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# Welcome to Karnataka

### One State Many Worlds

A stunning introduction to Southern India, **Karnataka** is a prosperous, compelling state loaded with a winning blend of urban cool, glittering Palaces, National Parks, Ancient Ruins, Beaches, Yoga Centres and legendary travellers' hang-outs. At its nerve centre is the capital, Bengaluru (Bangalore), a progressive cybercity famous for its Craft-Beer and Restaurant scene. Heading out of town you'll encounter the evergreen rolling hills of Kodagu, dotted with Spice and Coffee Plantations, the regal splendour of Mysuru (Mysore), and Jungles teeming with Monkeys, Tigers and Asia's biggest population of Elephants; all but not before a mention of the renowned World Heritage Site, the countercultural enclave of tranquil Hampi, with Hammocks, Psychedelic Sunsets and Boulder-Strewn Ruins.

### **Inclusions**

- Accommodation in Hotels as customized.
- Meals: Breakfast & Dinner in Hotels.
- Airport Transfers in Air-Conditioned Vehicle.
- All Sightseeing as per itinerary in Air-Conditioned Vehicle.
- Driver Charges, Toll, Parking & Taxes. YOUR HEART
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### **Exclusions**

- Return Airfare.
- Any meals other than specified above.
- Any item of personal nature like mini-bar, portage, tips, etc.
- Insurance, Camera Fees, Guide Charges.
- All entrance fees and excursions not mentioned above.
- All water activities.
- Any additional expenses arising out of unforeseen circumstances like flight delay / cancellation / roadblocks/ landslides/ strike or any other natural causes out of human control or any emergency evacuation expenses.
- Any other item or service not mentioned in the inclusions.

### **4N5D Mysuru Coorg - Highlights**

Day 1: Arrival at Bengaluru. Transfers to Mysuru. Overnight in Mysuru.

Day 2: Mysuru to Coorg. Overnight in Coorg.

Day 3: Coorg. Overnight in Coorg.

Day 4: Coorg. Overnight in Coorg

Day 5: Departure to Bengaluru Airport.

### **Detailed Itinerary**

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Upon arrival at **Kempegowda International Airport - Bengaluru**, you shall be picked up in your exclusive Vehicle and transferred to your hotel in Mysuru. Mysuru is considered to be the cleanest city in India. It was the erstwhile capital of the Wodeyar Dynasty and is considered the cultural capital of the state of Karnataka. Today, visit the most iconic Palace of all Palaces in South India, 'The Mysore Palace'. The Palace was the official residence of the Wodeyar dynasty who ruled the Kingdom of Mysore from 1399 to 1950. Displaying Indo-Saracenic style of architecture, this sprawling building is a replacement of the old wooden building destroyed by fire in late 19th century. Commissioned by the Krishnarajendra Wodeyar IV, this palatial building comprises of two durbar halls, a number of colossal courtyards, buildings and strikingly beautiful gardens that speak volumes of the splendour of the Wodeyars. Later in the evening head to Brindavan Gardens. The gardens are built across River Cauvery and below Krishnaraja Sagar Dam. Its symmetric design and terrace gardens clustered around topiaries, pergolas and gazebos instantly become a favourite among travelers. The illuminated dancing fountains on the northern side of the Brindavan Gardens are surely one of the many highlights of this place. A beautiful orchestrated show with colorful lights, music and harmonious coupling of water can be seen after sunset. The show is made more dramatic with laser lights. **Overnight in Mysuru**.

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After breakfast, proceed towards **Coorg**. Today be at leisure. **Overnight in Coorg**.

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After breakfast, explore **Coorg**. Today, visit **Talacuvery**, **Bhagamandala**, **Omkareshwara Temple**, **Merkera Fort**, **Abbey Falls** & **Raja Seat**. Talacuvery is the source of the River Cauvery and is considered a holy place for many Hindus. You can try the staple delicacy while in Coorg; Akki Roti with Pandi Curry (Pork). **Overnight in Coorg**.

#### Day 4: Coorg. Overnight in Coorg.

After breakfast, proceed towards **Coorg**. Nestled amid evergreen hills that line the southernmost edge of Karnataka is the luscious Kodagu (Coorg) region, gifted with emerald landscapes and hectares of plantations. The uneven terrain and cool climate make it a fantastic area for trekking, birdwatching or lazily ambling down little-trodden paths winding around carpeted hills. Enroute visit **Nisargadhama** and **Dubare Elephant Camp**. Nisargadhama is a breathtaking and beautiful island on the River Cauvery. Dubare is known for its Elephant Camp, a forest on the banks of the River Cauvery. The Dubare Camp offers a unique experience and understanding of the world's largest terrestrial mammal - 'The Elephant' in much better way. **Overnight in Coorg**.

# Day 5: Departure to Bengaluru Airport. (Return Flight Suggested post 6PM by evening)

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# 4N5D Wonders of Hampi Badami -Highlights

**Day 1:** Arrival at Bengaluru. Transfers to Hampi. Overnight in Hospet.

Day 2: The Monuments of Hampi (1st Day). Overnight in Hospet.

Day 3: The Monuments of Hampi (2nd Day -165km/4 hrs). Evening proceed to Badami. Overnight in Badami.

Day 4: Badami - Aihole - Pattadakal - Badami (125km/3hrs). Overnight in Badami.

Day 5: Departure to Bengaluru Airport.

### **Detailed Itinerary**

### Day 1: Arrival at Bengaluru. Transfers to Hampi. Overnight in Hospet.

Welcome to the most sought after **UNESCO Heritage Tour of Karnataka**. Today, you will be picked up by your chauffeur in a Private Vehicle dedicated for you. Begin a long journey to the most breathtaking of all destinations in the State of Karnataka, **'Hampi'**. Hampi, also referred as the 'Group of Monuments', is a UNESCO World Heritage Site located in east-central Karnataka, India. It became the center of the Hindu Vijayanagar Empire Capital in the 14th century. The magnificent ruins of Hampi dot an unearthly landscape that has captivated travelers for centuries. Heaps of giant boulders perch precariously over kilometers of undulating terrain, their rusty hues offset by jade-green palm groves, banana plantations and paddy fields. On arrival, check in to your Hotel and rest for the day. **Overnight in Hospet**.



#### Day 2: Arrival at Bengaluru. Transfers to Hampi. Overnight in Hospet.

Today after breakfast, go on a day long exploration to the magnificent ruins of this ancient site. The main tourist spots in Hampi can be divided into two broad areas: the **Hampi Bazaar Area** and **the Royal center near Kamalapuram**. The 15th-century Virupaksha Temple is located in the Hampi Bazaar Area. It is one of the oldest monuments of the town. The top of the temple rises about 50m from the ground and the main shrine is dedicated to Virupaksha, a form of Lord Shiva. Hemakuta Hill, south of the Virupaksha Temple, contains early ruins, Jain temples and a monolithic sculpture of Lord Narasimha, a form of Lord Vishnu. Hemakuta Hill offers excellent view of Hampi Bazaar. Two kilometers east of Hampi Bazaar, the traveler can see the World Heritage Vittal Temple, built in the 16th century. The carvings on this Temple give an insight into the architectural splendor achieved by the artisans of Vijaynagar Empire. The outer pillars of this Temple are said to produce music when tapped. They are also known as the musical pillars. Between Hampi Bazaar and Vittal temple, one can see the deserted Sule Bazaar and the Achutraya Temple. Monolithic statue of Lord Ganesh, Nandi, the Kodandarama Temple and the Krishna Temple are other places to visit in the Hampi Bazaar Area. The royal center is located between the Hampi Bazaar Area and Kamalapuram One can take a 2-km walk down to this area from the Hampi Bazaar. There are a number of tourist attractions, within the walled area of the royal center. The Lotus Mahal or palace is an intricately designed pavilion within a walled compound, known as the Zenana Enclosure. This palace is a blend of Indo-Islamic architecture and gets its name from the lotus bud carved on its domed and vaulted ceiling The Elephant quarter is adjacent to the Zenana Enclosure. It is a domed building, which housed the royal elephants. The Queen's Bath, with its unique Islamic architecture, and the underground Virupaksha Temple are other important places to visit within the royal center. The Archeological Museum at Kamalapuram has a good collection of sculptures belonging to the Vijaynagar Empire. **Overnight in Hospet**.

Attractions: Sasivekalu Ganesha, Kadalekalu Ganesha, Virupaksha Temple, Hampi Bazaar, Balakrishna Temple, Ugra Narasimha, Badavilinga, Underground Shiva Temple, Kishkinda the Legendary Monkey Kingdom, Anjanadri Hill - Birth place of Lord Hanuman, Pampa Sarovara, Shabari Ashrama, Durga Temple, Lakshmi Temple, Gagan Mahal, Ranganata Temple, Huchappa Mantapa, Navavrindavan (Anegundi, Mythological part of Hampi), Daroji Sloth Bear Sanctuary & Zoo Zenana Enclosure, Lotus Mahal, Elephant Stable, Hazara Rama Temple, Royal Enclosures, Kings Audience Hall, Mahanavami Dibba, Step Tank, Mint, Secret Chamber, Queens Bath, Bhojanasala, Vittala Temple, Stone Chariot, Sunset at Malyavanta Hill.



# Day 3: The Monuments of Hampi (2nd Day -165km/4 hrs). Evening proceed to Badami. Overnight in Badami.

Today after breakfast, continue exploring the **Marvels of Hampi**.

Attractions: Hemakuta Hill, Hampi Bazaar, Monolithic Bull, Yantrodharaka Anjaneya Temple, Kodandarama Temple, Chakratirtha, Achutharaya Temple, Varaha Temple, Narasimha Temple, Sugreeva's Cave, Two Storied Gateway, Purandaradasa Mantapa, Ancient Bridge, Kings Balance, Kuduregombe Mantapa, Pushkarni, Gejjala Mantapa, Ganagatti Temple, Bhima's Gate, Archaeological Museum, Pattabhi Rama Temple, Saraswathi Temple, Octogonal Bath, Watch Tower, Akka Tangi Gudda, Uddana Veerabhadra Temple built by Lord Hanuman, Kamalapur Lake, Ananthashayana Temple.

Later in the evening, visit **Tungabhadra Dam** and over to Badami. **Overnight in Badami**.

Day 4: Badami - Aihole - Pattadakal - Badami (125km/3hrs). Overnight in Badami.

Today after breakfast, proceed to explore the magnificent **Cave Temples of Badami**. Badami is quite popular for its Cave Temples that are cut out of sandstone rocks which surrounds the Agastya Lake. Three among the four Cave Temples are dedicated to deities of Hinduism and one Temple is dedicated to Jainism. A flight of stairs within connects these Cave Temples to each other. The first Temple is dedicated to Nataraja, the second and third Cave Temples to Lord Vishnu and the fourth temple to Lord Mahavira the founder of Jainism. **Agastya Theertha**, a serene Lake is a must-see spot in Badami. The Bhootnath Temple which faces the Agastya Lake was built in the 5th Century AD. This Temple houses two other Temples and several shrines. The styles of architecture that are mesmerizing and timeless continue to draw people from all over the world. The Badami Fort with its ancient sculptures and carvings is a favorite spot for trekkers. The route to the top is steep but extremely beautiful. Later, visit Aihole, the erstwhile capital of Chalukya Dynasty. It is regarded as 'The Cradle of Hindu Rock **Architecture**'. There are about 125 temples divided into 22 groups spread all over the villages and nearby fields. Most of these Temples at Aihole were built between the 6th and 8th centuries. Further, proceed a short distance (14km / 35min) towards Pattadakal. The history of Pattadakal goes back to a time when it was called Kisuvolal,



a valley of red soil. It was accorded World Heritage Status by UNESCO in 1987. Pattadakal literally means 'Coronation Stone' and bears testimony to the later phase of evolution of the distinctive early Chalukyan Architecture. Temples built here are all dedicated to Lord Shiva and face east. **Overnight in Badami**.

Day 5: Departure to Bengaluru / Hubli Airport. (Return Flight Suggested post 9PM by evening).

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## 5N6D Dandeli Gokarna - Highlights

**Day 1:** Arrival at Bengaluru. Bengaluru to Dandeli (460km/8hrs). Overnight in Dandeli.

Day 2: Leisure in Dandeli. Overnight in Dandeli.

Day 3: Dandeli to Gokarna (150km/4hrs). Overnight in Gokarna.

**Day 4:** Gokarna - Murudeshwar - Gokarna (160km return/4hrs). Overnight in Gokarna.

Day 5: Leisure in Gokarna. Overnight in Gokarna.

Day 6: Departure to Bengaluru Airport.

### **Detailed Itinerary**

Day 1: Arrival at Bengaluru. Bengaluru to Dandeli (460km/8hrs). Overnight in Dandeli.

Welcome to Karnataka. This tour defines the Jungles & Beaches of Karnataka in great harmony. Today, you will be picked up by your chauffeur in a Private Vehicle dedicated for you. Proceed towards Dandeli. Located in the jungles of the Western Ghats about 100km from Goa; Dandeli is a wildlife getaway that promises close encounters with diverse exotic animals such as Elephants, Leopards, Sloth Bears, Gaur, Wild Dogs and Flying Squirrels. It's a chosen birding destination, too, with resident Hornbills, Golden-backed Woodpeckers, Serpent Eagles and White-breasted Kingfishers. Also on offer are a slew of adventure activities ranging from Kayaking to bowel-churning Whitewater Rafting on the swirling Kali River. This is one destination where you are lost for options. Overnight in Dandeli.

#### Day 2: Leisure in Dandeli. Overnight in Dandeli.

Today you are at leisure to enjoy the pleasant environs of Dandeli.

You could also indulge in many activities (Own Cost) that Dandeli has to offer. <u>Jungle Safaris</u> (Morning & Evening), White-water Rafting, Bird Watching etc. The options are all yours. In case you are not the adventures soul and want to explore the environs around; you could visit <u>Syntheri Rocks</u>, <u>Kavala Caves and Supa Dam</u>. You can also visit <u>Sykes Point</u> (if permissions are granted by the forest department). **Overnight in Dandeli**.

#### Day 3: Dandeli to Gokarna (150km/4hrs). Overnight in Gokarna.

Today after breakfast, proceed towards Gokarna on a 4hr road journey. With its pristine beaches and breathtaking landscapes, **Gokarna** is a Hindu pilgrimage town; a newly found hub for beach lovers and hippies. Situated on the coast of Karwar, every year Gokarna welcomes hordes of tourists from around the world in search of sanctity and relaxation. Gokarna is not very conventionally touristy. The beaches are meant for a slow, relaxed holiday and everything on the beach goes at the same relaxed pace. Full of coconut and palm trees, the ocean and clean sands, Gokarna is a 'one of a kind' place in



the country. Upon arrival, check-in to your hotel and stroll around the beautiful out-of-town beaches like **Kudle Beach and Om Beach**. **Overnight in Gokarna**.

Day 4: Gokarna - Murudeshwar - Gokarna (160km return/4hrs). Overnight in Gokarna.

Today after breakfast, proceed towards Murudeshwar. Very few places combine adventure and religious sentiments together; **Murudeshwar** is one such destination offering a nature's paradise with refreshing greenery and enticing sea by the side of a historically and religiously significant **Temple of Lord Shiva**. See the huge and masterfully-crafted statue of Lord Shiva located in the town of Murudeshwar. Take in its grandeur as you witness the 123 feet statue against the backdrop of the great Arabian Sea. Later, return back to Gokarna and visit the sacred temple of **Lord Mahabaleshwar**, an incarnation of Lord Shiva. Later in the evening you could relax on the beautiful beaches, witnessing the fabulous Sunset or even indulge in adventure water activities (Optional) like <u>Surfing, Skiing and Banana Boat Ride</u>. **Overnight in Gokarna**.

Day 5: Leisure in Gokarna. Overnight in Gokarna.

Today you are at leisure to enjoy the pleasant environs of **Gokarna**. **Overnight in Gokarna**.

Day 6: Departure to Bengaluru / Mangalore / Hubli Airport. (Return Flight Suggested post 9PM by evening).

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### 9N10D Karnataka - Highlights

- Day 1: Arrival at Bengaluru. Transfers to Mysuru. Overnight in Mysuru.
- Day 2: Mysuru. Overnight in Mysuru.
- Day 3: Mysuru to Kabini. Overnight in Kabini.
- Day 4: Kabini. Overnight in Kabini.
- Day 5: Kabini to Coorg. Overnight in Coorg.
- Day 6: Coorg. Overnight in Coorg.
- Day 7: Coorg to Chikmagalur. Overnight in Chikmagalur.
- Day 8: Chikmagalur. Overnight in Chikmagalur.
- Day 9: Chikmagalur to Bengaluru. Overnight in Bengaluru.
- Day 10: Departure to Bengaluru Airport.

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### **Detailed Itinerary**

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#### Day 2: Mysuru. Overnight in Mysuru.

After breakfast, visit the most iconic Palace of all Palaces in South India, 'The Mysore Palace'. The Palace was the official residence of the Wodeyar dynasty who ruled the Kingdom of Mysore from 1399 to 1950. Displaying Indo-Saracenic style of architecture, this sprawling building is a replacement of the old wooden building destroyed by fire in late 19th century. Commissioned by the Krishnarajendra Wodeyar IV, this palatial building comprises of two durbar halls, a number of colossal courtyards, buildings and strikingly beautiful gardens that speak volumes of the splendour of the Wodeyars. Later in the evening head to Brindavan Gardens. The gardens are built across River Cauvery and below Krishnaraja Sagar Dam. Its symmetric design and terrace gardens clustered around topiaries, pergolas and gazebos instantly become a favourite among travelers. The illuminated dancing fountains on the northern side of the Brindavan Gardens are surely one of the many highlights of this place. A beautiful orchestrated show with colorful lights, music and harmonious coupling of water can be seen after sunset. The show is made more dramatic with laser lights. Overnight in Mysuru.

#### Day 3: Mysuru to Kabini. Overnight in Kabini.

After breakfast, proceed towards **Kabini**. Once a private hunting area for the British, Kabini is a wildlife destination set on the bank of Kabini River and has a rich variety of flora and fauna. Kabini has a lot to offer right from the Jungle Safari, Boating & Trekking in Nagarhole Forest. On arrival, check-in to your hotel and be at leisure. **Overnight in Kabini**.

#### Day 4: Kabini. Overnight in Kabini.

Today is a day for activities on your own. Go on a **Jungle Safari** (own cost) morning or evening as per your choice **(Jeep and Boat Safaris)**. A morning and evening jeep safari or even a boat ride down the River Kabini rewards you with sightings of herds of elephants, crocodiles sunning themselves and many hued birds flitting in and out of the forest's green canopy. For a touch of rustic, opt for the traditional coracle, made from bamboo and buffalo hide or go for the regular motorboat. Later, you could unwind with a wildlife movie in the audio-visual hall. **Overnight in Kabini**.

#### Day 5: Kabini to Coorg. Overnight in Coorg.

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#### Day 7: Coorg to Chikmagalur. Overnight in Chikmagalur.

After breakfast, proceed to **Chikmagalur**. Deep in the foothills of the Western Ghats, Chikmagalur draws travelers in search of a green getaway. Located close to the region's hilltop Temples, Coffee Plantations and National Parks, the district capital's biggest surprise is that it's retained its off-the-beaten-path ambience. Upon arrival check-in to your hotel and later visit **Mahatma Gandhi Garden**. **Overnight in Chikmagalur**.

#### Day 8: Chikmagalur. Overnight in Chikmagalur.

After breakfast, explore Chikmagalur. Today, visit **Mulyanagiri** & **Seethalanagiri**, **Kavakalgundi view point**, **Bababudangiri**, **Dattapeeta**, **Manikyadhara Waterfalls** and **Honamanahalla**. In the evening, you are at leisure walking around the Coffee Plantations and sipping on a hot cup of the famous Chikmagalur Coffee. **Overnight in Chikmagalur**.



#### Day 9: Chikmagalur to Bengaluru. Overnight in Bengaluru.

After breakfast, you shall head back to **Bengaluru**. Upon arrival, visit **Vidana Soudha**, **Bangalore Palace**, **Cubbon Park** and **ISCKON Temple**. The Vidhana Soudha is the seat of the state legislature of Karnataka. It is constructed in a style sometimes described as Mysore Neo-Dravidian, and incorporates elements of Dravidian styles. Cubbon Park is a landmark 'lung' area of Bengaluru city, located within the heart of the city. The International Society for Krishna Consciousness, known colloquially as the Hare Krishna movement or Hare Krishnas, is a Gaudiya Vaishnava religious organization. The place is neat and clean and has elaborate arrangements for managing the devotees. **Overnight in Bengaluru**.

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