

## Highlights of Karnataka 06 Days / 05 Nights



\* Ex - Bengaluru

Mysore, Coorg & Bangalore

### Tour Itinerary

#### [Day 1: ARRIVE BENGALURU - ONTO MYSORE \(143 KMS / APPROX. 3 HOUR DRIVE\)](#)

Welcome to Bengaluru, the Silicon Valley of India. On arrival at airport / railway station in Bengaluru, begin your '**Highlights of Karnataka**' tour. You will proceed on a drive to Mysore. En route, visit Srirangapatnam - the capital of Hyder Ali and his son, Tipu Sultan. Arrive Mysore and check into your hotel. In the evening, visit Brindavan Gardens and enjoy the Musical fountain show. Overnight in MysoreNone (Meals on your own).

#### [Day 2: IN MYSORE](#)

This morning, proceed on an excursion to visit one of the best-preserved Hoysala temple at Somnathpur. The Hoysala temple in Somnathpur in Karnataka is unique in its style and presentation, devoted to Prasanna Chennakeshava. The temple in Somnathpur was constructed in the 12th-13th centuries by Hoysala rulers and their officials. It is lavishly adorned with sculpture.

The sculptures probably cover each and every inch of the wall space. This particular style of intensely packed sculptural scheme is the characteristic exclusive to the Hoysala art. In the afternoon, visit the famous Mysore Palace. Mysore Palace is one of the major attractions of Mysore. Built in Indo-Saracenic style the Palace is an abode of exquisite carvings and precious paintings from all over the world.

The fort also has abstruse designed gateways with carved domes, minaret, archways and gallery. The royal Durbar Hall has a decorated ceiling and many chiseled pillars. Another attraction of the palace is the Wodeyars royal throne made of gold, embellished with precious stones and jewels. Overnight in Mysore (B).

### Day 3: ON TO COORG (120 KMS / APPROX. 4 HOUR DRIVE)

Today, you will embark on one of the most beautiful drives through the mountains of the Western Ghats driving past the evergreen deciduous vegetation to Coorg. Coorg also called as Kodagu is derived from the local version Kodavu and the people of Kodagu. According to ancient scripts the land of initial settlement was called Krodadesa which later became Kodavu. On arrival, check into your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure for independent activities. Overnight in Coorg (B, D).

### Day 4 : IN COORG

Enjoy a day of fun exploring this pretty coffee town. The best way to enjoy Coorg is to take a bicycle rickshaw tour. Visit the Omkareshwara Temple, the Madikeri Fort and Abbey Falls. Madikeri Fort was first built in the last quarter of 17th century by Mudduraja. It was rebuilt into fort of stone and bricks by Tipu Sultan, who gave for the name of Jaffarabad.

As you enter the fort, you will see two life-size elephants made of mortar. Inside the inner fort, there was a temple dedicated to of Virabhadra which was removed by the British in the year of 1855 so as to build an Anglican Church in its place. The Church presents beautiful architecture with Gothic style. Omkareshwara Temple is dedicated to Lord Shiva that was built by Linga Rajendra II in 1820. With central dome and four turrets at the corners, this temple reflects the Muhammadan style of architecture.

Near the entrance of the temple, there is a Linga installed, similar to that of the Muslim Dargah. The history of the temple is inscribed on a copper plate, which has been fixed at the entrance door frame. Nestled a midst are private coffee plantations. The Abbey Falls provide a striking contrast to the sylvan surroundings of Coorg. A narrow road winding through the green and dense foliage of surrounding coffee plantations leads to Abbey Falls. The gushing waters of the Abbey falls, tumbling down a rocky ravine, results in a deafening sound that can be heard from a distance. The rest of the day is at leisure. Overnight in Coorg (B, D).

### Day 5 : ON TO BENGALURU (270 KMS / APPROX. 6 HOURS DRIVE)

In the morning after breakfast, proceed to Bangaluru. En-route visit Lalbagh Botanical Gardens and ISKCON Temple. On arrival, check-in to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure for independent activities. Overnight in Bengaluru (B).

### Day 6 : DEPART BENGALURU - RETURN HOME WITH HAPPY MEMORIES

Today, bid farewell to your '**Highlights of Karnataka**' tour as you are transferred to airport / railway station in Bengaluru for your onward journey(B).