



HERITAGE WALKS IN HYDERABAD - A STUDY

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Introduction

Historical sites attract tourists seeking to understand a place's significance. Preservation and effective management of these sites are crucial for successful tourism. Heritage monuments are a primary draw for cultural tourism, offering learning and recreational experiences. To capitalize on this interest, Heritage Walks have been introduced, providing guided tours through historical monuments. This paper explores the role of Heritage Walks in preserving cultural tourism.

Tourism is a significant global industry, with India's tourism sector contributing 5.8% to the country's GDP and generating 32.1 million jobs. Tourism can be categorized into various types, including cultural, health, sports, conference, heritage, medical, and religious tourism. These categories showcase the diversity of interests and goals that drive people to travel, highlighting the complexity and richness of the tourism industry.

Heritage Tourism

Heritage tourism involves traveling to experience and learn about a destination's cultural and historical heritage, providing a deeper understanding and appreciation of its history, culture, and sense of place. This type of tourism contributes to the preservation and protection of valuable resources, promotes economic development, and offers authentic experiences. Heritage tourism destinations include historical sites, cultural landmarks, and local traditions, such as food, music, and festivals. By engaging with cultural heritage, travelers gain insight into local communities' history and identity. Sustainable tourism prioritizes preserving culture and heritage for future generations.

Heritage Tourism India

Heritage tourism in India has grown significantly due to government initiatives promoting the country's rich cultural heritage. India's diverse cultural landscape and ancient history attract millions of tourists to its heritage sites, including the Taj Mahal, Mandawa Castle, Mahabalipuram, Madurai, and Delhi. To further develop heritage tourism, collaborative efforts between the government and tourism boards are essential. Heritage is a vital component of culture, and its preservation is crucial. Innovative measures like heritage walks can promote cultural preservation and community engagement. This paper explores the concept and features of heritage walks in Hyderabad, examining their significance in preserving the city's cultural heritage.

Heritage walks

Heritage walks are guided or self-guided tours of a city's historic areas on foot, focusing on specific themes related to history, society, culture, or politics. These tours offer a unique way to experience and understand a city, promoting sustainable tourism and heritage preservation. Many cities worldwide offer heritage walks,¹ and India is no exception, with companies like Bombay Heritage Walks and Bangalore Walks providing immersive experiences.² Explore India's rich cultural heritage through these captivating heritage walks: Old Delhi Street Food Tour, Old Delhi Heritage Walk, Jaipur Heritage Walk, Udaipur City Palace Walk, Varanasi Heritage Walk, Varanasi Ghats Walk, Old Goa and Latin Quarters, Fort Cochin, Mumbai Heritage Walk, Mamallapuram Shore Temple Walk.



These walks offer a unique and immersive experience, allowing you to delve into India's rich cultural heritage and create unforgettable memories.

Hyderabad Heritage Walks

Hyderabad Heritage Walks aim to: Promote cultural heritage, raise awareness about history, architecture, and traditions, preserve historical sites and monuments, foster community engagement, Support tourism development, showcase hidden gems, encourage sustainable tourism, Build pride and ownership among citizens. Various organizations conduct heritage walks in Hyderabad, including: Government Tourism Department (4 walks), Sahapedia (17 walks), Deccan Archives (6 walks), Get Your Guide (1 walk). These walks cover a range of topics, including: Historical sites like Charminar, Chowmahalla Palace, and Qutub Shahi Tombs, Cultural traditions like Irani chai and handicrafts, Architectural styles like Art Deco and Osmanian Era, Hidden corners of the city like Moazzam Jahi Market and Abids. By conducting these heritage walks, organizations contribute to the conservation and celebration of Hyderabad's cultural heritage.

Government of Telangana Tourism Department Conducting Hyderabad Heritage Walks:

Hyderabad Heritage Walks – Walk:1 - Charminar to Chowmahalla Palace:

The Tourism Department of Telangana conducting 02 kilometres, 1.5 hours duration Hyderabad Heritage Walks Charminar to Chowmahalla Palace, walk start every Sunday 7:30 am and its ends 9:00 am, Each person pay the fee Rs. 100/- in this fee they give breakfast also. The walk stats from the Iconic monument Charminar; and cover one of the oldest mosques in Hyderabad of Mecca Masjid; Famous for bangles and traditional jewelry of Laad Bazaar; Former royal palace of Nizams, showcasing stunning architecture and history of Chowmahalla Palace. They Explore the rich history, architecture, and culture of Hyderabad's Old City, starting from the iconic Charminar and culminating at the majestic Chowmahalla Palace.³

Hyderabad Heritage Walks - Walk 2 - Charminar to Badshahi Ashurkhana:

The Tourism Department of Telangana conducting 1.5 kilometers, 1.5 hours duration Hyderabad Heritage Walks Charminar to Chowmahalla Palace, walk start every Sunday 7:30 am and its ends 9:00 am, Each person pay the fee Rs. 100/- in this fee they give breakfast also. The walk stats from the Iconic monument Charminar; and cover one of the Historic mourning houses for Muharram procession of Badshahi Ashurkhana; Old City's narrow streets and bustling markets; Traditional eateries and local cuisine of Badshahi Ashurkhana. They Explore the rich history, architecture, and culture of Hyderabad's Old City, Discover the rich history and cultural significance of Hyderabad's Old City, exploring the iconic Charminar, historic Badshahi Ashurkhana, and experiencing the vibrant atmosphere of the narrow streets and markets.⁴

Hyderabad Heritage Walks - Walk 3 - Charminar to Purani Haveli

The Tourism Department of Telangana conducting 2.5 kilometers, 1.5 hours duration Hyderabad Heritage Walks Charminar to Chowmahalla Palace, walk start every Sunday 7:30 am and its ends 9:00 am, Each person pay the fee Rs. 100/- in this fee they give breakfast also. The walk stats from the Iconic monument Charminar; and cover one of the former palaces of Nizam Salabat Jung, now a museum of Purani Haveli; Old City's narrow streets and bustling markets; Historic house with unique architecture of Hussaini Alam House and Old City's vibrant markets and street life. They Explore the rich history and cultural heritage of Hyderabad's Old City, starting from the iconic Charminar and culminating at the historic Purani Haveli, with stops at other significant landmarks and immersion in the local street life.⁵



Hyderabad Heritage Walks - Walk 4 - State Central Library to City College:

The Tourism Department of Telangana conducting 02 kilometers, 1.5 hours duration Hyderabad Heritage Walks Charminar to Chowmahalla Palace, walk start every Sunday 7:30 am and its ends 9:00 am, Each person pay the fee Rs. 100/- in this fee they give breakfast also. The walk starts from the Historic library building with stunning architecture of State Central Library; and cover beautiful campus with mix of modern and historic buildings of Osmania University Campus; One of the oldest colleges in Hyderabad, established in 1921 of City College; Historic fountain with beautiful architecture of Mashuq Fountain. They Discover the educational and cultural heritage of Hyderabad, exploring historic institutions like the State Central Library, Osmania University Campus, and City College, with a glimpse into the city's architectural and historical significance.⁶

Historic Market Walk at Moazzam Jahi Market

The Tourism Department of Telangana conducting 01 kilometers, 1 hour's duration Hyderabad Heritage Walks of Moazzam Jahi Market, walk start every Sunday 7:30 am and its ends 8:30 am, Each person pay the fee Rs. 100/- in this fee they give breakfast also. Constructed in 1930's by the City Improvement Board, and the market was restored by GHMC in Aug 2020. This market is a famous landmark of the city. Its imposing stone facade with clock tower cannot be missed on merging of two roads (Abids Road and Nampally Road) when one is coming from Secunderabad. This Heritage Walk discusses the nuances of the Bazaars of Hyderabad and uncovers the history of surroundings too.

Highlights of Moazzam Jahi Market: 1. Showcasing stunning architecture, 2. Fresh produce and flower market, 3. Traditional shops selling spices, handicrafts, and souvenirs, 4. Street food and local cuisine. The fruit ice-cream sold here should not be missed. They Immerse yourself in the sights, sounds, and aromas of this historic market, exploring the vibrant stalls, sampling local delicacies, and discovering the rich cultural heritage of Hyderabad's traditional marketplaces.

Heritage Walks, Conducting Sahapedia Private Organization

Sahapedia is a digital platform dedicated to preserving and promoting India's rich cultural heritage. It features a vast array of content, including articles, videos, images, and oral histories, showcasing various art forms, traditions, and cultural practices. With contributions from experts, researchers, and practitioners, the platform covers diverse topics such as music, dance, theater, visual arts, and craft. Sahapedia's mission is to provide a comprehensive online resource for cultural enthusiasts, researchers, and students, highlighting India's cultural diversity and heritage. By offering a platform for the preservation and celebration of diverse traditions and art forms, Sahapedia serves as a treasure trove of India's cultural heritage. In addition to its digital platform, Sahapedia also conducts Heritage Walks in Hyderabad, offering a unique opportunity to explore the city's cultural heritage firsthand. Some of the Heritage Walks conducted by Sahapedia in Hyderabad include:

Qutub Shahi Tombs - Tales of a Bygone Era Heritage Walk

Join Sahapedia on a fascinating heritage walk to explore the Qutub Shahi Tombs, a testament to the region's rich history and cultural heritage. Walk Details: Date: Selected days, Time: 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm, Meeting Point: Zeeshan Cafe, in front of the Qutub Shahi tombs (nearest bus/metro station: Tolichowki, Brand Factory) and Walk Leader: Malay Mandal. About the Walk: Discover the captivating history of the Qutub Shahi dynasty, who migrated from Iran to India and established the Golconda Sultanate in the 16th century. Explore the stunning tombs and mosques built by these rulers, showcasing a unique blend of Indian and Persian architectural styles. Learn about the customs and traditions of the Qutub Shahis, who built their own tombs during their lifetime, leaving behind a



legacy of architectural wonders. This walk will transport you back in time to the era of the Qutub Shahis, who left an indelible mark on the history of Golconda.⁷

Paigahs of Hyderabad - Tombs of the Nizam's Noblemen Heritage Walk:

Join Sahapedia on a captivating heritage walk to explore the Paigah Tombs, the final resting places of the Paigah family, who were powerful noblemen under the Nizams. Walk Details: Date: Selected days, Time: 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm, Meeting Point: Bismillah Hotel, Near Owaisi Hospital & Research Centre, Santosh Nagar (nearest bus/metro station: Charminar Bus Station) and Walk Leader: Malay Mandal. About the Walk: Discover the hidden gems of Hyderabad, the Paigah Tombs, showcasing extraordinary craftsmanship and architecture. Located just 4 km away from the Charminar, these magnificent tombs feature Spanish stucco work, inlaid mosaic work, and a blend of Mughal, Greek, Persian, Asaf Jahi, Rajasthani, and Deccani architectural styles. Marvel at the stunning marble tombs of Asman Jah and Begum Khurshid Jah, once adorned with precious and semi-precious stones that changed colors with the seasons. Although the stones are no longer present, the tombs still offer a fascinating sight when the shadows fall on their rich carvings.⁸

The Life and Times of Nizam Mir Osman Ali Khan Heritage Walk:

Join Sahapedia on a fascinating heritage walk to explore the life and legacy of Nizam Mir Osman Ali Khan, the seventh and last monarch of the Asaf Jahi dynasty. Walk Details: Date: Selected days, Time: 10:30 am - 12:30 pm, Meeting Point: Nizam's Museum parking (nearest bus/metro station: Purani Haveli bus stop), Walk Leader: Yunus Lasania and Meeting Time: 10:15 AM. About the Walk: Delve into the intriguing life of Mir Osman Ali Khan, one of the world's richest men and the last Nizam of Hyderabad. From his remarkable achievements to his downfall through Operation Polo in 1948, this walk covers it all. Visit the Nizam's Museum at Purani Haveli, showcasing artifacts presented to Khan on his 25th anniversary as monarch. The walk leader will guide you through the museum's treasures, offering insights into Osman Ali Khan's life, reign, and legacy.⁹

The Famous Irani Chai and Historic Churches of Secunderabad Heritage Walk:

Join Sahapedia on a unique heritage walk to explore the fascinating history of Secunderabad, its iconic Irani cafes, and historic churches. Walk Details: Date: Selected days, Time: 07:00 am - 09:00 am, Meeting Point: Alpha Hotel, Opposite Secunderabad railway station (nearest bus/metro station: Alpha hotel/Secunderabad railway station), Walk Leader: Yunus Lasania and Meeting Time: 06:45 AM. About the Walk: Discover the captivating story of Secunderabad, born out of a British-Nizam alliance. Explore the area's distinctive colonial history, churches, and Irani cafes, which have become an integral part of the city's culture. Learn about the origins of Irani tea and the history behind iconic cafes like Paradise, Garden, and Alpha. Visit the historic St. Mary's Basilica and uncover the secrets of Secunderabad's past.¹⁰

Nashta-e-Subah – A Morning Food Walk in Hanuman Tekdi:

Join Sahapedia on a mouth-watering morning food walk, Nashta-e-Subah, to explore the flavors of Hyderabad's iconic breakfast scene. Walk Details: Date: Selected days, Time: 07:00 am - 08:30 am, Meeting Point: Mayur Pan Shop, Hanuman Tekdi (nearest bus/metro station: Abids, GPO), Walk Leader: Mohd. Abdul Nayeem and Meeting Time: 06:45 AM. About the Walk: Discover the authentic taste of Hyderabad's nashta, a traditional breakfast spread, in the bustling lanes of Sultan Bazar. While the area is usually crowded with business activities on weekdays, Sunday mornings transform it into a food lover's paradise. Indulge in a variety of idlis, upmas, dosas, mysuru bajjis, and delectable



chutneys at the most sought-after breakfast joints. This walk will take you on a culinary journey through the city's hidden gems, showcasing the rich flavors of Hyderabad's morning food culture.¹¹

The Intricacies of the Fascinating Paigah Tombs Heritage Walk

Join Sahapedia on a captivating heritage walk to explore the breathtaking Paigah Tombs, a testament to extraordinary architecture and rich history. Walk Details: Date: Selected days, Time: 04:00 pm - 05:30 pm, Meeting Point: Royal Sea Cafe, Chandrayangutta, Opposite Owaisi Hospital (nearest bus/metro station: Kanchanbagh, Owaisi Hospital), Walk Leader: Haseeb Jafferri and Meeting Time: 03:45 PM. About the Walk: Discover the fascinating history and architecture of the Paigah Tombs, located 10 kilometers away from Charminar. Marvel at the unique latticework, arched alcoves, and exquisite designs that showcase Indo-Islamic architecture with Asaf Jah and Rajputana influences. Uncover the stories and secrets behind the tombs, built in the 18th century for the Paigah nobility. Explore the intricate inlaid mosaic work and designed marble facades that make these mausoleums a true masterpiece. This curated walk aims to create an immersive experience, encouraging participants to ask questions, think creatively, and draw inspiration from the past. Share your experiences and observations at the end of the walk and evolve as an individual.¹²

The Hidden Corners of Charminar Heritage Walk

Join Sahapedia on a captivating heritage walk to uncover the secrets and charm of Charminar's lesser-known corners. Walk Details: Date: Selected days, Time: 05:00 pm - 07:00 pm, Meeting Point: Shahran Hotel, Pathar Gatti (nearest bus/metro station: Afzal Gunj Bus Stop), Walk Leader: Ansaar Dewan and Meeting Time: 04:45 PM. About the Walk: Explore the enchanting surroundings of Charminar, a cultural icon that has mesmerized generations. Wander through the labyrinthine lanes, buildings, and shops that make up this vibrant hub. Discover hidden gems that reveal the artistic splendor, cultural harmony, and traditional roots of this historic locality. Experience the sights, sounds, smells, and tastes that evoke a bygone era.¹³

A Walk Through Moazzam Jahi Market Heritage Walk:

Join Sahapedia on a fascinating heritage walk through Moazzam Jahi Market, one of Hyderabad's oldest and most vibrant bazaars. Walk Details: Date: Selected days, Time: 05:30 pm - 07:00 pm, Meeting Point: Famous Ice Cream, Moazzam Jahi Market (nearest bus/metro station: Gandhi Bhavan), Walk Leader: Mohd. Abdul Nayeem and Meeting Time: 05:15 PM. About the Walk: Explore the historic Moazzam Jahi Market, established in 1935, and discover its rich history, architecture, and cultural significance. Admire the market's iconic white domes, renovated entrance, and majestic clock tower. As you wander through the market, learn about its transformation over the years and listen to the stories of its vendors and customers. Sample the diverse offerings, from fresh produce to perfumes, and experience the sights, sounds, and aromas of this bustling bazaar.¹⁴

A Walk-Through Hyderabad's Salar Jung Museum Heritage Walk

Join Sahapedia on a fascinating heritage walk through the Salar Jung Museum, one of India's largest and most renowned museums. Walk Details: Date: Selected days, Time: 10:30 am - 12:30 pm, Meeting Point: Main gate, Salar Jung Museum (nearest bus/metro station: MG Bus station), Walk Leader: Jitendra Kumar, and Meeting Time: 10:15 AM. About the Walk: Discover the treasures of the Salar Jung Museum, which showcases a vast collection of artifacts gathered by Nawab Mir Yousuf Ali Khan (Salar Jung III) and his descendants. With over 43,000 art objects, 9,000 manuscripts, and 47,000 printed books, this museum is a true cultural gem. Explore the 38 galleries spread across two floors



and uncover the stories behind the royal era collections. Learn about the history of the museum, which was established in 1951 and has since been expanded to accommodate its vast treasures.¹⁵

Heritage Walks, Conducting Deccan Archive' Private Organization

The Deccan Archive was established in November 2018 with a mission to collect, document, and share the rich history of the Deccan region. Our goal is to create a dialogue around Deccan history and reconnect people with their past. Outreach Programs: Since 2020, we have been conducting heritage walks, workshops, and events every weekend to engage young audiences and foster a love for history. Our programs are designed to be informative, interactive, and fun. Collaborations: We collaborate with artists through the Gawan Academy, our educational wing, to promote creative expression and historical understanding. Collection and Digitization: Our growing collection includes over 100 rare and old books waiting to be digitized. We believe that every artifact holds a story and is a vital piece of our shared heritage. Registration and Team: In 2023, The Deccan Archives Foundation was registered as a Trust (Registration no: 171 of 2023). Our team consists of 6 core members and over 20 dedicated volunteers.

Abids Heritage Walk

The Deccan Archives conducting Abids Heritage Walk a selected day, it will start at 08:00 am and its ends 10:30 am at St Joseph's Cathedral, St. Josephs Cathedral, 5-9-305, Gun Foundry Street Number 1, Gun Foundry, Basheer Bagh, Hyderabad, Telangana 500001, India. A walk tracing the urban histories of the Abids precinct, one of the oldest neighborhoods of the 'new city', through King Koti to Moazzam Jahi Market.¹⁶

Chowmahalla Palace Heritage Walk

The Deccan Archives conducting Chowmahalla Palace Heritage Walk a selected day, it will start at 09:40 am and its ends 12:00 pm at Chowmahalla Palace, 20-4-236, Moti Galli Rd, Khilwat, Hyderabad, Telangana 500002, India. about the walk: A walk at the historic Chowmahalla, talking about the life of Qamaruddin Khan Asaf Jah I, as we walk around the many palace buildings and look at the life spent in these grand palaces.¹⁷

Jamia Osmania: Arts College Walk

The Deccan Archives conducting Jamia Osmania: Arts College Walk a selected day, it will start at 08:30 am and its ends 11:30 pm at Osmania University Arts College, Osmania University, Amberpet, Hyderabad, Telangana 500007, India. About the Walk: Arts College of the Osmania University to explore its fascinating history, planning and architecture. The historic Osmania University, founded in 1918, and discovers the rich legacy of this iconic institution. Led by experienced guides, the walk will take you through the impressive architecture of the main building, the tranquil green spaces of the campus, and the important landmarks that have played a significant role in the university's history. Along the way, you will learn about the university's founding, the contributions of its distinguished faculty and alumni, and the milestones that have shaped its evolution over the years. You'll also get a glimpse of the daily life of students and staff at the university, as well as the cultural and intellectual events that take place on campus.¹⁸

Architecture Walk: Art Deco - Osmanian Era at Afzalgunj:

The Deccan Archives conducting Architecture Walk: Art Deco - Osmanian Era at Afzalgunj a selected day, it will start at 08:00 am and its ends 10:00 am at State Central Library, Afzalgunj, office of Director of public libraries, 1st floor, state, Telangana State Central Library, NH163, Ashok Bazar,



Afzal Gunj, Hyderabad, Telangana 500012. A walk through the historic precinct of Afzalgunj, learning the different architectural styles prevalent in 19th and 20th century Hyderabad.¹⁹

Trimulgherry Heritage Walk

The Deccan Archives conducting Trimulgherry Heritage Walk a select day, it will start at 08:30 am and its ends 11:30 am at Trimulgherry Jail, FGC6+5F9, Tirumalagiri, Secunderabad, Telangana 500015, India. A walk at the historic Trimulgherry Jail built by the British in their cantonment of Secunderabad. We look at the historic building along with stories of the British presence in the region, the years of turmoil and subsequent decline.²⁰

Secunderabad - Paradise Heritage Walk

The Deccan Archives conducting Secunderabad - Paradise Heritage Walk a select day , it will start at 08:00 am and its ends 10:30 am Paradise Metro, towards OU PG College, CFVP+8X8, Paradise Cross Roads, Kalasiguda, Secunderabad, Telangana 500003, India. A walk at the Paradise-Balamrai precinct of Secunderabad, looking at pre-war and Art Deco heritage of Secunderabad. Join us to explore the beautiful mansions in the Secunderabad Cantonment.²¹

Secunderabad Cantonment Walk

The Deccan Archives conducting Secunderabad Cantonment Walk a select day, it will start at 08:00 am and its ends 11:00 am at Secunderabad Cantonment. A walk at the historic Secunderabad Cantonment, where we will learn about the Imperial history of the British 'Lashkar'.²²

Vision of Osmania Heritage Walk

The Deccan Archives conducting Vision of Osmania Heritage Walk a select day, it will start at 10:00 am and its ends 12:00 pm at Osmania Library, Osmania Univeristy Main Rd, CG8G+W54, Osmania University Main Rd, Osmania University, Amberpet, Hyderabad, Telangana 500007, India. This is an indoor walk at the historic Osmania University campus, as we exclusively visit the 'Vision of Osmania' exhibit that showcases the century old history of the University, its alumnus and the buildings.²³

Kacheguda Station Walk

The Deccan Archives conducting Kacheguda Station Walk a select day, it will start at 08:30 am and its ends 11:30 pm at Kacheguda Station, 9FQX+447, Nimboliadda, Kachiguda, Hyderabad, Telangana 500027, India. An indoor walk at the historic Kacheguda Railway Station, as we explore the iconic building, its museum and the histories of the railway in Deccan.²⁴

Bella Vista Palace Walk

A tour of the Bella Vista Palace, now part of the ASCI campus. The Deccan Archives conducting Bella Vista Palace Tour a select day, it will start at 08:30 am and its ends 11:00 am at ASCI, Bella Vista, Bellavista, CF85+5J2, Raj Bhavan Rd, Somajiguda, Hyderabad, Telangana 500082, India. The Bella Vista Mansion, built in early 20th century came into the use of heir-apparent Prince Azam Jah when he brought his Ottoman bride Princess Durrushahwar from France to Hyderabad in December 1931. It remained in their occupation until early 1950s when the State government acquired it. Since 1957, it has housed the Administrative Staff College of India, an institution training the country's top bureaucrats.²⁵



Himayat Sagar Heritage Walk

The Deccan Archives conducting Himayat Sagar Heritage Walk a select day, it will start at 04:00 pm and its ends 06:30 pm at Himayat Sagar, Himayat Sagar Lake, Telangana -501504. A special walk on the historic Himayat Sagar lake, understanding its history, wetlands and ecosystem.²⁶

Saifabad Heritage Walk

The Deccan Archives conducting Saifabad Heritage Walk a select day, it will start at 08:30 am and its ends 06:30 pm at Mahavir Hospital & Research Centre, 10-1-1, Utkoor - Mogdumpur Rd, AC Guards, Lakdikapul, Hyderabad, Telangana 500004, India.

World Heritage Day: Golconda Diamonds

The Deccan Archives conducting World Heritage Day: Golconda Diamonds a select day, it will start at 07:30 am and its ends 10:30 am at Hyderabad, Sajjid Colony, Fateh Darwaza, Golconda Fort, Hyderabad, Telangana 500008, India. join us for a unique heritage walk tracing the Golconda diamond trade within the historic fort! In celebration of World Heritage Day on 18 April, we are hosting a unique heritage walk at the historic Golconda fort, where we will trace the remains of the diamond trade in the Qutb Shahi capital.²⁷

World Heritage Day: Along the Musi

The Deccan Archives conducting World Heritage Day: Along the Musi a select day, it will start at 07:30 am and its ends 10:30 am at Masjid e Miyan Mishk, 9F95+M46, Puranapul Rd, Hakimpura, Rahimpura, Puranapool, Hyderabad, Telangana 500064, India. Join us for a heritage walk along the Musi River at the historic Puranapul area to celebrate World Heritage Day 2024.²⁸

World Heritage Day: The Hyderabad Museum Walk

The Deccan Archives conducting World Heritage Day: The Hyderabad Museum Walk a select day, it will start at 08:00 am and its ends 11:00 am Hyderabad Museum, Public Gardens, Public Gardens, Red Hills, Lakdikapul, Hyderabad, Telangana 500457, India. A Museum Walk at the historic Hyderabad Museum, one of the finest collections of sculpture, inscriptions and paintings, in celebration of World Heritage Day 2024.²⁹

World Heritage Day: James Street

The Deccan Archives conducting World Heritage Day: James Street Walk a select day, it will start at 07:30 am and its ends 10:30 am at James Street Railway Station, 1-8-11/3/B 1st Floor, Minister Rd, Karbala Maidan, Rani Gunj, Secunderabad, Hyderabad, Telangana 500003, India. A heritage walks at the historic James Street, as we unfold several layers of history in communities, buildings and individuals, from James Street to Saidani Ma, in celebration of World Heritage Day 2024.³⁰

Salar Jung Museum Gallery Walk

The Deccan Archives conducting Salar Jung Museum Gallery Walk a select day, it will start at 10:00 am and its ends 12:00 am at Salar Jung Museum, Darulshifa, Hyderabad, Telangana 500002, India. A Museum Walk through the Deccani Miniatures and Manuscripts galleries at the historic Salar Jung Museum.³¹

Sunset at Golconda: Hidden Trail

The Deccan Archives conducting Sunset at Golconda: Hidden Trail a select day, it will start at 04:30 pm and its ends 12:00 am at Masjid E, Masjid E, 9-10-68/A/255, Qutubshahe Road, Resham Bagh,



Golconda Fort, Hyderabad, Alijapur, Telangana 500008, India. The hidden heritage walk in the Golconda Fort is a unique and fascinating experience that offers a glimpse into the lesser-known aspects of the fort's history. It is a great way to learn about the fort's past and to see parts of the fort that are not normally open to the public. The walk includes hiking for a significant part of the walk.³²

The Qutb Shahi Trail: Mohammed Nagar to Langar Houz

The Deccan Archives conducting The Qutb Shahi Trail 1: Mohammed Nagar to Langar Houz a select day, it will start at 08:00 am and its ends 11:00 am at Habshi Kaman, Golconda, 9CM3+M4M, Khair Complex, Golconda Fort, Hyderabad, Telangana 500008, India. The walk starts at the heart of the Qila Muhammad Nagar (Golconda), as we walk from the Habshi Kaman, Jama Masjid, Shahi Khazana, Old Diamond Quarters, Fateh Darwaza and Langar Houz. Looking at the infrastructure of the inner fort area and its legendary fortifications.³³

The Qutb Shahi Trail: Karwaan

The Deccan Archives conducting The Qutb Shahi Trail #2: Karwaan a select day, it will start at 08:00 am and its ends 11:00 am at Hyderabad, Karan Singh Marg, Kphs Colony, Ramsingh Pura, Girkapalli, Karwan East, Hyderabad, Telangana 500006, India. A walk through the historic stretch of Karwaan, once a refuge to traders from around the world. The walk focuses on the Karwan stretch, where travelling caravans would stop between Hyderabad and Golconda. Several pieces of Qutb Shahi highway infrastructure can be seen hiding within the lanes of Karwan and Kulsumpura. We start at the historic Toli Masjid and end at the Kulsumpura Masjid compound.³⁴

Conclusion

Hyderabad Heritage Walks offer a unique and immersive experience, allowing participants to explore the city's rich cultural heritage and historical significance. With four different walks covering various aspects of the city's history, architecture, and culture, there's something for everyone. From the iconic Charminar to the historic Moazzam Jahi Market, these walks provide a glimpse into the city's vibrant past and present. By conducting these heritage walks, the Tourism Department of Telangana aims to promote cultural heritage, raise awareness, and foster community engagement. Whether you're a history buff, architecture enthusiast, or simply curious about the city's secrets, Hyderabad Heritage Walks are an excellent way to experience the city's authentic charm.

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