

03.11.2011 – THURSDAY MORNING

TRIP 1 - TRANSPORTATION + ENTRY FEES – INR 400 + GUIDE CHARGES

Chow Mohalla Palace



'Chow' means 4 in Urdu, signifying the number of palaces that are designed in Mogul and European styles of architecture. Built between 1857-1869 in several phases by the Nizams, these palaces offer a glimpse of the royal lifestyles. Three of these palaces are single storied whilst the main palace is a double storied structure. There is a textile museum within the premises.

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TRIP 2 - COST – TRANSPORTATION + ENTRY FEES - INR 600 + GUIDE CHARGES - INR 2500 (TO BE SHARED BY ALL)

Qutub Shahi Tombs



Nowhere in history has an entire dynasty of rulers, been buried at a single site other than the Qutub Shahi Tombs. Just a km away from the Golconda Fort, the tombs were designed and commissioned by the Qutub Shahi rulers themselves. Built in an Indo-Persian style, the structures have a square base with domes that have pointed arches.

Timings: 9.30 am - 6.30 pm

Entry Fee: Rs. 10 to 20 for Indian Nationals, Rs. 100 for Foreign Nationals

Contact: +91 40 23513410

AND

Golconda Fort



Originally a mud fort founded by the Kakatiya Kings of Warangal during the 13th century, Golconda attained glory under the Qutub Shahi dynasty (1518 to 1687). This is where the priceless Kohinoor diamond was found. One of the famous forts of India, an added attraction here is an enchanting sound & light show in the evenings.

Timings: 09.00 am - 5.00 pm

Sound & Light Show (Organised by APTDC)

Timings: All days 1st Show 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm (Nov to Feb); **Entry Fee:** VIP Class Rs. 100 (Adult) Rs.75

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TRIP 3 - COST – TRANSPORTATION - INR 300 + GUIDE CHARGES – RS.2500 (TO BE SHARED BY ALL)

Charminar



Built in 1591 by Muhammed Quli Qutub Shah as a talisman to stop a deadly epidemic, the Charminar offers a panoramic view of the city from its four (char) minarets that are about 49 m high.

This mascot of the city was built, in an Arabic style of architecture, with lime and mortar. Within the Charminar is a mosque. A temple is at the base of one of its minars.

Timings: 9.00 am - 5.30 pm (Open all days)

Entry Fee: Rs. 5 for Indian Nationals, Rs. 100 for Foreign Nationals

Video: Rs. 25

Contact: +91 40 24522990

AND

Paigah Tombs



A stunning fusion of Islamic & Rajputana styles of architecture with hints of Persian, Turkish and Greek art forms, these are the tombs of the several generations of the Paigah nobles. Located at Pisalbanda on the outskirts of the Hyderabad, these structures, spread over 30 acres, are unique specimens of extraordinary workmanship that is clearly visible in the wonderfully inlaid mosaic work and is compared to the Taj Mahal for the sheer splendor of artistry in white marble.

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TRIP 4 – COST – TRANSPORTATION – INR 300 & LUNCH @ INR 2900 AT THE RESTAURANT OR INR 6500 AT THE DURBAR HALL



Built in 1892 by the Paigah noble Nawab Vicar Ul Umra, this majestic structure was later purchased by the Nizam VI in 1897. Designed in the shape of a Scorpion with 2 stings by an Italian architect, it is located on a hill at a height of 2000 ft. Louis XIV style of decor, stained glass windows, ornate fountains and marble staircases adorn this magnificent palace. Showcased here are a collection of paintings, Jade artifacts, statues, rare manuscripts, books and antique furniture.

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TRIP 5 – TO CHECK OUT A IKKAT WORK SHOP AND MURALI SARI EMPORIUM - COST INR 600 + TOLL

Visit to the ikkat work shop at [Koil Kuddam](#) or [Nalgonda](#) and the Murali Sari Emporium. We will have to leave the hotel at 8.30am as it takes 2 hours to and fro and 2 hours there.

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TRIP 6 – PURANI HAVELI OR SALARJUNG MUSEUM - ENTRANCE + TRANSPORTATION – INR 600

The Nizam's Museum / Purani Haveli



A collection of the memorabilia, mementos and gifts presented to the last Nizam on the occasion of the Silver Jubilee Celebration are housed in the Nizam's Museum. It's located in the Purani Haveli, a 250 years old palace. The collection consists of the gold burnished throne used during the Silver Jubilee in 1937, gold model of the Jubilee Pavilion, a golden Tiffin box studded with precious stones and an excellent filigree of a mahout atop an elephant. Also on display are silver models of all the prominent buildings and 3 vintage cars, a 1930 Rolls Royce, a Packard, a Mark V Jaguar and various other antiques.

Timings: 9.30 am - 4.30 pm (Closed on Friday)

Entry Fee: Rs. 65 for Adults, Rs. 15 for Children

Contact: +19 40 24521029

OR

Salar Jung Museum



The envy of global collectors, a treasure house of antiques and an amazing display of art - the Salar Jung Museum is the largest single man collection in the world. Compiled by Mir Yousuf Ali Khan, the collection is mind boggling not only in number but also in the variety of items. Some of the unique items are, the Veiled Rebecca, Marguerite & Mephistopheles (a two sided sculpture), the Sword of Aurangazeeb, gem studded daggers of Emperors Jahangir & Shah Jahan and Queen Noor Jahan, etc.

Timings: 10.00 am - 5.00 pm (Closed on Fridays & Public Holidays)

Entry Fee: Rs. 10 for Indian Nationals, Rs. 150 for Foreign Nationals, **Contact:** +91 40 24523211

NOT INCLUDED IN THE ITINERARY – CAN BE DONE ON 6TH & 7TH OF NOVEMBER

Mecca Masjid



Mecca Masjid owes its name to the presence of the bricks in the structure, which were brought from the holy city of Mecca. The second largest mosque in the country, it has within its periphery the graves of the families of Asaf Jahi kings. The stately architecture consists of single slab granite columns and five arches each on three sides. Construction started under the Qutub Shahi kings but was completed by Aurangazeeb in 1694.

Timings: 8.00 am - 12.00 pm and 3.00 pm to 8.00 pm (Open all days)

Contact: +91 40 24524023

Raymond's Tomb



General Michel Joachim Marie Raymond served as the Commander for the 19,000 strong Nizams army. Having come to Hyderabad in 1786 A.D, he was greatly admired for his gallantry. This tomb was built after his death in 1798, on a hillock at Saroonagar.

Hayath Bakshi Begum Mosque



This mosque was built in honour of Hatath Bakshi Begum after her death in 1666. She was the daughter of the 5th Qutub Shahi king and the wife of the 6th Qutub Sahahi ruler. This mosque at Hayathnagar with 5 double arches and 2 majestic minarets had scores of rooms for travellers to rest. It also housed the 'Haathi Bowli' (Elephant Well) where water was

drawn by elephants.

Trimulgherry Church



Built in 1869, this church is also known as the All Saints Church. Located in the cantonment limits of Secunderabad, this structure has high steeples and an imposing belfry. This shrine is maintained by the Church of South India, which is a part of the Church of England.

Spanish Mosque

The Jama Masjid



Iqbal-ul-Dowla at Begumpet, is also known as the Mosque of the Moors. Built in 1906, this mosque has unique Hispanic (Moorish) style of architecture and is said to be one-of-its-kind in India. The stand-out feature is the spires instead of the usual minarets or domes, that give this mosque a church like appearance.