

HISTORY BUFF TOURS



Bangalore's History is captured in chronicles and stories, passed down mostly by word of mouth through generations, since the naming of the Bean Town in 1537 by its founder and discoverer, Tribal Chieftain Kempe Gowda.

Sadly, we haven't done enough to conserve the architectural chronologies of this old town. Too much greed and short term benefits overruled the emotional and heritage values of the gems of eras past.

The British destroyed the forts built by Tipu, the Sultan of Mysore State. And the 1990's saw a wave of demolitions by property 'developers' across Bangalore that razed colonial era buildings to the ground, leaving just a handful for us to look at and remember the beautiful Garden City Bangalore once boasted to be.

Our history tours take you to the last remaining historical sites in Bangalore, some ancient temples nearly 800 years old... some even older, the homes once inhabited by royal families of the state and of other states with family affiliations to the erstwhile royal state of Mysore: like the Gondal royal family and the Nepal family. We also go down memory lane in art museums, antique stores, old townships within the city, to understand what events brought this city to be where it is today.

9 am to 5 pm: 8 hour tour

- Rural cuisine for breakfast
- Start with an early morning prayer at one of Bangalore's oldest temple districts.
- Visit a palace that has been the most recent private property of the Royal Family of Mysore that ruled the land for 27 generations.
- Lunch in an old colonial cafe that boasts having baked a cake for Queen Elizabeth during her fleeting visit to Bangalore city.
- Visit Bangalore's oldest church and understand the legends of the relationship between the French and the Mysorean armies.
- Drive through colonial Bangalore.
- Visit an art gallery by a painter who captures the history of Bangalore in the form of caricatures, showing the city's transformation from the Garden City to what it is now
- Coffee in what was once a royal home and now a heritage hotel.

Fees & Costs

ADULT FEES

(for 13 years old and over, per head)

8 hour tour

- 1 guest: 10500
- 2 guest: 5250 each
- 3 guest: 4250 each
- 4 guest: 3500 each
- 5 guest or more: 3000 each

4 hour tour

- 1 guest: 7000
- 2 guest: 3500 each
- 3 guest: 3000 each
- 4 guest: 2500 each

6 hour tour

- 1 guest: 8500
- 2 guest: 4250 each
- 3 guest: 3500 each
- 4 guest: 3000 each
- 5 guest or more: 2500 each

KIDS FEES (0 to 12 years): Free

Kids must be accompanied by at least one adult

Fee Terms

Included in fee: GUIDANCE BY A CULTURE RINGS CULTURE AMBASSADOR and REFRESHMENT BASKET in the car.

Not included in fee: TAX, CAR with driver, Hotel pick ups, LUNCH, BREAKFAST, PERSONAL EXPENSES

Extras in detail:**15% tax**

- **Tour Car:** We need a car and driver to accompany us throughout the duration of the tour. Bring your own, or pay 2000 extra overall + 15% TAX for group size 5 and under, if your group is bigger than 5 people but less than 12 people, a luxury 10 seater van costs 10000 rupees for a full day tour, and a regular tempo traveller basic costs 3750 rupees for a full day tour. For bigger groups 12 people upwards please write to us
- **Hotel pick up and drop back:** If we are using our car, our pick up for guests within 3km from MG road is free. Beyond that is chargeable at 13Rs per km + 150 per hour extra driving.
- **Lunch:** 750 rupees per person plus you pay 750 for guide, Kids at half price if they are over 5. Less than 5 free
- **Breakfast:** 200 INR per person plus 200 INR for guide. Kids 5 to 12 years at half price if they are over 5. Less than 5 free
- **Personal Expenses:** In case you choose to buy things along the way, you are encouraged to spend your own cash so that reimbursements aren't invoiced to you with added taxes. Otherwise please let us know in advance if you would like us to pick up any bills along the way and invoice them to you in the end.

Note: Accompanying officials including bodyguards, are charged the same way as tourists.