

1 Night and 2 Days visiting Shravanbelgola, Halebid & Belur



DAYS & PROGRAMME

Day 01: Bangalore – Hassan – Belur & Halebid by road (225 + 75km)

Early morning drive to Hassan. Afternoon visit the famous Belur and Halebid temples and return to Hassan. Overnight stay at Hassan.

Belur, situated on the banks of river Yagachi, 38 km from Hassan, is a world famous tourist destination. The town is renowned for its Chennakeshava temple, one of the finest examples of Hoysala workmanship.

The Temple Architecture - The Hoysalas used soft soapstone for their structures, as they were found suitable for intricate carvings. Enclosed by a Parikrama with a Gopuram built in the Vijayanagar style, the Chennakesava temple stands on a platform. The fine workmanship and skill visible in this masterpiece is truly breathtaking.

There are more than 80 Madanika sculptures in the temple, dancing, hunting, standing under canopies of trees and so on. The Garbhagriha is stellar in shape and its zigzag walls make the figures of 24 forms of Vishnu look different at different times of the day due to light. Other smaller temples surround this main temple.

Halebid has some of the most remarkable monuments including the Hoysaleswara and the Kedareshwara temples and is situated about 17 km from Belur. Elegantly decorated with friezes of Puranic panels, madanika sculptures and other carvings, this is the largest existing Hoysala structure.

The Kedareshwara temple was built by Ballala II and his consort Abhinava Kethaladevi in 1219 AD. Decorated with sculptures and panels in typical Hoysala style, this triple shrine, resembles the temple at Somanathpur with its outer walls consisting of episodes from epics.

Day 02: Hassan – Bangalore by road (250km/6hrs)

Morning, drive to Bangalore, enroute visit Shravanbelgola. Drop at the ashram

Shravanabelagola town has been a prominent centre for Jain art, architecture, religion and culture. Here, the hill is home to a thousand-year-old 17.38-meter monolithic stone statue of the Lord Gomateshwara Bahubali, considered to be the world's largest monolithic stone statue.

\$ 100 or Euro 70/-per person

- 1 Night accommodation in 3 star hotel
- Breakfast
- Transfers and sightseeing by AC coach
- English speaking guide during sightseeing
- Entrance fees