



# SCRIPT YOUR ADVENTURE.



ROCKY LANDSCAPES. MEDIEVAL TOWNS. DECIDUOUS  
FORESTS. TEEMING WILDLIFE. MYRIAD CULTURES.  
TANTALISING CUISINE. MYSTICAL ART FORMS. COLOURFUL FESTIVALS.  
PALM- FRINGED BEACHES. URBAN HANGOUTS. TOWERING TEMPLES...  
YOU NAME IT, KARNATAKA HAS IT ALL.  
IF THIS ISN'T THE PERFECT SETTING FOR YOUR ADVENTURE,  
THEN WHAT IS?



ANCIENT PALACES OR IMPOSING FORTS.  
MAGNIFICENT TEMPLES OR MYSTICAL CAVES.

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Journey back in time. Step into a fantasy world of boulder-strewn ruins, ancient rock-cut caves and finely carved stone temples rubbing shoulders with South India's finest collection of Islamic architecture.





## ROCKS AND RUINS

Hampi is a UNESCO World Heritage Site located in Ballari district of Karnataka. This boulder strewn fantasy land has challenged time, survived the centuries and lived to tell the tale. Hampi's ruins are spread over 4187 hectares (41 sq km) and includes forts, royal and sacred complexes, temples, shrines, pillared halls, mandapas and memorial structures among others.



## HERITAGE HOT-SPOTS

Pattadakal (UNESCO World Heritage Site)  
Aihole  
Badami  
Vijayapura (Bijapur)  
Bidar  
Kalaburagi (Gulbarga)  
Mysuru  
Belur & Halebeedu



EVERGREEN HILLS OR CASCADING WATERFALLS.  
COFFEE PLANTATIONS OR SERENE BEACHES.

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Get transported to a world where sedate plains suddenly rise to dizzying mist covered hilly heights, and then plunge with careless abandon in a white-watered free fall to become languid rivers that flow past dense jungles teeming with wildlife.





## CALL OF THE WILD

Once the private hunting reserve of the Maharaja of Mysore, Bandipur National Park is flanked by Karnataka's Rajiv Gandhi National Park (Nagarahole) to its northwest, Tamil Nadu's Mudumalai Wildlife Sanctuary to its south, and Kerala's Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary to its southwest. Together, these constitute the Niligiri Biosphere Reserve. The park spanning an area of 872.24 square kilometers is now a protected zone for over 100 species of mammals, including tiger, elephant, leopard, gaur and chital among others. It's also home to an impressive 200 species of birds.

## SANCTUARIES AND NATIONAL PARKS

Bandipur National Park, Rajiv Gandhi National Park (Nagarahole), Dandeli Wildlife Sanctuary, Bannerghatta National Park, Bhadra Wildlife Sanctuary, Biligiri Rangaswamy Temple (BRT) Wildlife Sanctuary, Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary



## LODGE OF THE JUNGLE

Close to nature and yet, not too far from creature comforts - experience wildlife safaris, treks, adventure activities in any of the 18 resorts and 5 nature camps of Jungle Lodges and Resorts.

## LODGES

Kabini River Lodge  
Bandipur Safari Lodge  
River Tern Lodge  
K Gudi Wilderness Resort  
Devbagh Beach Resort  
Kali Adventure Camp

## UP, UP AND AWAY

If you want to get away from it all and chill out with nature, you will be spoilt for choice. The state has some of the most romantic hill stations and mist clad coffee plantations.

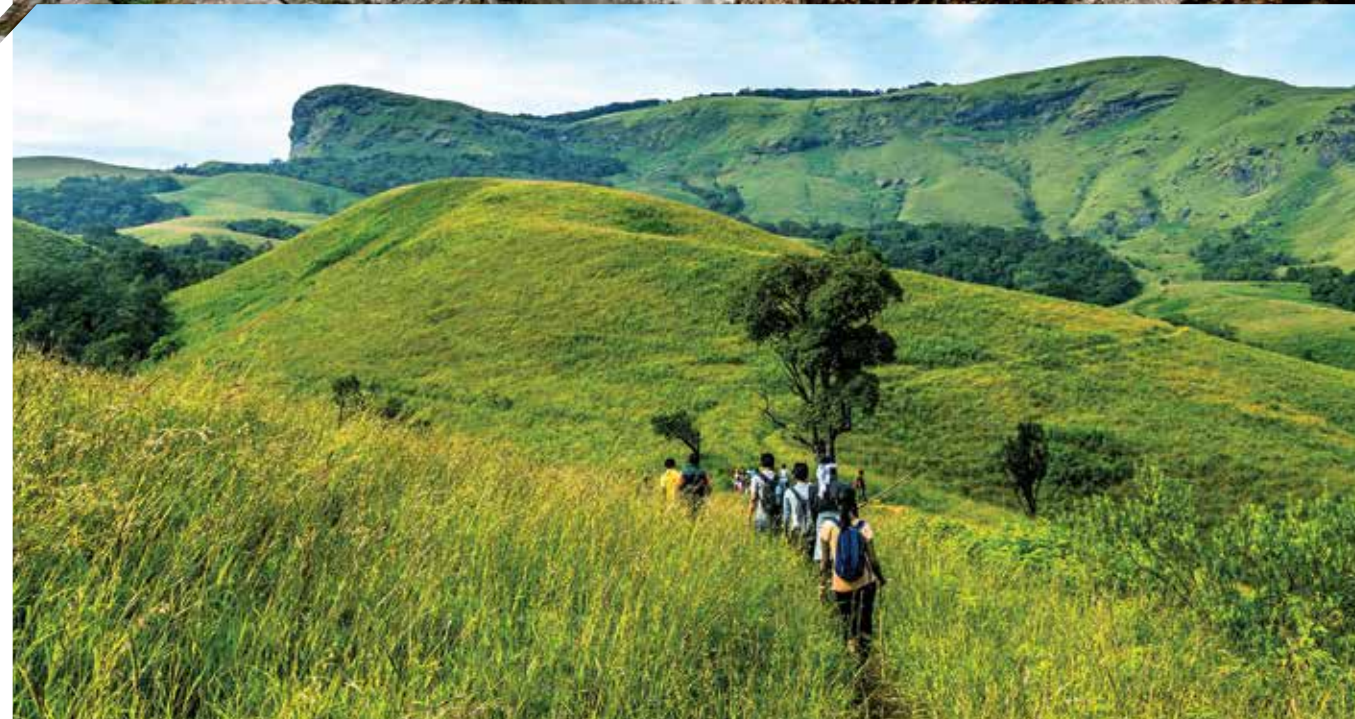
Coorg  
Chikkamagaluru  
Agumbe  
Kudremukh  
Kodachadri  
Nandi Hills



## ADRENALINE OVERLOAD

Get away from the everyday and discover your wild side. Choose what can get your adrenaline flowing and get going.

White Water Rafting  
Wildlife Safaris  
Trekking  
Surfing  
Snorkelling



## LIFE IS A BEACH

Karnataka is blessed with a 320 kms long coastline. Come over for a low-key, chilled-out beach holiday.

Gokarna  
Karwar  
Udupi  
Mangaluru

PSYCHEDELIC PROCESSIONS OR A COLOSSAL BATH.  
LUXE RAILS OR MAJESTIC PALACES.

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Dance, music, great food and a riot of colours is a tradition here. From remembering the glorious past with art, music and poetry like the Hampi Festival, Mysuru Dasara to the Maha Mastakabhisheka ceremony at Shravanabelagola, the festivals here are definitely the stuff of spectacular.







## A FESTIVE STATE

The fascinating fairs and festivals of Karnataka are a celebration of life in all its infinite variety. Most of these are exclusive to the state, and reverberate with colour and gaiety.

Mysuru Dasara  
Hampi Utsava  
Maha Mastakabhisheka, Shravanabelagola  
Tula Sankramana  
Vairamudi Festival  
Banashankari Fair



## DIVINE DETOURS

Karnataka has always been in the radar of the spiritually inclined and is home to pilgrimage destinations of almost all religions.

Sringeri  
Udupi  
Kollur Mookambika Temple  
St. Philomena's Cathedral, Mysuru  
Shravanabelagola  
ISKCON  
Khwaja Bande Nawaz Dargah  
Bylekuppe  
Dharmasthala  
Moodabidri  
Gurudwara Nanak Jhira Sahib  
Murudeshwara



## LUXURY EXPRESS

Travel like royalty to all the wonders that Karnataka and the rest of South India has to offer, on what Vanity Fair calls 'one of the seven best luxury train experiences in the world'.

THE PRIDE OF THE SOUTH  
Bengaluru - Mysuru - Kabini -  
Srirangapatna - Belur - Halebeedu -  
Shravanabelagola - Hampi - Badami -  
Pattadakal - Goa - Bengaluru

SOUTHERN SPLENDOUR  
Bengaluru - Chennai - Mahabalipuram -  
Pondicherry - Tanjavur - Madurai -  
Nagercoil (Kanyakumari) - Alleppey -  
Kochi - Bengaluru



## ONE STATE. MANY FLAVOURS

Karnataka offers a spread that appeals to every palate. To the uninitiated, some of the preparations might come across as bewildering, but no less delicious. Regional food habits differ vastly depending on locally available ingredients.

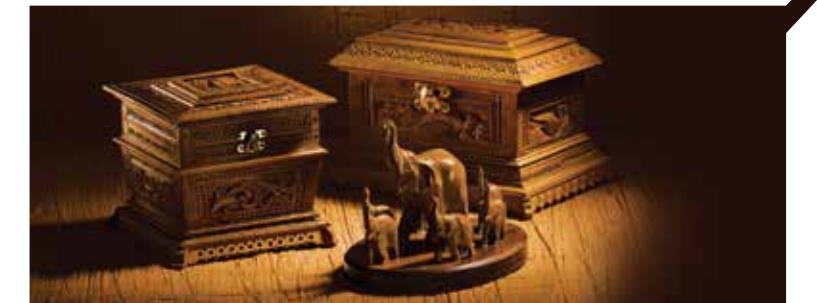
Udupi  
Mangalurean  
Malnad  
North Karnataka  
Kodava

YAKSHAGANA OR STAND-UP. SANDALWOOD  
FIGURINES OR LACQUERWARE TOYS.

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Poets, musicians, dancers, thespians, story tellers, writers, artists have flourished in these parts and have contributed to the state's well-versed repertoire. Its characteristic penchant for vibrancy can be seen from the state's performing arts, which it has perfected into one of extravagance, drama and sheer delight. And with its sandalwood, wood carvings, exquisite handicrafts and shimmering silks, Karnataka's rich cultural heritage is evident in every product, made by skilled and dedicated artisans.



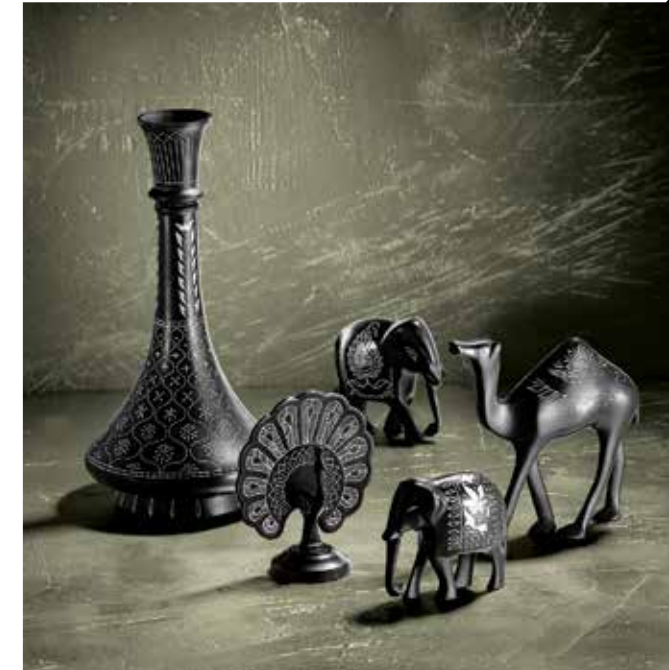


## YAKSHAGANA

The “celestial song” or ‘Yakshagana’ is the most enchanting amalgamation of dance, music and literature. This traditional theatre form with a history of over 400 years is known for its extemporaneous dialogue delivery. Bhagavatha, the main storyteller accompanies a group of musicians - ‘chande’ and ‘maddale’, as they weave mythological stories helped by hued costumes and dynamic dance forms.

### ART FORMS

- Dollu Kunita
- Beesu Kamsale
- Krishna Parijata
- Puja Kunita
- Ummaattaattu
- Veeragaase
- Somana Kunita



## CHANNAPATNA LACQUERWARE

Channapatna became the “toy town of Karnataka” nearly 200 years ago. Impressed by the craft of a lacquered-wood toy from Persia, the ruler of Mysuru is said to have brought artisans from Persia to train local artists in the craft. The rest they say is history. These toys are GI (Geographical Indication) tagged and are sought after by corporates for gifting.

### HANDICRAFTS

- Sandalwood Handicrafts
- Bidriware
- Terracotta Pottery
- Stone Carving
- Ilkal Sarees
- Silk Sarees
- Navalgund Dhurrie
- Metalware



GLITTERING MALLS OR SPRAWLING PARKS.  
FAST-FOOD JOINTS OR LEGENDARY HANGOUTS.

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Almost at the heart of South India, this cosmopolitan city is everything a world city needs to be. Pleasant weather, pleasant people, pleasant hangouts. And for its people, being 'Bengalured' has a rather affectionate tone to it.



## VIDHANA SOUDHA

An imposing edifice housing the State Legislature and the Secretariat of Karnataka, this is one of the best known landmarks of Bengaluru.

## LALBAGH GARDENS

Take a stroll in this 240-acre park, which is home to India's largest collection of rare tropical and subtropical plants, as well as many centuries-old trees. It contains one of Kempegowda's watch towers, a surreal lawn surrounded by Snow White and The Seven Dwarfs, an ornamental clock, a beautiful lake, a topiary park, a charming wooden bandstand and a glasshouse modelled on London's Crystal Palace.



## HOTSPOTS

- Bull Temple
- ISKCON Temple
- Infant Jesus Church
- Tippu's Summer Palace
- Bengaluru Palace
  
- Cubbon Park
- Bannerghatta National Park
- Ulsoor Lake
- Wonder La
  
- Karnataka Chitrakala Parishat
- Visvesharaya Industrial Museum
- National Gallery of Modern Art
- Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium
- Govt. Museum
- HAL Aerospace Museum
  
- Shopping malls
- World/ Karnataka cuisine
- Pubs/ fine dining



- Adventure
- Airport
- Art Forms
- Beaches
- Buddhist Circuit
- Coffee Plantations
- Cuisine
- Handicrafts
- Hill Station
- Historical Monument
- Jain Circuit
- Jungle Lodges & Resorts Properties
- Media Acclaimed Destination
- National Park/ Wildlife Sanctuaries
- The Golden Chariot
- Water Falls
- Wellness Centres
- World Heritage Site



**Bengaluru: International Connectivity**

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

**Karnataka Fact File**

- Capital : Bengaluru
- Districts : 30
- Languages : Kannada, Tulu, Konkani, Kodava and Hindi. English is also widely spoken
- Religion : Hinduism, Islam, Christianity, Jainism and Buddhism
- Currency : Indian Rupee
- Area : 1,91,791 sq. km.
- Population : 61.09 Million (2011 census)
- Time : GMT + 5.30
- Latitude and Longitude : 11° to 18° North, 74° to 78° East
- Temperature : 10° - 40°C (dependent on location and season)
- Rainy season : June - September
- Airports : Bengaluru, Mangaluru, Hubballi, Belagavi, Mysuru and Ballari

*Karnataka*  
*One state. Many worlds.*

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