

# A Tour to Beautiful Indian Art and Culture - Download in PDF

A country as diverse as India is symbolized by the plurality of its culture. India has one of the world's largest collections of songs, music, dance, theatre, folk traditions, performing arts, rites, rituals, paintings and writings that are known, as the '**Intangible Cultural Heritage**' (ICH). Indian Art and Culture is popular throughout the world.

## Different forms of Indian Art and Culture:

### Music

India has earned a special place in the world because of its musical repertoire. The basic notes of *Svara* came from – Sadja, Rishava, Gandhara, Madhyam, Panchama, Dhaivata, Nishata which denotes Sa, Re, Ga, Ma, Pa, Dha, Ni. There are two types of classical music:

#### 1. Hindustani Music

- The dhrupad is the ancient form of Hindustani music.
- It demands efforts from the lungs and vocal chords.
- Raja Pan Singh Tomar played a significant role in the development of Dhrupad.
- Some major dhrupad gharanas are Dagarvani, Bishnupur, Darbhanga Mallik, etc.
- Gharanas are the music dialects that are created by the masters.

#### 2. Carnatic/ Karnatak

- It demands efforts from vocals only.



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- The three stages are ragam, tanam and pallavi.
- Kriti is the most popular form of Karnatak music.

### Some famous personalities and their accomplishments

Names	Accomplishments
Amir Khusrow	Musician at the court of Alauddin Khilji
Bhimsen Joshi	Famous classical singer & Bharat Ratna awardee
G.N. Balasubramaniam	Carnatic vocalist

### Musical Instruments

Good music is something that releases all the stress and rejuvenates your body. There are several musical instruments that have captured a huge space in everybody's heart. Some of the most popular ones are listed below.

- Drums
- Trumpets
- Sankh
- Veena
- Tamboora
- Sarangi
- Dilruba
- Matki
- Jaltarang
- Indian Orchestra

### Famous Personalities and the instruments they played

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Names	Instruments
Ali Akbar Khan, Amjad Ali Khan	Sarod
Bismillah Khan	Shehnai
Pt Hariprasad Chaurasia	Flute
L. Subramaniam	Violin
Bundu Khan	Sarangi
Srinivas	Mandolin
P.Mani Iyer	Mridangam
Ravi Sankar	Sitar
Zakir Hussain	Tabla

### Folk Songs and Culture

Folk songs are generally related to nature, love, familial relation, religious festivals, cultures etc.

- Kashmir - Sufi, Ghazal, Choral music
- Punjab - Bhangra (dance-oriented)
- Chhattisgarh - Bhartari Gayan (story of a king)
- West Bengal - Baul (songs of love)
- Madhya Pradesh - Aalha (a heroic ballad)
- Rajasthan - Folk music related with specific castes.
- Gujrat - Dandiya (dance-oriented folk music)



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- Maharashtra - Ovi (sung during leisure time)
- Goa - Suvari (sung during a wedding)
- Tamil Nadu - Naatupura Paatu.
- Bihar - Sohar (performed during childbirth).
- Assam - Zikir (teaching of Islam).
- Arunachal Pradesh - Ja-Jin-Ja (sung during marriages).
- Manipur - Khongjom Parva (musical narration of the battle of Khongjom).

### Indi Pop

- It is commonly known as fusion music.
- This genre of music was first started by Hariharan & Leslie Lewis.
- In 1999 AR Rahman released an album with Micheal Jackson (named – Ekam Satyam).
- Some popular Indi-Pop singers are - Alisha Chinai, Daler Mehendi, Euphoria Band etc.

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