



Namma Metro aka Bengaluru Metro

innovations, and availability of some of the best medical professionals. Organizations are also giving priority to the health of their employees by giving them health and wellness benefits that their families can avail.”

FUN AND ENTERTAINMENT

The city is also home to thematic parks and entertainment zones to ensure that there is never a dull moment here. If you want an adrenalin rush head to Wonderla Amusement Park that has fun rides, water rides, musical fountains, laser shows,

HERITAGE MARVELS IN HAMPPI

A UNESCO World Heritage Site, Hampi has some of the best stone formations and ruins that make it a sought-after travel destination. Said to be one of the richest and largest cities in the world in the past, today it is home to the ruins of Vijayanagara, the former capital of the Vijayanagara Empire. It is also the site of Kishkindha, the empire of monkey king Vaali and Sugreeva and with the Tungabhadra river that flows through this makes it a haven for birds as well. While the place is huge you must start at the Vittala Temple Complex where you will see the symbol of Karnataka Tourism, the iconic stone chariot. The Vijaya Vittala Temple dedicated to Vittala, a form of Vishnu, is part of the sprawling complex that houses temples, pavilions and halls and massive pillars in the congregation hall are made of single granite blocks. The famed musical pillars are also part of this complex. Also check out the Virupaksha Temple that has a nine-tiered temple tower and overlooks the famous Hampi Bazaar with intricately carved mandapas and towers. Some of the other places that you must see is the Royal Enclosure, a wide open ground with several small shelters with important relics that has the 100-pillared King’s Audience Hall, a stepped tank, an underground chamber and the Mahanavami Dibba. The Queen’s Bath is a rectangular complex encircled by a big water channel said to have been used by the queen to bathe in. All around is a huge circular veranda that faces a large open sky pool in its middle. The Hemakuta Hill has a large number of temples, archways and pavilions within large wide stoned walls and has the Moola Virupaksha Temple, which is believed to be the original Virupaksha temple. Check out the Sasivekalu Ganesha, a large statue of Lord Ganesha. The monolithic statue is 2.4 metres in height and carved out of a huge boulder. Also check out the Kadalekalu Ganesha Temple located close by when you are here. And to see the entire history stop at the Archaeological Museum of Hampi that has a large collection of sculptures and antiques in four galleries.

