



Indian Routes

MYSORE DASARA FESTIVAL

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Mysore, Karnataka



Intricately woven with legends and mythology, the city of Mysore is a storehouse of history and cultural festivities. Local narratives reveal that this place was once ruled by a buffalo-headed demon, Mahishasura. People prayed to the gods to free them from his reign when Goddess Parvathi came to their rescue by taking the form of Chamundeshwari in a battle that lasted for nine days till he was vanquished. The city derives its name from this demon and celebrates this legend with the Dasara Festival, a tradition started by the Vijayanagar kings in the 19th century.

During the festivities, the Mysore Palace is adorned in lights and streets become vibrant with procession of decked-up elephants carrying the idol of Goddess Chamundeshwari in the golden howdah. The Goddess is worshipped by the royal family and masses alike, along with colourful tableaux, ecstatic dancing groups and music bands, horses and camels. Across the illuminated Mysore Palace is the local Dasara exhibition selling clothes, kitchenware, cosmetic products, exquisite handicrafts and local eatables. The nine nights are a celebration of Goddess Durga in all her incarnations with special pujas or prayers leading up to the tenth day, i.e. Vijayadashami to celebrate the victory of good over evil, a day when the Goddess Chamundeshwari slayed Mahishasura. Let's see this city in its full galore and fervour with decorated elephants, garlanded idols, folk dance performances, doll shows, food and film festival, wrestling and other sports, fireworks and much more.



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS



BANGALORE

Visit one of the most beautiful Botanical Gardens of the East.



MYSORE

Join in the celebrations of the Dasara Festival and listen to the fascinating tale of defeat of a demon at the hands of a goddess.



CHIKMAGALUR

Go on an excursion of the beautiful temples at Belur and Halebeedu of the Hoysala rulers of the 12th century.



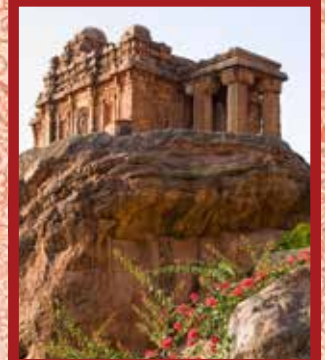
HOSPET

Stroll through the rocky hills and explore the ruins of the Chitradurga Fort.



HAMPI

Admire this open air museum boasting of beautiful temples and remains of palaces.



BADAMI

Enjoy the fascinating Hindu mythology at Badami caves and admire the temple town of Aihole with over 125 temples here as well as the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Pattadakal.

MUST DO



Buy specimen of Mysore silk and other handlooms, sandalwood sculptures, wood carvings and Indian spices



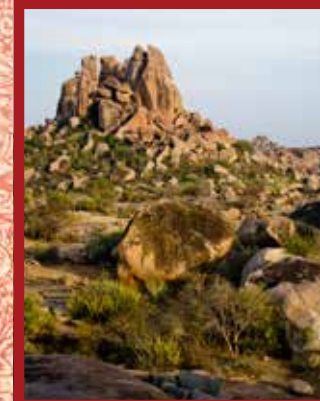
Tanga/horse cart ride at the Dasara Festival.



Enjoy aromatic filter coffee at Chikmagalur coffee plantations.



Binge on scrumptious south Indian delicacies (not to be tried in case of food allergies).



Rock climbing at Hampi.



DAILY TOUR PROGRAMME

08 Nights & 09 Days

- Day 01 : Arrival in Bangalore .Overnight stays at The Gateway Residency Road.
- Day 02 : Drive to Mysore (139 km/ 4 hours approx). Overnight stay at Radisson Blu.
- Day 03 : Experience the Dasara Festival. Overnight stay at Radisson Blu.
- Day 03 : Drive to Hassan, en route visit Sravanabelagola (150 km/ 4 hours approx).
Overnight stay at Hoysala Village.
- Day 04 : Drive to Hospet, en route visit Chitradurga (360 km/ 9 hours approx). Overnight stay at Royal Orchid Keeriti.
- Day 05 : Excursion to Hampi (13 km one way). Overnight stay at Royal Orchid Keeriti.
- Day 06 : Drive from Hospet to Hubli (268 km/ 6 hours approx). Overnight stay at The Gateway hotel Lakeside.
- Day 07 : Drive to Belgaum from Hubli to board flight to Bangalore. Overnight stay at Goldfinch Retreat.
- Day 08 : Departure from Bangalore.

Note: Festival dates are subject to change.

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