

The Lost City and a Vineyard

Description

What aspects of your cultural heritage are you most proud of or interested in?

Heritage and Wines are two of my major interest in life and both these themes figure extensively in my blog as also in my social media posts and in discussions too.



Ruins of Hampi

Both of these passions merged during our recent visit to **Hampi** a **UNESCO World Heritage Site** which also has on its ancient soils, a **famous Vineyard**.



Arjun's Chariot

The Lost City Hampi, the seat of the mighty Vijayanagara Empire, was a flourishing city in the 14th century. Located in the bank of Tungabhadra river, it attracted the Persian and even Portuguese traders.



Virupaksha Temple at the far end

However, after the defeat by the Sultanate Army this beautiful city of Hampi got neglected and reduced to ruins, which still remain.



Narsimha Sculpture

A Vineyard Not far from the heritage site of Hampi also lies the KRSMA Estates which is a renowned wine house of India. Its vineyards are on the same soil as in Hampi which is characterised by a mix of clay and boulders.



Clay and boulders in the soil

Founded in 2018 by a couple who are also fond of running marathons, KRSMA has fast grown in stature and reputation as one of best wine producers in India.



Picturesque vineyard

The estate also associates itself with the ancient Hampi region since it enjoys the same terroir as that of the ancient civilisation of the Vijayanagara Empire on the banks of the Tungabhadra River.

A combined trip to Hampi ruins and the KRSMA Estate is much recommended as it is a complete holiday experience packed with adventure and fun.



Scenic and beautiful

Coming back to the today's prompt per se, and I'm most enthusiastic about the temples and cities of ancient India. And with a sprinkle of wines, this becomes even more captivating for me. Cheers !!