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8 Nights / 9 Days

BEST OF KARNATAKA
BANGALORE / MYSORE / COORG / HASSAN / BANGALORE



DAY 01: Bangalore:

Meet on arrival and transfer to a Hotel, depending on the arrival time, half-day tour to ISKCON Temple - the Krishna Temple is a blend of Modern technology and spiritual harmony, **Lalbagh** - 240 acres of beautifully sculpted gardens, flowers abound, rare collection of tropical and sub-tropical plants, **Vidhana Soudha** - this massive building houses the state Legislature and the Secretariat. Return to hotel and overnight.

DAY 02: Bangalore:

Morning breakfast and proceed for full day sight seeing, visit to **Cubbon Park**, **Bull Temple** - Dravidian-style temple, has a huge monolithic Bull is the vahana of Lord Shiva, Government Museum - Acclaimed as one of the oldest museums in the country, **Tippu's Palace** - Tippu Sultan's summer retreat, **Indira Gandhi Musical Fountain** - View the colorful swirling fountains dancing in tune to music. Return back to hotel and overnight.

DAY 03: Bangalore / Mysore (140Kms/3Hrs):

Morning breakfast, checkout and proceed to **Mysore**- Known for its magnificent palaces and majestic buildings, sprawling gardens and treelined boulevards, shimmering silks and sandalwood, the 'City Royale' always figures in the tourist's itinerary, enroute visit **Srirangapatna** - Island fortress of Tippu Sultan. Visit Tippu's summer Palace, Mosque, and Sriranganatha Temple. On arrival, check into a hotel and evening visit **Chamundi Hill** - perched a top a hill-the 4.8m tall monolith of Nandi and the gigantic Mahishasura statue are added attractions. Return to hotel and overnight.

DAY 04: Mysore:

Morning breakfast and proceed for full day sight seeing, visit **Maharaja Palace** - the palace is a splendid structure in the Indo-Saracenic Style, among its many attractions are a magnificent gold throne displayed during the Dasara celebrations, Art Gallery - the art gallery in the Jaganmohan Palace houses an excellent collection of ceramics, sandalwood, ivory, stone, antique furniture and ancient musical instruments, **St. Philomena's Church** - this imposing Gothic structure with beautiful stained glass windows and lofty towers is a must see. Later on in the evening visit **Brindavan Garden** - the Krishna Raja Sagar Dam after sundown, when musical fountains and colored lights transform this place into a magical fairyland. Return to hotel and

overnight.

DAY 05: Mysore / Coorg – (125kms/3hrs):

Morning breakfast, checkout and proceed to **Coorg** - Few other places in the world are blessed with such natural beauty and fertility: Misty mountains. Myriad streams and waterfalls. Thick tropical forests also called as “Scotland of South India”. On arrival check in to hotel. Relax or go for a plantation walk. Overnight.

DAY 06: Coorg:

Morning breakfast and proceed for trekking or relax at the pool or visit Dubare Elephant Camp, **Cauvery Nisargadhama** - Nisargadhama teems with lush foliage, thick bamboo groves, teak, and rosewood, **Bylakuppe**- One of the largest Tibetan settlements in South India, it is known for its monasteries, handicrafts, carpet factories, and an incense factory, Return to hotel and overnight.

DAY 07: Coorg:

Morning breakfast; proceed for guided trekking in Coffee Plantation or relax for the rest of the day. Evening free.

DAY 08: Coorg /Hassan (125kms/04hrs):

Morning breakfast, check out and proceed to Hassan, on arrival check into a hotel. After lunch visit **Belur** - The most photographed and perhaps the best and they are a must on every tourist's temple itinerary, **Halebid** - the temple, perched on a star-shaped base amidst lawns, is a sculptural extravaganza temple. Overnight at the hotel.>

DAY 09: Hassan / Bangalore (180kms/5hrs):

Morning breakfast, checkout and proceed to Bangalore, enroute visit **Shravanabelagola** - The monolithic statue of Lord Gomateshwara, a Jain saint and an object of worship for centuries, standing atop one of the hills. On arrival to Bangalore, drop to airport or train station to board your flight or train. Tour Ends.