

## *Half Day City Tour – Hyderabad*



Hyderabad is the capital city of the Indian state of Andhra Pradesh. Greater Hyderabad has an estimated metropolitan population of 10 million, making it an A-1 status city and the second largest (in terms of area) in the country. It is also the sixth largest metropolitan area in India. Hyderabad is known for its rich history, culture and architecture representing its unique character as a meeting point for North and South India, and its multilingual culture, both geographically and culturally.

Also known as The City of Nizams and The City of Pearls, Hyderabad is today one of the most developed cities in the country and a modern hub of information technology, ITES.

Sultan Quli Qutb Mulk was the founder of the Qutb Shahi dynasty, the ruling family of the Golconda. The dynasty, previously a feudatory of Bahmani sultanate, declared independence in 1512. Muhammad Quli Qutb Shah, a ruler of the dynasty, founded the city of Hyderabad on the banks of the Musi River in 1591; this relocation was intended to relieve a water shortage the dynasty had experienced at their old headquarters at Golconda. He also ordered the construction of the Charminar, the iconic monument of the city, in 1591, reportedly in gratitude to the Almighty for arresting the plague epidemic before it did irreversible damage to his new city.

### **Post Lunch visit to The Qutub shahi Tomb and Golconda Fort**



After Lunch Proceed for ***The Qutub shahi Tomb***, the most authentic evidence of the Qutub Shahi architectural traditions. Enscenced amidst picturesque and landscaped gardens, known as Ibrahim bagh, is the grandeur of these tombs dedicated to the memory of the seven Qutub Shahi kings who ruled Golconda for nearly 170 years. These constitute the most eloquent specimens of Indo-Persian architecture influenced by Deccani structural perceptions.



***Drive to Golconda Fort.*** It Is one of the most magnificent fortress complexes in India, which lies on the western outskirts around 11km from Hyderabad, the capital of the state of Andhra Pradesh. The history of Golconda Fort dates back to the early 13th century, when this southeastern part of the country was ruled by the Kakatiyas. The bulk of the ruins of this fort, date from the time of the Qutub Shahi kings, who had ruled this area in the 16th and 17th century.



Enjoy a ***Sound and Light show*** in the evening before leaving for the hotel which is arranged in Golconda Fort. The glorious past of Golconda Fort is described effectively with sound and light effects. This is a unique show that takes you right back in time glory and grandeur. The show is presented in English, Hindi and Telugu languages and the duration of the show is almost an hour. The cost of the ticket is INR 45 per person. 1st Show is in English. From Nov-Feb the timings are from 6.30 pm to 7.30 pm & From Mar-Oct it is 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm

**Cost for the Half Day City Tour: INR 2500 per person**

**City Tour cost includes**

- All sightseeing as per itinerary using exclusive air-conditioned vehicle.
- Drivers allowance , Parking, Road toll tax and Interstate taxes ( Karnataka)
- Services of a Government approved local English speaking guide

**City Tour cost does not include**

- Ticket for Light and sound show & Cost of entrances.

**Entrances:**

- USD 3.00 ( including ,Qutub Shahi Tomb and Golconda Fort )