Hampi and Badami

KARNATAKA · 3 DAYS · CHEAT SHEET

Boulders, ruined temples and cycle rides in Hampi, then on to Badami and Pattadakal.

PER PERSON	DAYS	BEST SEASON	STAY
Rs 1,868	3	Oct – Feb	

What it cost, per person

Getting there	Train both ways: Hampi Express sleeper (about Rs 254 with fees) and Badami to B…	Rs 611
Stay	Viru Homestay, Kadirampura, 2 nights	Rs 439
Food	Chai, dosa, rooftop lunch, café dinner	Rs 462
Local transport	Cycles, local buses, a few autos	Rs 338
Entry	Vittala Temple chariot ticket	Rs 18
Total		Rs 1,868

Where to eat

- Happy Hampi Cafe — Breakfast · Kadirampura
- Gopi Roof Restaurant — Lunch · Hampi
- Chillout Bamboo — Lunch · Hampi · a bit pricey, lovely setting
- Old Chill Out Ganesh — Indian food · Hampi
- Shanti Cafe — Cheap, all meals · Kadirampura
- Hotel Paradise — Cheap, all meals · Badami

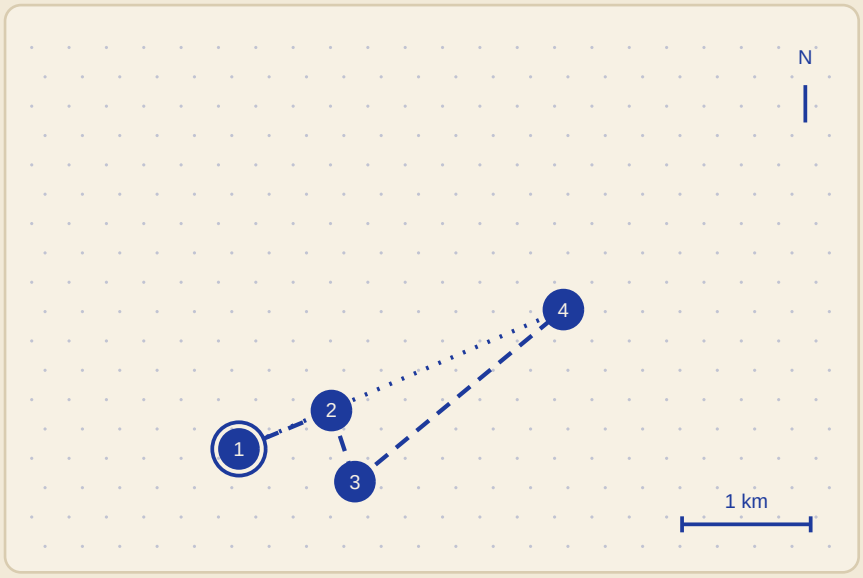
Skip these

- × Autos outside Hospet station (Rs 600–1,000): take the Rs 15 bus from JSW bus stop
- × Zostel Hampi without your own vehicle: 30 km out, uphill, rough road
- × Staying in Hampi or Hospet: Kadirampura is cheaper and closer
- × Slow local buses from Ilkal to Badami: take only Superfast
- × Looking for a bike rental: there is none

Good to know

- Train I took: 16592 Hampi Express, Bengaluru to Hosapete, 397 km, sleeper
- Nearest station: Hospet Junction, 13 km
- Nearest airport: Hubballi or Toranagallu (JSW)
- Where I stayed: Viru Homestay, Kadirampura (Rs 400 a night)
- Cycle hire: Rs 100 plain · Rs 200 basket · Rs 300 geared
- Budget level: Backpacker

The route, day by day

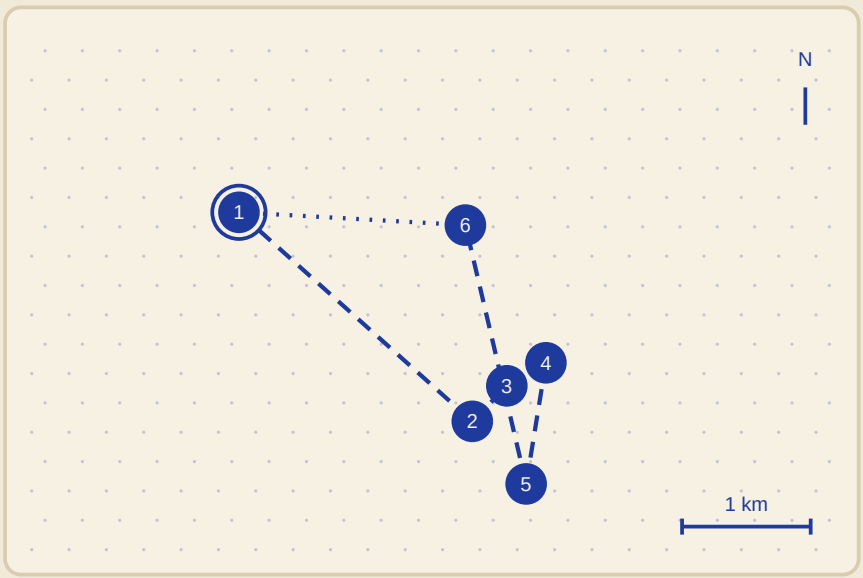


Day 1

Temples and the stone chariot

1. Kadirampura
   Start. Hire the cycle here
2. Virupaksha Temple
   Dosa breakfast in the bazaar
3. Krishna Temple
4. Vittala Temple
   The stone chariot
5. Kadirampura
   Back for the night

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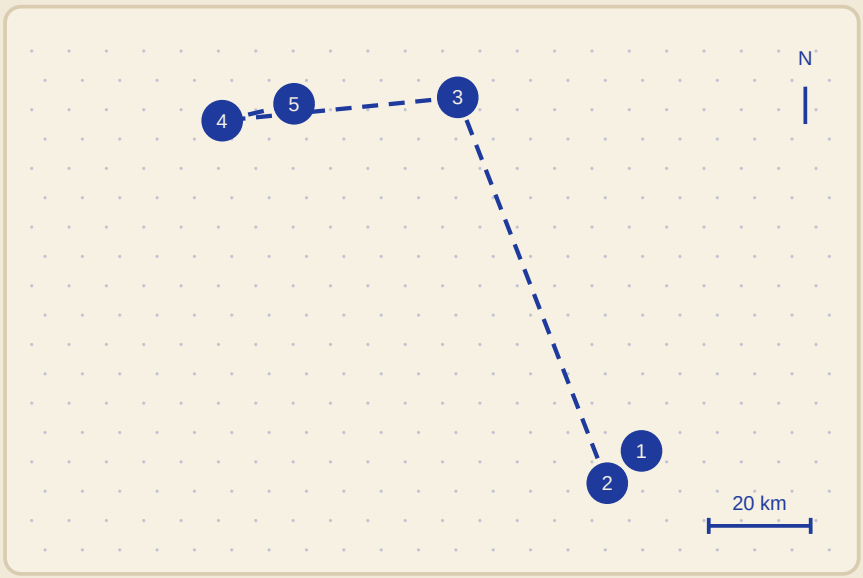


Day 2

Royal enclosure and Matanga Hill

1. Kadirampura
   Start
2. Hazara Rama Temple
3. Lotus Mahal
4. Elephant Stable
5. Queen's Bath
6. Matanga Hill
   Sunset climb
7. Kadirampura
   Back for the night

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Day 3

Bus to Badami and Pattadakal

1. Kadirampura
   Bus to Hospet, Rs 15
2. Hospet bus stand
   Bus to Ilkal, Rs 140, about 2.5 hours
3. Ilkal
   Change to a Superfast bus, Rs 81
4. Badami
   Caves, fort, Bhutanatha Temple and falls
5. Pattadakal
   Group of monuments

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Dashed line = route · dotted line = way back · ring = where you started