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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 guiet coastal town with picturesque beaches and the Warship Museum.

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Udupi: Famed for Malpe Beach and the Krishna Temple. **Mangalore:** Offers clean beaches like Panambur and Tannirbhavi, along with delicious seafood.

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.

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- 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.

HISTORICAL TOUR

(BELUR/ HALEBID /SHRAVNAABELAGULA)

Tour Highlights: Historical

(One Night Two days)

Distance: 500 KMS Timings: 6 AM – 9 pm(2nd day)

Day 1: Dept. Bangalore around 7am & Proceed to Shravanabelugola (145 Kms 3 Hrs)

Shravanabelagola, 52 km from Hassan, is an important Jain pilgrim centre. It is home to Asia's largest monolithic statue Lord Gomateswara here towers 58 ft., looming atop the picturesque Vindhyagiri Hill. Every 12 years, Jain pilgrims gather here to participate in a splendid head-anointing ceremony.



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After sightseeing, proceed to Hassan, Check Inn Hotel. In the evening, Proceed for Belur sight seeing Belur in Hassan district 220 kms from Bangalore and 38 kms from Hassan is famous for its magnificent Hoysala Temple Complex. The Chennakesava Temple here is the major attraction, built by Hoysala V ishnuvardhana, to commemorate his victory over the Cholas;

The facade of the temple is filled with intricate sculptures with no portion left blank. It is the only Hoysala Temple still in active worship



The temple doorways are highly ornate and impressive. Outer walls have rows of intricate figures narrating episodes from epics like Ramayana, Bharatha and Bhagavata. The place has a Parshwanatha basadi with highly polished pillars in which on- lookers queer images are reflected. There is a Museum of the A.S.I. The Kedareshwara temple is another monument built by Ketaladevi, Ballala II's Queen. Chatchatnahalli (nearby) has a trikuta temple built by Chatta Dandanayaka in 1220. Overnight at Hassan

DAY-2 After Breakfast, check out hotel and proceed for Halebid sightseeing, Which is in Hassan district is 27 kms away from Hassan which was the capital of the Hoysalas. It has one of the finest Hoysala temples. The Hoysaleswara Temple, perched on a star-shaped base amidst lawns, is a sculptural extravaganza.

Its walls are richly carved with an endless variety of Hindu deities, sages, stylized animals, birds and friezes depicting the life of the Hoysala Kings. After sightseeing, Stop over for lunch in the afternoon and proceed towards your onward journey to Bangalore (220 kms- 5 Hrs):

End of the Tour

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Best Time to Visit: All Year Round

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