About Hyderabad

Hyderabad is the capital of the South Indian state of Andhra Pradesh, and the fourth most populous city in India. Spread over an area of 650 sq km, the Hyderabad metropolitan city area has a population of 6.8 million, and the metropolitan area about 7.7 million.

It is easy to associate Hyderabad merely with the quaint old culture of the Nizams, but there’s more to the city than biryani and the Charminar. Hyderabad is now a tech hub, and premier educational institutes as well as world-renowned companies have opened their branches here, attracting many students and working professionals from all over India.

The Indian School of Business (ISB), IIIT (International Institute Of Information Technology) and the BITS-Pilani campus in Hyderabad are the institutes of national significance located in the city. Hyderabad is also home to the offices of international IT companies such as Microsoft, Google, Facebook, IBM, Accenture, Qualcomm, Infosys, TCS and Wipro.

While Andhra Pradesh is predominantly a Telugu-speaking state, both Telugu and Urdu are spoken in Hyderabad, which was a Muslim-ruled region for much of its history. Unique to Hyderabad is the Deccani dialect of Urdu, laced with a Telangana (Hyderabad is situated in the part of Andhra Pradesh known as Telangana) influence.

Hyderabad is warm for most part of the year. Summers are extremely hot with the temperature rising to 42°C and winters that last for a couple of months are mildly cold with temperatures dipping to around 10°C). The monsoons drench the city from June-September.

This “City of Pearls” has the best of both worlds. The old city with its ancient structures, most of them built in the Islamic style of architecture, brims with untold tales. Hyderabad also has a thriving modern edge to it, with malls, multiplexes, pubs and restaurants. You will find upmarket residential areas, night clubs, restaurants and designer stores particularly in the north-west Hyderabad.

Hyderabad is becoming increasingly attractive to retailers and other businesses that cater to the youth with huge disposable incomes. The BPO boom of the early 2000s brought in its wake a spurt of modernity and consumerism. This modern city today shops for designer labels, relishes Italian and sushi as much as it does the common “Osmania biscuit” (a variety of shortbread endemic to Hyderabad and meant to be had with tea), and is tuned into world culture.
History

The twin cities of Hyderabad and Secunderabad – which were ruled by the Nizams until as recently as 1948 – display their Islamic heritage at every turn. Although the Qutb Shahi dynasty is best known in Hyderabad, the city has witnessed many rulers in the past.

Ancient and Medieval Hyderabad

From around 232 BCE to 1321 AD, the region which comprises the current day state capital has witnessed different dynasties. The empires included the Mauryas, the Satavahanas, the Andhra Ikshavaku dynasty, the Chalukyas and the Kakatiyas; in the chronological order. While the city of Hyderabad did not exist then, cities such as Amaravati, Nagarjunakonda and Warangal flourished in those times.

The Quli Qutb Shahi Rule

Founded in 1591 by Muhammad Quli Qutb Shah – who, along with all the other Sultans of the Qutb Shahi dynasty, ruled from the Golconda Fort - the city was initially called Bhagyanagar named after the ruler's beloved wife Bhagmati. She later converted to Islam and changed her name to Hyder Mahal, resulting in the city's name also being changed to Hyderabad. In the following 170 years, under the Qutb Shahi rule, the city witnessed a proliferation in functional and decorative construction, many of which remain as the city's heritage architecture today.

The Mughals Conquer Hyderabad

During the mid-17th century, Aurangazeb – in a desperate bid to expand the Mughal Empire – was spending most of his time in military campaigns in the Deccan region. With his sights set firmly on the prosperous city of Hyderabad, Aurangazeb attacked and conquered the allegedly impregnable Golkonda Fort, and made Hyderabad his, with disastrous consequences to the city. As Aurangazeb’s attention was distracted to other parts of the Deccan, where the Marathas were laying a slow but successful siege against the Mughals, the city declined. Its prolific trades lagged, and its architectural gems were tarnished.

The Asaf Jahis

The above state of affairs lasted for a few decades, after which the Mughal Empire was only a shell of what it once was. After Aurangazeb died in 1707, the
Mughal-appointed governors had more room to breathe, and also to take over erst-while Mughal kingdoms, apparently.

For that is exactly what happened in the case of Qamar-ud-din Khan, Asaf Jah I, who gained control over Hyderabad, thus beginning the Nizami regime that would rule the city even until a year after India gained Independence from the British Raj. Several new advancements in trade, infrastructure and agriculture were made during this regime, undoing the damage caused to the city by Aurangazeb.

On September 16, 1948, the Indian Army wrested the city from the adamant Nizams, who insisted on retaining sovereignty.

**The Formation of Andhra Pradesh**

On November 1, 1956, after the linguistic reorganisation of states, Andhra Pradesh was created for a Telugu speaking majority, with Hyderabad as its capital.
Places to Visit

Charminar
The Charminar is Hyderabad's ultimate brand ambassador. The square-shaped monument, whose exquisite towers support four ornate arches, was built in 1591 by Sultan Muhammad Quli Qutb Shah, to mark the ebb of a plague that was annihilating the city. The people of this city are so in love with the building that the Hyderabadi diaspora in Pakistan has actually gone and built a miniature replica over there.

Hussain Sagar
The enormous Buddha statue standing serenely in the middle of the Hussain Sagar lake, surrounded by the hubbub of Hyderabadis relaxing on the Tank Bund and Necklace Road promenades, munching on freshly roasted corn-on-the-cob as they watch the traffic whiz past, is an iconic symbol of Hyderabad.

Qutb Shahi Tombs
There is something quite morbid about a man building his own grave, but that was apparently what Sultan Quli Qutub ul Mulk - the founder of the Qutb Shahi Dynasty - did. However, in the process, he set the precedent for the ornate embellishment seen in the tombs of his successors. Also of note is the beautiful Turkish style Hamam that was ritually used to bathe the corpses before the burial.

Golconda Fort
Originally called "Golla Konda" - Telugu for "the shepherd's hillock" - the Golconda Fort was where the Qutb Shahi dynasty ruled Hyderabad for 169 years. Taking inspiration from their ancestors, the Qutb Shahis were prolific builders, and developed their sprawling demesne with unimpeachable fortifications, extravagantly beautiful monuments, and acoustics so perfect that you can hear a clap sounded in the grand portico all the way at the top of the citadel.

Salarjung Museum
The Nizams loved luxury. And the Salar Jung Museum, the result of the international jaunts of Salar Jungs I, II, and III, is the zenith of Nizami luxury. Comprising one million priceless and timeless artifacts, it is said that the present collection is only half the original collection. Its Qur'an collection, with beautifully illuminated ancient Qur’ans, commands admiration. The clock room, with clocks that range from the ornate to the simple, delight all visitors.
Mecca Masjid
One of India's largest mosques, the Mecca Masjid owes its name to the central arch, which was constructed with bricks made of soil brought all the way from Mecca - the holiest of Islamic sites. French explorer Jean-Baptiste Tavernier wrote of the mosque in his travelogue, talking about the construction of its three facades which were built from a single piece of granite so large that it took five years and 600 men to just to quarry it.

The Spanish Mosque
The Spanish Mosque, also known as the Mosque of the Moors, was built by Paigah Nawab Sir Vikhar-ul-Umra Iqbal-ud-Dowla in 1906. Its uniquely European architecture - church-like spires, Jack arches, Moorish embellishment - were inspired by the Mezquita-Catedral (Mosque-Cathedral) of Córdoba in Spain.

Chowmahalla Palace
Looking at the beautiful Chowmahalla, you'd have a hard time believing that the place was in ruins until only a few years ago. Painstakingly restored by Princess Esra Jah, this palace now has restaurants that are open to the public. Featuring magnificent Persian, Mughal, and European architecture, the Chowmahalla is the perfect archive of the Nizami lifestyle.

Birla Mandir
2,000 tons of Rajasthani marble was used for the construction of this temple, which holds an iconic position in Hyderabad's skyline. Built by Mr. Raja Baldev Birla, who - whilst gazing upon Naubat Pahad - was stuck by an inspiration to create a temple where people could worship and meditate, the beautiful Lord Venkateswara temple is a peaceful oasis in the middle of the city.

KBR National Park
Located in the busy Jubilee Hills area, Kasu Brahmananda Reddy National Park, or KBR Park, offers 390 acres of lush beautifully landscaped gardens, where Hyderabadis walk, play, or just relax and smell the flowers.

Public Gardens
The Bagh-E-Aam, Urdu for "the people's park", has a long history (about 165 years of it, to be precise) as a recreational facility for the common people aam janta. Established by the Nizams in the year 1856, it has more recent additions like the State Archaeological Museum and the Lalita Kala Thoranam.
Shamirpet Lake
An ideal place for a day trip, Shamirpet Lake and the nearby deer park provide a welcome change from the chaos of the city. Situated amid lush forests, the journey to Shamirpet is as enjoyable as the destination.

Keesaragutta Temple
They say that the Hindu God Lord Shiva himself appeared to provide a Shiva lingam for this temple, when Lord Hanuman was delayed by unforeseen circumstances on his way back from Varanasi with 101 Shiva lingams. Miffed when he found out that his journey had been in vain, Lord Hanuman scattered the lingams all over the hill. You can still spot Shiv lingams dotting the hillock on which the temple stands.

Gandipet Lake
While Osman Ali Khan's reputation is mostly overshadowed by tales of his eccentricities -- his seven wives and 42 concubines, and his legitimate and illegitimate offspring -- his career also ushered in good things for the city. The Osman Sagar Lake, better known as the Gandipet Lake, is one of his accomplishments for which all Hyderabidis are thankful for, especially when temperatures shoot up.

Ramoji Film City
When you can explore the streets of the ancient empire of the Mauryas, enjoy the artistic majesty of the Mughal Empire, get down and dirty in the good old' Wild West of America, or experience the rarified atmosphere of Victorian Era England, all within an 8.1 km radius, you know you are at a place where you can spend the whole day happily exploring. Ramoji Film City also houses specialty restaurants, cultural arenas, and a well-equipped amusement park.

Taramati Baradari
The Taramati Baradari, a caravan serai for tradesmen to recuperate after their arduous journeys, is named after the favorite courtesan of the 7th Golkonda Sultan Abdullah Qutb Shah. Apparently, the beautiful and talented Taramati would sing and dance here for the weary travellers, and her mellifluous voice was carried by the wind to soothe the weary heart of the Sultan. Singing and dancing (without the erstwhile courtesans of yesteryears) continue to enliven this lovely structure today.
Badeshahi Ashurkhana
One of the several treasures left behind by Hyderabad's Islamic legacy which was forgotten, the Badeshahi Ashurkhana was built by Muhammad Quli Qutb Shah in 1594 as a place for Muslims to mourn during Moharram. Resplendent with bright colours and beautiful tile work, the Ashurkhana is a must-visit if art, architecture and history are your passion.
Restaurants

De Thali
Address: Block 3, Ground Floor, White House Building, Next To Ohri's Jiva Imperia, Begumpet
Cuisine: Gujarati, Rajasthani
Description: Situated in the busy neighbourhood of Begumpet, De Thali - a restaurant from the Ohri's chain - serves delicious and abundant vegetarian Rajasthani/Gujarati thalis for surprisingly reasonable rates.

Barbeque Nation
Address: Ground Floor, ANR Centre, Road No. 1, Banjara Hills
Cuisine: Continental
Description: Although the restaurant offers a buffet featuring a wide variety of soups, starters, mains, and desserts; the main reason to go to Barbeque Nation is the live grill fixed at every table, and the unlimited veg and non-veg starters that the diners can personalise.

Chutneys
Address: Shilpa Arcade, Near Andhra Jyothi, Road Number 3, Banjara Hills
Cuisine: South Indian, North Indian
Description: More an institution than a restaurant, Chutneys is where you will find the best of South India's breakfast items - including delicious idlis, crunchy dosas and uttappas of several varieties, upmas, and more. You can top it all off with a piping hot cup of filter coffee.

N Grill
Address: Road No.36, Just Before Croma, Jubilee Hills
Cuisine: Multi-Cuisine
Description: Actor Nagarjuna's restaurant in Jubilee Hills is the place to visit if you're in the mood for barbeques or Italian food. The place also has good desserts. The cuisine is strictly continental.

Paradise
Address: Paradise Circle, Sardar Patel Road
Cuisine: Hyderabadi
Description: What started in 1953 as a small Irani café is now a restaurant that is synonymous with Hyderabad's native cuisine. The biryani served here will forever be the benchmark by which you will compare every other biryani you will ever have.
**Little Italy**  
Address: 550 F, Road No 92, Near Apollo Health City (Second Gate), Jubilee Hills  
Cuisine: Italian  
Description: If you have a craving for authentic Italian food, Little Italy is the best place for you. The restaurant features a wide selection of starters, soups, pizzas, pastas, desserts. We suggest that you don't leave without picking up a Tiramisu.

**Rayalaseema Ruchulu**  
Address: Near Peddamma Temple, Level 5, Road Number 36, Jubilee Hills  
Cuisine: Andhra  
Description: Featuring cuisine indigenous to the Rayalaseema region of AP (the south), Rayalaseema Ruchulu features items such as gongura mamsam, gutti vankai and chapa fry, which are as typically Andhrite as it gets. The food is a tad spicy, so be prepared.

**Sweet Nirvana**  
Address: Plot No 105, Road No 44/45, Beside State Art Gallery, Kaveri Hills, Phase II, Kavuri Hills  
Cuisine: European  
Description: With a pan-European menu featuring delicacies such as chicken kiev, paella, and fish & chips, Sweet Nirvana is a definitely a change from the spice and grease-laden food that can be found in abundance in the city.

**Nautanki Gali**  
Address: Cyber Pearl, Hitech City, Hyderabad  
Cuisine: North Indian  
Description: With a grungy vibrant and memorable décor, Nauntanki Gali in Hitech City is yet another innovative restaurant from the Ohri's group. Featuring reasonably priced buffets with a vast variety of items, the restaurant combines great food and service with the colourful bustle of the streets.

**Kamat**  
Address: Beside Shefali, Opposite Spicy Touch, Clock Tower  
Cuisine: South Indian  
Description: The Kamat chain of restaurants is 56 years old in the business of Udipi cuisine. In addition to defining the food culture of Hyderabad, it is the perfect place for out-of-towners and NRIs to sample a great dosa or a scrumptious idli-vada – at equally scrumptious prices.
Vac's Pastries
Address: Plot No 116, Road No 10, Jubilee Hills
Cuisine: Bakeries
Description: One of the best bakeries in town, Vac's has had people travelling from the remotest corners of the city to sample its delicious pastries, cheesecakes, tarts, and more. You can also buy freshly baked loaves of a variety of breads, including garlic bread, banana bread and croissant buns.

Bawarchi
Address: Opposite Sandhya 70MM Theater, RTC X Roads
Cuisine: Hyderabadi
Description: Situated as it is on the forever-traffic-clogged RTC ‘X’ Roads, Bawarchi is very hard to miss. The excellence of the Hyderabadi cuisine here is even harder to ignore.
Cinemas

**Prasad's IMAX**
Address: Adjacent NTR Gardens, Near Necklace Road, NTR Marg
South India’s first thermal power plant was demolished to make way for south India's first IMAX theatre. The most frequented multiplex in Hyderabad, the success of a movie in Hyderabad is usually measured by the length of the queue at the box office of Prasad's.

**INOX Banjara Hills**
Address: In GVK One Mall, Road Number 1, Banjara Hills
Description: Situated in the middle of the upmarket Banjara Hills area, INOX is where the more upwardly mobile Hyderabadis venture. If a movie here doesn't capture your interest, or if you have time to kill before it starts, you can always catch up on some shopping, or just browse the shops at the GVK One mall, where the multiplex is located.

**Cinemax Madhapur**
Address: Plot No. 12, RK Cinemax, Opp L V Prasad Eye Hospital, Road Number 2, Banjara Hills
Description: A more recent addition to Hyderabad's plethora of multiplexes, Cinemax Madhapur is a boon to those working and living in the Hitech area, who can now watch movies in a great ambience in their neighbourhood.

**Big Cinemas**

**PVR Cinemas**

**Tivoli**
Address: 221, Tivoli Road, Lamba Estate, Gymkhana Grounds
Description: The city’s old timers are the ones most impressed by the new and improved avatar of Tivoli Talkies, which is one of a handful of theatres where you can still catch a good English flick for less than hundred bucks. An inspiration to other old-fashioned theatres that are threatened by the multiplex epidemic, Tivoli – in its revamped version – has a vintage charm without the rundown feel that accompanies other similar theatres.
Shopping

Hyderabad Central
Address: Punjagutta X Roads
Hyderabad Central features a variety of brands. If you’re exhausted from all that shopping, you can always grab a bite at the many outlets at the food court, or settle down for a leisurely meal at Ohri’s Fuel Station.

Inorbit Mall
Address: Opposite I-Labs Building, Hitech City, Madhapur
Situated in Madhapur, Inorbit Mall is manna from heaven to all the IT professionals working at Hitech City. One of the best malls in the city, it houses brands ranging from affordable to haute couture. An extensive food court, several nice restaurants and coffee shops, and a beautiful view from its balconies make it an ideal place to hang out.

City Center Mall
Address: Road No. 1, Banjara Hills
If you’re in the vicinity of Banjara Hills, you’ve probably already spotted the City Centre Mall. More popular for its restaurants, watering holes and fast food places; City Center Mall is, nevertheless, a convenient spot for a quick shopping.

GVK One
Address: Road No. 1, Banjara Hills
Situated in the plush Banjara Hills, GVK One is where well-heeled Hyderabadis shop for the best brands. And for some great music and the city’s most amazing burgers, you can always visit the Hard Rock Café.

Laad Bazaar
Address: Charminar
Along with Charminar, Mecca Masjid and the Golconda Fort when it comes to personifying the spirit of Hyderabad, the Laad Bazar bangle market is as old as it is popular. Visitors can test their bargaining skills here.

Landmark
Address: Road No 12, Next to Ohri's Restaurant, Banjara Hills
A bookstore that houses a vast collection of books, music, movies, video games and toys, Landmark really is a landmark for the city’s bibliophiles, and students.
**Odyssey**  
Address: 6-3-713, Emerald House, Amrutha Hills, Panjagutta  
Thousands of publications encompassing a vast variety of genres, all the latest and the best magazines, a huge sections for kids which features everything from toys to stationary, and a lot more make Odyssey the to-go place for Hyderabad’s bookworms.

**Lepakshi**  
Address: Opposite Police Control Room, Gun Foundry  
The treasure-trove of Andhra Pradesh’s traditional arts and crafts finds its expression at Lepakshi Handicrafts Emporium, an AP government initiative. Kalamkari-embellished clothing, soft-wood Kondapalli toys, the silvery enchantment of Birdicraft – you can find all of that and much more here, along with an assurance of quality and authenticity.

**Fabindia**  
Address: Uma Enclave, Road Number 9, Banjara Hills  
Responsible for generating employment for tens of thousands of rural skilled workers, you can find the best of India’s hand-crafted apparel at reasonable prices here.

**Brisah**  
Address: 8-2-248/1/7, Road Number 7, Nagarjuna Hills, Near Panjagutta X Roads, Panjagutta  
A high-end store that caters to virtually every apparel needs of women, Brisah features casuals, formals, ethnic wear, opulent bridal wear and much more from its own brand, as well as creations by JJ Valleya, Tarun Tahiliani, Renu Tandon, Nisha Sagar and others.

**Steve Madden**  
Address: Plot no 502, Hno 8-2-293/82/A/502, Road No. 36, Jubilee Hills. Shop no: 3  
Steve Madden’s flagship store in Jubilee Hills features high-priced apparel, footwear and purses for women.
**Party Hunterz**  
Address: Road No.4, Lane opposite GVK One Mall, Besides Uno Rico, Banjara Hills  
Featuring everything you could possibly need to attend or throw a party; Party Hunterz provides a refreshing change from the monotony of malls and the chaos of the streets. Tiaras, costumes, drinking games, hats, and even something risqué to spice up a bachelorette party – you’ll get it here.

**Gurjari**  
Address: Sarovar Complex, Above The British Council Library, Opposite Secretariat, Secretariat  
Providing a taste of Gujarat in Hyderabad, Gurjari showcases the best of Gujarat’s handicrafts and traditional art forms.
Local Events

Ravindra Bharathi
Address: Opposite Legislative Assembly, Saifabad
Ravindra Bharathi - named for that epitome of Indian culture, Rabindranath Tagore - is a home away from home to the city’s culture buffs. All year round, the cultural centre hosts events ranging from dance recitals to plays.

HICC
Address: P O Bag 1101, Novotel & HICC Complex (Near Hitec City), Cyberabad Post Office, Madhapur
State-of-the-art facilities, world class accommodations, and its location in Hyderabad’s IT hub enable Hyderabad International Convention Centre (HICC) to host large conventions.

Lamakaan
Address: In the Lane Adjacent To CBay, Opposite GVK One, Road No 1, Banjara Hill
Providing a platform for local talent, a soundboard for discussions on current affairs, and a space to display world culture is the aim of Lamakaan, an intimate open cultural space.

Hard Rock Café
Address: GVK One, First Floor, Road No 1, Banjara Hills
The city’s rock music enthusiasts rejoiced when Hyderabad got its very own Hard Rock Café. You can find great food accompanied by music played by the best of local bands, and the occasional international band.

Bottles & Chimney
Address: 1-10/1, Prakash Nagar, Begumpet
With rock music on Mondays and Tuesdays, Bhangra on Wednesdays, retro on Thursdays, and club, house or trance on Fridays, B&C offers a variety. One of the best places to party in Hyderabad, any pub-hopping expedition is incomplete without a stop here.

Shilparamam
Address: 64M, Diagonally Opposite Cyber Towers, Madhapur
Built in 1998 to preserve and showcase traditional art forms, Shilparamam is an arts and crafts village situated in the concrete jungle of Hitech City. The place hosts cultural events and ethnic arts and crafts exhibitions all year round.
10 Downing Street
Address: 1st Floor, My Home Tycoon, Kundanbagh, Begumpet
One of the city’s most popular watering holes, 10 Downing Street calls itself a “pub with a difference,” blending the charm of an English ale house with Indian hospitality. There’s also great music, quality food at reasonable prices.

Goethe-Zentrum
Address: 20, Journalist Colony, Road No.3, Banjara Hills
The cultural institute of the Federal Republic of Germany, Goethe-Zentrum promotes knowledge of the German culture and language. By hosting documentaries, plays, music concerts and other events, the institution hopes to further cultural cooperation and understanding.

Alliance Française
Address: Street Number 6, Lane Number 1, Road Number 16, Nehru Nagar, West Marredpally
With the aim of promoting the French and Francophone cultures, Alliance Française de Hyderabad regularly conducts cultural events.

NIFT Auditorium
Address: NIFT Campus, Opposite Hi-Tech City, Madhapur
Housed in what is arguably India’s best fashion institute, the NIFT Auditorium hosts many cultural events. NIFT student showcase their talent here.

People’s Plaza
Address: Necklace Road
Located in the vibrant Necklace Road area, People’s Plaza is abuzz with activity throughout the year. Exhibitions, music shows, sports, walks and runs for social causes, and the legendary Hyderabad Kite festival are among the events hosted here.
Activity Clubs

GHAC
Great Hyderabad Adventure Club (GHAC) is a nonprofit trekking and adventure club, which connects trekking enthusiasts. The group organises activities throughout the year such as trekking, camping, bird watching, rock climbing, rappelling and white water rafting.

Hyderabad Bicycling Club (HBC)
A love for bicycling has brought together expatriates, NRIs who now call the city their home, and local Hyderabadis with the aim of promoting bicycles as an eco-friendly mode of travel. HBC organises several events, competitions, and workshops.

K-Circle
K-Circle, a quizzing club, was created in 1972. Although no one quite knows (or cares) what the “K” stands for, the members of the club distinguish themselves from mere mortals by the virtue of the large amount of vital and trivial information they've amassed, and their love for quizzing.

Birdwatchers’ Society of Andhra Pradesh (BWSAP)
In 1980, some of AP’s ornithophiliacs formed the Birdwatchers’ Society of Andhra Pradesh, a group whose objective is to create awareness about the conservation and protection of avifauna. The group regularly organizes field trips, documentary screenings, treks and nature camps.

Hyderabad Runners Club
Running enthusiasts from the city are part of this club. Members regularly train for half-marathons, marathons and participate in different races in the city.

Toastmasters
This international club helps people develop their leadership and communication skills.
Young Orators' Club of Secunderabad (YOCS)
Initiated in 1969, when academic institutes were shut down for a year due to the Telangana Movement, this club seeks to encourage debating in the city. Today debates, elocutions and group discussions are attended by budding orators, ex-members, and even those preparing for entrance exams to B-schools.

Twin Cities Photography Club
All the shutter-happy people of Hyderabad / Secunderabad find solace with the Twin Cities Photography Club, as they mentor each other on photography.
**Gallery**

**Muse – At the Hyderabad Marriott**
Address: Hyderabad Marriott Hotel & Convention Centre, Tank Bund Road
Started by the Muse Art Gallery as a nonprofit to promote art and charity, Muse is located on the sky bridge connecting Marriott and Courtyard.

**Shrishti Art Gallery**
Address: 267, Road Number 15, Jubilee Hills
Shrishti Art Gallery boasts of a stellar reputation as a repository of Contemporary Indian Art. World-renowned artists such as Laxma Goud, Vaikuntam, Anjolie Ela Menon, Paresh Maity, and Surya Prakash exhibit their work here.

**Alankritha Art Gallery**
Address: Plot 72, G-2, Residence Inn, Kavuri Hills, Lane Opposite Madhapur Police Station, Jubilee Hills
This gallery also exhibits some of India’s best contemporary art. Work by M F Hussain, Jogen Choudhary, Laxma Goud, T Vaikuntam, Lalu Prasad Shaw, P Gopinath, and Anjolie Ela Menon have been showcased here.

**IconArt Gallery**
Address: 1672, 3rd floor, SBI Building, Road No. 12, Banjara Hills
Established with the motto of “enriching life through art,” IconArt Gallery showcases art both by famous artists as well as beginners.
Local Travel

The cheapest way to travel within Hyderabad is to use the state-run RTC (Road Transport Corporation) buses. Buses charge a nominal fare, and are used by the majority of locals. The ubiquitous autorickshaw or autos can get you to your destination quite quickly, but autorickshaw drivers are notorious for their lack of ethics. The MMTS trains are good options for certain travel sectors in Hyderabad – such as from Madhapur to the centre of the city.

Private taxis do ply around, but are not hailed off the roads. They are usually booked in advance by phone, and charge higher than the public transport options.

Private transport remains the most efficient way to travel. Despite the less-than-disciplined nature of Hyderabad's traffic, many people prefer to use their own vehicles – two-wheelers and four-wheelers – to travel within the city.

Reaching ISB

The ISB Road is located in Gachibowli, and adjoins the IIIT campus.