Wild Life of South India (3 Nights / 4 Days)

HOW TO BOOK: Please email vasu@kwconferences.com giving your selection of tours and dates

Sale Price per person Twin Sharing including taxes: INR 49,450

Additional Cost including taxes if the <u>double room</u> is to be occupied without sharing: INR 20,650

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Mysore is the second largest city in the state of Karnataka, India. The name *Mysore* is an anglicised version of *Mahishūru*, which means the abode of *Mahisha*. *Mahisha* stands for Mahishasura, a demon from Hindu mythology. The city is spread across an area of 128.42 km2 (50 sq mi) and is situated at the base of the Chamundi Hills.

Mysore also lends its name to the Mysore *mallige*, the Mysore style of painting, the sweet dish Mysore Pak, the Mysore Peta (a traditional silk turban) and the garment called the Mysore silk saree.

Ranganatthittu Bird Sanctuary

Ranganthittu was formed as a result of a small dam across the river Cauvery in the 1600s. It is home to a great variety of birds and a few reptiles. It is said that the sanctuary is a sight to behold during the nesting season of the birds from June to November. The sanctuary is home to a wide species of birds including cormorants, darters, white ibis, spoon billed storks, open billed storks, painted storks, white necked storks, egrets, herons, terns, swallows, kingfishers, sandpiper etc. There are a few mammals in the sanctuary like fruit bats, bonnet macaques, palm civets, common mongoose and common otters. Maggar, the Marsh crocs make up the reptile population of the sanctuary.

The sight of fruit bats, crocodiles and birds flying around is a beautiful sight to watch. You can take a <u>boat ride</u> around the sanctuary and get a closer look at the birds and the crocodiles. The best season to visit the sanctuary is May-September and October.

Nagarhole National Park

Nagarhole national park (NNP), the enchanting 247 square-mile park in Karnataka has an astonishing abundance of wildlife including large mammals such as tiger, leopard, wild elephant, dhole (Indian wild dog), and gaur (Indian bison). Other species present are chital spotted deer, muntjac (barking deer), mouse deer, four-horned antelope, wild boar, sloth bear, hyena, mongoose, civet, otter, and more. The landscape is one of gentle slopes and shallow valleys. Dry deciduous forest trees are leafless in the summer rather than in the winter. There are grassy swamps where the soil is clayey, perennially moist, and which support a luxuriant growth of green grass all year. The change in terrain throughout the park

in refreshing and the river system provides a unique wildlife viewing experience.

Nagarhole National park derives its name from the combination of two Kannada words. 'Nagar,' meaning snake, and 'hole,' meaning streams. True to its name, quite a few serpentine streams fork through the rich tropical forests of the park. Nagarhole Park was set up in 1955. The original forest was once an exclusive hunting ground for the erstwhile Maharajas of Mysore. The park has been recently renamed as Rajiv Gandhi National Park after the late Prime Minister of India.

Nagarhole National Park is counted among India's best wildlife parks. It has a large elephant and bison population. It also hosts a variety of animal species along with approximately 250 species of birds. On its northern confines is the Kabini River and on its southern fringes is the Bandipur national park. A dam on the Kabini River and its picturesque reservoir demarcates the two national parks. During the dry season (February. June), this artificial lake attracts a large number of animals, making it an ideal spot for sighting wildlife. Among reptiles, the marsh crocodile, monitor lizard, rock python and several other species are represented. Aquatic and terrestrial tortoises, frogs, toads and tree frogs and a myriad insects, including some very colourful butterflies, adorn this lovely southern jungle of India.

TOUR PROGRAM

Day 1)

Pre Date: May 31st, 2014 Post Date: June 7th, 2014

BANGALORE

Pick up on arrival from Bangalore Airport and drive to **Mysore**, the second largest city of Karnataka- also named as the Sandal wood city.

BANGALORE/MYSORE (150 km):

Program for this day depends upon the flight schedule.

Transfer to the hotel.

Lunch at the hotel.

Visit Ranganathittu Bird sanctuary (one of the true heaven for the migratory bird watchers) and Srirangapattanam (the land of Tipu Sultan), Mysore palace. If time permits visit the mammoth statue of Nandi.

Day 2)

Pre Date: June 1st, 2014 Post Date: June 8th, 2014

MYSORE/NAGARHOLE (100 km):

MYSORE





NAGARHOLE

08:00 hrs: Breakfast 09:00 hrs: Check-out

Drive to Nagarhole, supposed to be the finest National Parks in the whole of South India. Transfer to the hotel.

12:30 hrs: Lunch in the hotel.

14:30 hrs: Safari through the shallow valleys and gentle slopes of the dense deciduous semi rain forest. If luck permits meet some of the gorgeous residents of the wild including Tiger, Leopard, Gaur (Indian Bison), giant Wild Boars, King cobra etc.

20:00 hrs: Dinner (may take your own time).

Listen to the shivering wild calls throughout the night.





Day 3)

Pre Date: June 2nd, 2013 Post Date: June 9th, 2013

NAGARHOLE:

Full day in the park

08:00 hrs: Morning drive into the park and experience a coracle tour in the **Kabini** river accompanied by a naturalist. The coracle is a native round-shaped boat used to view aquatic bird life.

13:00 hrs: Lunch in the resort.

16:30 hrs: Hike through the forest and meet the wild animals face to face. Or take a jeep safari and discover the remaining wonders left.

19:30 hrs: Dinner at the resort.

Day 4)

Pre Date: June 3rd, 2014

NAGARHOLE/BANGALORE (236 km)/:

After leisure breakfast drive to Bangalore and transfer to the domestic airport. Later transfer to airport for flight to Hyderabad. (Program depends upon the flight schedule).

Day 4)

Post Date: June 10th, 2014

Later transfer to airport for onward journey.

NAGARHOLE





INCLUSIONS:

The tour cost includes:

- Arrival/Departure transfers, sightseeing, excursion as per programme by an airconditioned Luxury Car/Coach with services of an English speaking guide for city tour.
- Hotel accommodation in a 5* category on twin sharing in standard room.
- All three meals included in the cost of the tour programme.
- Monument entrance fee wherever applicable.
- The rates/costs quoted above are inclusive of all taxes and Service Tax @ 2.58%.

* Any increase in the Service Tax is payable by the guest

EXCLUSIONS:

The tour cost does not include:

- Any additional accommodation not specified in the itineraries.
- Personal expenses like camera/video/handycam fee, laundry, telephone calls, tips,/gratuities, extra at the hotels etc. The cost also doesn't include room service, mini bar, any personal order of juice, tea, coffee, soft or hard drinks, etc.
- Any other services not specified above.
- Any guest desirous of availing Single Room occupancy (not on twin sharing basis), the same will be charged extra @ INR 8500 per person per night extra. Wherever, there is no 5* property available, accommodation will be provided at the highest category accommodation available there.

AIRFARES - if applicable will be additional at the time of booking. Airfares from destinations to Hyderabad OR Hyderabad to destinations are not included in the above mentioned costs/rates.

TERMS & CONDITIONS FOR PRE/POST TOURS

Important Instructions regarding the Pre & Post Congress Tours -

- All Pre Tours end on 3rd May 2014 at respective places as mentioned in the itineraries to enable delegates to attend ICUE 2014 at Hyderabad.
- All Post Tours begin at respective places as mentioned in the itineraries on 7th June 2014.
- All rates are based on a Minimum Group Size of 6-8 Pax. The Organisers reserve the right to cancel any tour that does not have the minimum number of Bookings as on May 15th 2014.
- Private Customised Tours can be organised upon request for a minimum of 2 persons travelling together. Please mail your requirements to <u>vasu@kwconferences.com</u> for a quote.
- All tours are handled by KW Conferences Pvt Ltd. Please book your tours directly with them
 - E-mail: vasu@kwconferences.com Fax: +91 40 23113592.
- Please note that the pre & post tours will operate on twin sharing basis.

- The last date for booking for pre & post congress tours is 15th May 2014. Any booking requests received later may be charged at different rates & terms and will depend on availability.
- The tour timings are subject to change due to unforeseen reasons.
- KWC reserves the right to cancel a tour without prior notice due to any unforeseen circumstances or in the best interest of the delegates or the congress.
- Personal travel insurance is strongly recommended. In no event KWC shall be liable
 for acts or defaults in case of injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity of
 any kind whatsoever during arrangements organised through airlines, contractors or
 the employees of such contractors in carrying out services.

Payment:

- Full payment in advance must be made to receive confirmation of your pre/post tour bookings.
- Payment can be made online by Visa / Master cards or by wire transfer. Account
 details for making payment by wire transfer will be provided by KWC at the time of
 confirmation of tours.

Cancellations & Refunds:

All cancellations / amendments must be received by KWC in writing On or Before 15th May 2014 and refunds will be made after deducting the retention charges as per the following criteria –

- Please note all refunds will be made after deducting an administrative fee of 10% of the total tour cost & any applicable Bank Charges.
- No Refunds for Cancellations received after 30th April 2014.
- All refunds will be made within 15 days after the Congress.

Please note:

- Amendments in terms of change of dates, change of tours, and reduction in number
 of passengers will be treated as cancellations & amended requests will be subject to
 availability of facilities. Inability of KWC to provide services as per amendments will
 not dilute its right to charge retention.
- The above rates apply to tour costs (ground arrangements) only.
- Airfares will be additional at the time of booking. Airfares from Destinations to Hyderabad OR Hyderabad to Destinations are not included in the above mentioned costs/rates.
- Advance collected shall be refunded in full in case the tour is cancelled by us due to inadequate participation or force majeure.

For any specific needs or queries, please contact KWC at vasu@kwconferences.com