

Tour Of India
With A Driver Guide In Your Own Exclusive Air-Conditioned Vehicle.

TOUR OF KARNATAKA WITH GOA BEACH STAY

Day	Date	Location	First Class Hotels	Standard Hotels	Schedule
01		Depart UK			
02		Arrive Bangalore	Purple Lotus Superior Room	Shilton Suites Studio Suite	>Relax On Arrival At Bangalore
03		Hassan	Hoysala Village	Ashok Hassan	>Visit The Huge Stone Monolith And Temples At Shravanabelagola Bangalore-Hassan:120 Miles Approx 3.5 Hours
04		Coorg	Orange County County Cottage	Coorg International Deluxe Room	>The Intricate Stone Carvings At Halebid >The Beautiful Temple At Belur Hassan-Coorg: 72 Miles Approx 2.5 Hours
05		Coorg	Orange County County Cottage	Coorg International Deluxe Room	>Relax At Coorg Among Lush Coffee And Spice Plantations
06		Nagarhole	Cicada Resort Kabini	Kabini River Lodge	>Pm Jeep Safari At Nagarhole National Park Coorg-Kabini: 74 Miles Approx 2.5 Hours
07		Nagarhole	Cicada Resort Kabini	Kabini River Lodge	>Am Boat Safari On Kabini Lake At Nagarhole National Park
08		Mysore	Windflower Resort And Spa Executive Room	Pai Vista Mysore	>Visit The Extravagant Mysore Palace And The Maharajah's Private Museum >Mysore's Markets And Bazaars Kabini-Mysore: 48 Miles Approx 2 Hours
09		Mysore	Windflower Resort And Spa Executive Room	Pai Vista Mysore	>Tippu Sultan's Fort, Tomb And Summer Palace At Srirangapatnam >Evening Visit To Chamundi Hill Including The Huge Stone Nandi Bull
10		Depart Bangalore Arrive Goa	1		>Drop Off At Bangalore Airport Mysore-Bangalore: 86 Miles Approx 2.5 Hours INTERNAL FLIGHT FROM BANGALORE TO GOA 1 HOUR >Pick Up From Goa Airport And Transfer To Beach Hotel
11		Goa	2		
12		Goa	3		
13		Goa	4		
14		Goa	5		
15		Depart Goa Arrive UK			>Transfer To Goa Airport

Featured Hotels Dependent On Availability At Time Of Booking



Day 02 – Bangalore



Tipu Sultan's Palace At Bangalore

Bangalore

The capital of the southern state of **Karnataka**, **Bangalore** today is **Asia's** fastest growing cosmopolitan city. It is home to some of the most high tech industries in **India**. It is blessed with a salubrious climate, gardens and parks. With up-market shopping malls and the best restaurants and pubs in this part of the globe, **Bangalore** is the ideal gateway to **India**.



Bustling Streets Of Bangalore



Karnataka Embroidered Fabric



Day 03 – Hassan



Statue Of The Jain Saint Gommateshwara

Shravanabelgola

Shravanabelagola is one of the most important **Jain** pilgrim centres of **India**. The statue of the **Jain** saint **Gommateshwara** (AD 981) carved out of a mountain, is one of the tallest and most graceful statues in the world. The colossal monolithic statue is 58 ft high, with 26 ft wide shoulders and feet that are 10-ft wide. Nearly 1,800 years old, the statue is reached by climbing 700 steps carved in the steep granite slope, is symbolic of the renunciation of worldly possessions.



Gommateshwara Temple



Day 04 – Coorg



Sculptures At Chennakeshwara Temple

Halebid

The temples of **Halebid** bear mute testimony to the rich, cultural heritage of **Karnataka**. The **Hoysaleswara Temple**, dating back to the 12th century, is astounding for its wealth of sculptural details. The walls of the temple are covered with an endless variety of gods and goddesses, animals, birds and dancing girls. The **Jain** basadis nearby are equally rich in sculptural detail.

Belur

A quaint hamlet with unforgettable, exquisite temples located on the banks of the **River Yagachi** that was once the capital of the **Hoysala Empire**. The **Chennakeshava Temple** took 103 years to complete and its facade is filled with intricate sculptures and friezes of elephants, episodes from the epics and sensuous dancers. The **Veeranarayana Temple** and the smaller shrines are well worth visiting.



Exquisite Sculpture At Halebid



Day 05 – Coorg



Fields Of Sunflowers At Coorg

Coorg

Coorg is located at about 3500 ft above sea level on the slopes of the **Western Ghats**, set amidst verdant valleys, imposing mountains and forests, this is one of the most beautiful hill stations you can visit in **India**. **Coorg** is unique with scenic beauty, lush green valleys, coffee plantations, teak wood forests and majestic mountain ranges.

Many trekking routes travel through misty hills, lush forest, acres of tea and coffee and orange groves with breathtaking views.



Beautiful Misty Mountains At Coorg



Day 06 – Nagarhole National Park



Indian Tiger At Nagarhole

Nagarhole National Park

This enchanting 247 square-mile park was an exclusive hunting reserve of the former rulers of **Mysore** and has recently been renamed '**Rajiv Gandhi National Park**'. Gentle slopes and shallow valleys adorn this lovely southern jungle of **India**. Huge herds of **Asian Elephants** flock here together and the park boasts a healthy Tiger-predator ratio. **Tiger**, **Bison** and **Elephant** are much denser here than in other jungles. Other mammals include **Jackal**, **Leopard**, **Gaur**, **Muntjac**, **Sambar** and **Spotted Deer** with males displaying large antlers.

Among reptiles, the **Marsh Crocodile**, **Monitor Lizard**, **Rock Python**, **King Cobra** and several other species can be found. Aquatic and terrestrial **Tortoises**, **Tree Frogs** and a myriad insects, including some very colourful **Butterflies**.



Muntjac Deer At Nagarhole



Day 07 – Nagarhole National Park



Indian Elephant In The Nagarhole Jungles

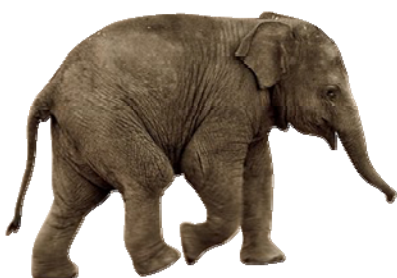
Nagarhole National Park

The forests of **South India** contain about 20% of the world's entire stock of **Asian Elephants**. During summer there is the fine spectacle of the annual elephant migration to the **Kabini Lake** at **Nagarhole**. This is probably the best place in **India** to witness overwhelming numbers of wild elephants all in one place during this time.

Wildlife safari's are uniquely possible at **Nagarhole** by jeep and by boat on the lovely **Kabini Lake**.



Delightful Jungle Hare At Nagarhole



Day 09 – Mysore



Temple On Chanmudi Hill

Mysore

Mysore is situated at the base of **Chanmudi Hill**. A lovely road runs to the summit with a panoramic view at 800ft above the city. At dusk, the view of the city is especially beautiful, and on **Sunday** evenings and during the **Dasara** festival, the illuminated **Mysore Palace** glitters like gold. Half way up is a huge sculpture of the **Nandi Bull**.

Lalitha Mahal is the second largest palace in **Mysore**, built by **Krishnaraja Wodeyar IV** in the year 1921 for the exclusive stay of the **Viceroy Of India**. The palace is pure white in colour and is built in the style of Italian palazzo with twin Ionic columns and domes.

Mysore also has an interesting collection of night and day markets selling spices and famous **Mysore** silk sarees.



Spice Market At Mysore



Day 10 – Goa Beach Stay



Arossim Beach

Goa

The legendary beach destination of **South Asia** is a heady mix of long sweeping beaches, "**sosegado**" or a laid back lifestyle and carnival-like nightlife fuelled by relaxed attitudes and a very **Western** outlook due to **Goa's Portuguese** influences.

At the outset it is important to decide which part of **Goa** you wish to stay. Head to **North Goa** for nightlife, with bars and restaurants lining the streets and beaches with a cosmopolitan mix of holidaymakers. Famous beaches of **North Goa** include **Candolim**, **Calangute** and **Anjuna**.

South Goa is very much the place to go for luxury resort hotels and quiet hours of relaxation on long, sandy uncrowded beaches like **Varca** and **Colva**.

The cuisine in **Goa** is exceptional. Dishes include local crab, fresh oyster, king prawns and typical **Goan** delicacies like **Chicken Rechão** and **Xãcuti**. The local brews, like cashew and coconut "**Feni**" with their strong aroma, are definitely not for the faint of heart. If you visit in the right season, you can sample the local "**Urak**", a lighter and sweeter-smelling distillate of **Feni**.



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