

KUKKE SUBRAMANYA & COASTAL KARNATAKA TEMPLES · CLASSIC ITINERARY

Classic Coastal Karnataka Temples

The full circuit for families who want the complete set of coastal Karnataka temples in one trip, not only Kukke. Six nights covering all the major shrines from Kukke to Gokarna, ending near Goa or back at Mangaluru.

6 nights / 7 days

Route: **Mangaluru – Kukke Subramanya – Dharmasthala – Sringeri – Horanadu – Udupi – Kollur – Murudeshwar – Gokarna**

From **₹28,000** per person, indicative

Day by day

Day

1

MANGALURU → KUKKE SUBRAMANYA

Arrive and darshan

Fly into Mangaluru and drive to Kukke Subramanya, 105 km, about 2½–3 hours. Afternoon darshan and a walk along the Kumaradhara river; if you have booked a Sarpa Samskara or a shorter seva such as Naga Pratishtha, complete the temple office formalities on arrival. Evening aarti at the main sanctum.

Stay: **Kukke Subramanya** · Meals: **Dinner**

Day

2

KUKKE SUBRAMANYA → DHARMASTHALA → SRINGERI

Two temples, one long drive

Early darshan at Kukke, then drive to Dharmasthala, 75 km, about 2 hours, for a mid-morning darshan at the Manjunatha Temple and a walk through the temple town. Continue to Sringeri, 105 km, about 3 hours through Ghats scenery — this is the longest driving day of the trip, so start early. Evening arrival at Sringeri for the Sharadamba Temple's evening pooja on the banks of the Tunga.

Stay: **Sringeri** · Meals: **Breakfast, Dinner**

Day
3

SRINGERI → HORANADU → UDUPI

Annapoorneshwari and down to the coast

Morning darshan at Sringeri, including a look at the Vidyashankara Temple's astrological architecture. Detour to Horanadu, about 100 km round trip via a scenic but slow forest road (allow 2–2½ hours each way), for darshan at the Annapoorneshwari Temple and the free temple meal. Drive down to Udupi, roughly 95 km from Horanadu, about 3 hours, arriving by evening.

Stay: **Udupi** · Meals: **Breakfast, Lunch (temple meal at Horanadu), Dinner**

Day
4

UDUPI → KOLLUR

Krishna Matha and Mookambika

Morning at the Sri Krishna Matha — see the Kanakana Kindi, walk through the Ashta Mathas, and try an udupi-style breakfast at one of the matha's own canteens. If time allows, a short stop at Malpe Beach before checking out. Drive to Kollur, about 85 km, 2½ hours, for afternoon darshan at the Mookambika Temple against the Kodachadri hills.

Stay: **Kollur** · Meals: **Breakfast, Dinner**

Day
5

KOLLUR → MURUDESHWAR

The Shiva statue on the coast

Morning darshan at Mookambika before the crowds build. Drive to Murudeshwar, about 90 km, 2½ hours, arriving by early afternoon. Visit the 123-foot Shiva statue and take the gopuram lift up for a sea view — a good half-day stop that children particularly enjoy. Evening free on the beach.

Stay: **Murudeshwar** · Meals: **Breakfast, Dinner**

Day
6

MURUDESHWAR → GOKARNA

Atmalinga at Mahabaleshwar

Drive to Gokarna, about 130 km, 3 hours along the coast road. Darshan at the Mahabaleshwar Temple, home to the Atmalinga, in the old town, followed by a quiet walk on Gokarna's beach — a calmer, less crowded alternative to Murudeshwar. This is the most relaxed evening of the trip.

Stay: **Gokarna** · Meals: **Breakfast, Dinner**

Day
7

GOKARNA → GOA / MANGALURU → AHMEDABAD

Fly home

Gokarna is roughly 140 km (3 hours) from Goa's Dabolim airport and about 230 km (5–5½ hours) back to Mangaluru; we route you to whichever has the better Ahmedabad connection on your travel date. Both usually need one stop via Bengaluru or Mumbai.

Stay: — · Meals: **Breakfast**

Inclusions

Included

- + Private AC vehicle for the full circuit, Mangaluru to Goa/Mangaluru drop
- + 6 nights in inspected hotels/lodges at each temple town
- + Assistance booking the Sarpa Samskara/Ashlesha Bali slot at Kukke if required
- + Daily breakfast and veg dinner
- + Airport pickup at Mangaluru and drop at Goa or Mangaluru
- + Temple etiquette and dress-code briefing at each stop

Not included

- Ahmedabad–Mangaluru and return flights (or one-way Goa flight)
- Any temple seva fees paid directly at the counter
- Lunches outside temple annadanam
- Travel insurance and GST 5%

Indicative cost

STANDARD

₹28,000–34,000

Per person, twin sharing

PREMIUM

₹42,000–52,000

Per person, twin sharing

Per person on twin sharing, indicative, excluding flights and any seva fees. The premium band gets you 4★ hotels in Udupi, Murudeshwar and Gokarna; Kukke and Horanadu have no luxury category regardless of budget. All prices on this document are indicative for 2026 and confirmed in writing at the time of booking.

Good to know

Getting there. Fly: no non-stop Ahmedabad–Mangaluru service exists; IndiGo and Air India run one-stop flights via Bengaluru or Mumbai, about 4–5 hours door to door. Bengaluru (BLR) is an alternative arrival point if flight timings work better, but adds a 5–6 hour drive to Kukke, so Mangaluru is almost always the better choice.

Food. Every temple town runs a free annadanam or bhojana hall — Dharmasthala's Ratri Bhojana and Kukke's annadanam are both excellent and available to all visitors regardless of caste or religion. Udupi is the birthplace of udupi cuisine — the Sri Krishna Matha's own canteens and countless restaurants in town serve reliably good pure-veg thalis and dosas.

Permits and rules. No permits are needed anywhere on this circuit. Kukke Subramanya's Sarpa Samskara, Ashlesha Bali and Nagaprathishta poojas must be booked in advance through the temple's official website (Kukke Sri Subrahmanya Temple online seva booking) — walk-in slots are rarely available on the day, and the seva typically spans a ritual bath and homa on one day and a closing rite the next, which is why 1–2 nights on site are needed. Dress code: men must remove shirts before entering the sanctum at Kukke and

Dharmasthala (a plain cloth or angavastram is fine, sold at temple shops); women are expected to wear traditional Indian dress, not shorts or sleeveless tops, at every temple on this list. Photography is generally not allowed inside sanctum areas at any of these temples — phones must usually be deposited or kept switched off; check current rules with the counter on arrival as they do change.

Pack

- Plain cotton dhoti/angavastram for men for sanctum entry at Kukke and Dharmasthala (extras available for purchase on-site)
- Traditional Indian wear for women — sarees or salwar kameez travel best across this circuit
- Comfortable slip-on footwear — shoes come off at every temple entrance, often well before the main gate
- A light shawl or stole for early-morning ritual baths and cool Ghats mornings in winter
- Umbrella or raincoat if travelling outside December–March
- A small cash pouch — seva fees, temple donations and annadanam-hall contributions are usually cash
- Copies of Aadhaar and any pooja booking confirmation printouts for lodge check-in and temple counters

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