**Bengaluru**

**Kempegowda International Airport (BLR)**

The Kempegowda International Airport serves the city of Bengaluru and nearby areas. Located in Devanahalli, the airport is about 35 km from the city center and is also known as the Bengaluru International Airport. Inaugurated in 2008, and then known as the Bangalore International Airport, it replaced the Hindustan Airport as the city’s chief commercial airport. It was later renamed Kempegowda International Airport in 2013, after the city’s historic founder.

s one of the most prominent business and technology hubs in India, Bengaluru attracts a large number of visitors – domestic as well as international – throughout the year. India’s third-largest airport, it is connected to a number of cities in India and worldwide. It is also the busiest airport in South India.

Kempegowda International Airport is one of India’s first Greenfield airport to be built under a public-private partnership. It has won avid appreciation for its eco-friendly, sustainable, and technologically advanced designs. The Indian Green Building Council has awarded it a Gold ranking in Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) India. It has also received the award for the Best Regional Airport in Central Asia in 2015 by Skytrax.

**Flight Information**

One of the busiest airports in India, the Bengaluru International Airport attracts a large number of air and passenger traffic. The airport has several flights arriving from and departing to various major cities around the world like Mumbai, New Delhi, Chennai, Cochin, Abu Dhabi, Dubai, and London, among others.

The air traffic at the Kempegowda International Airport is most prominent between the domestic sectors Bengaluru-Mumbai and Bengaluru-New Delhi. Popular international routes include Bengaluru to Abu Dhabi and Bengaluru to Singapore.

Air India, SpiceJet, Jet Airways, and Jet Lite are among the major domestic airlines operating at the Kempegowda International Airport. Popular international airlines such as Air France, Emirates, Lufthansa, and Singapore Airlines also provide their services here.

**Terminal**

The airport houses a single terminal building for all its arrivals and departures. The domestic as well as international flight services are conducted from this integrated passenger terminal.

**Traveling in and Around**

The Kempegowda International Airport boasts of excellent connectivity to the city of Bengaluru and neighboring areas, making it easily accessible to passengers.

Arriving passengers may book private cars or vehicles from the various rental services available at the airport itself. Taxi services by the Karnataka State Tourism Development Corporation (KSTDC) and private owners are also available. The Vayu Vajra Airport Shuttle Service run by the local governing body offer regular services throughout the day between the city center and the airport. In addition, air-conditioned buses are a convenient and comfortable means of transport for arriving as well as departing passengers. You may also drive to and from the airport, availing of the parking facilities on offer.

Passengers traveling from different cities and suburbs can travel to Bengaluru by train and bus as well. The Flybus operated by the Karnataka State Government is a service connecting nearby cities to the airport.

**Services and Facilities**

To ensure the comfort and convenience of passengers, the airport provides a number of services. You may enjoy the lounge facilities while waiting for your flights. Plush *VIP* and Premium lounges for international passengers and Above the Ground Level lounges for domestic passengers are available inside the terminal building. Treat yourself to some leisure time and enjoy a few refreshments there. The lounges are equipped with facilities like television screens, printers, copiers, charging units for gadgets and free Wi-Fi.

The airport gives special attention and support to passengers with disabilities or reduced mobility. Buggy services are available at two different points. Wheelchairs along with assisting staff from respective airlines are stationed at arrival and departure points.

Some of the other useful facilities offered at the Kempegowda International Airport include paid porter services, ATMs, Forex counters for international travelers, and baby-care rooms for traveling families.

**Things to Do**

Various leisure activities available at the Kempegowda International Airport ensure that you can spend your waiting period in an enjoyable way. The airport building houses a number of stores and brand outlets where you can enjoy shopping. From electronics, books, and magazines, to local handicrafts and ethnic clothing, you may buy beautiful mementos of your journey from here. You may also enjoy a pleasant meal at one of the many eateries located within the airport. In addition, visiting the Airport City, a commercial and business township, equipped with state-of-the-art facilities like shopping and entertainment zones, is a great way to spend your time at the airport.

**Accommodation**

The airport houses a Day Hotel that allows travelers to spend their waiting period in a comfortable manner. It houses about 20 rooms including single, double, and family suites. You may relax and freshen up for your next journey with rejuvenating spa and massage facilities available here.

**Helpful Tips**

* Keep tabs on the weather conditions as the area near the airport is prone to fog that may cause delays and irregularities in flights
* Check the list of prohibited items provided on the airport site, and ensure that your baggage is free of any such items as it may cause unnecessary delays

**Nearby Attractions**

Bengaluru is the renowned hub of business and IT services in India. It is also a well-known tourist destination. The JP Biodiversity Park, Hill Jain Temple and other such interesting sites make the city a must-visit. Some of the best places worth visiting near the airport include Nandi Hills, Devanahalli Fort, and the Bhoga Nandeeshwara Temple.