeys with Nikki (JWN) blends fun, hands-on exploration, meaningful encounters with people and cultures, and more free time and choices—with the structure and security of traveling in a small group. We are your trusted companions into a deep dive of the vibrant and diverse country of India, always giving you the best of your world too.

JWN believes that traveling is not just about seeing new places; it's about experiencing the soul of a country, its culture, its people, and its hidden gems. That's why we offer theme-based tours that immerse travelers experientially, all led by passionate and experienced travelers who know the culture of India intimately.

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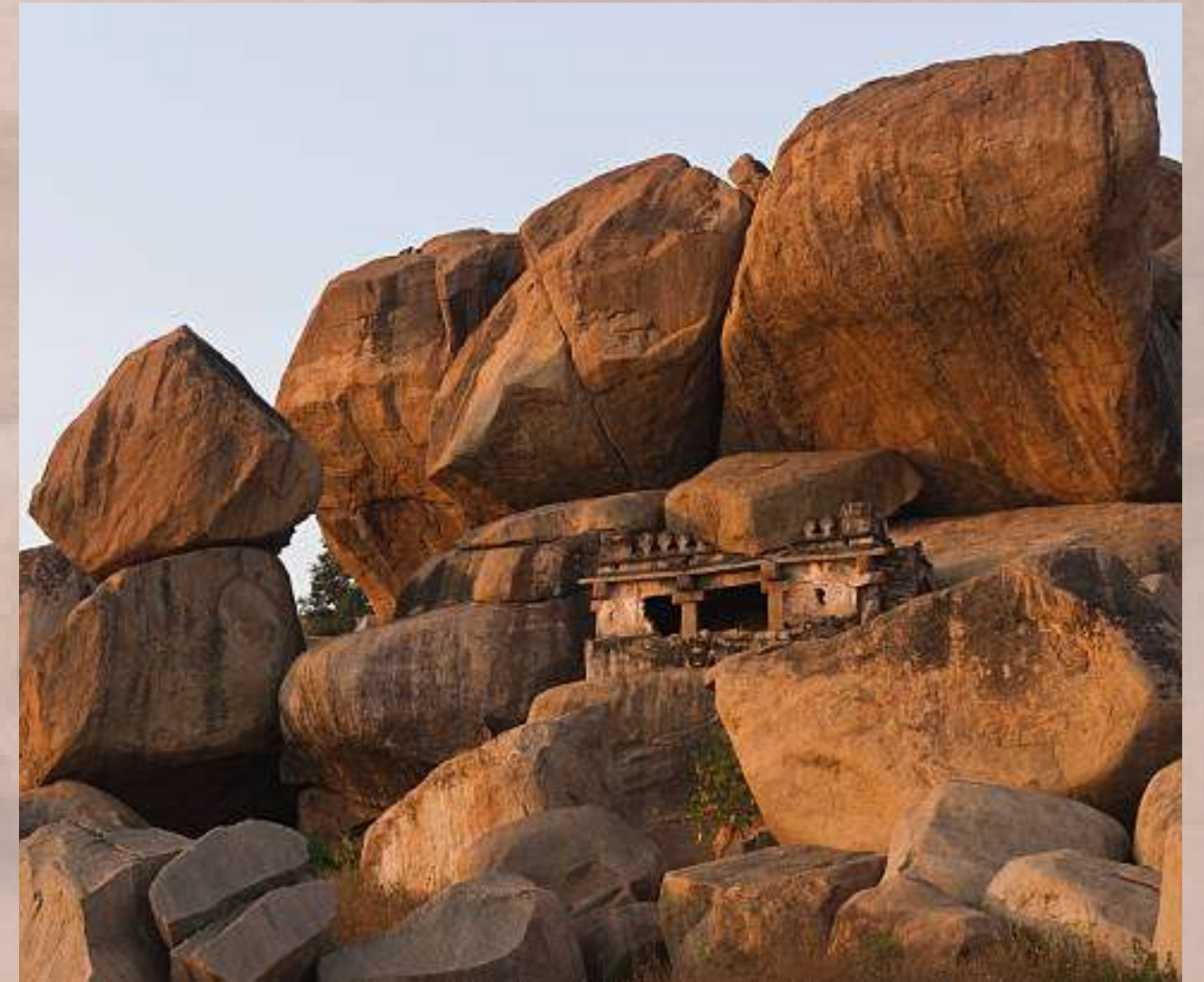
“Travel opens your heart, broadens your mind, and fills your life with stories to tell.” We want to create unforgettable journeys that go beyond the ordinary, providing our travelers with a deeper understanding and appreciation of India's rich tapestry. Each tour is carefully curated to cater to different interests and passions, giving you an opportunity to delve deep into the essence of India.

EXPLORE *cultures* OF THE WORLD
with JWN

- We are Experiential travelers. We want to experience authentic cultures of the world on our own terms.
- We stay in hotels that afford us comfort (Boutique hotels, Heritage hotels, 3 or 4 star hotels), we travel with ease through carefully designed historical, cultural and nature tours that allow the perfect mix of exploration, experience and downtime. The JWN traveler does better than Time Travel!

DISCOVER YOURSELF!

- **JWN Overview** – India has a complex, mammoth and million-faceted history. At a glance, it can seem chaotic. There were many rulers, many kingdoms through the centuries and they ruled different regions of the country. Karnataka has a long and varied history. The region was originally inhabited by hunter-gatherers but around 3000 BC, the first farmers settled in the area. By 1000 BC iron-using settlers had arrived and by 500 BC, there was a flourishing trade in gold and other metals.
- In this journey, you will dive into the depths of the Badami Chalukya era that existed between the 6th and 12th centuries AD. This was an important period of development of South Indian architecture. The kings of this dynasty built many temples for the Hindu god Shiva. The rock-cut cave temples at Badami, Aihole, and Pattadakal, which are UNESCO World Heritage sites, and are a legacy.



ENJOY YOUR NEXT JOURNEY *with Nikki*

9D/ 8N | 12 GUESTS
#SOUTH INDIA | HISTORY | CULTURE |
PHOTOGRAPHY | UNESCO SITES

ACTIVITY LEVEL: 3 – 8
(ON A SCALE OF 10)

DÉJA VU - HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF

Bangalore, Mysore, Halebid, Belur, Hampi,
Aihole, Pattadangal

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Aihole is well-known for about 125 stone templates dating back to the 5th century CE. Kings were crowned and commemorated in Pattadakal (“Stone of Coronation”) and it was considered to be a holy place and one of a kind in India.

Shravanbelagola is home to over 2,300 years of Jain heritage and is famous for its massive 57-ft high statue of the Jain god Bahubali. Every 12 years, thousands of devotees congregate here to perform the Mahamastakabhisheka, a spectacular ceremony in which the statue is washed and anointed with spices and gold and silver flowers. The next such event will be held in 2030. This region spans architecture from 600 to 1830 AD.

Located on the banks of river Tungabhadra, **Hampi** was once the capital of the Vijayanagar Empire (somewhere between 1336 – 1565 AD) and one of the richest and largest cities in the world during its prime and is now in ruins.

Mysore was the capital of the Kingdom of Mysore from 1399 to 1947. In its center is the opulent Mysore Palace, seat of the former ruling Vodeyar dynasty.



DEJA VU - HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF EXPERIENCES

"Take only memories, leave only footprints." - Chief Seattle

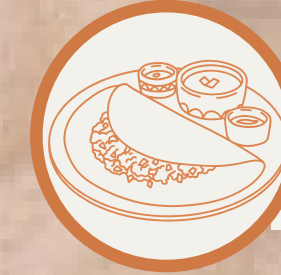
- Discover two UNESCO World Heritage sites of Southern India - Hampi and Pattadakal.
- Take a night tour of Bangalore with a youth guide, and taste the best street food safely.
- Known for its culture and heritage structures and palaces, including the famous Mysore Palace, Mysore is popularly known as the "City of Palaces", the "Heritage City", and the "Cultural Capital of Karnataka". Enjoy the day there.
- Bangalore is the cultural capital of Karnataka. Enjoy local shows, markets and watch a traditional Kathakali dance (or another cultural event).
- The opportunity to take astounding pictures and hear the history of the region from knowledgeable historians, allowing a glimpse into the glories of bygone eras.



UNESCO SITES



GARDEN CITY



SOUTH INDIAN
FOOD



TRADITIONAL
DANCE



MYSORE PALACE



LOCAL MARKETS,
HANDICRAFTS



BELUR, HALEBID

Day 1: Arrival in Bangalore

- Arrive in Bangalore and check into your hotel.
- Visit the Lalbagh Botanical Garden and Bangalore Palace.
- Cultural walk/ explore on your own
- Overnight stay in Bangalore.

Day 2: Bangalore to Mysore

- Drive from Bangalore to Mysore (approx. 3-4 hours).
- Mysore Palace, a symbol of royal grandeur and architectural brilliance.
- Explore the vibrant Devaraja Market
- Overnight stay in Mysore.

Day 3: Mysore to Hassan

- Drive from Mysore to Hassan (approx. 3-4 hours).
- Stop by at Shravanbelagola and see the famous Bahubali statue
- Check in to hotel
- Visit the nearby Hoysala temples of Halebid and Belur (approx. 1.5 hour round trip), both UNESCO World Heritage Sites known for their exquisite architecture and intricate carvings.
- Overnight stay in Hassan.

DEJA VU - HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF ITINERARY

This is a History based journey with an emphasis on UNESCO sites.



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Day 4: Hassan to Hampi

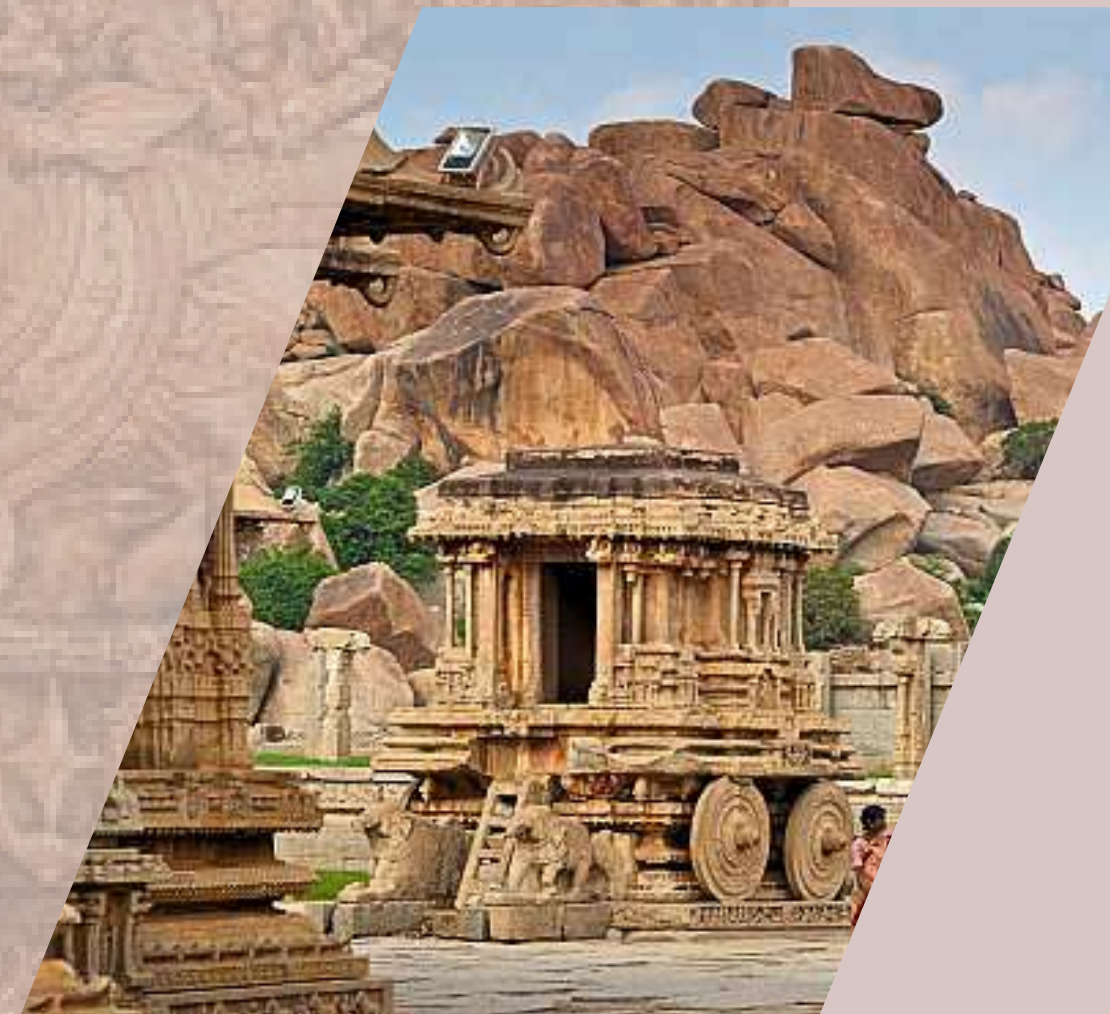
- Drive from Hassan to Hampi (approx. 6-7 hours).
- Explore the surreal landscape of Hampi, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the most significant historical sites in India.
- Visit the magnificent ruins of Hampi, including the Virupaksha Temple, Vijaya Vittala Temple, and the iconic stone chariot.
- Overnight stay in Hampi.

Day 5: Hampi Exploration

- Continue exploring the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Hampi, with its ancient temples, monuments
- Visit the Royal Enclosure, Lotus Mahal, Elephant Stables
- Overnight stay in Hampi.

Day 6: Hampi to Aihole and Pattadakal

- Drive from Hampi to Aihole and Pattadakal (approx. 3-4 hours).
- Explore the ancient temple complexes of Aihole and Pattadakal, both UNESCO World Heritage Sites, known for their rich architectural heritage and historical significance.
- Overnight stay in Pattadakal or nearby Badami.



Day 7: Pattadakal to Bangalore

- Flight from Pattadakal to Bangalore (approx. 1 hr 15 min)
- Visit Iskon Temple (option, depending on flights)
- Free day to explore
- Overnight stay in Bangalore.

Day 8: Bangalore Exploration

- the Bangalore Fort, Tipu Sultan's Summer Palace, and the Bull Temple.
- Explore the vibrant streets of Bangalore and indulge in some local cuisine.
- Overnight stay in Bangalore.

Day 9: Departure from Bangalore

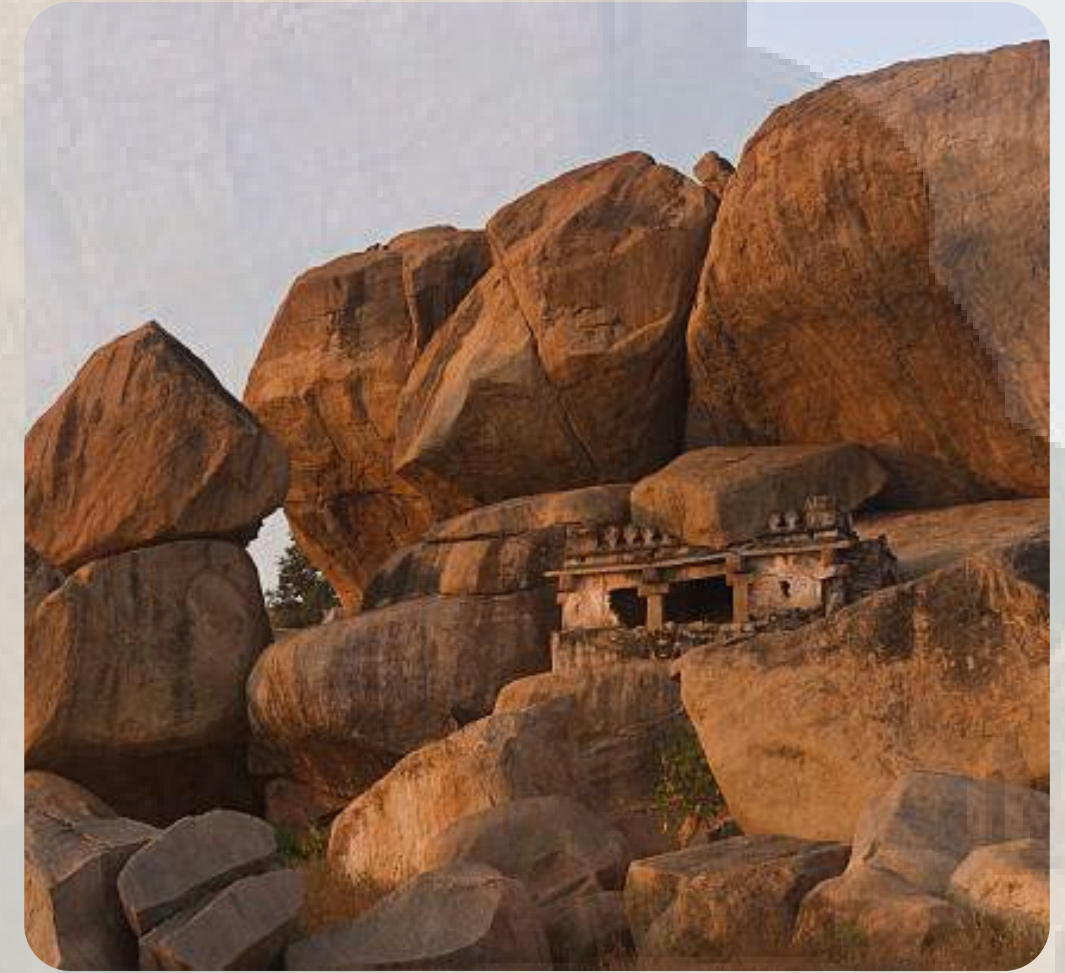
- Depending on your flight schedule, you may have some free time for last-minute shopping or sightseeing.
- Flight home

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- **Why do you call your tour a ‘journey’?**
 - We believe the journey IS our destination. It is not about seeing a particular monument or sight, but the whole experience of getting there that is important. At JWN, we love seeing our guests grow as they travel with us, learning about a new culture, new traditions, a new language, making new friends, and most of all, learning more about themselves and challenging themselves.
- **I’ve heard that India can be very challenging to a foreigner. How will I be able to navigate this?**
 - When you travel with JWN, we have you covered. Nikki herself will travel with you from Day 1 through Day last and help you learn the ropes. She will take care of the logistics, guide you with cultural nuances and help make your journey smooth. Having lived in India several decades, she is familiar with all things Indian, and brings a unique perspective of both cultures to your journey.
- **Is it safe for a foreign woman to travel to India?**
 - By staying informed, taking precautions, and respecting local customs, women can have a safe and enjoyable experience when visiting India. JWN helps show you the ropes for all this.
- **Is India friendly to foreigners?**
 - Indian people are known for their warm hospitality and friendliness towards tourists.
- **Why should I choose JWN for my tour?**
 - JWN is the only company we have found that covers your international air fare. It also covers ALL meals (except the last dinner), ALL domestic transportation and offers unique local experiences that would normally be inaccessible to foreign tourists. JWN hosts have lived in both countries and are fluent with customs and cultures of both countries, forming the perfect bridge for your experience. JWN has an extensive Indian network that can provide most every kind of option.



ALL - INCLUSIVE COSTS

9D/8N ALL-INCLUSIVE COST USD 5,750



INTERNATIONAL AIR FARES INCLUDED IN JOURNEY!!!!

WHAT'S INCLUDED IN THE 'ALL-INCLUSIVE COST'?

INTERNATIONAL AIR FARE - NEW YORK (OR LA) TO LOCAL AIRPORT IN INDIA AND BACK

* When booked at least a month prior to Day 1 of Journey itinerary

- Local Airport transfer to hotel
- **All accomodation, as per itinerary**
- Twin occupancy, 3 - 4 star hotels and camps
- **All meals** (except last day dinner)
- Entry ticket costs to monuments
- Local transportation, as per itinerary
- Domestic flights, as per itinerary
- Professional, local guides
- All experiences
- Entry tickets for all sites

NOT INCLUDED IN COSTS

- Travel insurance
- Items of a personal nature
- Last day dinner
- Optional excursions and tours, activities not listed above
- Gratuities and tips for personal services
- Drinks

What you should know to
PLAN YOUR TRIP



CANCELLATION POLICY

Cancellations prior to 30 days from Day 1 of the Journey

- Get 80 % refund (minus non-refundable deposit)

Cancellation between 30 days and 15 days from Day 1 of the Journey

- Get 50 % cash refund
- 90% cash voucher for same trip till one year
- 80% cash voucher for any other journey till one year

Cancellation less than 15 days from Day 1 of the journey/ In case of no show

- No refund

THIS JOURNEY REQUIRES A MINIMUM OF 5 GUESTS



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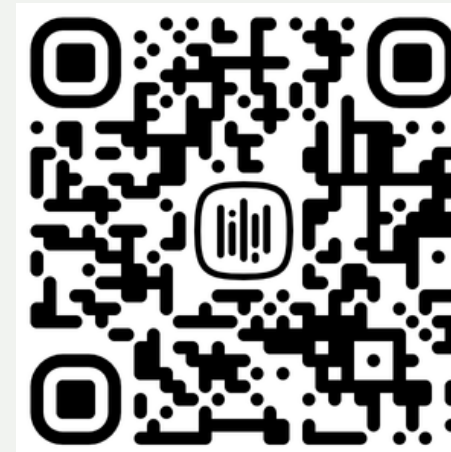


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Let's get to know each other and see if we're a good fit for each other! 😊



SCAN TO BOOK A
CALL WITH NIKKI



RESERVE YOUR PLACE ON THE TOUR

Choose your payment option and reserve your spot on the journey with a non-refundable deposit of USD 500.

JWN will take a maximum of 10 people on this tour!



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