

Unhurried Walks & Tours in and around Bangalore

CITY WALKS

Heritage Trails

THE PETE WALK

In the oldest part of modern Bangalore, this walk explores the pete (meaning 'city', pronounced pay-tay): its narrow lanes named by its trade - rice-pete, jewellers-pete, small-pete - lined with small shops owned by local traders, the fruit & vegetable markets and the century-old temples tucked away behind posters of Kannada films.

THE MALLESWARAM WALK

This walk is through the erstwhile 'South Indian' suburb that accommodated many a kind of people from time to time. South Indian food, ancient Hindu temples and vintage bungalows are the delights of this walk.



Through bungalows, monkey tops, villas, Churches and old cars, this walk recreates a British past that once was.

THE CATHEDRAL WALK

Slicing the urgency and buzz of constantly flowing traffic that hides beautiful century old Cathedrals, this walk explores the remnants of religion and culture that shaped this neighbourhood.



This is a walk through Lalbagh, one of Bangalore's oldest parks: past the trees, the lake and the birds, while you hear tales from the city's long and glorious botanical history.

CUBBON PARK WALK

This walk is a stroll through verdant lung space, reminiscing the Victorian era when people commuted on horseback and danced in the ballrooms of Parade road.

Food Trails THE BIRYANI WALK

Through the lanes of Bangalore Cantonment — an eclectic mix of cultures and languages — this walk is a treasure hunt for the city's best Biryani, and a tickle for your taste buds with clandestine and tasteful local delicacies.

THE IDLI DOSA WALK

What's more South Indian than idli-dosa and a dose of great sambhar? This walk hops restaurants to savour the delights of authentic South Indian cuisine: the sweetness of the damrot or the crispy tanginess of the nippattu.



THEMED CITY TOURS



MEDIEVAL BANGALORE TRAILS

Unhurried's Medieval Bangalore Trail is a heritage enthusiast's dream. It is a tour that unites all of medieval 'Bengaluru': the dilapidated remains of the Bangalore fort that stands as a testimony to its war history, the older Kempe Gowda fort where the only history left behind are the centuries-old street names, the summer palace of Tipu Sultan, the ancient south Indian temple patronized by Hindu kings and Sultans alike, the shops lining Avenue Road and the century old City market!

RURAL CHARMS TRAIL

The Rural Charms Trail is one that looks for the villages in today's buzzing urban neighbourhoods. Gavipuram of the cave inhabitant Lord Shiva — Gavi Gangadhareshwara, temples of Dodda Ganesha and Basavanagudi (Bull) — all set on hillocks, follow ancient traditions and live by age-old myths. These temples are metaphoric remains of rural life in the area.



THE TIPU TRAIL

Tracing the path of a Sultan many either love or hate: Tipu's Summer Palace, photographs and relics from late 1700s to early 1800s, the remains of the original palace, and the exhibition of the famous Mysore rockets! We also see a medieval fort in Devanahalli, within which is the centuries-old temple of Venugopalaswamy, and a small enclosed pillar close by that marks the birthplace of Tipu Sultan.

A SOUTH INDIAN CULTURE TRAIL

A tour of the authentic south Indian Malleswaram: the erstwhile suburb to the Bangalore City, inhabited by the upper middle class of the time who commuted in horse carriages or conducted research at the Indian Institute of Science, and enjoyed classical music and dance. This walk takes you along the iconic eateries for 'tiffin' and authentic filter coffee, old bungalows, the temples, the main commercial street named after a fragrant flower and of course to savour the taste of Bangalore's best dosa.





KISHKINDA TOUR

Discover the colourful history of the ancient town, Anegundi and its younger cousin Hampi, this rock strewn terrain is a picture of serenity and simplicity today. However, legend says that this place is the ancient Kishkinda(from the epic, Ramayan), a place fought for by the mighty monkey King Vali, in a jealous rage, with his brother Sugreeva. Historically, it has some of the oldest cave drawings, dating to the megalithic era. Across the Tungabhadra is the famous and younger Hampi, a legendary city brought to ruins after a tragic war.



GINGEE TOUR

Visit the Gingee Fort, and one would know why it was once known as 'the most impregnable fort in India'. Along with bearing the stories of a colourful past of Indian and European histories, the fort is also a good trek with some fantastic views of the remnants that act as a skeleton of its magnificent past. This trip also includes a visit to another mountain — Arunachala — known for its spiritual powers.







THE SOUTHERN BASTION

This tour consists of a journey to Srirangapatna, a quaint town, 100 kms away from Bangalore and an erstwhile capital of the once powerful Mysore Kingdom. Amble around the fort walls, the beautiful Daria Daulat, the ever soothing Kaveri river as you hear untold stories of this city.

Also see Mysore with its lovely palaces, the Chamundi temple, and the hilltop town Melkote known for its 'lyengar' community and their temples & their trademark dish, the spicy 'pulioagare'.



LAND OF KADAMBAS, BANAVASI

Banavasi, Vanavasi, Vaijayanti or Sanjayanti — this small town in the hinterlands of North Kanara (390 km from Bangalore) was the seat of one of the oldest empires in the region — the Kadambas, and was an important province in the famous Vijayanagara Kingdom. It is said that words cannot describe the place—its prosperity, rich culture and natural beauty — that had such an effect on people that a famous Kannada poet Pampa, wrote in 900 AD, that he would like to be reborn atleast as a 'bee' or an 'cuckoo' and enjoy this region.







KELADI - THE LAND OF THE NAYAKAS

The verdant Shimoga district has more to it than just Jog falls. It is home to an older Jain religion and later Shaivism, very verdant and pictureseque. It's the Kannada heartland and home to many artists and poets including the famous Kuvempu!

In the backdrop of the Sharavathyriver, the green foliage, the forgotten temples and forts of the Nayakas are distinct and different from that of South Karnataka known as Mysore. In short, forgotten stories, pleasing on the eye and delicious Malnad cuisine.

Offbeat tours outside the city

DUR CUSTOMERS SAY

CATHEDRAL WALK

It was my first Cathedral Walk, and was quite good to see part of town I don't visit and get a historical backdrop. Poornima and Pushpa handled this admirably.

- Rajeev Rajagopalan 🗾

LALBAGH WALK

My daughter Pooja and I really enjoyed the Lalbagh walk! Special thanks to Vijay and Unhurried. Loved learning many new things be it about history /people/nature. What a fun thing to do - get up early and go on a "Lalbagh Walk":)

- Padma Visvanathan 🗾 🗾







Poornima, I was very satisfied with your programme, especially because you choose to show me also things that you cannot find in a guide books and to give me the opportunity to look into the life of India in a not so conventional way.

I was impressed with you history and stories which made my driving by car short and interesting. And I enjoyed even more in all good Indian food together with all your explanations. You must know that from now on I am a big fan of South Indian food! And it is just a pity that I cannot make it in Slovenia.

- Nina 🤰









Rated among the "best walking tours in Bangalore" by the Wall Street Journal

Combining her love of history with her penchant for travel and passion for Indian culture, this young heritage ambassadress conducts various heritage walks during weekends for the city's laidback settlers as well as passersby and tourists who want to carry home with them a piece of a city that is perennially stuck in an identity crisis - bustling metropolis or pensioner's paradise? - Bangalore. Featured in Yahoo! Lifestyle on "World Heritage Day"

ABOUT US

Unhurried is a cultural experience-driven travel company. We travel in several ways: a short and lovely neighbourhood trail within Bangalore, a day-long thematic city tour, a weekend trip to a heritage site, or a custom tour for your family and friends. At Unhurried, you'll get a fulfilling travel experience, filled with tales, myths and even miracles.

Unhurried's tours are brought to you by enigmatic people whose love for the city is only paralleled by their love for talking about it. Well-read, well-travelled Bangaloreans by passion, the tour guides at Unhurried don't just take you around, but also tell you stories and myths like only expert storytellers can!



Poornima



Pushpa



Mansoor



