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### 1. Geographical location

Bangalore is situated on the south-east coast of India. At a height of over 900 m (3,000 ft.) above sea level, the city is located on the Deccan Plateau. Also known as the Silicon valley the average elevation of the city is 2,953 ft.



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### 2. Neighbouring cities/countries

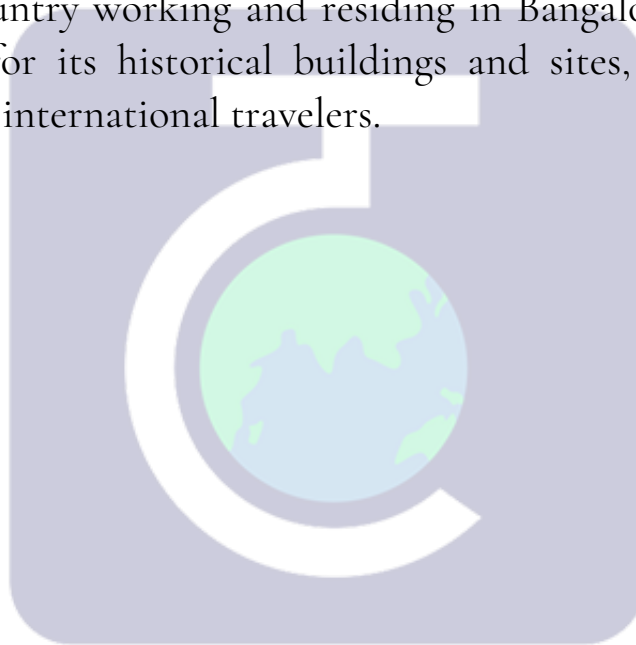
Bangalore Finds Itself Situated At A Distance Of 25km From Hoskote Consisting Of 333 Villages In Their Taluk. From Bangalore, Kumbalgodu Is Located At The Distance 26.8kms. Koramangala Is Located Within A Distance Of 7.4kms. The Famous Industrial City Nearer To Bangalore Is Hosur Which Is At The Distance Of 39.2kms. Whitefield Is A Neighbourhood Of Bangalore Located In The State Of Karnataka At A Distance Of 19.3 Km From The City.



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### 3. Significance

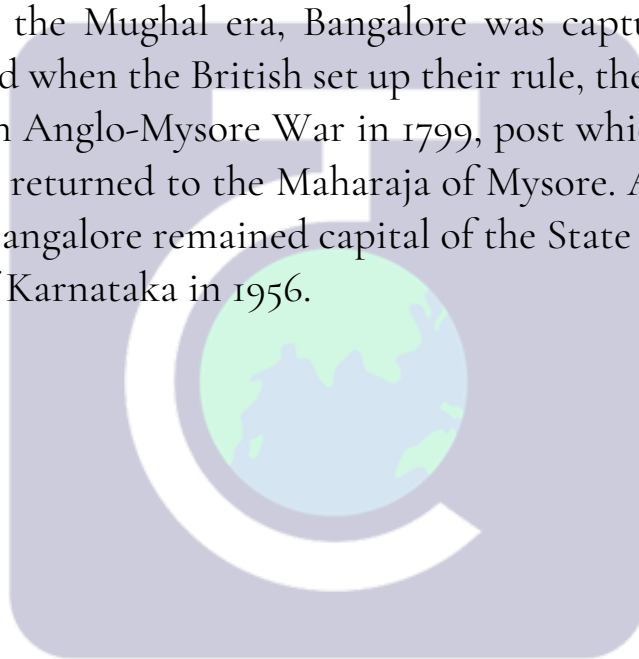
A metropolitan city, Bangalore is the third most populous city in India. The city is majorly known for its pleasant climate throughout the year. Once called the Garden City of India and Pensioner's Paradise for its lush green gardens and pristine landscape, the city is now the Silicone Valley of India due to the immense growth of the IT sector. Demographically the city is a slice of India with people from all over the country working and residing in Bangalore. It is also a major tourist destination for its historical buildings and sites, natural beauty, and facilities provided to international travelers.



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### 4. History

Much before Bangalore became one of the hottest tourist attractions of India, the city had been the breeding ground for a number of South Indian kingdoms and dynasties. The symbol of modern Bangalore's foundation was laid with the setting up of a mud fort by Kempé Gowdā – a feudal ruler under the Vijayanagara Empire, in 1537. Afterwards, the Marathas entered and conquered Bangalore for five decades. During the Mughal era, Bangalore was captured and sold to the Mysore kingdom. And when the British set up their rule, the city was detained by them after the Fourth Anglo-Mysore War in 1799, post which the administrative reins of the city were returned to the Maharaja of Mysore. After The British rule concluded in India, Bangalore remained capital of the State of Mysore, and it was declared as capital of Karnataka in 1956.



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### 5. Cultural identity

One of the fastest growing cities of India, Bangalore has established itself as the "Garden City of India", owing to its calm climatic conditions, expansive roadways, flora and fauna. Interestingly, Bangalore also is known as the 'Pub Capital of India'. The city is home to a good number of pubs and clubs which lend to making the city's nightlife well-renowned. The city regularly plays hosts to rock and metal music events too. The city of Bangalore has people that are friendly, accommodating and welcoming. People of all faiths reside in harmony, and all festivals are celebrated with much fanfare.





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### 6. Natural resources

The city is rich in its mineral wealth and has the deposits of Asbestos, Chromite, Dolomite, Gold, Iron Ore, Kaolin, Limestone, Magnetite, Manganese, Ochre, Quartz, Bauxite and Silica Sand. It is a major producer of Moulding sand, Fuchsite Quartzite and that of Felsite in the country. 20% of its total geographical area is covered by forests. It is a major center of Heavy as well as Basic industries in the country and referred as a Scientific City.



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### 7. Key site seeing places (paid and free)

#### 7.1. Paid

##### 7.1.1. Lalbagh Botanical Garden

Originally commissioned by Hyder Ali and later finished by his son, this is a famous botanical garden in the city. Also known as Red Garden, it is a home to a variety of species of birds such as mynas, parakeets, Brahmini kite, purple moor hen and pond heron. The major attraction of the garden is its Glass House, which known to hosts two annual flower shows.

Address : Bengaluru, Karnataka 560004

Zipcode : 560004

Location : 12.9507432, 77.58477730000004

Contact : 080 2657 8184

Website : <http://www.horticulture.kar.nic.in/lalbagh.htm#The%20Garden>

Nearest Public Transport : Lalbagh Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adult: INR 20 Children (Below 12): Free Entry for school children and the disabled is free all day. Flower Show Ticket prices during the week of Republic Day and Independence Day - INR 40 (On weekends and Public holidays - INR 50) and for children below 12 years- INR 10

Open & Close Timing : Daily 06:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

##### 7.1.2. Wonderla Amusement Park

Made by one of the leading amusement park designing companies, The Wonderla Amusement Park is one of the largest in the country spreading over an area of 82 acres. Wonderla provides an unforgettable and all-round experience for the entire family with its 61 thrilling rides that cater to every age group.

Address : 28th km, Mysore Road, Before Bidadi, Bengaluru, KA 562109

Zipcode : 562109

Location : 12.835842, 77.40181000000007

Contact : 080 2201 0333

Website : <http://www.wonderla.com/bangalore-amusement-park/>

Nearest Public Transport : Wonderla Amusement Park Bus Station

Entry Fee : Regular Ticket Price Adult - INR 920 Child (height, ranging between 90 - 140 cm) - INR 740 Fastrack Tickets Adult - INR 1,840 Child - INR 1,480  
Open & Close Timing : Monday-Friday 11:00hrs-18:00hrs; Saturday-Sunday 11:00hrs-19:00hrs  
Time Required : 5  
Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes  
Buy Ticket : No

### 7.1.3. Bannerghatta National Park

Established in 1970, the Bannerghatta Park was declared as a National Park in 1974. Since then it has established itself as a very popular tourist destination featuring a pet corner, zoo, animal rescue centre, aquarium, snake house, safari park and a butterfly enclosure. There are also ancient temples for worship in the park and it is a destination for hiking and trekking.

Address : Bannerghatta Road, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560083

Zipcode : 560083

Location : 12.800731, 77.57780400000001

Contact : 091649 50099

Website : <http://bannerghattabiologicalpark.org/>

Nearest Public Transport : Bannerghatta National Park BMTC Bus Depot

Entry Fee : Zoo entry Adults: INR 80/- Children (aged 6-12): INR 40/- Senior Citizen: INR 50/- Butterfly Park Adults: INR 30/- Children (aged 6-12): INR 20/- Senior Citizen: INR 20/- Grand Safari (Through normal bus) (Tiger , Lion, Bear & Herbivore safari) + Zoo Adults: INR 260/- Children (aged 6-12): INR 130/- Senior Citizen: INR 150/- For Foreign Citizens (Non-SAARC countries) Adults: INR 400/- Children: INR 300/-

Open & Close Timing : Wednesday-Monday 10:00hrs-17:00hrs; Tuesday Closed

Time Required : 3

Buy Ticket : Yes

### 7.1.4. Bangalore Palace

Currently owned by the royal family of Mysore, the Bengaluru Palace was built by the first principal of the Central High School in the state, Sir Rev J. Garrett. The construction of the palace started in 1862 and was completed in 1944. The palace

is known for its grand architecture and beautiful decor. It is surrounded by large grounds, which are known to host music concerts and events, few of which include Akon, David Guetta, Backstreet Boys, Don Moen.

Address : Near Mount Carmel Institute of Management, Palace Road, Vasant Nagar, Bangalore, Karnataka 560052

Zipcode : 560052

Location : 12.9986907, 77.59200929999997

Contact : +91-8023360818

Website : <http://www.karnatakaturism.org/>

Nearest Public Transport : Jayamahal Bus Station

Entry Fee : Indians - INR 225 Foreigners - INR 450 Still Camera - INR 675

Mobile Camera - INR 100 Camcorder - INR 1000

Open & Close Timing : Daily 10:00hrs-17:30hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.1.5. Visvesvaraya Industrial and Technological Museum

Founded in the memory of Bharat Ratna achiever, Sir M. Visvesvaraya, the Visvesvaraya Industrial and Technological Museum is a constituent unit of National Council of Science Museums, which houses various scientific engines and experiments. The museum exhibits galleries of engine hall, BEL hall of electronics, a space-emerging technology, children science gallery and biotechnological revolution.

Address : P. B. No. 5216, Kasturba Road, Beside Karnataka State Government Museum, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560001

Zipcode : 560001

Location : 12.9752264, 77.59634489999996

Contact : 080 2286 6200

Website : <http://www.vismuseum.gov.in/index.html>

Entry Fee : General Visitors - INR 40 Organised school groups - INR 20  
Organised Govt. / Municipal school groups - INR 10 BPL Category on production of valid BPL card - INR 5 3D show for general public - INR 25 3D show for Organised school groups - INR 20 3D show for Govt. / Municipal school groups: INR 10 Taramandal for general public - INR 10 Taramandal for

Organised school groups - INR 10 Taramandal for Govt. / Municipal school groups - INR 5 SDL for general public - INR 10 SDL for Organised school groups - INR 10 SDL for Govt. / Municipal school groups: INR 5 SOS (Science on a Sphere) for general public - INR 25 SOS for Organised school groups - INR 20 SOS for Govt. /Municipal school groups - INR 10

Open & Close Timing : Daily 10:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.1.6. Tipu Sultan's Summer Palace

Situated close to the vibrant Krishnarajendra Market, The Tipu Sultan's Summer Palace boasts of an Indo-Islamic architecture, which was built by Kempe Gowda, the founder of Bangalore as a summer residence for the ruler of Mysore, Tipu Sultan. Known for its elegant teak pillars and architecture this palace houses ancient artefacts relating to Tipu Sultan that will take you back into the rich history of India.

Address : Allbert Victor Road, Chamrajpet, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560018

Zipcode : 560018

Location : 12.9592693, 77.57360930000004

Contact : 080 2670 6836

Nearest Public Transport : Makkala Koota Bus Stop

Entry Fee : Indian – INR 5 Foreigners – INR 100 Camera – FREE Video – INR 25

Open & Close Timing : Daily 8:30hrs-17:30hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.1.7. HAL Aerospace Museum

HAL Aerospace Museum is India's first aerospace museum, which was established in 2001. The museum is a part of the HAL Heritage Centre and Aerospace Centre. It showcases the growth of the Indian Aviation Industry and displays several aircrafts, helicopters, flight stimulators, a mock air traffic control tower, aircraft engine models and exhibits of the Indian aviation history.

Address : Varthur Main Rd, Marathahalli, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560037

Zipcode : 560037

Location : 12.9588606, 77.67164600000001

Contact : +91-8022318341

Website : [http://www.hal-india.com/Heritage%20Centre%20and%20Aerospace%20Museum/M\\_\\_20](http://www.hal-india.com/Heritage%20Centre%20and%20Aerospace%20Museum/M__20)

Nearest Public Transport : HAL Kalyana Mantapa Bus Station

Entry Fee : INR 30

Open & Close Timing : Daily 09:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 5 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.1.8. National Gallery of Modern Art

Inaugurated in the year 2009, National Gallery of Modern Art is an elegant art gallery, which showcases modern Indian art and houses a vast variety of paintings created by famous contemporary artists, such as Raja Ravi Verma, Amrita Sher-Gil, Rabindranath Tagore, Jamini Roy and others. With over 500 beautiful exhibits, this place is known to attract a lot of art lovers.

Address : Flat No. 49, Palace Road, Manikyavelu Mansion, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560052

Zipcode : 560052

Location : 12.9897471, 77.58815019999997

Contact : 080 2234 2338

Website : <http://ngmaindia.gov.in/>

Nearest Public Transport : Cunningham Road Bus Stop

Entry Fee : Indian – INR 20 Foreigners – INR 500

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday-Sunday 10:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.1.9. Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium

Founded by Bangalore City Corporation and Bangalore Association of Science Education in 1992, The Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium is known to attract science and space lovers with its popular shows like the Sky Theatre Show and Know

Your Stars, giving details on constellations and planets. Visitors can also get a brief insight into science at the surrounding Science and Children's Park.

Address : Sri T. Choudaiah Road, High Grounds, Ambedkar Veedhi, Sampangi Rama Nagar, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560001

Zipcode : 560001

Location : 12.984865, 77.58957179999993

Contact : 080 2237 9725

Website : <http://www.taralaya.org/index.php>

Nearest Public Transport : High Ground Police Station Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adult – INR 35 Children – INR 20

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday-Saturday 12:15hrs-16:30hrs; Sunday 11:15hrs-16:30hrs; Monday Closed

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.1.10. Indira Gandhi Musical Fountain Park

Based on multimedia technology and hardware architecture, Indira Gandhi Musical Fountain Park is the biggest and one of the most technically advanced fountains in India, which was created in 1995. This place is visited by all age group and is a major attraction for tourists traveling with children.

Address : Opp. to Jawahar Lal Nehru Planetarium, Raj Bhawan Road, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560001

Zipcode : 560001

Location : 12.9852976, 77.59061180000003

Contact : +91-8022864125

Website : <http://www.horticulture.kar.nic.in/music.htm>

Nearest Public Transport : High Ground Police Station

Entry Fee : Adult – INR 30 Children (under 5) – INR 5

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday-Sunday 07:00hrs-20:30hrs; Monday Closed

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.1.11. Innovative Film City



The Innovative Film City is an effervescent place to have a great fun with your family. It has various family-friendly attractions such as Dino Park, Mirror Maze, Cartoon City, Aqua Kingdom, Mini Golf and more such spots. It is a popular shooting location for many Indian TV shows and movies, so there are chances of you bumping into celebrities here. You can also try some adrenaline-filled activities like go-karting, bungee jumping and dirt biking.

Address : 24 & 26, Kiadb Estates, Bidadi, Bengaluru – 562 109, Karnataka, India

Zipcode : 562109

Location : 12.7787679, 77.41489019999995

Contact : +91-8022099000

Website : <http://innovativefilmcity.in/>

Nearest Public Transport : Byramangala Lake Bus Station

Entry Fee : INR 599

Open & Close Timing : Daily 10:00hrs-19:00hrs

Time Required : 4

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.1.12. Butterfly Park

This elusive and fascinating park was created to support education, research and conservation of butterflies. The park features major facilities such as the Butterfly Garden to sustain the local butterfly population, a research and captive breeding laboratory, a curio shop and a butterfly conservatory. Generally visited by researchers and science students, this park is now garnering attention of tourists who want to relax and spend some time with nature, because of its calm and pleasant atmosphere.

Address : Bannerghatta Road, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560083

Zipcode : 560083

Location : 12.7960402, 77.57647450000002

Contact : 091649 50099

Website : <http://bannerghattabiologicalpark.org/>

Nearest Public Transport : Bannerghatta National Park BMTC Bus Depot

Entry Fee : Adult - INR 30 Children (6-12yrs) - INR 20 Senior citizens - INR 20

Foreigners - INR 400

Open & Close Timing : Wednesday-Monday 10:00hrs-17:00hrs; Tuesday Closed



Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No



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### 7.2. Free

#### 7.2.1. Cubbon Park

Established in 1870, this park is known to have a significant history and is named after Sir Mark Cubbon who served the commissioner of Mysuru in 1870. It is known as the green area of Bengaluru as it is spread over 300 acres of land and boasts of a huge variety of flora and fauna. Before being named as Cubbon Park it was named after Sir John Meade and was known as the Meade's Park.

Address : Behind High Court, Ambedkar Veedhi, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560001

Zipcode : 560001

Location : 12.9763472, 77.5929284

Contact : 080 2286 4125

Nearest Public Transport : Venkatappa Art Gallery Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 06:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

#### 7.2.2. Nandi Temple

Built in 153, this Hindu temple situated in the Bull Temple. Since a bull is often referred to as a sacred creature and a Vahanna for Lord Shiva, this place of worship attracts many devotees. The 15 feet granite sculpture of Nandi is the main attraction along with the sculpture of the elephant-headed Hindu deity, Lord Ganesha. This temple is said to house one of the largest sculptures of the sacred Nandi.

Address : Bull Temple Rd, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560004

Zipcode : 560004

Location : 12.971401, 77.57746429999997

Contact : 080 2667 8777

Nearest Public Transport : Ganesh Bhavan Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 06:00hrs-20:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

#### 7.2.3. Vidhana Soudha

Built in the Mysore Neo-Dravidian style which incorporates elements of the Dravidian and Indo-Saracenic style, Vidhana Soudha is a seat of the state legislature. The foundation stone was laid by the first president of India, Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru and inaugurated in 1956. "Government's Work is God's Work" is the slogan that is inscribed on the entrance of the building displaying the vision of the state legislature.

Address : Dr Ambedkar Rd, Sampangi Ramnagar, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560001

Zipcode : 560001

Location : 12.981084, 77.588659

Contact : +91-8022252442

Website : <http://www.karnataka.gov.in/Pages/kn.aspx>

Nearest Public Transport : Vidhana Soudha Subway Station

Open & Close Timing : Monday-Friday 09:30hrs-17:30hrs

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

#### 7.2.4. St. Mary's Basilica

Built in in 1882 by Rev. F.R. Kleiner, St. Mary Basilica is one of the oldest churches in the state and is the only church which enjoys the status of a minor basilica. Its formation dates back to 17th century. This place is a must-visit during the St. Mary's Feast, which is an annual event held in the month of September and is visited by a large number of devotees.

Address : Msgr. F. Noronha Road, Shivaji Nagar, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560051

Zipcode : 560051

Location : 12.9842288, 77.60444039999993

Contact : 080 2286 5434

Website : <http://www.stmarysbasilica.in/>

Nearest Public Transport : Shivajinagar Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 06:00hrs-21:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

#### 7.2.5. Sri Gavi Gangadhareshwara Swamy Temple

Sri Gavi Gangadhareshwara Swamy Temple is a stellar example of Indian rock-

cut housing sculptures of Lord Shiva. Built by Kempe Gowda, this temple displays various idols that include Agnimurthi, with two heads; but the major attraction is a mysterious stone disc in the forecourt that often intrigues archaeology enthusiasts.

Address : Gavipura, Kempegowda Nagar, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560019

Zipcode : 560019

Location : 12.9481969, 77.56301480000002

Nearest Public Transport : Gavigangadhara Temple Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 06:00hrs-20:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.6. Jayaprakash Narayan Biodiversity Park

Developed by the Bangalore municipal corporation, the Jayaprakash Narayan Biodiversity Park is popularly known as JP Park and was opened in 2006 by HD Kumaraswamy, the Chief Minister of the state. Comprising of four lakes, over 250 varieties of trees and shrubs, and a nursery of different aquatic species, it is the third largest park in the city after Lalbagh and Cubbon Park.

Address : 22/1, Tank Bund Rd, Brindavan Nagar, Mathikere Brindavan Nagar, Mathikere, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560054

Zipcode : 560054

Location : 13.0348656, 77.55338370000004

Nearest Public Transport : Chowdeshwari JP Park Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 05:00hrs-09:00hrs; 16:00hrs-20:30hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.7. Commercial Street

It is a busy street full of shops selling international brands as well as home-grown products. The big brands are lined up at the main streets, while silver jewellery, slippers, hide fabric are sold at the narrower ones.

Address : Bengaluru, Karnataka 560001

Zipcode : 560001

Location : 12.9821938, 77.60836040000004

Nearest Public Transport : Commercial Street Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.8. Devanahalli Fort

Built in 1501, the Devanahalli Fort was originally built by Mallabairegowda and remained in the hands of his descendants until Nanjarajaiah captured the fort by attacking it in 1749. The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has declared the fort as a protected monument.

Address : Devanahalli, Southegowdanahalli, Karnataka

Location : 13.2489607, 77.7097953

Nearest Public Transport : Devanahalli Railway Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 07:00hrs-20:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.9. Sangama at Meedaatu

Sanagama, meaning union, is a place where Arkavati merges with the Kaveri river. There is a mythological significance to this place, which states that the goat that crossed the Kaveri was the Hindu deity Lord Shiva in disguise. It is believed that only divine goats could mark their footprints in the hard rocks, thus it became a sacred place as both rocky precipices of the gorge bear footprints, which are similar to goats' hooves.

Address : Kanakpura, Karnataka India, Mugguru Forest, Karnataka 562126

Zipcode : 562126

Location : 12.2576017, 77.4458151

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.10. Iskcon Temple

One of the largest Iskcon Temples in the world, this destination is known for its sublime sculptures of Hindu deities Radha-Krishna. One of the major attractions

here is the 17-meter-high gold-plated flag post and 8.5 meter-high gold-plated Kalash. The temple consists of several shrines such as those of Radha-Krishna, Krishna-Balrama, Nitai Gauranga, Venkateswara, Prahlad Narasimha, Srila Prabhupada and many more.

Address : Hare Krishna Hill, Chord Road, Rajaji Nagar, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560010

Zipcode : 560010

Location : 13.0118137, 77.55142899999998

Contact : 080 2357 8347

Website : <https://www.iskconbangalore.org/>

Nearest Public Transport : Government Soap Factory Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 04:15hrs-20:20hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.11. Art of Living International Center

Exploring the ashram, you can choose from numerous residential courses along with enjoying meditative nature walks. It is an experience of a lifetime, as you the tranquillity of the center takes over your senses, making you feel calm. You can also indulge in voluntary works at the ashram from serving food to sweeping the premises.

Address : Ved Vignan Maha Vidya Peeth, 21st Km, Kanakapura Road, Udayapura, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560082

Zipcode : 560082

Location : 12.821043, 77.51448700000003

Contact : +91-8067262626

Nearest Public Transport : Dayanand Sagar College Bus Stop

Open & Close Timing : Daily 09:00hrs-20:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.12. Surya Narayana Temple Road

Constructed in 1995 the Suryanaryana Temple was built by Shri Patel D.R. Krishna Reddy. The temple is beautifully built by skilled artisans using rock

granite and the architecture defines Chola style. This is amongst the few Sun Temples in the world and therefore attracts thousands of devotees every day.

Address : 192/7, HAL Airport Rd, Domlur Village, Domlur, Domlur Village, Domlur, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560071

Zipcode : 560071

Location : 12.9557997, 77.6389431

Contact : 099720 00118

Website : [http://suryatemple.org/index\\_1.htm](http://suryatemple.org/index_1.htm)

Nearest Public Transport : Domlur Bus Stop

Open & Close Timing : Monday-Saturday 8:00hrs-12:00hrs; 17:00hrs-20:30hrs;

Sunday 6:00hrs-13:00hrs; 17:00hrs-20:30hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.13. Residency Road

Zipcode : 0

Location : 12.969061, 77.60197149999999

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.14. Marathahalli

Zipcode : 0

Location : 12.9591722, 77.69741899999997

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.15. Brigade Road

Zipcode : 0

Location : 12.9707031, 77.60680780000007

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.16. MG Road

Zipcode : 0

Location : 12.9729914, 77.61673369999994

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.17. UB City

Zipcode : 0

Location : 12.9715076, 77.59640869999998

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.18. Forum Mall

Zipcode : 0

Location : 12.9347841, 77.61231859999998

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.19. Sampige Road

Zipcode : 0

Location : 13.0028293, 77.57126340000002

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No





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### 8. Key sites sports & adventure

A tour to Bangalore is incomplete without participating in adventure activities. This is because of the endless list of adventure sports that will help you unwind and rejuvenate your mind and body. Some of them include trekking and caving, kayaking, rafting, night camping with bonfires, quad biking, wildlife safaris, paint ball, micro-light flying, gokarting, zorbing, wall climbing among others.

- **Boating at lumbini gardens -**

Address : Lumbini Gardens, Nagawara Lake, Ring Road, Hebbal, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560045

Location : 13.0448805,77.6085027

Contact No : 093434 44646

Website : <http://www.lumbinigardens.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Veeranna Palya Bus Station

Entry Fees : INR 200

Open / Close Time : Daily 11:00hrs-19:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Wait Time : 10 minutes

- **Boating at Ulsoor Lake Boating And Park -**

Address : Ulsoor Lake, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560042

Location : 12.9855526,77.62234869999999

Nearest Public Transport : Ajantha Talkies Bus Station

Entry Fees : INR 35

Open / Close Time : Daily 06:00hrs-20:00hrs

Time Required : 2.00

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### 9. Adventure sports, Local sports, stadiums

There is a rich sporting tradition in Bangalore involving major sports such as cricket, horse racing, aquatic sports, tennis, football, hockey, badminton, squash and much more. The city is well endowed with sports facilities that include cricket stadium, tennis and badminton courts and golf courses that host major events and training session for famous teams.

- **M Chinnaswamy Stadium:**

Address : MG Road, Near Gandhi Park, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560001

Location : 12.9788303,77.59961509999994

Contact No : 080 4015 4015

Website : <http://www.ksca.cricket/>



## 10. Spas and relaxation

- **Ayurvedagram Heritage Wellness Centre:**

Address : Hemandanahalli, Samethanahalli Post, Whitefield, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560067

Location : 12.9688984,77.79933310000001

Contact No : 080 6565 1091

Website : <http://www.ayurvedagram.com/>

- **Four Fountains De-Stress Spa:**

Address : No.22/1, Above Bombay Dyeing, 5th Cross, 60 Feet Road, 5th Block, Koramangala, KHB Block Koramangala, 5th Block, Koramangala, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560095

Location : 12.9349862,77.62279860000001

Contact No : 080 4121 5656

Website : <https://www.thefourfountainsspa.in/>

- **Fascinations Spa & Salon:**

Address : 109, 18th Main Rd, HAL 2nd Stage, Indiranagar, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560038

Location : 12.9623615,77.64270050000005


Contact No : 097411 50300

## 11. Events calendar

### Month

### Events

**Wildlife Photography camp –  
Banerghatta @ Banerghatta  
National Park, Bangalore, India  
(11th-12th)**



**Spot wildlife such as tigers and  
lions freely moving in natural  
environment offering great  
photographic opportunities. Visit  
the butterfly park, zoo and have a  
guided nature walk.**

**Hastakalaa @ Karnataka  
Chitrakala Parishath , north  
bangalore (5th)**

**This ethnic extravaganza  
involves exhibition of skills and  
products by NGO'S and around  
120 groups of craft designers.  
Fête de la Musique (International  
Music Festival) @ Alliance  
Française, Vasanthnagar,  
Bangalore (21st and 22nd)**

**This event entails 46 bands and  
lots of musicians performing  
different genres such as  
acapella, rock, jazz, retro and  
Indian Classical.**

**Malleswaram Walk @ Kadu**

## **Malleshwara Temple , Bangalore (10th)**

**This walk gives you an opportunity to experience South Indian life including street shopping of Pooja material, hand-woven flowers, dosas and freshly brewed coffee.**

**Guinness world record event @  
Sri Veena Vani Music School,  
Bangalore, India (6th)**

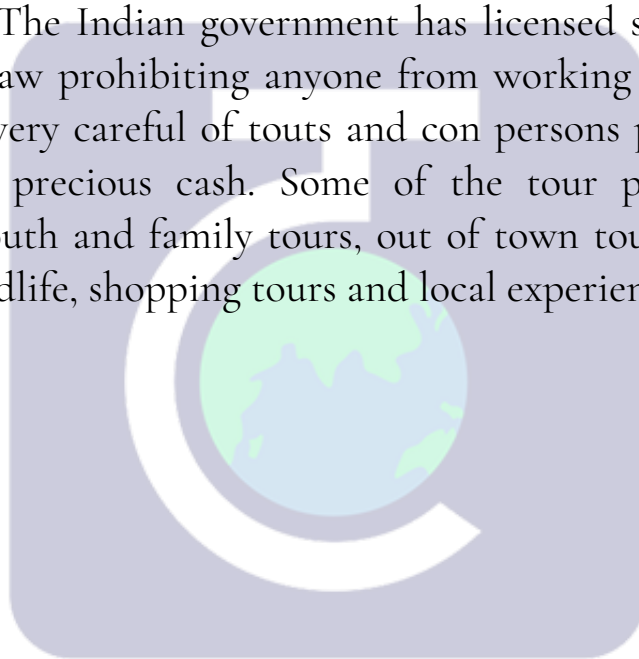
**Organized by a Carnatic  
Classical Music School, this  
event entails performances of  
Janagana mana, Vande Mataram,  
Kundagowra and others.**



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### 12. Key local guides and tours

Bangalore is renowned as the Garden city of India and home to IT industry. For first time visitors, it may be difficult navigating through the busy commercial district and making it around all key attraction sites. You will therefore need to get a local tour guide who is familiar with the city, culture and heritage of the people. You can choose and communicate to your tour guide prior to booking your intended tour. The Indian government has licensed some tour guides but there is no specific law prohibiting anyone from working as a tour guide. You should therefore be very careful of touts and con persons posing as tour guides just to extort your precious cash. Some of the tour packages available in Bangalore include youth and family tours, out of town tours, religious heritage tours, nature and wildlife, shopping tours and local experience tour packages.



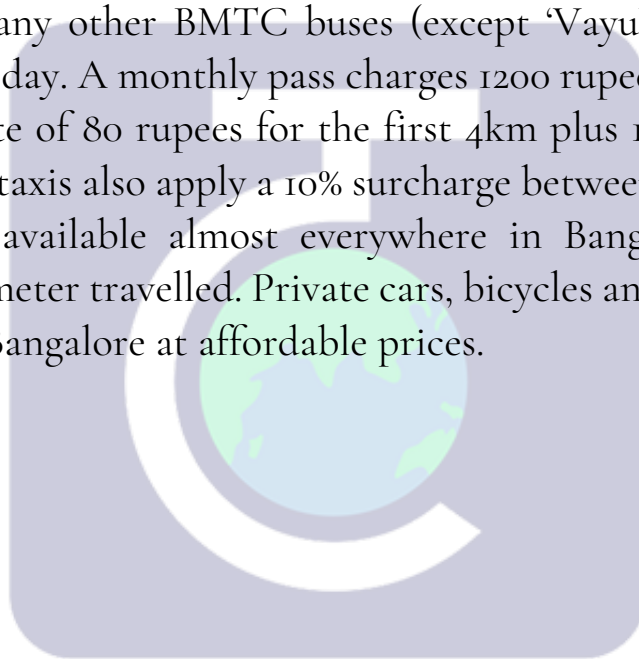
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### 13. Transportation hubs

Kempegowda International Airport was established in 2008 to replace the HAL Bangalore Airport. It is the main airport serving Bangalore capital and is located at Devanahallil which 34.6 km away from the city. The various routes from the airport to the city center are well covered by reliable and cost effective transport network. Most of the taxi operators charge 800 rupees - 900 rupees and an additional waiting fee of 12 rupees (for every 15 minutes) after the first free 20 minutes of waiting. Visitors can also opt for public transport particularly the Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation, (BMTTC) which provides airport shuttle services with their famous 'VayuVajra' buses. The air-conditioned buses charge approximately 50-200 rupees depending on distance travelled. Car rentals are also available at the airport and premium cars (e.g. Innova or Honda) rentals cost 1,200 rupees for distances of up to 35 Km. There are two major railway terminals in Bangalore namely The Bangalore City Railway Station(opposite Majestic bus stand) and Yeshwantpur Junction located along Tumkur road.

## 14. Transportation cost

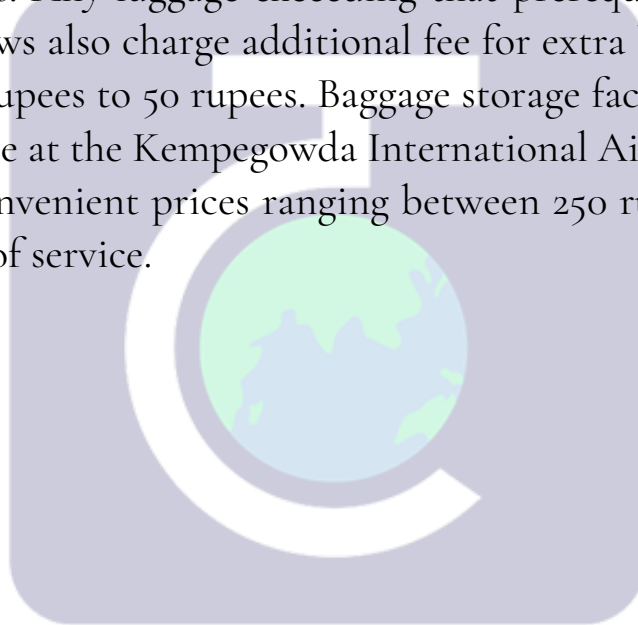
Getting around Bangalore is easy, safe and very convenient. Public transit particular city buses are the most common form of transport considering their cheap rates. Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTc) provides regular and air-conditioned buses with a slight fare difference. Most of the buses follow a regular schedule and charge from 20 rupees. Daily passes cost 40 rupees and can be used in any other BMTc buses (except 'VayuVajra') for unlimited number of times in a day. A monthly pass charges 1200 rupees. Taxis in Bangalore charge a standard rate of 80 rupees for the first 4km plus 19.50 rupees for every extra kilometer. The taxis also apply a 10% surcharge between midnight and 6 am. Auto-rickshaws are available almost everywhere in Bangalore and charge 15 rupees for every kilometer travelled. Private cars, bicycles and motors bike rentals are also available in Bangalore at affordable prices.





**Index****15. Baggage allowance**

Carrying extra luggage within Bangalore maybe convenient but may incur some additional costs. Most of the taxis do not charge any fee for the first 120 kg luggage i.e. suitcase, backpack, beddings etc. However, 5 rupees – 7 rupees applies for every extra 20 Kgs. Public transport such as BMTC buses allow passengers to carry personal including suitcase, kit bag, travel bag or any other equipment that doesn't exceed 15 Kgs. Any luggage exceeding that prerequisite is charged at 50 rupees. Auto-rickshaws also charge additional fee for extra luggage which should be no more than 10 rupees to 50 rupees. Baggage storage facilities are available in Bangalore for instance at the Kempegowda International Airport which has a left luggage facility at convenient prices ranging between 250 rupees to 2,000 rupees depending on hours of service.



## 16. Restaurant & Nightlife

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- **Davangere Benne Masale:**

Address : Anjana Nagar, Bedarahalli, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560091

Location : 12.9852641,77.4865025000000

- **Khan Saheb Grills and Rolls:**

Address : Ground Floor, Sri Shiva Sai Complex, 7th Main Road, 13th Cross Road, HAL 2nd Stage, Off Double Road, Indiranagar, Indiranagar, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560008

Location : 12.9713387,77.6350066999999

Contact No : 088801 21121

Website : <http://khansaheb.co/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 12:30hrs-23:00hrs

- **Shivaji Military Hotel:**

Address : No.718, 1st C Main, 45th Cross, Jayanagar 8th Block, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560082

Location : 12.918043,77.57399620000001

Contact No : 098451 49217

Open / Close Time : Tuesday-Sunday 08:00hrs-15:30hrs

- **Fava:**

Address : UB City, 203, 2nd Floor, The Collection, UB City, 24 Vittal Mallya Road, KG Halli, D' Souza Layout, Ashok Nagar, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560001

Location : 12.972254,77.59623399999999

Contact No : 080 2211 7444

Website : <http://www.fava.in/>

Open / Close Time : Sunday-Thursday 11:00hrs-23:00hrs; Friday-Saturday 11:00hrs-01:00hrs

- **Windmills Craftworks:**

Address : No. 331, 5B Road, EPIP Zone, Whitefield, Next to L&T infotech, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560048

Location : 12.9824338,77.72180300000000

Contact No : 088802 3322

Website : <http://www.windmillscraftworks.com/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 11:00hrs-23:30hrs

- **Grasshopper:**

Address : 45, Arakere Bannerghatta Rd, Araka Mico Layout, Kalena Agrahara, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560076

Location : 12.864051,77.589879

Contact No : 080 2659 3999

Website : <http://www.grasshopper.in/>

Open / Close Time : Tuesday-Sunday 12:30hrs-15:00hrs; 19:30hrs-23:00hrs; Monday Closed

- **Toit Brewpub:**

Address : 298, 100 Feet Road, Near KFC Restaurant, Indira Nagar II Stage, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560038

Location : 12.9792338,77.6405906

Contact No : 090197 13388

Website : <http://toit.in/>

Open / Close Time : Sunday-Thursday 12:00hrs-23:30hrs; Friday & Saturday 12:00hrs-01:00hrs

- **Skye:**

Address : 24, 16th Floor, Uber level, Canberra Block, UB City, Vittal Mallya Road, Bangalore, Karnataka 560001

Location : 12.9718589,77.59636699999999

Contact No : 080 4909 0000

Website : <http://www.skye.in/>

Open / Close Time : Monday-Thursday 17:30hrs-23:00hrs; Friday & Saturday 17:30hrs-00:30hrs; Sunday 17:00hrs-23:00hrs

- **Big Pitcher:**

Address : L. R. Arcade, 4121, LR Arcade, HAL 2nd Stage, Ward 88, Old Airport Road, Next To Leela Palace, HAL 2nd Stage, Kodihalli, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560008

Location : 12.9601983,77.64688120000000

Contact No : 080 3951 0577

Website : <http://www.bigpitcher.co.in/>

Open / Close Time : Monday-Thursday, Sunday 11:00hrs-23:00hrs; Friday & Saturday 11:00hrs-01:00hrs



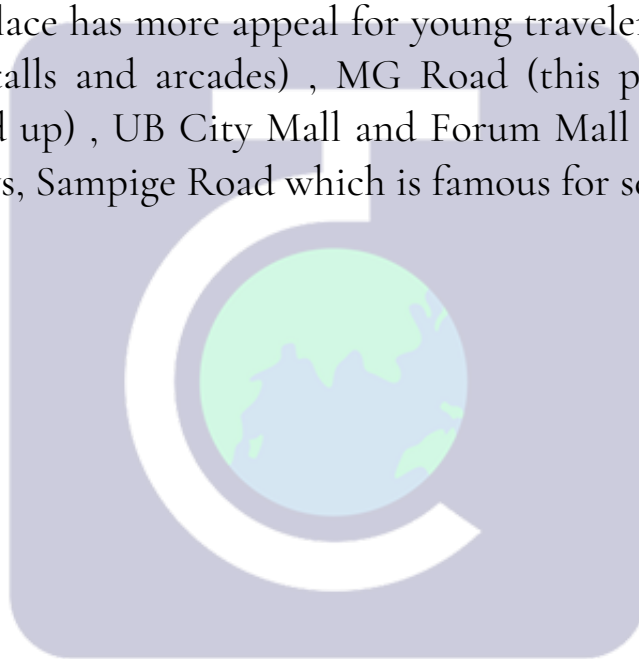
**Index****17. Average meal cost**

In an inexpensive restaurant a normal meal is available at 120.00 rupees. A three-course meal at a mid-range restaurant for two people is available at 700.00 rupees. A combo meal at McDonald's can be purchased at 200.00 rupees. You can have a fresh cappuccino at 92.45 rupees. 11.2 oz small bottle of water is available at 13.01 rupees. A mid-range bottle of Wine is available at 600.00 rupees.



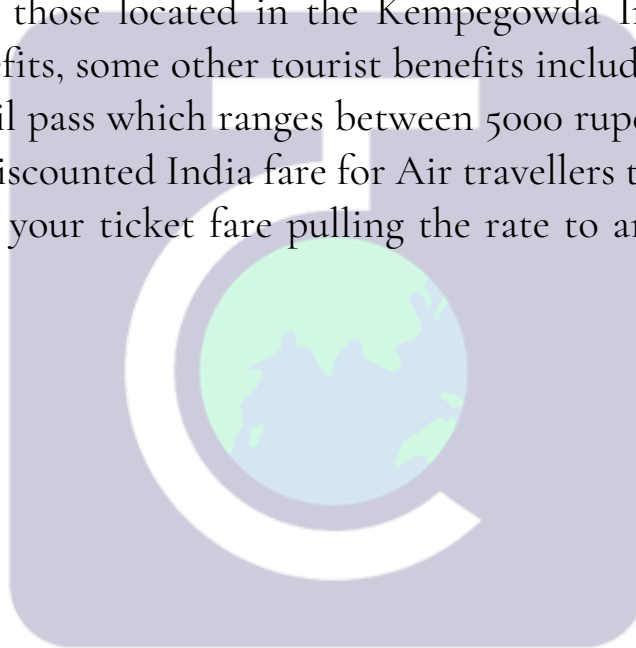
**Index****18. Shopping**

Bangalore is a tourist's shopping haven! If you don't know, Bangalore is where India's first-ever shopping mall open shop. The city offers a great mix of shopping options for all kinds of shoppers. There are number of areas which are popular shopping hubs in the city. Most well-known areas for shopping include: Residency Road , Marathahalli (here is where all retail action takes place!) , Brigade Road (this place has more appeal for young travelers, thanks to branded showrooms, street stalls and arcades) , MG Road (this place has all kinds of shopping stores lined up) , UB City Mall and Forum Mall for tourists that love making high-end buys, Sampige Road which is famous for second hand stores.



## 19. Tourist benefits

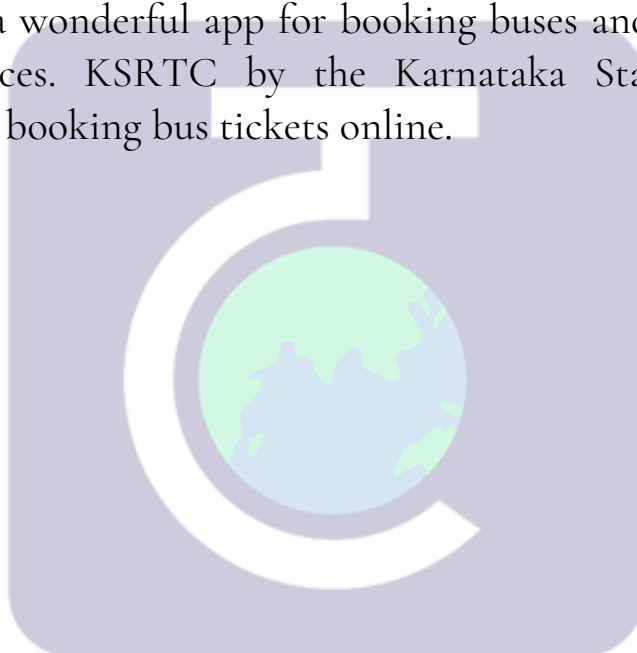
Currently, tourists cannot get VAT refunds in Bangalore. The Indian government only allows tax refunds to foreign registered companies doing business in Europe and other parts of the world. However, there are recent proposals aimed at allowing VAT refunds to foreigners visiting India so as to promote tourism and increase trade. Tourists visiting Bangalore have the option to buy goods at duty free shops especially those located in the Kempegowda International Airport. Apart from Tax benefits, some other tourist benefits include priority reservation for train users, Indrail pass which ranges between 5000 rupees and 40,000 rupees for train travel and discounted India fare for Air travellers that offers discount of almost up to 50% on your ticket fare pulling the rate to around 2000 rupees to 5000 rupees.





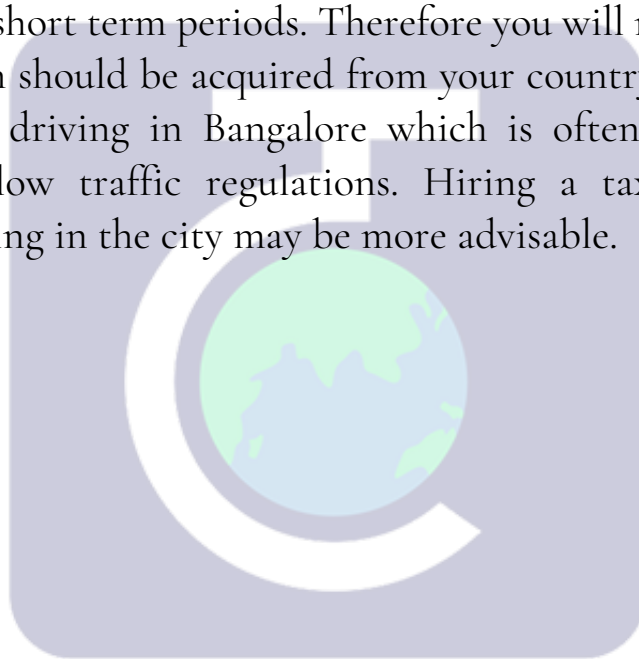
## 20. Essential local apps

Bangalore is best explored with the help of some useful mobile apps to guide you through sites and attractions that are worth a visit. ZipGo is a smart bus app to help in finding buses, routes, booking seats, live tracking of buses, etc. IRCTC Connect is useful to find trains, stations, schedules, routes, book and cancel tickets, and search and find many other facilities that the Indian Railway provides. RedBus is a wonderful app for booking buses and hotel rooms from a wide array of choices. KSRTC by the Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation helps in booking bus tickets online.



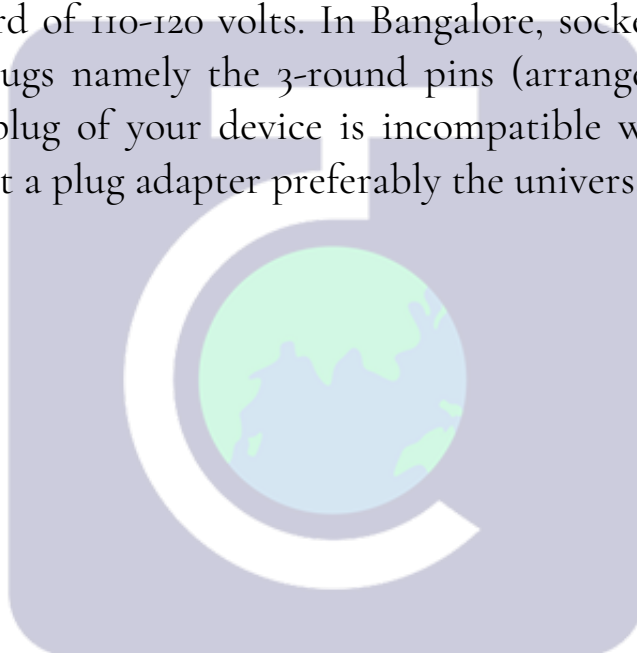
## 21. Driving

Only foreigners with an International driving permit are allowed to drive in Bangalore. Whereas getting a local driving license is possible, it may be difficult for tourists visiting on short term. Some of the requirements for applying for the local license include a valid visa, passport, lease agreement or proof of residential address and a residential permit. Residential permits are given to tourists or travelers visiting for short term periods. Therefore you will need an International driving Permit which should be acquired from your country of origin. However, you may reconsider driving in Bangalore which is often crowded and other motorists rarely follow traffic regulations. Hiring a taxi or driver who is conversant with driving in the city may be more advisable.



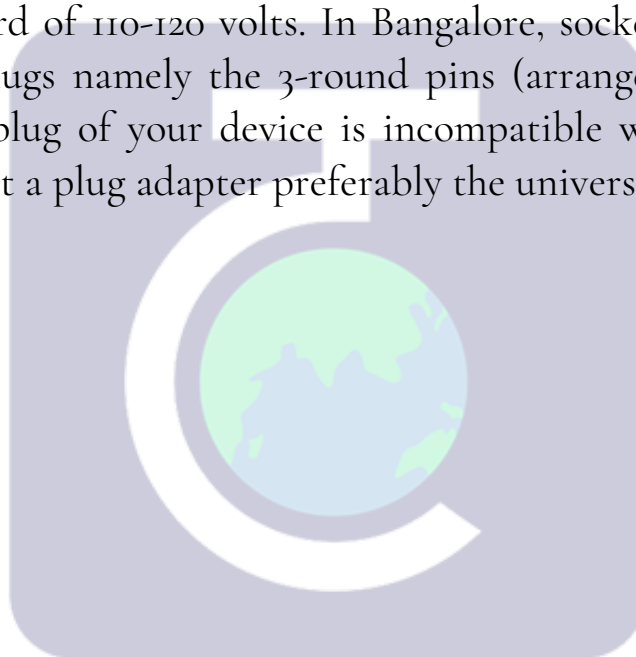
## 22. Travel essentials

Bangalore has a consistent supply of electricity with minimum power outages. It has a standard output of 240 Volts; alternating at a frequency of 50 Hz. Visitors carrying electronic appliances that are incompatible with this standard are advised to acquire voltage converters. You can purchase transformers that support 50-100 watts which are best for low wattage devices i.e. for visitors from places with a standard of 110-120 volts. In Bangalore, sockets are compatible to only two types of plugs namely the 3-round pins (arranged in a triangle) and 2-round pin. If the plug of your device is incompatible with these types, it is recommended you get a plug adapter preferably the universal plug adapter.



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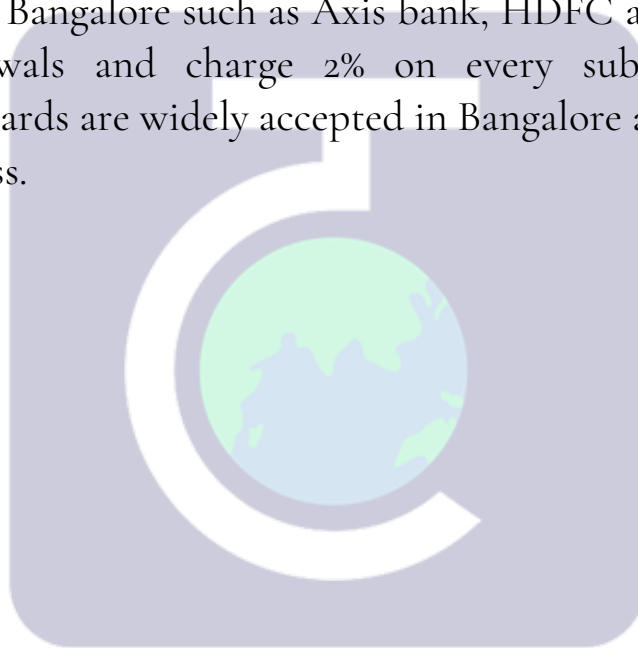
## 24. Local currency

The local currency of Bangalore is Indian Rupee. It is denoted as INR. 1 USD = INR 66.99



**Index****25. Change vendor's commission, ATM charges**

Bangalore is a famous tourist destination and therefore currency exchange vendors are considerably many. Ranging from private vendors such as fxkart and Dass India Money Change to commercial banks, exchange rates always differ from vendor to vendor. The average commission charged by the vendor's ranges between 2% to 3%. Some of the best hotels also offer currency exchange services. Most of the banks in Bangalore such as Axis bank, HDFC and SBI banks allow 3 free ATM withdrawals and charge 2% on every subsequent transaction. International travel cards are widely accepted in Bangalore as well as MasterCard and American Express.



**Index****26. Staying connected**

If you're planning to purchase a SIM card in Bangalore, be informed that foreigners are required to display the ID proof documentation at the initiation of the process. Ideally it is recommended that you buy SIM card which belong to Airtel, Vodafone, Reliance and BSNL as these are ranked to be the most popular and service providers.



## 27. Time Zone

Bangalore follows Indian Standard Time Zone (IST) with UTC + 05:30 hours.





**Index****28. Languages**

Kannada is the main and the primary language spoken here. The following languages include Tamil, Malayalam and Telugu.



**Index****29. Political Scenario**

The local municipality body in the city is responsible for all the civic progress and projects. Known as Greater Bangalore Municipal Corporation, the authority has played a big role in the rapid growth Bangalore is seeing in the last couple of years. Elections of the Municipal Council take place every five years. The outcome of the elections is decided on the basis of popular vote. Members contesting the elections are generally reps of major political parties of the state. The election of the city's Mayor and his deputy are decided in the council elections too.



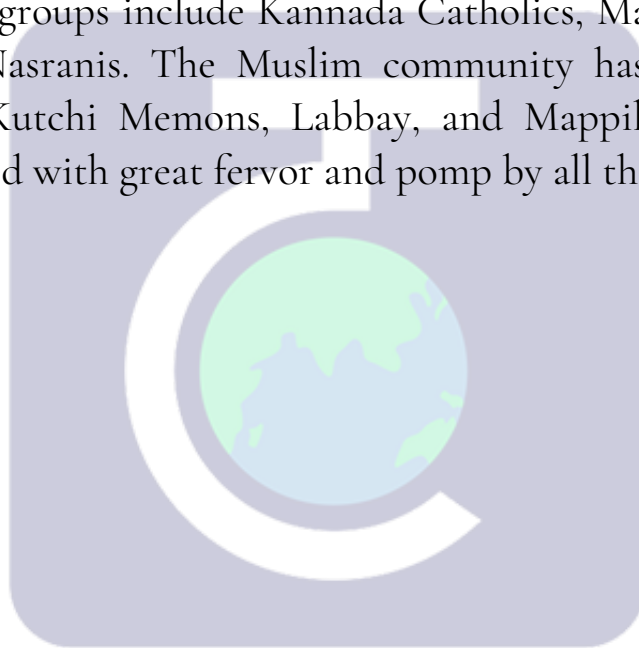
### 30. Economic Scenario

Bangalore's economy is on the fast-track since the last few years now. Developmental projects have changed the face and feel of the city, thereby also upping its pace of growth. In fact, Bangalore is one of India's key sectors for Information and Technology. Owing to the massive growth in Information Technology and Biotechnology, Bangalore is positioned as the hub of both sectors. Interestingly, a good number of India headquarters / research and development centers of major world brands are based in Bangalore.



**Index****31. Religious belief**

Hinduism is practiced by the largest majority of people in Bangalore followed by Islam. Among the minority religions, Christianity is the largest religion and Jainism and other religions form a small minority. Every religion has a diverse group of people coming from all parts of the country. The city has a large Anglo-Indian population. Among the Christians, Tamil Christians form the majority. The other Christian groups include Kannada Catholics, Mangalorean Catholics, and Syro-Malabar Nasranis. The Muslim community has Dakhini and Urdu speaking Muslims, Kutchi Memons, Labbay, and Mappilas. All the religious festivals are celebrated with great fervor and pomp by all the people.



## 32. Visa requirements

Tourists will need a valid visa and passport to tour Bangalore. Visas can be applied and processed at the Indian consulates or missions in the country of your origin. Travelers touring Bangalore for recreation, sightseeing or visiting friends and family are required to apply for a tourist visa with single or multiple entries. Some of the essential visa application requirements include valid passport, official document confirming applicants name and residence, completed application form, marriage certificate, birth certificate, passport size photos and application fees. There are no bilateral visa-exemption agreement between India and other states and therefore all visitors entering Bangalore will require a valid visa.



**Index****33. Essential vaccination**

Before travelling to Bangalore a number of vaccines are required. These vaccines include Japanese Encephalitis, Rabies, Mumps, Measles, Rubella, Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Tetanus and Diphtheria, Varicella, Typhoid and Routine vaccines.



## **34. Theft and Safety**

Bangalore is a busy city and often the foreign tourists are targets of pickpockets and thieves. Keep your purse and other belongings in the front pockets. In hotel rooms, do not let your valuable things lie around.



**Index****35. Embassy/Consulate**

There are various foreign embassies and consulates in the city. Most of them are located at Lavelle Road, Palace Road, Hosur Road and Cubbon Road and Haudin Road. For more information, visit <http://embassy.goabroad.com/embassies-in/india>.





## 36. Accessibility

Public places in Bangalore are not 100% disabled friendly though there are some buildings and parks that have ramps and lifts. Some hotels also provide disability access to their guests.



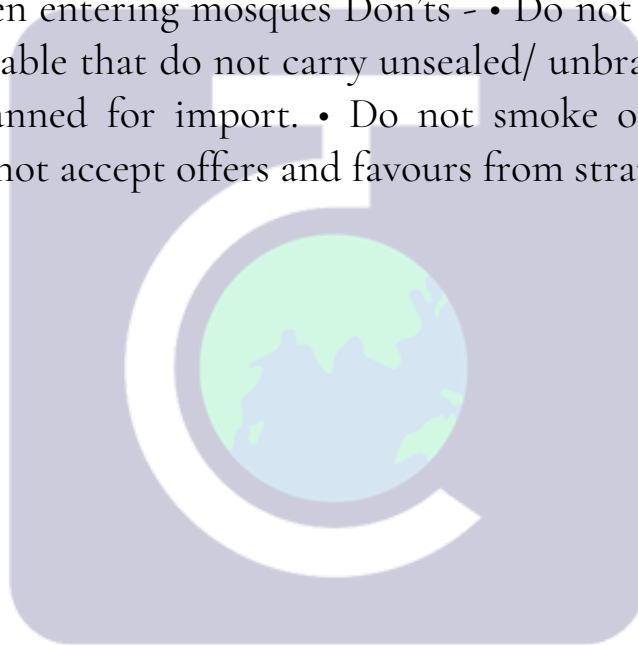
**Index****37. Emergencies**

In case of emergencies you can call 100 for Police, 101 for Fire and that of Ambulance, you can call at 102. Apart from this, you can call 1090 for women safety and security and 1098 for the Child help. You are provided with top-notch medical services and facilities even if you are a tourist. The hospital that can provide you help with the travel insurance is Bangalore Baptist Hospital .



**Index****38. Do's and Don'ts**

There are some dos and don'ts that every tourist is required to follow in Bangalore. Do's - • Always carry passport and other travel and identification documents • Remove your footwear before entering places of worship • Always wear helmets and seat belts • It is advisable to carry a certified doctor's prescription along with the medicines to ensure hassle free import clearance. • Cover your head when entering mosques Don'ts - • Do not drink and drive • Do not litter • It is advisable that do not carry unsealed/ unbranded food articles as the same may be banned for import. • Do not smoke or drink alcohol near religious places • Do not accept offers and favours from strangers



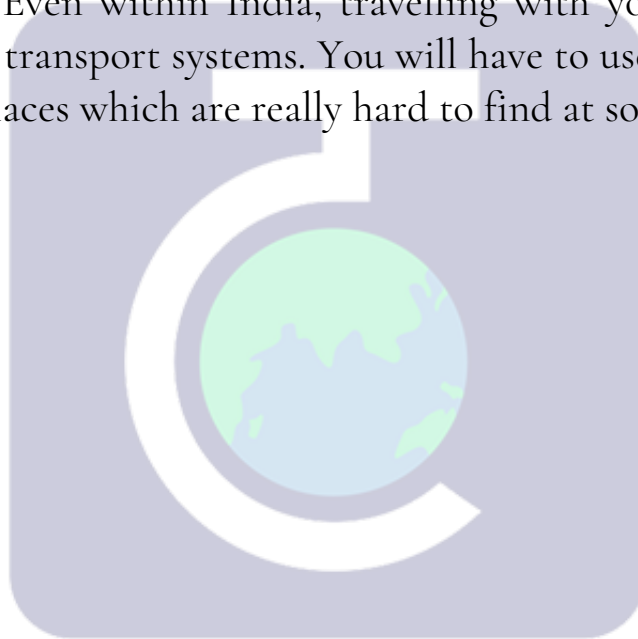
**Index****39.Tipping basics**

There is no mandate to follow when it comes to tipping in Bangalore. However, a small tip can be a kind gesture towards the services offered to you. While traveling via cabs or rickshaws, you can ask the driver to keep the change as tip. In large restaurants, offering 10% of the total bill is expected as tip while in small restaurants, a tip of 10 rupees can suffice. Porters need to be tipped a minimum of 5 to 10 rupees.



## 40.Pet info

India has strict policies regarding the import of pets. Only those who are coming back to the country after a period of two years of continuous stay in a foreign country are allowed to bring pets from abroad. Other international travelers on a tourist visa to the country are not allowed to carry pets with them. Pet owners face a dilemma when planning a trip to India as they will have to leave the animals back home. Even within India, travelling with your pets is absolutely impossible on public transport systems. You will have to use private vehicles and stay at pet friendly places which are really hard to find at some locations.



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### Conclusion – Why to select this destination

*Why choose Bangalore ? India's Silicone Valley was once a Garden City with lush greenery and a cool, pleasant climate with less pollution. Now the city is extremely cosmopolitan in character and commercial to the core. However, the city still retains most of its old glory and charm in its imposing buildings, beautiful streets, and acres of verdant landscape in the parks within the heart of the city. The city is not without its own share of landmarks and historical structures. The Vidhana Soudha, the legislative house of Karnataka, is a majestic granite building and an excellent example of Dravidian architectural style. Other such imposing buildings which are architectural marvels include many of the large and ancient temples in the city. There are also innumerable churches that reflect the colonial influence and style. Bangalore offers great opportunities for outdoor activities. While the city is a bustling hub of constant traffic and hurrying people, the outskirts and the areas beyond city limits are blessed with natural abundance. There are many clubs and agencies that conduct trekking, nature walks, kayaking, camping, rock climbing and several other adventures in the hills, parks, lakes and mountains that lie far away from the crowded city. There is also a Botanical Garden and National Park within the city. Bangalore is a cultural center with evenings that come alive with dance, music, and theater performances. The city also has a strong Tibetan presence with refugees and Buddhist monks making the city their home. Those interested can learn Buddhist meditation and other Tibetan courses. The nightlife in Bangalore is absolutely delightful with grandly lit shopping streets, clubs and pubs with live music, street food and ice cream vendors, roadside shopping, and busy and loud local markets selling all that you can buy.*

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