

Hyderabad Packing List

What to pack for Hyderabad's Old City heat, Charminar-area mosque visits, and long days of palace and bazaar sightseeing.

WHY HYDERABAD PACKING IS DIFFERENT

Hyderabad runs hot for most of the year, with the Old City around Charminar and Mecca Masjid involving dense crowds, narrow lanes, and long stretches without shade. Many of the city's biggest draws — Mecca Masjid, Chowmahalla Palace, Golconda Fort — require modest dress and a lot of walking on stone and uneven ground. Add a famous pearl and bangle bazaar where you'll want a free hand and a secure bag, and the packing priorities shift toward heat management and practicality over anything dramatic.

CLOTHING

- Lightweight, breathable cottons — Hyderabad stays warm most of the year
- Full-coverage, modest clothing for Mecca Masjid and other active mosques
- A light scarf or stole for women to cover hair/shoulders at religious sites
- Loose-fitting layers that breathe in heat but still cover shoulders and knees
- One smart-casual outfit for upscale restaurants or an evening at a heritage hotel
- A light jacket for winter evenings (December–January) when temperatures drop noticeably after dark

FOOTWEAR & ACCESSORIES

- Comfortable closed walking shoes for Golconda Fort's uneven stone paths and stepped ramparts
- Easy slip-on sandals — footwear comes off at mosques and some palace sections
- Sunglasses and a hat for shade-free stretches around Charminar and the fort
- A crossbody bag with a secure zip for navigating the crowded Laad Bazaar
- A reusable water bottle — Old City sightseeing involves long stretches between shops
- A small day bag for carrying pearl or bangle purchases safely

HEALTH, DOCUMENTS & TECH

- Sunscreen SPF 30+ and a hat for fort and outdoor monument visits
- Hand sanitizer and wet wipes for crowded bazaar areas
- Rehydration salts or electrolyte sachets for hot-season visits
- Basic stomach medication, especially if sampling Old City street food
- Power bank for long sightseeing days between Golconda, Charminar, and Ramoji Film City
- Cash in small denominations for bazaar haggling, alongside UPI for larger purchases

