

An Eco-Cultural Tour to Karnataka - (9 Days)



Eco & Cultural Tours

Price: US\$ 1600 per person, based on TWIN share

No of days: 9 days

Trip Code **KE - 04**

HIGHLIGHTS

- Majestic palaces and art galleries
- Wildlife reserves and bird sanctuaries
- Tea, coffee and spice plantations
- Elephant camp and rehabilitation centre.



This is a cultural tour of Karnataka in South India - visit India's famous wildlife sanctuaries, marvel at the majestic palaces of Mysore and stay at secluded home stays in the hill country of Coorg.

Inclusions

Accommodation: Hotel(2 nts), Homestay (3 nts), Resort(3 nts)

Meal Plan: 8 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 6 dinners, Water and refreshments.

Activities: Entry into palaces and museums, Single entry into bird and wildlife sanctuaries, Visit to Elephant rehabilitation centre, Plantation visits.

Programme at a Glance

Day 1, 2: Reminiscences of Royalty

Day 3, 4, 5: In Coffee Country

Day 6, 7, 8: Wander the Wilderness at Nagarhole

Day 9: Depart

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Detailed Itinerary

Day 1, 2: Reminiscences of Royalty

We begin at the historical city of Mysore, with more than its share of splendid palaces. The city is famous for the Mysore Palace with its Durbar Hall, golden royal elephant throne and the Jayachamarajendra Art Gallery with paintings of Raja Ravi Varma and Svetoslav Roerich.

The nearby riverine island of Ranganatittu, home to a bird sanctuary, is a sure visual treat with cormorants, peacocks, blue jays, blue-tailed bee-eaters, kingfishers and painted storks amongst a 100 odd species. Overnight in a heritage hotel.

Day 3, 4, 5: In Coffee Country

We'll make our way north to Coorg (or Kodagu). This small district is known for its coffee and tea estates and the distinct culture of the people - their language, temperament and lifestyles. You can walk through the plantations dotted with exquisite bungalows. Take in the scents of vanilla, cardamom and orange interspersed with the coffee.

Guided treks help you explore the reserve forest and get intimately acquainted with this unique eco-region while you spot wild game. You will also be able to try your hand at angling - the elusive masher is a worthy catch - or simply kayak downstream in the Coorg River. Accommodation in a homestay.

Day 6, 7, 8: Wander the Wilderness at Nagarhole

We will make our way to Nagarhole. Nagarhole National Park is one of the most important wildlife refuges in India. The Asiatic elephants thrive here.

Along with Bandipur, Nagarhole forms an enormous expanse of forest stretch that includes the Wildlife Sanctuary of the neighbouring states, Madumalai of Tamil Nadu and Wayanad of Kerala - a biosphere reserve to enable free movement of wildlife. Tiger, bison and elephant are found here in good numbers. We can go on jeep safaris, ride the indigenous coracle on the lake or take gentle walks into the wilderness looking for birds or wildlife in the company of expert trackers. Stay in a jungle resort.

Day 9: Depart

End of tour.



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General info

Visas

Visitors to India must obtain a Visa before departure. You can consult the nearest Indian Embassy/ High Commission/ Consular office for the same.

Accommodation

You will be put up in Heritage Villas and Resorts.

Climate

The weather is tropical and warm. Monsoon months are July to September.

Transportation/ Guides

Vehicle would be provided as and when required.

First aid

Our guides have been adequately trained in first aid and always carry a comprehensive first aid kit. In case of any medical emergency we have facilities to transfer you to the nearest hospital immediately.

Food

Food is a very important part of these journeys and we have ensured that the local cuisine is a part of this adventure. Refreshments and bottled mineral water are provided on all days. Any special food requirements can be met if sufficient notice is given.

Precautions

- Drink plenty of fluids.
- Use only bottled mineral water provided by us.
- Carry your personal medical kit and insect repellent.

Spending money

During the trip there will be opportunities to do some shopping and money spent along the way goes directly into the hands of the local communities.

Foreign exchange

You can exchange your money at most major towns. ATMs are found in most towns. Credit cards are accepted only at Mysore during this tour.

Children

Minimum age: 5 years

What to bring

Clothing:

- Casual Shirts/shirts
- Shorts
- Caps

Others:

- Binoculars & Camera (Optional)
- Torch light
- Insect repellent
- Sunglasses
- Sunscreen of SPF at least 35
- Day pack



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