

**Through the ruins of the Vijaynagara Empire
...Glimpses of a bygone era**

"We study the past to understand the present; we understand the present to guide the future." -- William Lund

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General Information

Departure and Arrival Details

Dates	Time	Place	Notes
Thursday 19 th November 2015	8:00am	Somaiya School Vidyavihar	Parents are requested to ensure their wards carry packed lunch
Wednesday 25 th November 2015	7:30am	Somaiya School Vidyavihar	Please arrange for your ward to be picked up from school premises

General conditions of the site

Participants should expect hot and dry conditions during the day and windy and cold during the night; maximum temperature is around 35°C

However, cooler weather of 17 to 20°C can occur, especially at night.

The weather is expected to vary within these ranges:

- Average Humidity

40 per cent
- Temperature range

19°C to 35°C
- Altitude

average elevation - 427 meters
- Rainfall

10 mm average during November (negligible)

General Information

Accommodation

At Hampi your wards will be staying for four night at the Myrabhuvaneshwari dormitory in Hampi

The rooms are simple yet comfortable. The accommodation is approximately 25 minutes to a one hour drive to the different learning sites (travel time varies from site to site).



Food

Please keep in mind that participants will eat local food. Simple vegetarian meals will be provided throughout the programme.



Travel

Students will travel Mumbai-Hubli-Mumbai by Train in AC 3 tier

Students will travel Hubli-Hampi-Hubli by 2*2 Multi-axle Bus

Further, local travel in Hampi and Daroji will also be in a local 2*2 Multi-axle Bus



Other advice / information

Time zone: India Standard Time (IST)

Local currency: Indian rupees (INR)

Language: People in the region generally speak their local language Kannada and/or Hindi. The project staff accompanying the students speak English and Hindi.

Cultural considerations: Please carry conservative clothing both for the outdoor visits as well as to wear within the hotel premise.



Programme Purpose :

To prepare future leaders to build a sustainable world and deal with the challenges of the future in a responsible and sensitive manner.

Programme Objectives:

- To study life in the capital of the Vijayanagara Empire of the fifteenth century through its remains
- To acquire insights into the processes of history
- To understand how societies work and seeing that this is equally applicable for understanding what is going on in the present day.

Programme Venue:

A UNESCO World Heritage Site - **Hampi** was the capital of the Vijayanagara Empire that spanned peninsular India from coast to coast and reached from the north of the Deccan to the southern regions of Tamil Nadu during the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries. Today the ruins of this empire remain an eloquent reminder of its bygone glory.

Hampi is today a rural settlement situated on the southern bank of the Tungabhadra River in Hospet Taluk of Bellary District in Karnataka.

Hampi is part of an ancient landscape made up of boulders over a few billions of years old. It is the land of Kishkinda, mentioned in the Ramayana.



EXPERIENCING the World of HISTORY

A journey through Hampi – a capital-commercial-cultural town, students will interact with historians, guides and archeologists to understand how past is reconstructed. Students will begin to appreciate the process of history - digging up the earth, examining stories in sculpture to sifting through diverse and often conflicting interpretations - traveller's guides and specific research.

The MONKEY KINGDOM – RAMAYANA Trails & Tales

Hampi and surrounding villages have a strong association with the great Indian epic Ramayana. This is the area that is believed to be “*Kishkinda*”. The magical monkeys of Kishkinda help epic’s hero, Rama, to find his abducted wife Sita and overcome the demon Ravana. From the Hazara Rama temple, that narrates the stories of the Ramayana in vivid details to Rishyamukha hills where Hanuman met Rama for the very first time; students will stumble upon folklores and legends throughout their journey





CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT:

During the course of the programme students will visit Anegundi across river Tungabhadra. Known as the cradle city of Vijayanagara because this fortified village predates Vijayanagara by many centuries.

Students will interact with members of The Kishkinda Trust, an organization that has been working to uplift the people of Anegundi for nearly 2 decades. They will find out how they have contributed in heritage preservation, empowered local women, spearheaded sanitation programmes and facilitated financial inclusion.

THE LOCAL COMMUNITY:

Hampi is often called a living heritage, this is because of some 29 villages settlements that are part of the UNESCO world heritage site.

Dotted with ancient temples, old houses, handicraft shops, local tea shops and many other places of interest, students will study Hampi as a pilgrim site and a tourist site.

Students will learn about the place, about people & about the dependencies that exist between the pilgrim center, the tourist site and the local community.





Programme Schedule (Tentative):

Microsoft Excel - Hampi TT_V1							
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	
Time Table - Hampi & Anegundi (Grade 7)							
	Nov-19	Nov-20	Nov-21	Nov-22	Nov-23	Nov-24	
	Departure	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	
07:00 - 08:00	Assemble at School and leave for Train Departure to Hubli	Arrival & Check-in	Birding Team 1	Birding Team 2	Birding Team 3		
08:00 - 09:00		Freshen up and Breakfast					Breakfast
09:00 - 10:00			Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Departure	
10:00 - 11:00		Orientation and Introduction including town planning activity	Team 2 - Virupaksha to Vitthal Team 3 - Virupaksha to Queens Bath Team 1 - Anegundi Community Visit	Team 3 - Virupaksha to Vitthal Team 1 - Virupaksha to Queens Bath Team 2 - Anegundi Community Visit	Ramayana recital workshop at Chintamani Temple/Continuation of Student Exchange Programme		
11:00 - 12:00							
12:00 - 13:00		Early Lunch@CIC					
13:00 - 14:00		Rest	Lunch@CIC	Lunch@CIC	Lunch@CIC	Lunch@Hubli	
14:00 - 15:00		Departure to Site by 14:45	Rest	Rest	Rest	Train to Mumbai	
15:00 - 16:00		Team 1 - Virupaksha to Vitthal Team 2 - Virupaksha to Queens Bath Team 3 - Anegundi Community Visit	Team 1 - Traditional Inscription Team 2 - iDiscover Team 3 - Handcarft (Tamarind & Saw Dust)	Team 3 - Traditional Inscription Team 1 - iDiscover Team 2 - Handcarft (Tamarind & Saw Dust)			
16:00 - 17:00				FINAL - Handcarft (Tamarind & Saw Dust)			
17:00 - 18:00			Team 2 - Traditional Inscription Team 3 - iDiscover Team 1 - Handcarft (Tamarind & Saw Dust)	Community Student Exchange Programme (Questions/Play)	Formal close of programme including feedback, evaluation & highlights		
18:00 - 19:00							
19:00 - 20:00		Freshen up and rest	Freshen up and rest	Freshen up and rest	Freshen up and rest		
20:00 - 21:00		Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Farewell Dinner		
21:00 - 22:00		Retire	Retire	Retire	Retire		

Packing Checklist

It is compulsory that your ward carries ONLY ONE piece of luggage – a BACKPACK for the programme. NO TROLLEY BAGS/SUITCASE allowed.

Clothing/Footwear

Sports shoes for outdoor activity.

Calf length socks

Lightweight cotton shirts/T-shirts for outdoor activity (preferably full sleeves)

Full length pants for outdoor activity

Clothing to wear during evening indoor sessions/within hotel premises

Night clothes

Slipper/Flip Flops to wear within hotel premises

Light jacket/Sweater

Cap/Hat

School I-Card

Field Supplies

Small daypack/backpack

Water bottle(s). Refill facility will be made available

Torch

Stationery (for writing, sketching and art activities): Notepad, pen, pencils, eraser, ruler, sharpener, compass, craft scissors, glue

Personal Supplies**

Personal toiletries (soap, shampoo, towels etc.)

Personal medication (if any)

Sunscreen lotion

Insect repellent

Plastic bag to carry soiled/used clothes

**** Please ensure your ward carries sufficient (5-6 sets) of clothes, undergarments and personal supplies for 5 nights 6 days. There is no laundry facility available during the course of the programme**

Expenses

Parents may wish to give some personal spending money to their wards (not more than Rs. 1000/per student)

Please ensure that your ward is not carrying expensive items such as watch, mobile phone, I-pad, fancy games etc.

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A site-based learning programme

