

## PILGRIMAGE · COMPLETE TRAVEL GUIDE

# Kukke Subramanya & Coastal Karnataka Temples

Sarpa Samskara at Kukke, Manjunatha's annadanam at Dharmasthala, and the Udupi-Gokarna temple coast — for families doing pooja, not just sightseeing.

| BEST MONTHS                                                          | FROM AHMEDABAD                                                                                                              | IDEAL DURATION                                     | VEG & JAIN FOOD                                                                                                                   | GOOD FOR                                                                                                                             |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| October to March; avoid June–September (heavy Western Ghats monsoon) | One-stop flight Ahmedabad → Mangaluru (via Bengaluru/Mumbai), about 4–5 h total; Kukke Subramanya is 105 km further by road | 3–7 nights depending on how many temples you cover | Straightforward — every temple town runs pure-veg annadanam and udupi-style restaurants; Jain meals need advance notice at hotels | Families performing a specific pooja, senior parents on a pilgrimage trip, groups combining temple visits with a short coastal break |

This circuit is built around a single purpose: the Sarpa Samskara / Ashlesha Bali pooja at Kukke Subramanya, which many Gujarati families come specifically to perform, along with the string of powerful temples strung along the coastal Karnataka highway between Mangaluru and Gokarna — Dharmasthala, Udupi, Kollur, Sringeri and Horanadu among them. Unlike a beach or hill-station trip, the pace here is set by pooja timings and booking slots, not by us, so we plan the whole trip around what the temple calendar allows.

For an Ahmedabad family the practical shape of the trip is straightforward: fly into Mangaluru (one stop, usually via Bengaluru or Mumbai) and do everything by private car from there. Roads in this belt are hilly and often single-lane through the Western Ghats, so days are shorter than they look on the map. Kukke Subramanya in particular needs 1–2 nights on-site if any seva beyond a basic darshan is planned — this is the single most common planning mistake we see families make, expecting to do it as a day trip.

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## What to see

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### Kukke Subramanya Temple

The principal temple for Sarpa Dosha remedies in India, dedicated to Lord Subramanya (Karthikeya) as the serpent king. Sarpa Samskara, Ashlesha Bali and Nagaprathishta poojas are performed here on a fixed calendar and need advance online booking through the temple's own website.

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### Udupi Sri Krishna Matha

Home of the famous Kanakana Kindi — a small side window through which devotees view the deity, commemorating the saint-poet Kanakadasa. Seat of the Ashta Mathas founded by Madhvacharya, and the origin point of Udupi cuisine, which you will eat everywhere in Karnataka.

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### Murudeshwar Shiva Statue

A 123-foot Shiva statue on a headland jutting into the Arabian Sea, with a 20-storey gopuram — take the lift up for a sea view. More a spectacular photo stop than a pooja-heavy temple, and popular with children.

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### Sringeri Sharadamba Temple

The first of Adi Shankaracharya's four cardinal mathas, seat of the Saraswati goddess of learning, on the banks of the Tunga river. A calm, scholarly atmosphere very different from the crowd-heavy temples on this circuit.

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### Dharmasthala Manjunatha Temple

A Shiva temple uniquely administered jointly by a Jain (Heggade) family and Vaishnava and Shaiva priests — one of India's clearest examples of everyday religious harmony. Free annadanam (Ratri Bhojana) feeds thousands daily; no caste or religion bar on entry.

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### Kollur Mookambika Temple

Goddess Mookambika, combining Saraswati, Lakshmi and Parvati in one form, set against the Kodachadri hills. A major Navratri destination; Adi Shankaracharya is believed to have consecrated the idol here.

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### Gokarna Mahabaleshwar Temple

Houses the Atmalinga, considered even more sacred by tradition than the Jyotirlingas — pilgrims believe a single darshan here equals a lifetime of penance. The temple sits a short walk from Gokarna's quieter, less commercial beach town.

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### Horanadu Annapoorneshwari Temple

Goddess of food and nourishment in a remote Ghats setting reached by a winding forest road; every visitor is served a free meal regardless of the hour. A worthwhile detour if you are already at Sringeri.

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## Getting there from Ahmedabad

**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.

**Train:** the route from Ahmedabad involves a change, typically via Mumbai or Bengaluru to Mangaluru Central/Junction, 30+ hours total — only worth it for families who enjoy long rail journeys and are not pressed for time.

**Within the circuit:** everything is done by private car with driver. Roads are mostly single-lane state highways through the Western Ghats foothills — narrow, winding and slower than they look on a map; budget 30–35 km/h average on the ghat sections to Kukke, Sringeri and Horanadu.

**Getting around.** A private AC vehicle with driver for the whole circuit is the only practical way to do this trip — public buses exist between towns but are not realistic with luggage, elders and pooja timings to keep. Inside temple towns, short walks from parking to the sanctum are normal (Dharmasthala and Kukke both

involve a 5–10 minute walk from the vehicle drop point); wheelchairs can usually be arranged at Dharmasthala with advance notice.

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## When to go

| SEASON         | MONTHS                    | WHAT TO EXPECT                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| <b>Peak</b>    | December – February       | Dry and pleasant, 20–30°C on the coast, cooler in the Ghats. The best weather window and the busiest at Dharmasthala and Kukke around festival dates — book pooja slots and lodges well ahead.                                                                                         |
| <b>Good</b>    | October – November, March | Post-monsoon greenery in October–November with occasional showers tapering off; March is warm on the coast (30–33°C) but still comfortable in the hills around Sringeri.                                                                                                               |
| <b>Hot</b>     | April – May               | Humid and hot on the coast, 33–36°C; temple queues are shorter than winter but the heat is hard on elders, especially during long darshan waits with no shade.                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Monsoon</b> | June – September          | Heavy rain across the Western Ghats — this belt gets some of India's highest rainfall. Ghat roads to Kukke, Sringeri and Horanadu can see landslides and closures; we generally advise against this trip in peak monsoon (July–August) unless the pooja date is fixed and unavoidable. |

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## Permits, rules and packing

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.

### What to 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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## Veg and Jain 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.
- Jain meals (no onion, garlic, root vegetables) are available at request in hotels in Udupi, Mangaluru and Gokarna; smaller temple towns like Kukke and Horanadu have fewer options, so we brief kitchens in advance.
- Filter coffee is standard everywhere; carry bottled water on the ghat drives as shops thin out between towns.

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## What it costs

Indicative per-person costs on twin sharing, excluding Ahmedabad–Mangaluru flights and any temple seva fees, which are paid directly at the temple counter and vary by the specific pooja booked. Actual quotes depend on dates, hotel/lodge category and group size.

### VALUE

**₹18,000 – 24,000**

Simple lodges at Kukke and Horanadu, 3★ hotels elsewhere, shared vehicle for a larger group

### COMFORT

**₹26,000 – 36,000**

Best available lodge at Kukke, 3★/4★ hotels at Dharmasthala, Udupi, Kollur, Murudeshwar and Gokarna

### PREMIUM

**₹40,000 – 55,000**

4★ hotels wherever available (Udupi, Murudeshwar, Gokarna have proper 4★ options; Kukke, Dharmasthala and Horanadu do not), private vehicle upgrade, flexible flight timings

## Where the money goes

- Sarpa Samskara / Ashlesha Bali seva fee at Kukke: typically ₹3,000–8,000 per family depending on the exact seva and package chosen, paid directly to the temple — confirm the current fee when booking online as it is revised periodically.
- Flights: an Ahmedabad–Mangaluru one-stop return runs ₹12,000–20,000 booked 4–6 weeks ahead, higher in December and around major festival dates.
- Car: an Innova with driver across this hilly circuit runs roughly ₹5,000–6,500 per day including fuel, higher than a flat Kerala-style route because of the ghat sections.
- Lodging at Kukke and Horanadu: rooms are simple and limited in number even at higher prices — ₹2,000–4,000 per room per night is typical, and there is no 4★/5★ category at either town.

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## Travelling with parents and children

- Do not plan Kukke Subramanya as a day trip from Mangaluru if any seva beyond basic darshan is intended — Sarpa Samskara and Ashlesha Bali genuinely need 1–2 nights on-site, and lodges near the temple book out fast around auspicious dates.
- Book the Sarpa Samskara/Ashlesha Bali slot on the temple's official website well before travel — popular dates around Nagara Panchami and other auspicious days fill up months in advance, and walk-in slots are unreliable.
- The ritual bath and homa are physically demanding for elderly parents — mornings start before sunrise and involve standing and sitting on the floor for extended periods; tell us in advance if anyone needs a chair or extra assistance and we'll flag it with the priest coordinating your seva.
- Men must remove their shirts inside the sanctum at both Kukke and Dharmasthala — carry a plain angavastram or buy one at the temple shop; this catches first-time visitors off guard.
- Ghat roads to Kukke, Sringeri and Horanadu are winding — anyone prone to motion sickness should sit in front and carry medication, and we build in stops every 45–60 minutes on these stretches.
- Annadanam and Ratri Bhojana meals are free and genuinely good, but seating is often on the floor in a shared hall — if elders cannot sit on the floor, we identify hotels nearby with a table-service alternative for at least one meal a day.

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## Questions families ask us

### What does the Sarpa Samskara at Kukke actually involve, and how many days does it take?

It is a Vedic ritual for Sarpa Dosha (astrological affliction linked to serpents), typically involving a ritual bath in the Kumaradhara river, a Ganapati Homa, and the main Sarpa Samskara or Ashlesha Bali havan conducted by temple priests, usually completed across a morning to early afternoon. Many families also do a Nagaprathishta (installation of a serpent idol) as a closing rite the following day, which is why we recommend 1–2 nights at Kukke rather than a same-day visit. Booking is done online on the temple's official website in advance.

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### Can Kukke Subramanya be done as a day trip from Mangaluru?

For a simple darshan, yes — it is a 2½–3 hour drive each way, so a very long single day is possible. For any actual seva such as Sarpa Samskara or Ashlesha Bali, no — the ritual itself takes most of a day and often extends into a second day, and pre-dawn bathing and homa timings make a same-day round trip from Mangaluru impractical.

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### Can this be combined with a Kerala or Goa trip?

Yes, both work well. The classic 6-night circuit already ends at Gokarna, from where Goa's Dabolim airport is a 3-hour drive — a natural add-on of 2–3 nights in Goa before flying home. Kerala combines at the southern end: Mangaluru to Kochi is a long drive (about 9–10 hours), so we usually recommend flying Mangaluru–Kochi rather than driving if you want to add a Kerala leg.

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**What is the dress code at these temples?**

Men remove their shirts before entering the sanctum at Kukke and Dharmasthala — carry a plain cloth or buy an angavastram on-site. Women are expected to wear traditional Indian dress (saree or salwar kameez) rather than western wear at every temple on this circuit. Shoes come off well before the sanctum at all of them.

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**Is Jain food available on this route?**

Yes in the bigger towns — Mangaluru, Udupi and Gokarna hotels can arrange Jain meals (no onion, garlic or root vegetables) with advance notice, which we always confirm in writing. Smaller temple towns like Kukke and Horanadu have fewer dedicated options, though the free annadanam meals are simple sattvic vegetarian food that most Jain travellers find acceptable — ask us to check the specific preparation if this matters to your family.

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**How far in advance should the Sarpa Samskara slot be booked?**

For an auspicious date such as Nagara Panchami or a specific muhurta recommended by your family astrologer, book 2–3 months ahead — these dates fill up fast and lodge rooms at Kukke go with them. For an ordinary weekday outside festival season, 3–4 weeks is usually enough, but we recommend booking as soon as your travel dates are fixed since availability can change without much notice.

# Sarpa Samskara Focused

A tight, pooja-first trip for families whose main purpose is the Sarpa Samskara / Ashlesha Bali seva at Kukke, with Dharmasthala added on the way back. Two nights at Kukke because the seva itself runs across two days.

**3 nights / 4 days**    Route: **Mangaluru – Kukke Subramanya (2 nights) – Dharmasthala – Mangaluru**

From **₹16,000** per person, indicative

Day

**1**

**MANGALURU → KUKKE SUBRAMANYA**

## Arrive and check in

Fly into Mangaluru (one-stop from Ahmedabad) and drive straight to Kukke Subramanya, 105 km, about 2½–3 hours on a winding ghat road via Bantwal and Uppinangady. Check in at your pre-booked lodge — Kukke's own accommodation and private lodges fill up fast around pooja dates, so this is booked before you fly. Evening: register at the temple office and confirm your Sarpa Samskara slot and timing for the next morning; a simple darshan at the main sanctum in the evening.

Stay: Kukke Subramanya · Meals: Dinner

Day

**2**

**KUKKE SUBRAMANYA**

## Sarpa Samskara / Ashlesha Bali — day one

The seva begins early, usually with a ritual bath in the Kumaradhara river before sunrise, followed by a Ganapati Homa and the main Sarpa Samskara or Ashlesha Bali ritual conducted by temple priests, which typically runs through the morning into early afternoon. Men are required to remove their shirts inside the sanctum area — carry a plain white cloth or angavastram, available at temple shops if you don't bring one. Afternoon is free; most families rest, as the ritual is physically and emotionally involved for elders. Annadanam (free temple meal) is available for lunch and dinner in the temple dining hall.

Stay: Kukke Subramanya · Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner (annadanam)

Day

**3**

**KUKKE SUBRAMANYA → DHARMASTHALA**

## Nagaprathishta and onward to Dharmasthala

A short closing ritual (Nagaprathishta, if part of your package) or a final darshan in the morning before checking out. Drive to Dharmasthala, 75 km, about 2 hours, arriving by early afternoon. Darshan at the Manjunatha Temple — queues move fast on non-festival days — followed by a walk through the temple town and a look at the Manjusha Museum if time allows. Dinner is the temple's Ratri Bhojana, a large communal free meal served on the floor; dress modestly and be ready to sit and eat in a shared hall.

Stay: Dharmasthala · Meals: Breakfast, Dinner (Ratri Bhojana)

Day  
**4**

DHARMASTHALA → MANGALURU → AHMEDABAD

## Fly home

Morning darshan for those who missed it the previous evening, then drive to Mangaluru airport, 75 km, about 2 hours — leave with a comfortable buffer for a midday or afternoon flight. Kadri Manjunatha Temple in Mangaluru city is a possible last stop if your flight is late in the day.

Stay: — · Meals: **Breakfast**

### Included

- + Private AC vehicle Mangaluru–Kukke–Dharmasthala–Mangaluru
- + 3 nights: lodge at Kukke Subramanya, hotel at Dharmasthala
- + Assistance booking the Sarpa Samskara/Ashlesha Bali slot online in advance
- + Angavastram/dhoti arrangement for the sanctum dress code
- + Airport pickup and drop at Mangaluru
- + Daily breakfast; annadanam and Ratri Bhojana are free at the temples

### Not included

- Ahmedabad–Mangaluru flights
- The Sarpa Samskara/Ashlesha Bali seva fee itself, paid directly to the temple
- Lunches outside temple annadanam
- Travel insurance and GST 5%

#### STANDARD

**₹16,000–20,000**

Per person, twin sharing

#### PREMIUM

**₹26,000–32,000**

Per person, twin sharing

Per person on twin sharing, indicative, excluding flights and the seva fee, which is paid separately at the temple counter. Lodge rooms at Kukke are simple even at the premium band — there is no luxury hotel category on-site.

# 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

**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**

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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**

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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**

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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**

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#### 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%

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.

# 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

**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

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

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

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

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

#### Included

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

#### Not included

- Ahmedabad–Mangaluru return flights
- Any temple seva fees paid directly at the counter
- Lunches outside temple annadanam
- Travel insurance and GST 5%

STANDARD

PREMIUM

**₹30,000–36,000**

Per person, twin sharing

**₹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.

## Want this booked properly?

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