

# THE GOLKONDA FORT & QUTB SHAHI TOMBS EVENING TOUR

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June 01, 2014 (Sunday) – 4:00 PM to 8:30 PM

4:00 PM to 4:45 PM - Drive from HICC to Qutb Shahi Tombs

4:45 PM to 5:45 PM - Tour of the Qutb Shahi Tombs

5:45 PM to 6:00 PM - Drive to the Golconda Fort

6:00 PM to 6:30 PM - Tour of the Fort

6:30 PM to 7:30 PM – Sound & Light Show

7:30 PM to 8:30 PM – Drive back to HICC



This tour will start with the Qutb Shahi Tombs where a complete dynasty is buried in one large complex. Each King outdid his forefathers and the tombs stand testimony to the evolution of the architecture of the Qutb Shahi times. The style, typical of those times is a mix of Persian and local architecture and the tombs stand imposingly against the backdrop of the Golkonda Fort.

The complex also has a large well, a *hammam* or bath complex where the bodies were ritually washed before being interred. Recently, the Aga Khan Foundation that was responsible for the superb restoration of the Humayun's Tomb in Delhi has decided to invest in the restoration of these tombs and have started the process in some of the tombs.

After the visit to the tombs, the tour will proceed to the Golkonda Fort where you will get a chance to explore the lower areas of the Fort. The ruins of the palaces with its amazing

acoustics system and the remnants of the advanced water supply system will help you understand the technological prowess that this dynasty had.

The tour will end with the Son et Lumiere (Sound & Light Show) which starts at 6:30 PM and lasts about 55 minutes.

**Note: While the lower areas of the Fort have wheelchair access certain areas of the Qutb Shahi Tombs cannot be accessed.**

**During the Sound & Light Show, you may be troubled by mosquitoes. Please try and cover your legs during this time and do carry along an insect repellent.**

