

BANGALORE

Local city tours

(A)

Bengaluru Experience	Per Person Cost INR 6000 (Single)
Duration 4 hours	Per Person Cost INR 1400 (4 Pax onwards)

Bangalore is a city of contrasts, going by several other aliases: India's Silicon Valley, Pub City, Shopper's Paradise, Garden City, Air-conditioned City, Gourmet's Delight, Pub Hopper's Paradise and Shopper's Hot spot. Bangalore has been extolled in a dozen ways. The city not only plays host to several international IT companies, public sector enterprises, defence organizations, and reputed educational and research institutions, but also lays claim to being the hub of India's emerging biotech industry.

Bangalore has lots to offer – a rich cultural heritage, historic monuments, cultural centres, traditional arts and crafts stores, exotic cuisine, and friendly people. Amusement parks, country clubs, resorts, golf courses, cyber cafes, pubs, discos, bowling alleys, billiard halls, pool parlours, bustling shopping malls, high-rise apartments, and sophisticated hotels together form the new face of Bangalore. Infotainment, entertainment, science and technology parks, and wildlife safari parks all merge into a vibrant, richly textured modern metropolis.

Bangalore Experience Flow:

Explore old temple, streets and Bazaar of traditional part of Bangalore.

Proceed by coaches from Hotel to Gandhi Bazaar to take colour bazaar (market place) and activities around and criss cross some narrow lines to see of old houses of Bangalore (very few houses remain), reach by walk to Bugle Rock Park. You will explained about the history of this park and further continue to visit adjoining Bull Temple where you see monolithic bull and a temple dedicate for the bull.

Post the walk arrive to The Bugle Rock Park. It is situated right adjoining the Bull temple. The park — also home to old trees and natural rock area and no doubt a walkers' paradise. The Bull Temple, Basavangudi - The name "Basavanagudi" refers to the Bull Temple that is located here. It is a monolith statue of the Nandi Bull in Kannada, the local language, means Bull and Gudi means temple. Hence, the name Basavanagudi.



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Services of English Speaking Guide

Entrances wherever applicable

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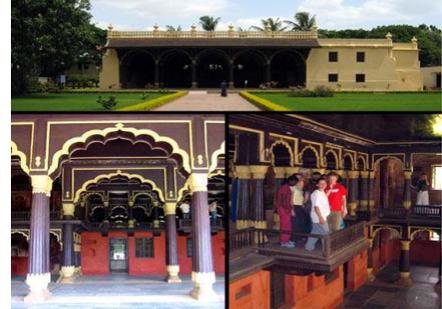
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(B)

Half Day City Tour	Per Person Cost INR 6000 (Single)
Duration 4 hours	Per Person Cost INR 1400 (4 Pax onwards)

LT1 : Half Day City Tour

Proceed for a half-day sightseeing tour of Bangalore City. Your tour of the garden city begins with a visit to **Lalbagh**, the botanical garden spread over 240 acres and having a wide variety of exotic trees and plants; **Tipu Sultan's Palace** constructed between 1781 - 1791 was once the summer residence of Tipu Sultan. Finally visit the **Bull Temple** believed to have been constructed in the 16th century has been carved out of a single granite block. You will also drive past the Government Secretariat, Vidhan Soudha (Legislature building) and Cubbon Park.



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(C)

Full Day City Tour	Per Person Cost INR 6500 (Single)
Duration 8 hours	Per Person Cost INR 1600 (4 Pax onwards)

LT2 : Full Day City Tour

Proceed for a Full-day sightseeing tour of Bangalore City. Your tour of the garden city begins with a visit to **Lalbagh**, the botanical garden spread over 240 acres and having a wide variety of exotic trees and plants; **Tipu Sultan's Palace** constructed between 1781 - 1791 was once the summer residence of Tipu Sultan. Finally visit the **Bull Temple** believed to have been constructed in the 16th century has been carved out of a single granite block. You will also drive past the Government Secretariat, Vidhan Soudha (Legislature building) and Cubbon Park.



Afternoon Proceed for the visit of **Bangalore Palace** this summer palace has been constructed largely of wood and is famous for its carving and paintings, **Kempegowda Museum** Visit the museum to get a glimpse of the history of Bangalore, which Kempegowda (1513-1569) a Yelahanka chieftain and feudatory of the Vijayanagara Empire, is credited with having established in 1537.

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Lunch in a local restaurant

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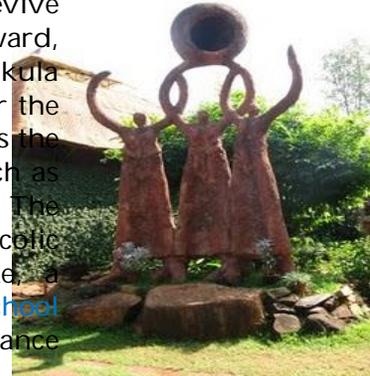
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(D)

Full day visit to Nrityagram Dance School	Per Person Cost INR 9800 (Single)
Duration 8 hours	Per Person Cost INR 5300 (2 Pax onwards)

Excursion to Nrityagram

Today, you will enjoy a day excursion to **Nrityagram** which is a dance village located 30km northwest of Bangalore, at Hesaraghatta. It was established in the early 1990's to revive Indian Classical Dance. A winner of the rural architecture award, this unique experimental village is dedicated to the gurukula tradition of dance, music, choreography and painting. Under the auspices of well-known Odissi dancer, Protima Gauri, it offers the long-term study of classical dance and its allied subjects, such as choreography, philosophy, music, mythology and painting. The village is rustic in design, and blends with the bucolic surroundings. Near the village is the Hesaraghatta Lake, a manmade lake, which is a popular tourist spot. [Dance school closed on Mondays](#) and during students away for performance abroad.



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(E)

Full day excursion to Channapatna	Per Person Cost INR 13600 (Single)
Duration 8 -9 hours	Per Person Cost INR 7500 (2 Pax onwards)

The Toy Tumble

Channapatna, a small hamlet about 60 kms drive from Bangalore, excels in lacquerware, a craft practised today over 3000 local craftspersons. Lacquerware products include brightly coloured wooden toys, door curtains, powder boxes, and napkin rings.

You will begin the tour by first visiting to Sri Aprameya Swamy and Ambegalu Krishna (Crawling Krishna) located in Village Mallur near Channapatna which is about 70 kms approx and 2 hours drive. This is an ancient temple dedicated to Lord Vishnu, Lakshmi and Krishna idol, which is one of its kind in India where Lord Sri Krishna on his crawling posture.

Later proceed for Toy town, and visit small scale units where the different varieties of toys (Indian wooden toys) manufactured by the local craftsmen from their residence, each craftsman contribute their own single product to the market. Later you will visit small scale government owned industry and the shops.

Proceed for traditional lunch at Kamat's Loka Ruchi Restaurant to experience a traditional North Karnataka food served in a plantain leaf.

Post lunch you will visit next door Janapada Loka (closed on Tuesdays) a treasure trove of Karnataka's folk heritage. The 15-acre complex houses museums, an open-air theatre, a studio, and other structures. The museum, drawn from the life and arts of a large number of tribal and rural folk across Karnataka, has an amazing collection of 5000 artefacts that represent the essence of Karnataka's folk culture. The display includes an array of agricultural hunting and fishing implements, weapons ingenious household gadgets, masks, dolls and shadow puppets.

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(F)

Full day excursion to Mysore via Srirangapatnam	Per Person Cost INR 16600 (Single)
Duration 12 hours	Per Person Cost INR 9500 (2 Pax onwards)

LT3 : Full day excursion to Mysore via Srirangapatnam

This morning, proceed on a day excursion **Mysore** to en route visiting **Srirangapatnam** - located 16km on the Bangalore-Mysore highway, it is built on a long island in the Cauvery River. The fortress was once the capital of Hyder Ali and Tipu Sultan. Inside the fortress walls there is a mosque and the Sri Ranganathaswamy Temple dedicated to Lord Vishnu. A kilometer east of the fort is the Daria Daulat Bagh, the **summer palace of Tipu Sultan** built in 1784. It's adorned with ornate and beautiful frescoes and now houses a museum with a collection of family memorabilia and paintings depicting Tipu Sultan's campaigns against the British. Nearby is the Gumbaz, the onion-domed mausoleum of Hyder Ali and Tipu Sultan.

Continue on drive to Mysore where on arrival you will enjoy a **guided tour of the city**, which includes a panoramic drive past the beautiful colonial buildings and a visit to the magnificent **Mysore Palace**, the former residence of the Wodeyar rulers. The palace is a splendid structure in Indo-Saracenic style with beautiful halls of public and private audience and private chambers of the royal family. Carry onwards to **Chamundi Hill** - 10km from Mysore and towering over the city, these hills are named after the royal family's deity. Halfway up is the **Nandi Bull**, a 4.8m monolith. Right on top, is the 2000year old **Chamundeswari Temple** dedicated to Goddess Durga, (a form of the consort of Lord Shiva) celebrating her victory over the demon Mahishasura. Following your visit to Chamundi, you will return to Mysore.



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(G)

Excursion To Sravanbelagola, Belur and Halebid	Per Person Cost INR 16600 (Single)
Duration 10 hours	Per Person Cost INR 9500 (2 Pax onwards)

LT 4 : Full Day Excursion To Sravanbelagola, Belur and Halebid

Full day excursion to **Sravanabelagola, Belur & Halebid**. The district town of Hassan (194 km) is a convenient base for visits to Sravanabelagola, the oldest Jain shrine in South India and the beautiful Hoysala temples at Belur and Halebid.

- ❖ **Sravanabelagola** : is one of the oldest and most important Jain pilgrimage centre and has a long history dating back to the 3rd century BC. The town is famous for the Gommateshwara statue, sacred to Jains. Erected at sometime between AD 980 and 983, just over 17m high, the statue represents the saintly prince Bahubali, son of the first Tirthankar, after he had gained enlightenment. Nearly 700 steps carved in the steep granite slopes start near the village tank and the path up gives excellent views. There are several small shrines on the way to the statue on top.



- ❖ **Halebid** : located 17km east of Belur, was the ancient capital of the Hoysala Empire. The Hoysaleswara temple at Halebid, the largest of the Hoysala temples, was started in 1121 AD, about 10 years after the temple at Belur, but despite 86 years of labour, it was never completed. Nevertheless it is easily the most outstanding example of Hoysala art. Every centimeter of the outside walls and much of the insides are covered with an endless variety of Hindu deities, stylised birds and animals and friezes depicting the life and times of the Hoysala rulers.



- ❖ **Belur** : The serenity of Belur is attributed to the celebrated temple of Channakeshava, built by the Hoysala King Vishnuvardhana in 1117 A.D. to commemorate his conversion from Jainism to Vaishnavism. The main structure of the temple, which is star shaped, is a homogenous architectural unit on a raised platform. Everything is carved in black stone, looking like metal. Facing the temple, at the entrance, stands the winged figure of Garuda, Lord Vishnu's carrier. The 650 charging elephants on frieze around the walls outside are all different from each other.

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