

# Chikmagalur

The Land of Hills, Fresh Coffee & Nature



## Welcome to Chikmagalur!

Chikmagalur is a hill station in Karnataka, a state in southwest India. To the north is Baba Budangiri, a mountain range in the Western Ghats, with 3 large caves said to be holy. Trails through forests and grasslands lead up to Mullayanagiri Peak. The cascading Hebbe Falls lie in an area of coffee plantations. The forested Bhadra Wildlife Sanctuary, northwest of Chikmagalur, is home to elephants, tigers and leopards.

### Chikmagalur Fact Sheet

District	: Chikmagalur
Population	: 378,656
Main Crops	: Oil seeds like groundnut, sesamum, sunflower, castor, sugarcane, cotton
Temperature	: Min 14 Degree and Max 28 Degree, 18% Humidity
Elevation	: 1,090 m
Area	: 30 km
Average rain fall	: 1762 mm
Nearest Airport	: Mangalore, 113 Km
Nearest Railway Station	: Kadur, 40 Km
By Road connected	: Bangalore, Mangalore, Hubli, Hassan & Mysore
Languages	: Kannada, Urudu, Tulu

### History of Chikmagalur:

Chikmagalur district was called Kadur district till 1947. It is situated roughly in the south-western part of Karnataka state. A large area of this district is 'malnad', i.e., a largely forested hilly region of heavy rainfall. The district takes its name from the headquarters town of Chikmagalur which literally means younger daughter's town - Chikka+Magala+Ooru-(in Kannada). It is said to have been given as a dowry to the younger daughter of Rukmangada, the legendary chief of Sakrepatna. Another part of the town bestowed on the elder daughter is known as Hiremagalur. But some old inscriptions reveal that these two places were known as Kiriya-muguli and Piriya-muguli. Situated in a fertile valley south of the Baba-Budan hill range is the headquarters town of the district. A centre of education, trade and commerce. The town enjoys a salubrious climate and has venerated monuments of all religions- Kodandarama temple a synthesis of Hoysala and Dravidian styles of architecture, Jamia Mosque and the new St. Joseph's Cathedral with an attractive shell shaped portico. Hiremagalur which is now part of Chikmagalur town has an Ishwara temple with a 1.22 metre high curious rotund figure of Jademuni. The temple also has a Yoopastambha supposed to be installed by King Janamejaya during his serpent sacrifice. There is also a Parashurama temple and a Kali shrine.

Chikmagalur is the region where the Hoysala rulers started and spent the early days of their dynasty. According to a legend, it was at Sosevur, now identified with Angadi in Mudigere Taluk that Sala, the founder of the Hoysala dynasty, killed the legendary tiger, immortalized in the Hoysala crest.

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### CHIKMAGALUR - Sightseeing Places

#### Kudremukh National Park

**Bird-watching in Kudremukh:** Over 200 species of birds reside or visit during the migratory season to the forests of Kudremukh. Trek to Kudremukh Peak: With permission from forest officials, day treks can be undertaken in the hills of Kudremukh. Camping is not allowed. Hence, hikers need to return before sunset. Besides the popular trek to Kudremukh peak, other trekking trails are Kurinjal Peak, Gangadikal Peak, Seethabumi Peak, Valikunda, and Narasimha Parvatha.





### Mullayanagiri

One of the spectacular attractions in Chikkamagaluru is Mullayyanagiri that is known for its jaw dropping natural beauty. It is the highest peak in Karnataka, India. Mullayyanagiri is located in the Chandra Dhrona Hill Ranges of the Western Ghats of Chikkamagaluru .Mullayanagiri is the heaven for adventure junkies who wish to participate in the number of thrilling activities like road biking, trekking and mountain biking. Mullayanagiri is situated at a distance of 20 km and 23 km respectively from Chikmagalur and Baba Budangiri.



### Baba Budangiri

Baba Budan Giri represents a unique syncretic culture of Hindus and Muslims where both offer prayers in a cave-like structure. It derived its name from a Muslim.

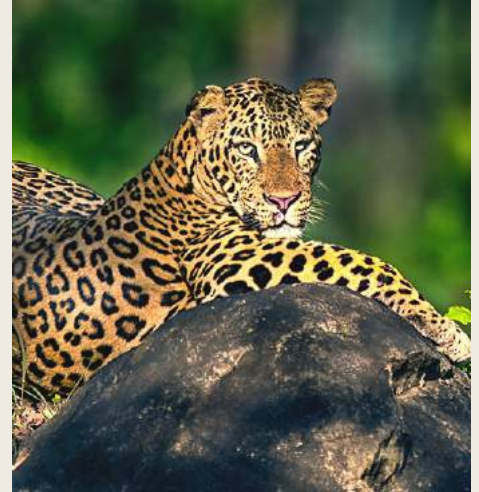


### Bhadra Wildlife Sanctuary

Bhadra wildlife sanctuary is located in Karnataka at a distance of 38 km from Chikmagalur town. It boasts of a substantially large number of tiger populations and was declared in 1998 as the 25th Project Tiger of India. The sanctuary has an elevation point of 750 m to 1875 m above the sea level. The lofty hill range and green vegetation surrounding it from all sides make it look absolutely stunning. The lush green vegetation mainly consists of dry deciduous and moist forests.

The mesmerizing Bhadra River passes through this sanctuary whistling soothingly, and hence it has given it the name Bhadra Wildlife Sanctuary. Spread over the area of 490 sq kms, it is a heaven for wildlife enthusiasts and is home to diverse varieties

of flora and fauna. You can spot some of the endangered species over here like Malabar giant squirrel and orangutan.



### Jhari Water Falls

Jhari falls is one of the most popular waterfalls in Chikmagalur district. Jhari waterfall is often visited along with Mullayanagiri and Baba Budan Giri. Water originating in the mountains flows over steep rocks offering a wide and thin white layer of spectacular waterfall.

*Highlights of Jhari Waterfall:*

- Also known as Buttermilk Falls
- Serene location: Jhari Falls is located in the middle of dense forests and coffee plantations
- Pool at the base of Jhari waterfall is ideal for a dip or short swim.

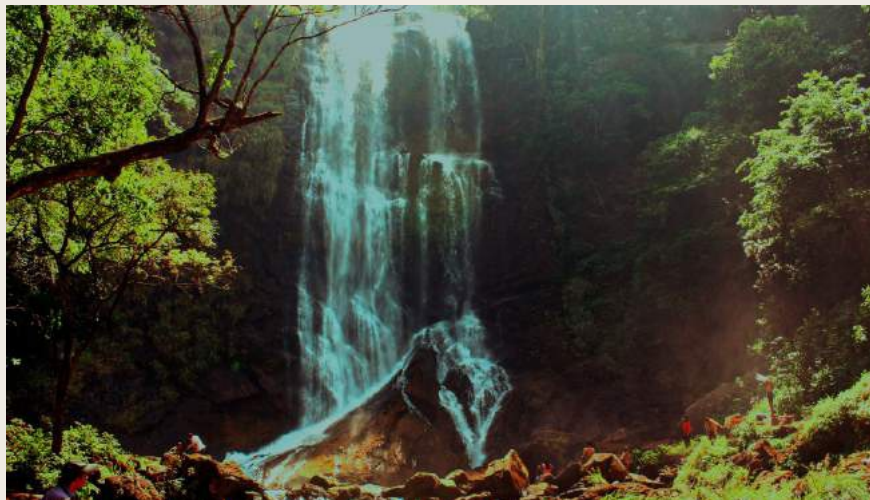




### Manikyadhara Falls

Manikyadhara is a popular waterfall in Bababudangiri hills of Chikmagalur district. Manikyadhara translates to 'stream of pearls'. When sunlight falls on Manikyadhara, water droplets appear like sparkling pearls. Most pilgrims visiting Bababudangiri shrines ensure they also visit Manikyadhara Falls and consider the water holy.

Accessing Manikyadhara Waterfalls involves getting down 200+ steps. The view of the Western Ghats from Manikyadhara waterfalls area is captivating. Watchtowers and resting areas are available along the steps. Locals sell herbs and food products.



### Kemmanagundi

Kemmanagundi is located at a height of 1434m above sea level and is famous for its beautifully laid-out ornamental gardens, enchanting mountains and valleys views. The picturesque sunset view from the Raj Bhavan is every photographer's delight. For those who are adventurous, the place offers many peaks to scale and intricate jungle paths to explore.



### Belavadi

The Veera Narayana temple, also referred to as the Viranarayana temple of Belavadi, is a triple Hindu temple with a complex Hoysala architecture completed around 1200 CE. Close to Halebidu, this is a better preserved large Hoysala monument found in the small village of Belavadi, Chikmagalur district of Karnataka.

### Inam Dattatreya Peetha

Inam Dattatreya Peetha is located in the beautiful hills called Baba Budangiri hills. Inam Dattatreya Peetha is very unique pilgrimage as it is auspicious for both Hindu and Muslim people. There is a laterite cave, it is said that this cave had been shelter for Guru Dattatreya and Hazrat Dada Hayath Mir Khalandar in their respective times. That is why, here both communities celebrate their festivals, Muslims urs and Hindus Dattatreya Jayanti every during Kaarthik Poornima.



### Hirekolale Lake

Surrounded by the beauty of mountains in the Western Ghats, Hirekolale Lake is one of the most wonderful places to visit in Chikmagalur. This beautiful man-made lake is awe-striking for every spectator in Chikmagalur and must not be missed while visiting Chikmagalur tourist places. It was built as a source to supply water for drinking and irrigation purposes to the town of Chikmagalur. The lake is encompassed by gorgeous surroundings and offers a serene retreat for people coming along with friends and family wishing to have a great time.





### Shringeri Sharadha Peetham

Dakshinamnaya Sri Sharada Peetham or Sri Sringeri Mutt is one amongst the four cardinal pithams said to be established by Acharya Sri Adi Sankara to preserve and propagate Sanatana Dharma and Advaita Vedanta, the doctrine of non-dualism. Located in Sringeri in Chikmagalur district in Karnataka.



### Bellalarayana Durga Fort

The Ballalarayana Durga fort was constructed by the wife of Veera Ballala I who was the king of the Hoysala Empire in the 12th century. The Hoysalas were known to be patrons of art and architecture and built several temples and a few forts during their rule. The Ballalarayana fort was built in the Karnata Dravida style of architecture, the architectural style that was popular in the Hoysala Empire during their rule.



### Ghatikallu

Ghatikallu is spread over a 100 acres of coffee, pepper and cardamom estate with a stream cutting right through, only to add to its beauty. The home stay derives its name from the most beautiful spot on Balalrayanadurga.

Ghatikallu is a 600 feet 'one rock mountain' with the most stunning view of the valley below. There are many myths about this 'one rock mountain', when heard will only kindle the nostalgic feeling of being one with history.

### Best Spots For Shopping In Chikmagalur

You can buy some local handicrafts made out of coffee wood, aromatic sandalwood, berries, pepper, and ambrosial perfumes. Here are some of the best places to shopping in Chikmagalur for both mementoes and food in and around Chikmagalur.

1. Nature Craft
2. Panduranga Coffee 1938
3. Market Road
4. The Spice Hub

### Cuisine

The mouth-watering food you all are waiting for all your life happens to be made in Chikmagalur. It's hard to be in the same place mentally after trying various delectable cuisines from this earthy place. Mutton Biriyani, Chicken Tandoori, variety of vegetarian food, the combo of Ghee roasted chicken and Ghee roasted paneer that also with lachha paratha adds another dimension to it. Seviya bath and golibhaji and South and North Thali are available.

### Bangalore/Chikmagalur/ Bangalore - Travel Plan

#### Day 01 :Chikmagalur - Half day Tour:

1500 to 1645 Hrs-Mullayanagiri

1700 to 1830 Hrs-Baba Budan Giri

#### Day 02 :Chikmagalur - Day Tour

0800 to 1130 Hrs-Bhadra Wildlife Sanctuary

1200 to 1300 Hrs-Jhari Water Falls

1300 to 1400 Hrs-Lunch Break

1430 to 1630 Hrs-Manikyadhara Falls

#### Day 03 :Chikmagalur- Day Tour

0800 to 1130 Hrs-Belavadi

Veera Narayana Temple

1200 to 1300 Hrs-Kemmanagundi  
Valley View

1300 to 1400 Hrs-Lunch Break

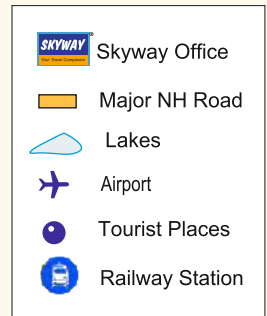
1430 to 1630 Hrs-Inam Dattatreya Peeta

#### Day 04 :Chikmagalur - Half Day Tour

0800 to 1130 Hrs-Shringeri Sharadha Peetham

1200 to 1300 Hrs-Ghatikalu

## Chikkamagaluru District Tourist Map



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