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Bengaluru is more than just a city; it is a vibrant melange of the past, present and future, a potpourri of experiences unlike any other! With its cosmopolitan nature, and excellent parks truly make it a 'Garden City'. Bengaluru is popularly known as the 'Silicon Valley of India' as it one of the 10 hottest global IT destinations. Many heritage. Bengaluru is also a popular science, industrial and educational centre and offers a wide range of cultural and recreational options, including traditional dance, music and theatre, pubs, bowling alleys, golf courses and hi-tech amusement parks. And what's more, with precious silks and sandalwood rubbing shoulders with the best global brands in swanky, world-class malls, Bengaluru has always stood up to its the tag of 'The Most Dynamic City' in the world (as per the City Momentum Index by Jones Lang LaSalle)

Exploring Bengaluru: Getting There

Reaching your destination in Bengaluru is pretty easy. Karnataka State Tourism Development ation (KSTDC) conducts regular package tours to the ISKCON Temple, Vidhana Sol h Gardens, Tippu Sultan's Palace, Bannerghatta Biological Park, HAL Museum, Bull Temple, etc. For more information on Bengaluru sightseeing tours, visit: www.kstdc.co or call

The Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) operates Volvo AC buses,

connecting you to all the major points within the city. Visit www.mybmtc.com or call 1-800-425-1663 for more information. You can also book easy and hassle-free taxi services with various transportation network companies operating in the city through their mobile apps.

Bengaluru, the Silicon Valley of India, is a city of contrasts. The city is a much sought-after venue concerts and dance performances by national and international artistes. The city is th lestination for some of the international rock bands. Bengaluru is also popular for its theatre culture. Rangashankara, an institution established for the promotion of theatre, puts olays throughout the week. Chowdiah Memorial Hall, Sir Puttana Chetty Town Hall, Ravindra Mueller Bhavan regularly organize cultural shows, plays and musical performances. Gubbi Veeranna Rangamandira is yet another theatre staging Kannada plays throughout the year. The city also hosts numerous festivals such as the Bengaluru Habba, the Bengaluru International Art Festival, Chitra Santhe, Freedom Jam, the International Jazz Festival and Dhaatu Puppet Festival.

Places to visit in Bengaluru



Heritage/Palaces

ed landmarks of Bengaluru, Vidhana oudha is a majestic and imposing edifice hat houses the State Legislature and the Secretariat of Karnataka

Tipu Sultan's Palace (E6) - Built in 1791, this ornate palace was once Tipu Sultan's summer retreat structure, fluted pillars, cusped arches and balconies, and houses a museum that contains various

i<mark>luru Palace (E4) -</mark> The Bengaluru Palace, designed on the lines of the Windsor Castle in nd, stands testimony to remarkable architecture. The palace has turreted parapets,

Parks and Lakes

as well as various centuries-old trees. The park hosts one of Kempegowda's watch towers, perched atop a rocky outcrop dating back to 3000 million years. Feast your eyes on a fabulous lawn

its 300 acres of sprawling greenery nestled in the heart of the city. The park houses the State Library - a splendid red Gothic structure, and is studded with fountains, statues and

afternoon at this lake with your family friends. The lake is dotted with several islets. Go boating on the lake and take in th Sankey Boat Club (E4) - This is the right

place for idyllic boat rides and leisurely

Getaways from Bengaluru

Indira Gandhi Musical Fountain (F5) - The spectacular swirling fountains swaying to the musical rhythms will leave you in wonder.

Museums/Art Galleries

ka, houses various technical ons and offers you a glimpse of th

ent Museum (F5) - Reputed to be one of the oldest museums in the country, the nment Museum is a remarkable treasure trove of archaeological items such as stone gs, pottery, paintings, coins and inscriptions. A prominent attraction in this museum is

Venkatappa Art Gallery (F5) - Located

IAL Heritage Centre and Aerospace aircraft simulators, a mock air traffic contr

sts who wish to showcase their work. It also houses the Chitrakala Vidyalaya, a college of fine arts rring courses in painting, sculpture, graphic art, applied art, etc.

the late 18th century. It displays works by famous Indian artists like Raja Ravi Varma, Amritha Shergil, Ravindranath Tagore, Nandalal Bose, Jamini Roy and also works of other international artists. **Jawahar Lal Nehru Planetarium (F6) -** Here's the ideal place for star gazers and astronomy buffs. Gaze at the night sky studded with innumerable stars, and watch "The Sky Theatre Show" whici unfolds the amazing phenomena and mysteries of the universe, planets and the solar system.

Religious Centres

Bull Temple (E6) - Constructed by Kempegowda in Basavanagudi, the Bull Temple is a remarkable specimen of 16th century Dravidian style architecture. The temple has a massive

Dodda Ganesha Temple (E6) - Below the Bull Temple is the Ganesha Temple, which contains a olossal monolith Ganesha idol. The idol is 18 ft high and 16 ft wide.

ISKCON Temple (International Society For Krishna Consciousness) (3D) - This massive cultural complex, built on a hillock, with granite, marble and Korean glass,was established to promote Vedic culture and spiritual learning. The temple houses various deities, including Krishna,

Balaram, and Radha. Another major procession, draws a large number of

Ragi Gudda Sri Prasanna Anjenaya Swami Temple (E7) - Situated on a hillock known as Ragi Gudda, the Hanuman Temple has three and Shiva. The temple attracts a large

Shiva Temple (16) - This temple is known for its splendid 65ft Shiva statue, an artificial pond resembling the Manasa Sarovar Lake, and cave A prominent attraction here are the replicas of Jyothirlingas

three cave passages. During Makara Sankranthi, a ray of light passes precisely between the horns of the stone bull outside the temple, lighting up the deity within the cave.

Infant Jesus Church (G6) - Built in 1979 by Rev. Dr. Lourduswamy, the then Archbishop of St Mary's Basilica (F4) - One of the oldest churches in Bengaluru, St Mary's Basilica was built in 1818 by Abbc' Dubois. It was transformed into a Gothic style church in 1874. The remarkable interiors of the church - with a vaulted ceiling supported by Corinthian pillars, splendid arches and stained-glass windows - would leave you absolutely wonderstruck. In 1974, the Pope elevated the church to the status of a Basilica.

Sri Someshwara Swamy Temple (G5) - Situated in Ulsoor, the Sri Someshwara Swamy Temple revamped by the Vijayanagara kings and the founder of Bengaluru, Kempe Gowda. Jamia Masjid (E5) - The Jamia Masjid is the largest mosque in Bengaluru. A majestic 5-storey

mosque located in the heart of Bengaluru's City Market area, the mosque is built with pure white marble from Rajasthan and has sprawling interiors, which can accommodate 10,000

Sri Guru Singh Sabha Gurdwara (G5) - Constructed in 1943, the Sri Guru Singh Sabha Gurdwara, situated on the banks of the beautiful Ulsoor Lake, is the largest Sikh shrine in Bengaluru.



Golfing - Bengaluru is golfer's paradise. The city attracts golfers from across the country. The Karnataka Golf Association's 18-hole golf course Golf Club, another 18-hole golf course, spread over 60 acres in the heart of Bengaluru, is the second oldest course in India. Eagleton, situated on the outskirts of Bengaluru, is a golfing village of global standards. Located at the foot of the Nandi Hills is Prestige Golfshire, an 18-hole golf

Bengaluru Turf Club - The 150-year-old Bengaluru Race Course is located amidst 85 acres of

greenery in the heart of the city. The oval shaped, right-handed course measures approximately 1950m with 4 sharp curves and has pronounced gradients and hence a win on the racetrack is not only challenging and arduous but also an important achievement. The race course has several facilities such as stables for over 1000 horses, training tracks, a swimming pool, walking rings, a veterinary hospital and an amateur riding school.

treatments such as Ayurveda, Naturopathy, Holistic healing, allopathy, yoga, spa and much more. The city offers you numerous choices to unwind and hosts some of the best wellness brands. Bengaluru is perhaps the only city in the world that practices all systems of medicine within a radius of just 30km. The availability of specialist doctors, cutting-edge medical technology and the comparatively lower medical costs - one-third in comparison with other countries - have transformed Bengaluru into a preferred medical tourism destination of

Health & Wellness - A leading hub of medical tourism, Bengaluru offers a host of wellness

ping - If you are a shopaholic, Bengaluru is simply the place to be in. With more than 10 plush shopping malls, Bengaluru is truly a shoppers' Paradise. Here the world's best and most popular brands vie for your attention, while you have plenty of street shopping options at the handicrafts, do visit the traditional Karnataka crafts at the Cauvery Emporium, a unit of Karnataka State Handicrafts Development Corporation Limited (www.cauverycrafts.com).

Gourmet Delight - Bengaluru is a dream come true for food lovers. The city's eat-outs offer various kinds of cuisines, and represent Bengaluru's multiculturalism. Whatever be the

cuisine you want, you will find it at Indiranagar, MG Road or Koramangala, besides the many in-house restaurants of 5-star hotels. And if you are on the lookout for lip-smacking

local cuisines, you can choose from Bengaluru institutions such as MTR, Koshy's, Vidyarthi Bhavan, Indian Coffee House, or the many self-service "darshinis" found across Bengaluru.



Sri Satua Sai Baba, Situated nearby are Sri Sathya Sai Vriddhashram, Sri Sathya Sai General Hospital Bannerghatta National Park (25km) - Spanning an area of 260.51 sq km., the Bannerghatta National Park boasts of a Lion and Tiger Safari, with enclosures that recreate their natural habitat. From here,

you can watch the giant cats in close quarters. Besides, there is a snake park, a butterfly park, a zoo and nature camp for children. Adjacent to it is Bannerghatta Nature Camp, a property of Jungle Lodges & Resorts which has tented cottages, log-huts and dormitory facilities. For more information, visit www.junglelodges.com

Brindavan, Whitefield (18 km) - Brindavan, located near Whitefield, was the summer ashram of late

Big Banyan Tree (28km) - Located on the way to Mysuru, the massive banyan tree, sprawling over a few acres in Ramohalli Village, is a botanical wonder believed to be around 400 years old. It is also a

Nrityagram Dance Village (30km) - If you are a dance lover or a dance connoisseur, this is where you have to be. Established by the late Odissi dancer, Protima Gauri, the dance village at Hessarghatta imparts learning on classical dance and allied subjects such as Bharatanatyam, Kathak, Odissi, choreography, philosophy, music, mythology and painting. Guided tours, dance demonstrations, and short lectures are organized for tourists.

Sri Siddalingeswara Yoga Vana Hills (30km) - Sri Siddalingeswara Yoga Vana Hills, an hour's drive

from Bengaluru, is a registered charitable society. Here, you will find nature at her splendid best. The

institution provides an array of facilities including "Vanamoolika Vydya" (treatment using jungle herbs), Meditation, Pranayama, Massages, Yoga, etc. Pearl Valley (38km) - Located in a deep valley amidst beautiful hills, this remarkable picnic spot is known for its waterfall, formed by thin jets of water which meet at the bottom to resemble a pond of pearls, hence the name Pearl Valley. Overlooking these mesmerizing falls is a small shrine dedicated to Lord Shiva,

which lends a spiritual ambience to the place. Magadi (40km) - The historic town of Magadi is located 40 km away from the city. It was once the capital established by Kempegowda who founded Bengaluru in 16th century. In 1638, Kempe Gowda

was forced to leave Bengaluru and make Magadi his headquarters. He built a fort and the Rameshwara Temple. The Someshwara Temple was built in 1712 and has Kempegowda's hazara near it.



Manchanabele Dam (45km) - Situated around 45km from Bengaluru, the Manchanabele Dam is a small water dam built across the river Arkavati. The dam is one of the best spots for bird watching.

Ghati Subramanya (45km) - Ghati Subramanya is the starting point of the awesome night treks to the Nandi Hills. Watch the glittering lights, as you trek through these hills. The temple of Lord Subramanya, one of the ancient pilgrim centres in Karnataka, is located here. Do carry a powerful torch, water, and other essentials. Thick cotton

clothing is an absolute must for trekkers. Ramnagara (50km) - The wilderness surrounding Ramnagara, 50km from Bengaluru on the Bengaluru-Mysuru Highway, is a delight for rock climbers. Known as the Mecca of Rock Climbers, this splendid place offers plenty of scope for budding as well as professional rock climbers. Do

visit the temples at the top of these hillocks. The classic Hindi movie, Sholay, was shot on these beautiful rocks.

Janapada Loka (50km) - A popular folk museum, Janapada Loka contains a spectacular collection of 5000 artefacts that represents the essence of Karnataka's folk culture. Spanning over 15 acres, the complex houses museums, an open-air theatre, a studio and other structures.

Shivaganga (60km) - The Shivaganga Hill towers over a small hamlet near Dobbespet. Climb the cone-shaped granite outcrop, take in the picturesque views and visit the Shiva temples atop the hill. Interestingly, the four-faced hill resembles Nandi from the east, Ganesha from the west, a linga from the south and a cobra from the north.

Nandi Hills (60km) - The Nandi Hills was once the idyllic summer retreat of Tipu Sultan and the British. Take a stroll through the tree-covered hills to Amrita Sarovar, the major source of water supply to the hill resort. For a splendid panoramic view, trudge to Tipu's Drop, the 600m high cliff, from where convicts were once pushed to death

Savanadurga (60km) - Savandurga lures you with its gigantic hills, lush vegetation and spectacular landscapes. There is a temple located at the foothill and a pond near by. Go trekking, camping, rock climbing or on a biking-hiking trail and indulge your adventurous spirit! Here's a word of caution: Since the region is covered by thick vegetation, and inhabited by bears and leopards, ensure not to stay at the top after dark. Do carry essentials like water, food, a first aid kit and a survival kit in your backpack. Be careful while ascending or descending, and always move in groups.

Kolar (70km) - Explore Kolar, the erstwhile capital of the Ganga kingdom. Here you have numerous places to visit - the Kolaramma Temple, built by the Gangas and later renovated by the Cholas; the Someshwara Temple constructed during the Hoysala period, a shrine known for its impressive stucco figures of Sapta Matrikas, and the Makbara with the grave of Hyder Ali's relatives and the



Shiva which has a staggering collection of over 60 lakh Shiva Lingas. The beautiful hillocks overlooking the town of Kolar are ideal trekking its country blanket (Kambli). So, when you are here, shop for some on your way. Devarayanadurga (80km) - Here's something

Koti Lingeshwara Temple dedicated to Lord

for the adventurer in you! Explore Devarayanadurga, and get your adrenaline

pumping! Perched at a height of 1188m, amidst hills and lush forests, Devarayanadurga is an ideal spot for trekking. The major attraction of the place are the hilltop temples, the Yoganarasimha and the Bhoganarasimha, the Mahalakshmi Temple at Goravanahalli and Namada Chilume, a holy natural spring, the source the River Jayamangali. Get a stunning panoramic view of Tumkur from atop the Devarayanadurga hill and

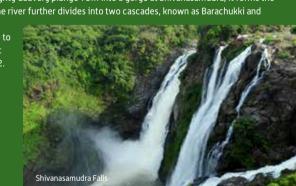
Sangama & Mekedatu (100km) - Located in Kanakapura Taluk, it is an ideal spot for one-day outings. Sangama is a meeting point of three rivers. From here, trek 5 km to Mekedatu, amidst dense green forest and majestic hills, while you listen to the thunderous roar of the Cauvery river, as well as the sweet chirping of birds.

Bheemeshwari Adventure and Nature Camp (100Km) - A property of Jungle Lodges & Resorts, the Bheemeshwari Adventure and Nature Camp is a treat for adventure enthusiasts. Indulge in a range of adventurous activities such as zip line, rope walking, kayaking, and get up-close with wildlife including elephants, deer, crocodiles, turtles, snakes and about two hundred species of birds. For more information, please visit www.junglelodges.com

Galibore Nature Camp (100Km) - Take a break from the chaos of city life, unwind, and rest in the lap of nature. A property of Jungle Lodges & Resorts, the Galibore Nature Camp offers a fascinating wildlife experience. Get cosy with spotted deers, grizzled giant squirrel, marsh crocodiles, turtles and snakes, etc. and get acquainted with over 230 species of birds. For more information, visit www.junglelodges.com

Shivanasamudra Falls (120km) - The Shivanasamudra Falls is a truly remarkable sight. As the mighty waters of the mighty Cauvery plunge 75m into a gorge at Shivanasamudra, it forms the Shivanasamudra Falls. The river further divides into two cascades, known as Barachukki and

Shivanasamudra is home to India's first hydroelectric plant established in 1902.



Getting there

Distances from Bengaluru to: Puducherry - 320 km | Chennai - 334 km | Hyderabad - 566 km | Panaji - 570 km | Thiruvananthapuram - 761 km | Mumbai - 1033 km

By Road: Kempegowda (KSRTC) Bus Stand (inter-state) is the Central Bus Stand, a 24-hour hub for buses plying all over South India. There are services to Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Puducherry and Goa. Bengaluru is connected to India's major cities through the National Highways NH 4, NH 7 and NH 209.

KSRTC Bus Stand Tel: 080-49596666

Bu Rail: Bengaluru is well-connected by rail to all the major cities of India. City Railway Station is 8 km from MG Road. Yeshwanthpur Railway Station is 12km from MG Road.

Yeshwanthpur Railway Station: 080-23377161, 23371444 Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru is located around 40km from the City and is the first airport in India, to be built through a public-private partnership. It is well-connected to all

the major airports in India and abroad. Bengaluru is connected to more than 18 international

Helpline: 139, 080-22960014 | City Railway Station: 080-22155337, 22155324

Airlines operating to Bengaluru

cities directly and more than 30 Indian cities by air. General Enquires 1800 425 4425, 080-6678 2425

Domestic Airlines Air India 080-6678 5161/2297 8423, Air Asia 080-47406863, Go Air 080-4740 6091/92, Indigo 09910383838, Spicejet 080-4740 6801, Trujet 040-4090 4090, Vistara 080-4740 6325

International Airlines

Air Arabia 080-6631 0090-93. Air Asia 080-6451 0099. Air France 91 124 2720272. Air India 080-6678 5161/2297 8423, Air Mauritius 080-4235 0218/219/220, British Airways 1800 102 35922, Cathay Pacific/Dragonair 080-6678 4318, Emirates 080-3377 3377, Etihad Airways 1800-209-0808, Indigo 09910383838, Jet Airways 080-3989 3333, Kuwait Airways 080-4740 6352/3/4, Lufthansa 1800 102 5838, Malaysia Airlines 080-2212 2991/2/3, Nepal Airlines 080-4204 1456/57, Oman Air 080-4113 2900, Qatar Airways 080-4000 5333, **Saudia Airlines** 080-4124 8459, **Silk Air** 080-2286 7870/72 **Singapore Airlines** 080-2286 7870/72, SriLankan Airlines 080-4112 5204/06, Tiger Airways 8006001153, Thai Airways 080-4030 0396/0397

Cargo

Aero Logic 099000 34906. Blue Dart 098809 29808. Cathau Pacific 099161 02785. Etihad Cargo 1800 10 222266, Fedex 098801 70000, Lufthansa Cargo 080-2768 8207, Qatar Cargo 096110 31888, **Singapore Airlines** 080-4740 6261

Bengaluru: International Connectivity		
City	Airlines	Duration
Abu Dhabi	Etihad Airways	4hr 00min
Bangkok	Thai Airways	3hr 55min
Colombo	Sri Lankan Airways	1hr 25min
Doha	Qatar Airways	4hr 05min
Dubai	Emirates	3hr 40min
Frankfurt	Lufthansa	8hr 30min
Hong Kong	Dragon Air	5hr 50min
Jeddah	Saudi Arabian Airlines	7hr 40min
Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia Airlines/Air Asia	4hr 00min
London	British Airways	9hr 30min
Maldives	Air India	2hr 10min
Mauritius	Air Mauritius	5hr 50min
Muscat	Oman Air	3hr 40min
Paris	Air France	9hr 20min
Riyadh	Saudi Arabian Airlines	5hr 05min
Sharjah	Air Arabia	3hr 35min
Singapore	Singapore Airlines/Tiger Airways/Silk Air	4hr 15min

