



One can tour the ruins on foot and by a two wheeler, and not to forget the coracle ferries.

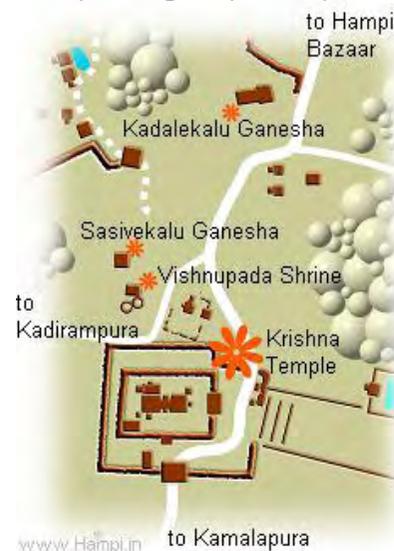
Hampi is connected to the major towns and cities by road and rail. Hospet, a town about 12 kilometers from Hampi is the nearest hub for your bus and rail journey.



Some of the important sites in Hampi:

Virupaksha Temple: One of the oldest functioning temples in India, this temple dedicated to lord Siva is located on the banks of Tungabhadra.

Vittala Temple: An architectural marvel, this temple is dedicated to Vittala, an aspect of lord Vishnu. The stone chariot and the musical pillars are located inside this sprawling temple complex.



Royal Enclosure: Once the seat of the empire that ruled the whole of south India, this house many palatial, ceremonial and aquatic structures.

Hemakuta Temple: These compact temples are probably older than the empire itself. The temples are built on huge sheets of undulating rocky surfaces.

Queen's Bath: This large indoor aquatic complex is believed to be used as a pleasure pavilion by the Vijayanagara royals.

Lotus Mahal: A fine example of the hybrid Indo-Islamic architecture, the Lotus Mahal and the nearby Elephant Stables are one of the most popular structures in Hampi.



Lakshmi Narasimha: This giant monolithic statue of Narasimha is the largest in Hampi. Narasimha, the half man-lion incarnation of lord Vishnu is portrayed in a sitting yogic position.

More info on Hampi

Visit www.hampi.in for info on Hampi. This site is packed with many useful maps, description of 100+ monuments at Hampi, travel tips and many more...



Hampi

, the ancient metropolis in south India is one of the most magnificent heritage sites in India.

Hampi's relative isolation, its boulder strewn landscape, the never-ending chains of ruins, the rural ambiance..all makes Hampi a special place.

For long Hampi has been in the secret list of places shared by the veteran travelers.



Not anymore. The UNESCO World Heritage Site status has brought Hampi

under the tourist limelight.

Spread over many square kilometers, Hampi is a vast open museum of archeology, history and culture.