

Coorg



The Scotland of India!!



Kodaguk Swagatha - Welcome to Coorg !

Land of Kodavas known for hospitality, coffee, cardamom, pepper, orange and honey. Kodavas are known for their own tradition and culture. Happy reading and comfortable stay at Coorg!

Coorg Fact Sheet

District	: Kodagu
Head quarters	: Madikeri or Mercara
Population	: Approximately 8 lakhs
Main Rivers	: Cauvery, Lakshmanathirtha
Main Crops	: Coffee, Pepper, Cardamom, Orange, Paddy
Temperature	: Min 10°C Max 30°C
Average Rainfall	: 2700 mm
Sea level	: 4000 ft
Monsoon	: June to August
Ideal time to visit	: 365 days
Nearest Airport	: Mangalore - 155 kms, Bangalore - 310 kms
Nearest Railway Station	: Mysore - 125 kms, Mangalore - 145 kms
Languages	: Kodava, Kannada, Hindi, English & Malayalam
Local Dishes	: Kadambuttu (Rice Dumplings), Pandi Curry (Pork Curry), Noolputtu (Rice Noodles), Koli Curry (Chicken Curry), Votti (Rice Rotti), Bambale Curry (Bamboo shoot Curry)

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Madikeri

Madikeri is the picturesque capital of Kodagu (also called Coorg) the land of coffee, cardamom, colonels, and the Cauvery. The capital of Kodagu district is located in a beautiful hilly setting surrounded by the forested slopes of the Western Ghats. Here, time seems to have stopped. Dotted with a cluster of red-roofed dwellings and a bustling bazaar, the town, situated at an elevation of 1525 m, has a charming old-world look. Madikeri provides access to some excellent picnic spots.

Madikeri Fort

The 19th century Madikeri Fort with its stone ramparts now houses the prison, a temple, a chapel, a small museum, and assorted government offices.



Omkareshwara Temple

The temple is built in the Islamic and Gothic style of architecture with a dome in the centre, comprising four turrets in as many corners. The Raja got the history of the temple inscribed in a copper plate at the entrance of the temple. It was built by Lingaraja II, ruler of Coorg in the year 1820. The 'Shiva Lingam' installed here is said to have been brought from Kashi.



Raja Seat

It is an enchanting picnic spot with a swathing in the nature's lap. It is sure to enjoy the marvelous sight of Sun set and gorgeous valley and mountain ranges. The former Rajas of Kodagu along with their consorts used to visit the place to savour the beauty of the nature here. Musical fountain has been attracting a large number of visitors to the garden.

Abbey Falls

10 kms away from Madikeri, tucked away between private coffee and spice estates. Abbey Falls offers a splendid backdrop for picnics. As you make your way past stocky coffee bushes and tall trees entwined with pepper vines, the falls make a sudden and dramatic appearance as they cascade their way down steps into limpid pools to join the river Cauvery.



Gaddige



Located in the northern extremity of the Madikeri city, Gaddige has two identical square structures, which are the tombs of the Rajas and their queens. They are situated close to each other built in Indo-saracenic style.

Iruppu Falls

Nestling besides the Rajiv Gandhi National Park (Nagarhole) and 85 km from Madikeri, Iruppu Falls presents a stunning sight during the monsoon. From its humble origins in the Brahmagiri Range, the falls plunge down 170 ft. in two distinct stages. The never-ending music of the falls and the hush of the surrounding densely wooded forest make this a great picnic spot. The Rameshwara Temple, Located close to the Lakshmana Theertha River, attracts a large number of pilgrims during the Shivaratri festival.

Dubare Forest & Elephant Camp

35 km from Madikeri and 15 km from Kushalnagar, the reserve forest is famed for its amazing variety of avian fauna, an elephant training camp and angling possibilities on the Cauvery. Elephant interaction in the morning time is the popular activity attracts hundreds of tourist daily. Best time to be there for elephant washing and interaction is at 08.00hrs in the morning.



Cauvery Nisargadhama

It is a breathtakingly beautiful riverine island carved by the Cauvery River in the plains, 25 km from Madikeri. It can be accessed by traveling over a hanging bridge. Nisargadhama teems with lush foliage, thick bamboo groves, teak, and rosewood. The sprawling 64-acre nature resort has a deer park, orchidarium, and elephant and boat rides.

Talacauvery

48 km from Madikeri, Talacauvery also known as Dakshina Kashi is the birthplace of river Cauvery at the foot of the breathtaking Brahmagiri Hills in Coorg. The river flows down inconspicuously as 'Guptagamini' from here before re-emerging a small distance downward at Nagateerta. On Tulasankramana day (Oct.17th) thousands of pilgrims flock to the river's birth place to witness the miraculous rise of the fountainhead, when water gushes up from the spring at a predetermined moment. A Long flight of steps lead one upwards to the peak of the Brahmagiri Hills at Talacauvery from where a panoramic scene of nature unfolds.

Bhagamandala

40 km from Madikeri. This is the confluence of three rivers: Cauvery, Kanika and Sujyothi. Among many small shrines dedicated to various gods, the Bhagandeshwara temple, standing in a large courtyard surrounded by Kerala-style temples is the most impressive. Bhagamandala is known for its apiaries and Kodagu honey.

Nagarahole National Park

Explore the environs of Nagarhole, (Snake River). 90 km from Madikeri. The Rajiv Gandhi National Park derives its name from the winding course of the river that flows through the forests. Nagarhole has an astonishing abundance of wildlife, especially



the Asiatic elephants. The backdrop of the distant misty blue Brahmagiri Mountains, the natural sounds of the jungle, the gurgling of streams and rivers, and the twittering of the birds make Nagarhole a memorable experience.

Bylakuppe



One of the largest Tibetan settlements in South India. It is known for its monasteries, handicrafts, carpet factories, and an incense factory. The landscape is dotted with several monasteries, the main ones amongst these

are the Great Gompa of Sera Je and Sera Mey. The Mahayana Buddhist University is located at Sera. It also has an enormous prayer hall.

Harangi Dam

It is located near Hudgur village, 9 km away from Kushalnagar. The reservoir is formed by a masonry dam built across Harangi River, a tributary of Kaveri River.

Tadiyendamol

For those who have head for heights, Tadiyendamol, the tallest peak in Kodagu, is a paradise. On a clear day you can view the distant Arabian Sea and the enchanting beauty of the whole of Kodagu from here. Situated in the heart of the Tadiyendamol range, in the village of Yavakapadi, Naalkunaadu Palace was constructed by Doddra Raja Veerendra, the king of Kodagu, in 1792. The palace, with beautiful carvings, tells many a tale of yore. It is

now being used as a camping site for trekkers. Kakkabe, a small town 35 km from Madikeri, gives access to the highest peak in Kodagu. Nearby Padi Iggitappa is the most important temple in Kodagu.



Trekking: Kote Betta

This is the third highest peak in Kodagu District (5400 ft above sea level) Trekking total distance is 14 kms. 22 kms from Madikeri, Kotebetta is located in Madapur which is in between Somwarpet & Madikeri. Kotebetta ranks third after Thadiyandamol and Brahmagiri peaks in Coorg. Kotebetta is a perfect place for trekking in Coorg. The best season for trekking is from October to March.

Golf



Coorg has three 18 hole golf courses popular among golfers:

1. Mercara Downs Golf Course is located at Madikeri.
2. Coorg Golf Link located at Pollibetta, 35kms from Madikeri.
3. Tata Golf Course located at Polibetta.

Valnur Fishing Camp

35 km from Madikeri, located near Kushalnagar on the banks of the river Cauvery is the Valnur Fishing Camp, where avid fishing enthusiasts can indulge in the luxury of angling for Mahseer. Fishing permits can be obtained from the Coorg Wildlife Society.



Shopping

Coorg is famous for Coffee, Cardamom, Pepper, Orange, Honey, Vanilla and Coorg Wine. The Friday Market in Madikeri is an excellent place to buy local spices like pepper, nutmeg, cardamom and star anise, besides a wide variety of coffees, fruits and vegetables.

Cusine

Kadambuttu (Rice Dumplings), Pandi Curry (Pork Curry), Noolputtu (Rice Noodles), Koli Curry (Chicken Curry), Votti (Rice Rotti), Bambale Curry (Bamboo shoot Curry)



Madikeri, Kodagu (Coorg) Coorg Travel Plan

Day 01: Madikeri – Half Day Tour:

1500 to 1545Hrs – Gaddige
1600 to 1645Hrs – Omkareshwara Temple
1700 to 1830Hrs – Raja Seat

Day 02: Madikeri – Day Tour:

0800 to 1130Hrs - Dubare Elephant Camp
1200 to 1300Hrs – Golden Temple
1300 to 1400Hrs – Lunch break at Kushalnagar (Optional) If not come to Madikeri after visit to Cauvery Nisargadhama.
1430 to 1530Hrs – Cauvery Nisargadhama

Day 03: Bhagamandala – Talacauvery:

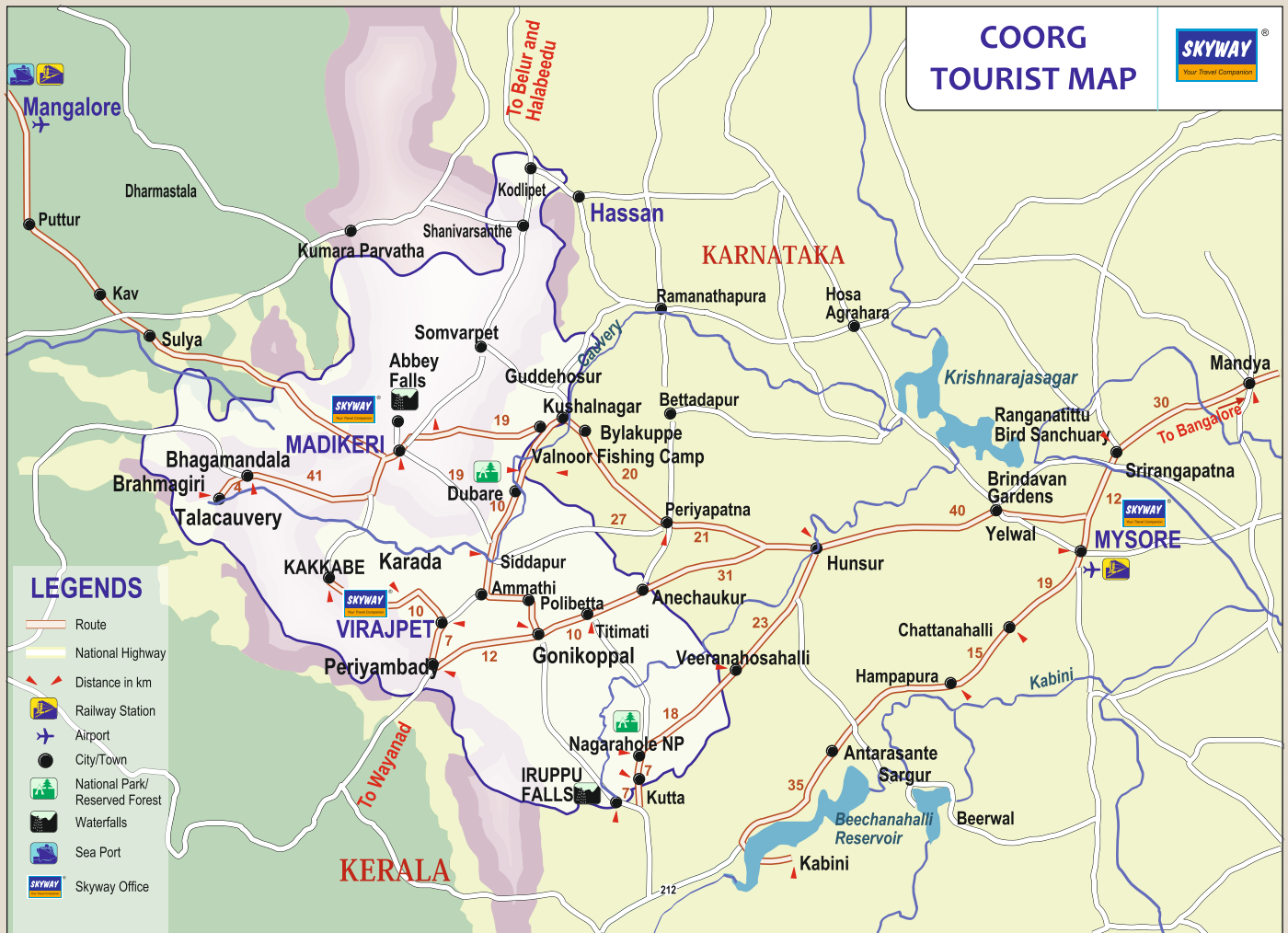
0900 to 1100Hrs – Bhagamandala
1130 to 1230Hrs – Talacauvery
1530 to 1630Hrs – Abbey Falls

Day 04: Irrupu Falls & Nagarahole National Park (Rajeev Gandhi National Park)

1000Hrs Leave Madikeri to Irrupu Falls.
1330 to 1430Hrs – Irrupu Falls
1515Hrs – Report yourself to forest department booking office to book your ticket for safari.
1600 to 1700Hrs – Safari to Park. (The Sanctuary is worth a visit during the dry months when animals come out in large numbers)

Day Tour from Coorg :

1. Coorg – Irrupu Falls - Nagarahole National Park and back.
2. Coorg – Mysore city tour and back
3. Coorg – Belur, Halebeedu & Shravanabelagola and back.
4. Coorg – Kukke Subramanya & Dharmastala and back.



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