

## KUKKE SUBRAMANYA &amp; COASTAL KARNATAKA TEMPLES · RELAXED ITINERARY

# Relaxed Coastal Karnataka

Same core temples as the classic circuit but with fewer hotel changes and a built-in rest day at Malpe beach near Udupi — designed for families with senior parents who find back-to-back long drives tiring. Sringeri and Horanadu are dropped to keep the pace gentle.

7 nights / 8 days

Route: **Mangaluru – Kukke Subramanya (2 nights) – Dharmasthala – Udupi (2 nights, Malpe rest day) – Kollur – Murudeshwar – Gokarna**

From ₹30,000 per person, indicative

## Day by day

Day

1

MANGALURU → KUKKE SUBRAMANYA

### Arrive and settle in

Fly into Mangaluru and drive to Kukke Subramanya, 105 km, about 2½–3 hours, with a relaxed lunch stop en route. Check in and rest; evening darshan and aarti at the main temple.

Stay: Kukke Subramanya · Meals: Dinner

Day

2

KUKKE SUBRAMANYA

### Full day at Kukke

No long drive today. Morning ritual bath and darshan; if a Sarpa Samskara or shorter seva has been booked, this is the day it runs. Afternoon is unhurried — a walk by the Kumaradhara river, rest for elders, and a second darshan in the evening when the temple is quieter.

Stay: Kukke Subramanya · Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day

3

KUKKE SUBRAMANYA → DHARMASTHALA → UDUPI

### Onward via Dharmasthala

Morning darshan at Kukke, then drive to Dharmasthala, 75 km, about 2 hours, for late-morning darshan at the Manjunatha Temple and a walk through the temple town, including the Manjusha Museum. Continue to Udupi, about 65 km, 2 hours, arriving by evening — a shorter driving day than the classic circuit.

Stay: Udupi · Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day  
**4**

**UDUPI**

### Krishna Matha and Malpe rest day

Morning at the Sri Krishna Matha for the Kanakana Kindi darshan and a walk through the Ashta Mathas, followed by an udupi-style breakfast at the matha canteen. The rest of the day is kept free at Malpe Beach, 6 km away — a calm, uncrowded beach with a boat ride out to St Mary's Island for those who want it. No temple obligations today; this is the trip's dedicated rest day.

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

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Day  
**5**

**UDUPI → KOLLUR**

### Mookambika Temple

Drive to Kollur, about 85 km, 2½ hours. Afternoon and evening darshan at the Mookambika Temple set against the Kodachadri hills; the temple is less crowded in the late afternoon than in the morning.

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

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Day  
**6**

**KOLLUR → MURUDESHWAR**

### Shiva statue by the sea

Morning darshan at Mookambika, then drive to Murudeshwar, about 90 km, 2½ hours. Visit the 123-foot Shiva statue, take the gopuram lift for the sea view, and spend the evening on the beach — an easy, low-effort day that works well for both children and grandparents.

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

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Day  
**7**

**MURUDESHWAR → GOKARNA**

### Mahabaleshwar and the beach town

Drive to Gokarna, about 130 km, 3 hours. Darshan at the Mahabaleshwar Temple and its Atmalinga, then a quiet evening on Gokarna's beach — the calmest stop on the whole trip and a good note to end the pilgrimage on.

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

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Day  
**8**

**GOKARNA → MANGALURU → AHMEDABAD**

### Fly home

Drive back to Mangaluru, about 230 km, 5–5½ hours — start early to make an afternoon or evening flight. Families with a very early flight the next day can instead overnight near Mangaluru; ask us to adjust the last day if so.

Stay: — · Meals: **Breakfast**

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## Inclusions

### Included

- + Private AC vehicle for the full circuit, Mangaluru round trip

### Not included

- Ahmedabad–Mangaluru return flights
- Any temple seva fees paid directly at the counter
- Lunches outside temple annadanam

- + 7 nights: 2 at Kukke Subramanya, 1 at Dharmasthala route/Udupi combined, 2 at Udupi, 1 each at Kollur and Murudeshwar/Gokarna
  - + Assistance booking the Sarpa Samskara/Ashlesha Bali slot at Kukke if required
  - + Daily breakfast and veg dinner
  - + Airport pickup and drop at Mangaluru
  - + Malpe beach and St Mary's Island boat ride arrangement
- Travel insurance and GST 5%

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## Indicative cost

### STANDARD

**₹30,000–36,000**

Per person, twin sharing

### PREMIUM

**₹46,000–58,000**

Per person, twin sharing

Per person on twin sharing, indicative, excluding flights and any seva fees. Fewer hotel changes keep costs close to the classic circuit despite the extra night. All prices on this document are indicative for 2026 and confirmed in writing at the time of booking.

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## 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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