

KARNATAKA · CLASSIC ITINERARY

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The standard first-time route: a night in Bengaluru, two in royal Mysuru, three in the coffee hills of Coorg, looping back to Bengaluru to fly home. No drive longer than 3 hours except the final return leg.

6 nights / 7 days Route: **Bengaluru – Mysuru – Coorg – Bengaluru**

From **₹34,000** per person, indicative

Day by day

Day

1

BENGALURU**Arrive in the Garden City**

Morning flight from Ahmedabad lands in Bengaluru by late morning. After check-in, an easy afternoon at Lalbagh Botanical Garden and Cubbon Park, followed by the ISKCON temple in the evening. Bengaluru has excellent Gujarati and Jain restaurants if the group wants home-style food on arrival night.

Stay: **Bengaluru** · Meals: **Dinner**

Day

2

BENGALURU → MYSURU**Royal capital via Srirangapatna**

Drive to Mysuru (145 km, about 3 hours on the Bengaluru–Mysuru Expressway) with a stop at Srirangapatna to see Tipu Sultan's summer palace and the Ranganathaswamy Temple. Check in, then climb Chamundi Hills in the evening for the temple and the view over the city. If it is a Sunday or public holiday, time the return to catch the Mysuru Palace illumination at 7 pm.

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

Day

3

MYSURU**Palace and gardens**

Morning visit to Amba Vilas Palace (open 10 am–5:30 pm) — allow 90 minutes for the interior and courtyard. Afternoon at Brindavan Gardens (18 km, 30 minutes) for the musical fountain show, usually 7–8 pm depending on season — check the current slot on arrival. Evening free for Devaraja Market and Mysuru Pak shopping.

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

Day
4

MYSURU → COORG

Into the coffee hills

Drive to Madikeri (120 km, about 3 hours, climbing steadily in the last hour). Check into a homestay or resort, then visit Raja's Seat for the sunset — a small garden viewpoint that is the town's best-known spot. Coorg's cuisine leans heavily on pork and other meats, so confirm your pure-veg or Jain meal plan with the homestay a day in advance.

Stay: **Coorg (Madikeri)** · Meals: **Breakfast, Dinner**

Day
5

COORG

Elephants, coracles and the Golden Temple

Morning at Dubare Elephant Camp (40 km, 1 hour), where forest-department mahouts bathe and feed the elephants and visitors can help; a coracle ride on the Cauvery follows. Abbey Falls (8 km from town) on the way back. Afternoon drive to Namdroling Golden Temple at Bylakuppe (35 km, 1 hour), the large Tibetan monastery settlement with its striking gilded Buddha hall.

Stay: **Coorg (Madikeri)** · Meals: **Breakfast, Dinner**

Day
6

COORG

Talakaveri and plantation walk

Morning excursion to Talakaveri (48 km, 1.5 hours), the symbolic source of the Cauvery river high in the Brahmagiri hills, with a short climb to the second viewpoint for those who are up to it. Afternoon at leisure on a coffee-and-spice estate walk with the homestay, or a visit to Omkareshwara Temple in Madikeri town.

Stay: **Coorg (Madikeri)** · Meals: **Breakfast, Dinner**

Day
7

COORG → BENGALURU → AHMEDABAD

Drive back and fly home

Long travel day: leave Madikeri by 8 am for the drive back to Bengaluru (250 km, 5.5–6 hours with a lunch stop). Direct to the airport for an evening flight to Ahmedabad. Families who prefer not to rush can add an extra night in Bengaluru and fly out the next morning instead.

Stay: — · Meals: **Breakfast**

Inclusions

Included

- + Return Ahmedabad–Bengaluru flights
- + 6 nights in inspected 3★/4★ hotels and homestays
- + Private AC vehicle for the whole trip
- + Daily breakfast and veg dinner
- + Dubare Elephant Camp entry and coracle ride
- + Airport pickup and drop

Not included

- Lunches on sightseeing days
- Mysuru Palace and Chamundi Hills entry tickets
- Travel insurance
- GST 5%

Indicative cost

STANDARD

₹34,000–40,000

Per person, twin sharing

PREMIUM

₹52,000–65,000

Per person, twin sharing

Per person on twin sharing, indicative for 2026, including flights at normal fares. Dussehra week in Mysuru (palace at its most decorated) runs 25–35% higher and needs booking 2–3 months ahead. All prices on this document are indicative for 2026 and confirmed in writing at the time of booking.

Good to know

Getting there. Fly: IndiGo, Air India and Air India Express fly Ahmedabad–Bengaluru non-stop, several times daily, about 2 hours. This is the right airport for every itinerary in this guide. Mangaluru (for the Gokarna/Udupi coast) and Hubballi (for Hampi/Badami) usually need one stop, typically via Bengaluru or Mumbai.

Food. Udupi cuisine — the pure-vegetarian tradition that gave North India the word 'Udupi restaurant' — is the everyday default across Karnataka, so even small-town dhabas and hotels handle vegetarian requests easily. Bengaluru and Mysuru both have well-established Gujarati and Jain restaurants (MTR, Vidyarthi Bhavan and several dedicated Gujarati thali places in Bengaluru); smaller towns like Madikeri and Hosapete rely on hotel kitchens instead.

Permits and rules. No permits are needed anywhere covered in this guide. Shravanabelagola and other Jain and Hindu temples ask for footwear to be removed before the climb or the sanctum, and modest dress is expected; men are sometimes asked to remove shirts at some Jain temples for the inner sanctum, which we flag in advance for anyone uncomfortable with it.

Pack

- Light woollens for Coorg mornings and evenings (10–15°C, December–January)
- Comfortable walking shoes — Hampi's boulder terrain and Shravanabelagola's 614 steps both demand good grip
- Sun hat, sunscreen and a water bottle for Hampi and Badami, which have almost no shade
- A folding umbrella if travelling through Coorg in September or the shoulder season
- Socks for barefoot temple visits — stone floors at Belur, Halebidu and Shravanabelagola get very hot by midday
- Basic first-aid and motion-sickness tablets for the Coorg hill roads
- A padded jacket if visiting Coorg in peak winter, especially for early-morning excursions to Dubare or Talakaveri

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