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Karnataka Tourism

Karnataka, located in southern India, is a state known for its rich cultural heritage, natural beauty, and technological prowess. Its capital, Bengaluru, is India's IT hub, often called the "Silicon Valley of India." The state boasts UNESCO World Heritage Sites like Hampi and Pattadakal, stunning palaces such as Mysore Palace, and serene hill stations like Coorg and Chikmagalur. Coastal Karnataka offers pristine beaches in Gokarna and Udupi, while its wildlife sanctuaries like Bandipur and Nagarhole attract nature lovers. Famous for its festivals, diverse cuisine, and historic temples, Karnataka offers a perfect blend of tradition and modernity



Tourism Highlights

Historical and Cultural Heritage: Hampi (UNESCO World Heritage Site): The ancient capital of the Vijayanagara Empire, known for its incredible ruins, temples, and boulder-strewn landscapes. Mysore: Famous for Mysore Palace, Chamundi Hill, and the vibrant Dussehra Festival. Belur and Halebidu: Renowned for exquisite Hoysala architecture and intricately carved temples. Badami, Aihole, and Pattadakal (UNESCO Site): Home to stunning rock-cut temples and Chalukyan-era monuments.

Beaches and Coastal Beauty: Gokarna: Known for its serene beaches like Om Beach and Kudle Beach, as well as its spiritual ambiance. **Karwar:** A quiet coastal town with picturesque beaches and the Warship Museum. **Udupi:** Famed for Malpe Beach and the Krishna Temple. **Mangalore:** Offers clean beaches like Panambur and Tannirbhavi, along with delicious seafood.

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Hill Stations: Coorg (Kodagu): Known as the "Scotland of India," famous for coffee plantations, Abbey Falls, and trekking trails. **Chikmagalur:** A haven for coffee lovers and trekkers, with attractions like Mullayanagiri and Bhadra Wildlife Sanctuary. **Agumbe:** Known for its rainforest, sunsets, and being a biodiversity hotspot.

Wildlife and National Parks: Bandipur National Park: A part of the Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve, ideal for spotting tigers, elephants, and other wildlife. Nagarhole National Park: Known for its rich biodiversity and serene jungle safaris. Bannerghatta Biological Park: Close to Bangalore, offering a zoo, butterfly park, and safaris. Kudremukh National Park: A lush green haven for trekkers and nature enthusiasts.

Adventure Activities: Trekking: Popular trails include Mullayanagiri, Kodachadri, and Kumara Parvatha. River Rafting: Barapole in Coorg and Dandeli in the Western Ghats offer thrilling experiences. Scuba Diving and Snorkeling: Netrani Island (near Murudeshwar) is a prime spot for underwater adventures.

Temples and Pilgrimage Sites: Shravanabelagola: Known for the massive monolithic statue of Lord Gomateshwara (Bahubali). **Murudeshwar:** Famous for its towering Shiva statue by the Arabian Sea. **Dharmasthala:** A major pilgrimage center known for its temples and cultural harmony. **Jog Falls (Spiritual Retreats):** Often combined with a visit to spiritual spots.

Waterfalls: Jog Falls: One of India's tallest waterfalls, located on the Sharavathi River. Abbey Falls: A scenic spot in Coorg, surrounded by coffee plantations. Shivanasamudra Falls: Famous for its twin cascades and hydroelectric projects. Gokak Falls: A breathtaking waterfall with historical significance.

Unique Experiences: Kabini Backwaters: Enjoy boat rides and wildlife spotting in this tranquil area. **Hoysala Village:** A cultural retreat to experience Karnataka's rural traditions. **Sakleshpur:** Known for lush green landscapes, coffee estates, and historic forts.

Cuisine: Local Delights: Mysore Pak, Bisi Bele Bath, Mangalorean fish curry, Neer Dosa, and Ragi Mudde are must-try dishes. **Coffee:** Karnataka is India's largest coffee producer; Coorg and Chikmagalur offer aromatic brews.

Best Time to Visit:

- Winter (October to March): Ideal for most destinations, offering pleasant weather.
- Monsoon (June to September): Perfect for lush greenery and waterfalls but may limit some outdoor activities.
- Summer (April to June): Best for hill stations like Coorg and Chikmagalur.

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BANGALORE SIGHT SEEING

Lalbagh Botanical Garden / Bull Temple / Tipu Palace/ Iskon Temple / Cubbon park Vidhan Soudha

LalBagh Gardens Timings: 8 am to 5 pm

The rulers of this region in the 18th century, Hyder Ali and his son Tipu Sultan, laid out a paradise-like garden, which sprawled over 240 acres. The garden was graced with rare trees from Persia, Afghanistan and France. This expanse of greenery is now one of India's most beautiful botanical gardens. At the heart of the gardens is situated the Glass House, whose design was inspired by the Crystal Palace in London.



The Bull Temple: One of the oldest temples in Bangalore, the Bull Temple is situated in Basavanagudi and dedicated to Nandi, the mount of Lord Shiva. The 4.5-metre tall and 6 metre long monolithic bull is supposed to be older than the temple housing it. It is believed that the source of the river Vishva Bharti originates at the foot of the statue.

Gavi Gangadhareshwara Temple:Built during Kempegowda's reign, this unique cave temple contains a granite moon, sun-disc monoliths, a stone umbrella, a Shivalinga, and three cave passages. Every year, during Makara Sankranthi, this cave temple witnesses a strange phenomenon, when a ray of light passes precisely between the horns of the stone bull outside the temple, and illuminates the deity inside the cave.

Vidhana Soudha (Drive Through):Bangalore's best-known landmark, the Vidhana Soudha houses the Legislative Chambers of the State Government. This 46-metre high edifice was built almost entirely of granite and is a masterpiece of temple architecture.

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Cubbon Park (Drive Through)

This 135 year-old park is a 300 acre oasis of greenery in the heart of modern Bangalore. The park was laid out in 1864 by Lord Cubbon, the then viceroy of India. The red Gothic structures of the State Central Library and the High Court enrich the natural beauty of the park. The park houses a number of significant institutions like the Cheshire Dyer Memorial Hall, Ottawa Chatter, Museum, Century Club and the Press Club.

ISKON: The International Society for Krishna Consciousness is a denomination of the Gaudiya Vaishnava faith, a devotional tradition based on the teachings of Bhagavadgita and the Bhagavat Purana (Srimad Bhagavatam). The main Deities are made of 5 metals or panchaloha and are gold plated. The temple hall also has 6 galleries with 40 windows.



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What your Tour package includes: Exclusive A/C Car, Driver Bata & taxes only-Basic English speaking driver/Assistance (Not Tour Guide)-Accommodates comfortably 3 persons or 5 persons in small or large car respectively without luggage

What your Tour package does not includes: Breakfast lunch dinner - Entrance fees - Tips - Guide can be organized on prior confirmation subject to availability

Notes: - We have many more interesting places around in Bangalore, The delegates has options to choose their interesting places between 8am-5pm, Beyond above time limit, There would be charged extra charges applicable. The above car can be utilized for sightseeing limited to 8 Hrs – 80km with drop options to Airport Transfers at an extra cost, anything beyond would be charged as per actuals.

Best Time to Visit: All Year Round

Best Buys: Sandal wood, Pure Silk Saris, Handicrafts, Stone Carved Statutes, Niligiri Tea Leaves Spices Pure Honey