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## PHOTOGRAPHY ON THE MOVE

### HAMPI & ANEGUNDI

NOVEMBER 5-6-7 of 2009

Transport yourself to 700 years ago to the epic Kingdom of Vijaynagar; the cynosure of royal architecture built with grandeur & spiritual moorings. Armed with your camera, join us to photograph this topographical wonder, unique from anything that you might have seen. Completely distinctive in landscape, Hampi throws up inimitable terrains; truly a photographer's delight.

With the resilient Tungabhadra flowing in your backyard, submerge in the simple living of Hampi & Anegundi from 5th November to 7th November. Discover the ruins of Hampi & Anegundi with instructor Hellmuth Conz and our team on the third 'Photography on the Move' workshop.

Get rocked on a coracle; make an arduous trek to the 'Matunga Parvat' to catch the last rays of the sun; seize the intensity in the eyes of devout 'babas' through free spirited smoke!

Join us for an unforgettable experience!

Meet –up 5th November: Day 1

Arrival –

We all meet at the 'base camp', a town called Hospet, for a short introduction accompanied with morning 'chai', before we head out as a group to 'Junglee Jalebi' in Anegundi, your home for the next 3 days.

We meet at one of the two hotels – Krishna Palace or Siddharth in the restaurant area. These are right opposite so the instructions to reach remain the same. We leave the place at 8.30 a.m. sharp. If you are arriving after this, please co-ordinate separately to get to the workshop venue.

- If you are arriving by bus – You will probably arrive at about 6 a.m. Even though the hotels are very close to the bus stop, take an auto for Rs 10/- to avoid lugging your luggage.
- If you are arriving by train – You should be reaching at about 8.00 a.m. The auto will take about Rs 15/- to Rs 20/- to get you to the hotel.
- If you arriving by flight from Hubli – Hubli is about 160 kms from Hospet and the only convenient way to get there is by cab. Unfortunately the cabs charge about Rs 2800/-. It is an approximately 3 ½ hour drive, so it's better to arrive on the 4th Nov evening. We can help you book rooms to stay in Krishna Palace or Siddharth.

#### **Approximate Room Rents**

Krishna Palace : Single Occupancy – Rs 2800/-, Double Occupancy – Rs 3400/-

Siddharth : Single Occupancy – Rs 800/-, Double Occupancy – Rs 600/-

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If you can let us know in advance we can try and get better rates and confirmed bookings, as November is a high traffic season.

Once we have a list of people, we can share the contact details of people coming from same towns, so you can co-ordinate coming together if you want. This may be helpful for those coming by flight.

**Cost of the trip: Rs.14500/- (this includes all food, camping facilities, and workshop fees)**

**One has to reach Hospet from where we take care of all expenses till you leave for Hospet from Hampi.**

Please Note: This is a rough itinerary and there can be certain changes to the above mentioned plan as per the prevailing circumstances.

**Cost includes:**

- Stay at Junglee Jalebi (multiple sharing) and all food during the course of the workshop
- Any transport during the course of the workshop
- All planning and logistics
- Workshop fees

**Cost does not include:**

- Any extras not mentioned
- Monument entry fees
- Travel to Hampi and back
- Transport other than set timetable – you will have to make arrangements on ur own for schedules outside of our fixed departures
- Camera equipment or lenses
- Film roles if your still using them
- Batteries etc

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### **Jungle Jalebi – Day 1, 5th Nov**

We arrive at the workshop and stay venue and get settled in the cottages on a 2 or 3 people-sharing basis.

9.30 – 10.00 a.m. – Breakfast – Will be served at about

11.00 a.m. – Workshop Begins at the premises – We assemble for the workshop at 11.00 a.m. sharp. Concept, Introduction, understanding and guidelines – learning begins.

2.00 p.m. – Lunch – At the premises.

4.30 p.m. – Post lunch session can go up to teatime.

Field Visit – On our first field visit, we will head out exploring the setting sun and the colors of the surrounding historical ruins of elephant stables, a lake and your first tryst with the Tungabhadra river. Your first experience/encounter with camera under our photography expert's guidance.

Important to wear comfortable shoes, as this will entail exploring amongst rocks... You will find yourself following a cow trail, so if Cows can do it, so can you!!

You will get some time to rest and shortlist pictures.

8.00 – 8.30 p.m. – Dinner at the premises at about 8 – 8.30 p.m.

Post Dinner Session – Review of pictures and more discussion/ clarifications. Can go up to the wee hours of the morning.

The following two days, we will explore Anegundi and Hampi villages, people, backcountry roads, open skies, rocky sheets, culture, and whatever we encounter. There will be a purpose to these wanderings and each one has to come back with experimental images. Through the next two days we will be making use of the opportunities that will come along our way, we have put a loose plan together for the 'must – dos'. We will encounter the harsh sun, a resilient mountain and the torrid Tungabhadra River. Along with this there will be exercises designed specifically for better understanding of the camera and little techniques to make better pictures. These exercises are designed to lay a solid foundation at the beginner's level.

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### **Getting Rocked on the 'Thukri' – Day 2, 6th Nov**

We start early as the sun in Anegundi and Hampi is very strong during the day and the photographs are likely to be over exposed. Also, the early morning light plays a lot of tricks with the rocky topography – a photographer's delight!

5.45 a.m. - Morning Tea/ Coffee

6.15 a.m. – 11.15 a.m. - Workshop on the move – Leave at 6.15 a.m. sharp in coracles on the Tungabhadra to view the Vithalla Temple (entry of Rs 250/- for foreigners and Rs 10/- for Indians to be paid by guests), Rocky Sheets and numerous temples on the banks. We arrive at the Achyuthara temple and climb the Matunga Parvat to get a top view of Hampi town. We head back to our coracle by 11.15 a.m. We will hand out packed breakfast so we can sit by the banks and grab a bite.

Arrive in Kanakambari & Temma House: Resume discussions/ workshop.

1.30 – 2.00 p.m. - Have lunch at about. Stay in Temma House to rest.

Tea/ Coffee – At Temma House & then head back to Junglee Jalebi.

4.30 p.m. - Chintamani- We walk to a historic temple built about 400 years ago for a sage. Perfect time to catch the receding sun by the banks.

8.00 p.m. - Dinner

Post Dinner Session – For review

### **Hampi Bazaar – Day 3, 7th Nov**

8.00 a.m. - Post Breakfast, we crawl up to Hampi town from behind, unlike what the usual tourists do. We cross the Tungabhadra and get to the Virupaksha temple overlooking the main street. It is a plethora of colours and subjects.

Here, you can put to use the learning from Day 1 and 2.

12.30 p.m. - We meet for lunch at Mango Tree, a HIGHLY recommended destination.

We head back to post lunch session and wrap up at Junglee Jalebi.

Those of you leaving on 7th night can check out and should be out to Hampi before 6.00 p.m.

### **Workshop Finishes!**

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### **8th Nov kept for self-exploration**

We recommend you stay back for the night and explore Hampi on your own on 8th Nov (Sunday). We can give you guide maps to help. You can book a bike or a cycle (upto Rs 250/- per day for hire) from Hampi Bazaar and head out to Kamplapuram & see all the ASI preserved monuments as you come back. This, though a usual tourist thing to do, is essential if you have come so far.

We can help arrange for you to leave your bag in one of the guest houses. (Suresh Guest House – Neat and clean, newly made. Rs 300/ - per room)

Recommended place for Meals – Venkateshwara Hotel

Leave Hampi for Hospet by Auto: 2 can share easily and it will not cost you more than Rs 150/- for a 15 km/ 30 mins ride to catch your bus or train.

### **Essentials:**

- Wear comfortable full cotton casual top and full cotton trouser.
- Wear good rubber-soled shoes.

### **Carry a back-pack with:**

- Jacket – one cotton or such
- Walking Apparel (track bottoms, shorts, T-shirts dull colors, jeans)
- Cap
- Inner wear
- Towel
- Water bottle 1 liter (plastic)
- Sunscreen
- Sensible Walking shoes, something with ankle supports
- Torch - mandatory
- Sunglasses (optional)
- Watch
- Toiletries
- Medicines (in case of specific health problem)
- Binoculars (optional)
- A small notebook and pen (optional)
- Mosquito repellent – very important
- Walking sticks will be of help

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## IMPORTANT

Remember: This is not a weekend trip – this trip is designed to develop your photography skills and there will be very little breathing time to do other things. We have put in serious amount of time and effort to find the right place to make this trip as hands-on as possible and provide as many opportunities for your learning endeavor.

### Workshop Plan:

This workshop is designed to give you an understanding on the uses and workings of an SLR camera, to improve your framing and composition of an image and to shoot more quality instead of quantity. We will explore and discover different aspects of photography such as:-

- Portrait
- Architecture
- Street photography
- Night photography
- Abstract
- Different techniques in photography (without Photoshop)

The sessions are designed to be dynamic enabling the student to leverage particular subject of interest and focus on it. All sessions (indoor/outdoor) will be interactive and group based which enables the student to learn from other students work too; it will be combined with demonstrations by our expert, post field - review and critique sessions. The basics of camera and photography will be dealt with through practical/field sessions, discussions and one-on-one interaction if needed. The focus will be on shooting images without artificial light (flash) or directed, which is the essence of ONTHEMOVE trips. There will be no use of any picture manipulating software in the workshop – we concentrate on true images.

We will push you to generate great images – we push u another level to make great stories. Every moment is an opportunity for you and us.

**Who can go on the trip??:** Anyone who is capable of taking care of oneself and is not suffering from any life-threatening disease. You should also be ready to pack light and be able to carry your own luggage. People with ailments of the heart, blood pressure, etc.. are advised not to consider this trip.

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Note:

- No room service or any kind of special considerations/customizations is possible/provided.
- Instructor/facilitator's decisions at all times during the program.
- You will at no time act on your own decisions and thoughts until and unless called for.
- Most of the programs are held in historical areas. Please maintain silence and do not bring about any harm to the structures.
- Participants are expected to participate in camp activities like collecting wood, setting up tents etc.
- Participants not comfortable in water may be asked to walk certain rapids. Decision of our trip leader would be final.
- Toilets are tented, dry pit arrangements with western kind of w/c.
- The ecology of the wilderness is very fragile. Be eco-friendly. DO NOT litter, waste or trash talk. Pollution in any form is not good.
- Use recycleable and natural products and energy. Take an initiative to segregate waste into recycleable and non-recycleable.
- This is not an ordinary trip. It is ideal for those who travel to learn, grow and enjoy nature, not rest and shop.
- This is not a luxury trip; days would be tiring and intensive.
- The difficulty level of this trip is very subjective. Weather conditions, physical condition, possible health problems and other factors can have an important influence on the way you experience the trip.
- People with past history/ailment of heart, asthma, epilepsy are not recommended to register for this course.
- The trip is subjected to various parameters. We advise participants to pack only curiosity and leave expectations at home.
- Child above 15 years are eligible for the trip & will be charged full amount.
- For team safety, please inform the organizers if participants have any history of serious illness, injury or are on medication.
- Payment has to be 100% at the time of confirmation.
- In case of cancellation, 100% cancellation will be applicable & participation is non transferable.
- Medical Costs – In case there are any mishaps, we are not responsible for the medical costs other than initial first aid and transport from site wherever possible to the nearest medical facilities.
- We will try our best to follow the above mentioned itinerary. However, there may be certain last-minute changes to - the itinerary due to factors which remain out of our control.
- The cost mentioned is for Indian Citizens only. Foreigners and NRIs will have to pay extra wherever required.

**CANCELLATION BY 'YOU' AND REFUND POLICY:**

Natura must receive notification of cancellation in writing. At the time we receive your written cancellation, refunds based on the total fare are as follows:

- Cancellation more than 30 days prior to departure = 50% refund
- Cancellation 15-29 days prior to departure = 25% refund
- Cancellation less than 15 days prior to departure = no refund

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- 'NATURA' reserves the right to cancel a tour if the minimum numbers of persons as specified, do not book on the tour.
- 'NATURA' reserves the right to refuse or cancel any booking if we consider it necessary. In such cases, we shall refund all the money that you have paid.
- If cancellation or alteration by 'NATURA' is caused by events including war or threat of war, strikes, civil strife, natural disaster, technical or political difficulties affecting air or ground transport, or events amounting to force majeure, this will naturally limit our liability. If such events occur before the departure date, we will do our best to make alternative arrangements.

Kindly contact us for any further details and enrolment procedure.

Thank you..!!

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