

THE CHARMINAR AREA TOUR

AFTERNOON HALF DAY TOUR

June 2, 2014 (Monday) - 2:00 PM to 6:30 PM

June 7, 2014 (Saturday) - 2:00 PM to 6:30 PM

Min-Max Group Size: 10 to 30 persons

Travel in AC Coach

2:00 PM to 3:00 PM - Drive from HICC to Chowmahalla Palace

3:00 PM to 3:45 PM - Tour of the Chowmahalla Palace

4:00 PM to 5:15 PM - Walk in the Laad Bazaar and visit to Mecca Masjid

5:15 PM to 6:30 PM - Drive back to HICC

Chowmahalla Palace



The Chowmahalla Palace was the seat of the dynasty of the Nizams of Hyderabad who were well known for the grandeur and wealth. This palace, built in the eighteenth century has been painstakingly restored and has been

open to public only since 2006. The imposing Durbar Hall with its collection of glittering chandeliers and several rooms within the Palace display artefacts from the past that reflect the opulence with which this dynasty lived and ruled.



Charminar Area & Mecca Masjid

The most famous symbol of the city, the Charminar was planned as the centre of the city when the capital shifted from Golkonda to Hyderabad in 1591 AD. The four minarets structure towers over bustling bazaars selling colourful and glittering lacquered bangles, pearls, shiny fabric, traditional perfumes (ittar), antiques and other knick-knacks. The climb up the Charminar is about fifty steps through a spiral staircase from where you can get magnificent views of the Mecca Masjid, the Unani Hospital, the Osmania Hospital, High Court, the Purani Haveli as well as the Falaknuma Palace in the distance. For the true flavour of old Hyderabad culture, this area of the city is a must visit.

Note: While some areas of the Palace can be accessed in a wheelchair, the busy streets in the Old City will not be easy for the disabled.