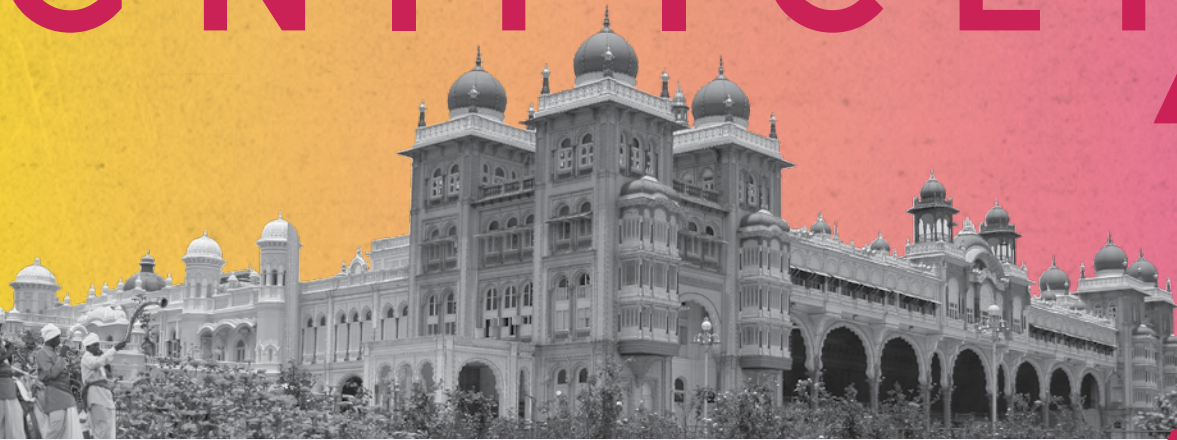




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MYSURU, THE 'CITY OF PALACES', IS ROYALTY AND MAGNIFICENCE EMBODIED. ONE OF SOUTH INDIA'S MOST FASCINATING CITIES, RULED OVER BY THE WADIYARS FROM 1399 TILL INDEPENDENCE, MYSURU IS RENOWNED FOR ITS ROYAL HERITAGE AND SPLENDID MONUMENTS AND BUILDINGS. A FABULOUS TREASURE TROVE OF ARCHITECTURE, ART AND CULTURE, MYSURU ENTICES YOU AT EVERY TURN WITH ITS REGAL SPLENDOUR. DISCOVER ENCHANTING MYSURU, EXPERIENCE A DIFFERENT WORLD!



MYSURU PALACE

Constructed in Indo-Saracenic style, the magnificent Amba Vilas or Mysuru Palace is the official residence of the Wadiyar dynasty and the seat of the Kingdom of Mysuru. Its exquisite interiors – replete with carved mahogany ceilings, stained glass, gilded pillars and glazed tiles – epitomizes royalty and grandeur.

The palace, illuminated with 97,000 lights, turns into a glorious spectacle at dusk on Sundays and public holidays. While the Durbar Hall leaves you amazed with its splendid jewel-encrusted throne, the paintings of the past Dasara processions in the Marriage Pavilion are truly awe-inspiring. The Palace also houses a museum, which is a fascinating repository of the royal possessions of the Wadiyars.



CHAMUNDI HILL _

Located 12 km from Mysuru, the Chamundi Hill is home to the Goddess Sri Chamundeshwari, the patron deity of the Mysuru Royal Family. Built in the Dravidian style of architecture, the 17th century Chamundeshwari temple contains a massive statue of Mahishasura near the entrance. According to the legends, the Goddess defeated the demon, Mahishasura, on this hill. Feast your eyes on the monolithic Nandi, believed to be one among the largest in the country.



JAGANMOHAN PALACE —

An erstwhile royal residence, the Jaganmohan Palace was converted into a museum in 1915. Known for its architectural brilliance, the magnificent palace now houses the Jayachamarajendra Art Gallery, which contains various royal paraphernalia, including a stunning collection of clocks, traditional Mysuru gold-leaf paintings, ivory and sandalwood figurines, musical instruments and antique furniture. The gallery also showcases old photographs of royal events and paintings by world-renowned artists such as Raja Ravi Varma and Roerich.



DASARA _

The 10-day Dasara celebration in Mysuru is truly a spellbinding experience. The royal festival – a celebration of the victory of good over evil – is marked by lights, dance, music and cultural programs. The tenth day, Vijayadashami, culminates in a splendid procession with decorated elephants, cavalry, foot soldiers, folk dancers, musicians, and tableaux, a torchlight parade and fireworks display.



ST. PHILOMENA'S CATHEDRAL —

One of the largest cathedrals in India, St. Philomena's Cathedral in Mysuru is a remarkable example of Gothic architecture. The majestic church, built to honour the memory of Saint Philomena, a Latin Catholic Saint of the Roman Catholic Church, draws inspiration from the beautiful Cologne Cathedral of Germany.



RAIL MUSEUM _

Established in 1979, the Rail Museum provides a fascinating insight into the history and growth of the railways in India. The museum houses a valuable collection of photographs, locomotives, coaches and signaling equipment.



MYSURU ZOO _

Spanning over a 100 hectares, the Mysuru Zoo or the Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens is one of the oldest zoos in the country. The zoo is home to abundant flora and fauna, and is known for 1,450 species of animals and 168 species of birds belonging to more than 25 countries.



FOLKLORE MUSEUM _

Housed in the Jayalakshmi Vilas Mansion of University of Mysore, the Folklore Museum is a brilliant repository of folk culture and has a mind-blowing collection of 6,500 indigenously-made artifacts including wooden figurines, rural costumes, utensils, tools and decorative masks from all over Karnataka.



MELODY WORLD WAX MUSEUM _

The Melody World Wax Museum is a must-visit for music enthusiasts. This museum exhibits over 300 musical instruments, from the Stone Age to the modern era, and life-size wax statues of musicians playing musical instruments in different band and stage settings. The various exhibits of bands include Indian Classical Hindustani and Carnatic, Jazz, Rock, Hip Hop, Punjabi Bhangra, South Indian, Middle Eastern and Chinese.



GETAWAYS FROM MYSURU —



RANGANATHITU BIRD SANCTUARY (18 KM) —

Spread across an area of 67 sq. km, the Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary is a paradise for bird watchers and nature lovers. Located on the banks of the river Cauvery, Ranganathittu was declared a sanctuary in 1940 at the behest of the renowned ornithologist Dr. Salim Ali. Comprising six small islands, the sanctuary is the preferred nesting ground for the resident birds as well as migratory species from the Himalayas, Europe and Siberia. Go boating on the river, get a fascinating view of the various species of birds, and catch a glimpse of the marsh crocodiles in the water.



SRIRANGAPATNA (20 KM) —

Step back in time and revisit a glorious era at Srirangapatna, the bastion of the two mighty Deccan kings, Hyder Ali and his son, Tipu Sultan. Take a journey through the fortress from which Tipu aggressively waged war against the British, his summer palace at Daria Daulat Bagh, Jama Masjid, dungeons, a gunpowder room and the Gumbaz where Tipu and Hyder Ali are buried. Srirangapatna is also home to the renowned Ranganatha Swamy Temple, which displays a fusion of Hoysala and Vijayanagara styles.



NANJANGUD (23 KM) —

Nanjangud owes its name to the ancient temple of Nanjundeshwara situated on the banks of the river Kapila. An architectural marvel, the temple stands out for its remarkable tiered gopura, stucco work and ornately sculpted mythological scenes. The temple, with Lord Srikantheshwara as the main deity, has an impressive gallery of 122 metallic figures on Shaivite themes and a stone Nandi facing the sanctum sanctorum.



BRINDAVAN GARDENS (24 KM) —

One of the most beautifully laid out terrace gardens in the world, Brindavan Gardens is a haven of beauty and peace. Modelled on the Shalimar Gardens of Kashmir, the garden entices visitors with its lush green lawns, terraces, parterres, flower beds, topiary and multihued fountains. The garden was designed by Sir Mirza Ismail, the then Dewan of the princely State of Mysuru.



SOMNATHPUR (35 KM) —

A remarkable specimen of Hoysala architecture, the Keshava Temple at Somnathpur stands out for its ornate carvings and sculptures. The temple has three shrines that once contained the idols of Lords Keshava, Janardhana and Venugopala. However, at present, there are only two, with the idol of Lord Kesava missing.



TALAKAD (50 KM) —

A place of tremendous archaeological significance, Talakad is known for its 30 temples that are buried under the sand. Excavations led to the discovery of several temples – mostly dedicated to Lord Shiva – belonging to the Hoysala, Ganga and Chola dynasties. Devotees throng to this temple town during the Panchalinga Darshan held once in 12 years.



SHIVANASAMUDRA FALLS (65 KM) —

If you are on the hunt for a perfect picnic spot or a family getaway, then here's the best place for you! As the roaring waters of the mighty Cauvery plunge 75 m into a gorge at Shivanasamudra, it forms the spectacular Shivanasamudra Falls, regarded as one of the '50 best waterfalls in the world'. The river further divides into two cascades, popularly known as Barachukki and Gaganachukki. Shivanasamudra is home to India's first hydroelectric plant which was set up in 1902.



BYLAKUPPE (87 KM) —

Bylakuppe is one of the largest Tibetan settlements in South India. This quaint town is known for its beautiful monasteries, exquisite handicrafts, carpet factories, and incense factory. The landscape stands out for its beautifully constructed and well-maintained monasteries, the major ones being the Great Gompa of Sera Jey and Sera Mey. Another main attraction here is the Mahayana Buddhist University, which has an enormous prayer hall. By the way, while you are here, do visit the Tashi Lhunpo Monastery, renowned as the seat of the Panchen Lama.



BANDIPUR NATIONAL PARK (90 KM) —

If you are a wildlife enthusiast or a lover of photography, Bandipur is simply the right place for you. Situated in scenic surroundings, the Bandipur National Park is a part of the Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve and is a sanctuary under Project Tiger. In addition to a sizeable population of tigers, Bandipur is also home to 200 species of birds and diverse flora and fauna including elephants, gaur, sambar, mouse deer, chital, sloth bear and the rare flying lizard. Take a forest safari and get up-close with the wild!



PLACES TO STAY —



Hotel Mayura Hoysala Mysuru

Located in the heart of the city and adjacent to the railway station, Hotel Mayura Hoysala Mysuru offers excellent accommodation in the form of 13 air-conditioned double-bedrooms and 18 standard double bedrooms. A restaurant and bar provides guests the convenience of in-house dining.

For reservations: www.kstdc.co | info@kstdc.co | 0821-2426160



Hotel Mayura Yatrivas Mysuru

Hotel Mayura Yatrivas Mysuru shares the premises of Hotel Mayura Hoysala. The hotel provides different types of accommodation ranging from 10 double bedrooms, 6 four-bed rooms, 1 six-bed room, 2 eight-bed rooms to a sixteen-bed room and a twenty-bed room. Guests can use the restaurant and bar that is a part of Hotel Mayura Hoysala.

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Hotel Mayura River View, Srirangapatna

Located on the banks of the River Cauvery, Hotel Mayura River View offers 26 accommodations, 6 river-facing cottages and double bedrooms in addition to a restaurant and bar. The hotel also provides guests the facility of river rafting and boating on the Cauvery.

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Hotel Mayura Kauvery KRS

Hotel Mayura Kauvery KRS overlooks the beautiful Brindavan Gardens and provides guests the opportunity to experience its bounteous charm and relax in serene environs. With 20 beautifully furnished rooms—5 air-conditioned double bedrooms and 15 standard doublebed rooms— the hotel offers gracious accommodation to visitors. A restaurant and the attached beer parlour enable guests to appreciate the picturesque landscape over a leisurely meal.

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Lalitha Mahal Palace Hotel

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