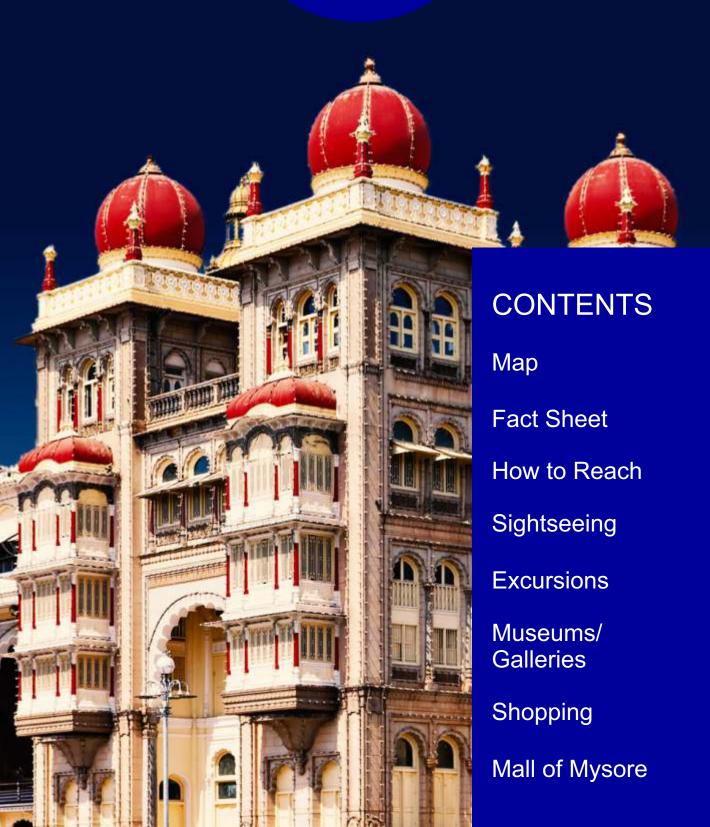
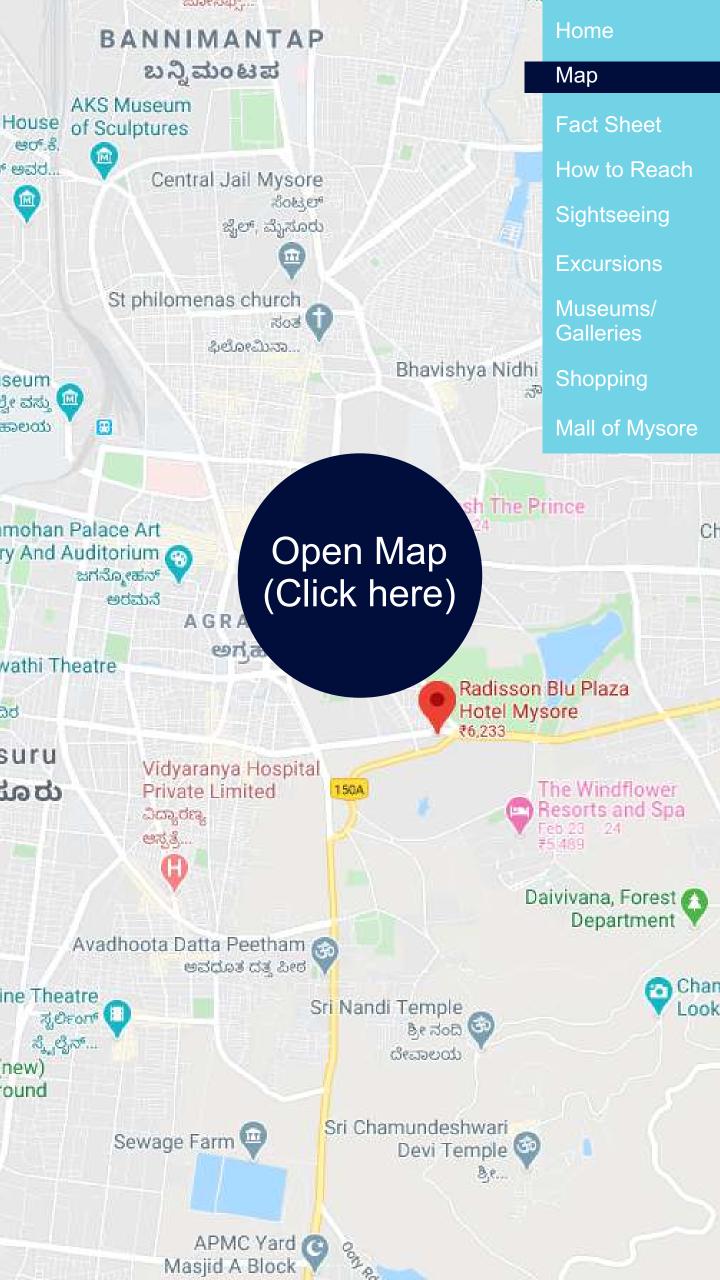


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Area : 124 sq.km

Population : 1.7 Million

Latitude & Longitude: 12.2958° N, 76.6394° E

Climate : Tropical

Temperature : 20°C to 36°C

Clothing : Light Cotton

Tourism Season : 365 days

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dialing code : +91-821

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BY AIR: Mysore Airport (MYQ) or Mandakalli Airport, is just 12 minutes (by car) / 9km away from the hotel, It connects you to major Indian cities and has dining and Duty-free counters. Please check with our travel desk for latest flight information.



BY RAIL: Mysore Railway Station (officially Mysore Juntion, Code: MYS) connects to almost all major cities and towns of India and is just 4km away from the hotel.



BY ROAD: Mysore city is well connected by highways to all important destinations.

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Maharaja Palace



Distance from hotel: 1.6km

Popularly known as Mysore Palace, the royal residence of the Wadiyar dynasty and the seat of the erstwhile Kingdom of Mysore. it's one of the biggest attractions of Mysore, located in the heart of the city, close to your hotel.

Designed by the British architect Henry Irwin, the palace is built in Indo-Saracenic style and blends together Hindu, Muslim, Rajput, and Gothic styles of architecture. It is a three-storeyed stone structure, with marble domes and a 145 ft five-storied tower and is a treasure house of exquisite carvings and works of exquisite art from all over the world.

Timings*: 10.00 am - 05.30 pm, all days

Sound and Light Show*:

Monday to Saturday: 07.00 pm - 07.40 pm

Illumination Timings*:

Sundays, National Holidays and State Festivals:

07.00 pm - 07.45 pm

Monday to Saturday: 07.40 pm - 07.45 pm

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Chamundi Hills

Distance from hotel: 10km, up till the top.

Rising 1km into the sky, the Chamundi Hills offer a splendid wide angle of the Mysore city. Take your camera and binoculars with you to admire the panorama to the fullest. Maintain silence while visiting the sacred Chamundeshwari Temple atop and expect a queue during your visit. You can reach the temple by road (cab or public buses that regularly ply) or take the 1008-step stairway from the foothill.

Timings:

The best time to visit the Chamundi hills is dawn and dusk. Especially towards evening, the hill offers an ethereal, visual feast of the fully lit up city.

Temple timings (All days)*:

7:30 am – 2:00 pm

3:30 pm – 6:00 pm

7:30 pm - 9:00 pm



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Zoological Gardens

Distance from hotel: Just 1km

Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens is a 157 acre zoo and is one of the best and biggest in India, housing a wide variety of rare species of animals and birds. It was created in 1892 AD by G H Krumbiegel and was initially part of the Mysore palace. You can leisurely stroll through the entire zoo or opt for the battery operated vehicle to see all fauna.

Timings (Tuesday Holiday)*: 8:30 am – 5:30 pm

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Karanji Lake

Distance from hotel: 2.3km

Located at the foot of the Chamundi Hills and adjacent to the Mysore Zoo, Karanji lake also hosts a bird sanctuary. It provides a wonderful habitat for different species of avian fauna. Initially built by the king as a source of water for citizens, it was re-purposed in the 70s and spans 90 hectares. Facilities include a butterfly park, boating, children's corner, a watch tower and India's largest walk through aviary.

Timings (Tuesday Holiday)*: 8:30 am - 5:30 pm

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St. Philomena's Cathedral

Distance from hotel: 3 km

This is one of the largest churches in India. This is built in Neo-Gothic style resembling the Cologne Cathedral in Germany and sports beautiful stained glass windows and two 175 ft spires. The cathedral crypt houses the statue of Saint Philomena, a 3rd century saint from Greece. It was acquired from France. "A priceless French statue of a celebrated Greek saint in a German cathedral located in the heart of India", is how some would want to define this cathedral, giving a nod to its international roots. The church can seat up to 800 people and has ornate, exquisitely crafted interiors. This church is visited by people from all religions in the city during Christmas. Holy Masses are conducted daily in English, Kannada and Tamil.

Timings*: 5:00 am – 6:00 pm

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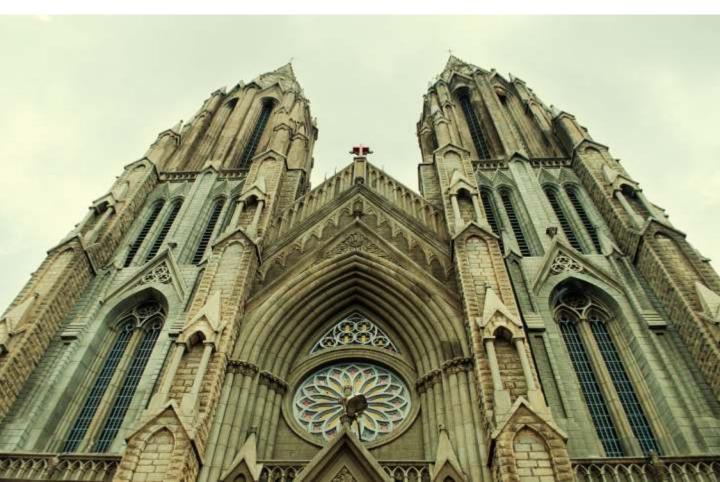
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Brindavan Garden

Distance from hotel: 27 km

A must-visit during a Mysore tour, Brindavan Gardens Mysore is undeniably one of the best terrace gardens in the world. It is adjacent to the Krishnaraja Sagara Dam, constructed across river Cauvery that originates from "Bhagamandala" in Kodagu district. Brindavan Gardens is below the dam and uses the water resources of the dam. The lighting show in the evening, with the 'dancing fountain', makes for an unforgettable experience. A botanical park, extensive varieties of plants, boating and eateries complete the experience.

Timings (all days)*: 6:00 am – 8:00 pm

Lighting (Mon-Fri)*: 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

(Sat-Sun)*: 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

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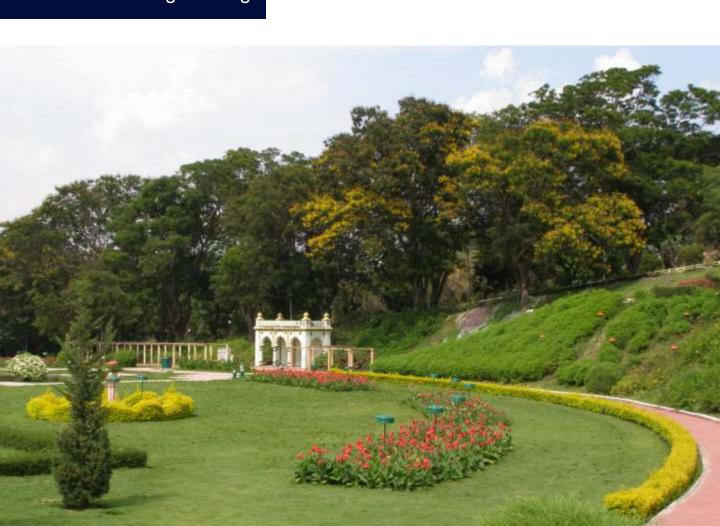
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Srirangapatna

Distance from hotel: 17 km

Srirangapatna is located off Mysore, in Mandya district in the Indian State of Karnataka. It is of religious, cultural and historic importance. Owing to the ancient monuments, it has been nominated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. An island on the banks of River Cauvery, there are many places of interest here.

The town takes its name from the celebrated Ranganathaswamy temple, built in 984 AD and one of the most important Vaishnavite centers of pilgrimage in South India. The temple is an amalgamation of Hoysala and Vijayanagar styles of temple architecture. The devotionally and historically inclined will find numerous other ancient temples in Srirangapatna.

The town was also the capital of Mysore under Hyder Ali and Tipu Sultan. Daria Daulat Bagh, the summer palace of Tipu, Srirangapatna Fort are places of high tourist interest here.



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Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary:

Distance from hotel: 17 km

Spread across an area of 67 sq. km, the sanctuary comprises of 6 small islands and is located towards North-East of Mysore city, on the banks of river Cauvery. The site is rich in flora and avian fauna. Birds from far off places like Siberia, North America and Australia migrate here every year. At Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary, one can spot birds like shag, white ibis, little egret, little cormorant, open-billed stork, spoonbill, painted stork, white Ibis, river tern, darter, peafowl, pond heron, wild duck, large cormorant, heron, great stone plover, kingfisher, cattle egret, the lesser whistling teal, Indian cliff swallow, great stone plover, river tern, streak-throated swallows and many more.

Timings (all days)*: 9:00 am – 6:00 pm

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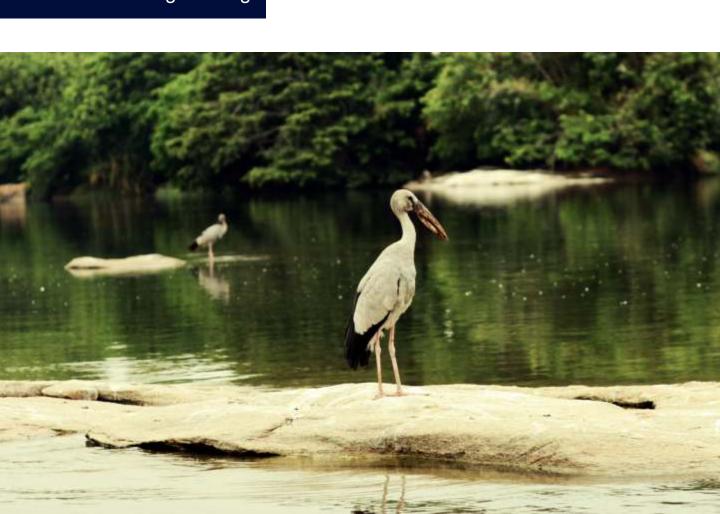
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Somanathapura:



Distance from Mysore: 38 km

Somanathpur, a small village on the banks of river Cauvery, is known for its wonderful Hoysala temple - Chennakesava. The Temple is situated in a courtyard 215 ft. in length and 177 ft. in width. It has a verandah along its interior, divided into 64 cells each formally housing a deity. Rows of latheturned pillars support the ceiling of their frontage. The temple was built in 1268C.E. under Hoysala king Narasimha III, when the Hoysala Empire was the major power in South India, and is the finest example of Hoysala architecture.

Shivanasamudra:



Distance from Mysore: 85 km

Here River Cauvery gushes down a 75-meter deep gorge in the form of two waterfalls "Gaganachukki" and "Bharachukki". These falls are best during the monsoons; nevertheless their beauty mystifies tourists throughout the year.

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Bandipur National Park:



Distance from Mysore: 72 km

A national reserve forest, this place is known as the haven of wild animals. The 874 sq.km area was once the hunting grounds of Mysore kings and one can spot here elephants, tigers, cheetahs, deer and the Indian Bisons.

Nagarahole National Park:



Distance from Mysore: 96 km

Located North-West of Mysore city, this national park spreads across the districts of Mysore and Kodagu. This sanctuary is a tiger reserve and also houses elephants, cheetahs, deer, sambars, pangolins and about 250 species of birds. There are excellent facilities for visitors to stay at the Kabini area and for viewing wildlife.

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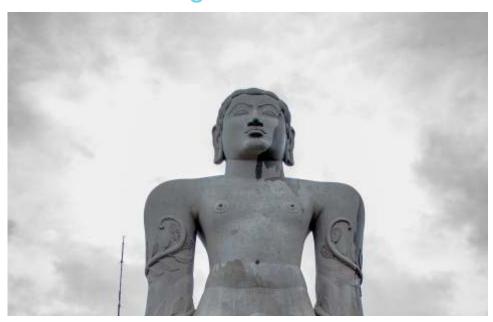
Talakad:



Distance from Mysore: 60 km

Located on the banks of river Cauvery, Talakad was once the capital city of Ganga Dynasty and is home to many ancient temples. Many of these temples were submerged in the sands of the river and were later unearthed by Archeological Survey of India. The meeting place of two rivers Kapila and Cauvery makes it a beautiful spot.

Shravanabelagola:



Distance from Mysore: 85 km

Shravanabelagola is the world famous Jain pilgrim centre in Hassan district and is home to Asia's largest monolithic statue. Lord Gomateshwara towers 58 ft over Vindyagiri Hill. Every 12 years, Jain pilgrims gather here to participate in the colourful Maha Mastakabhisheka of the Lord, the splendid head-anointing ceremony.

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Belur:



Distance from Mysore: 162 km

Belur Town is located in Hassan district and is renowned for Chennakeshava Temple, one of the finest examples of Hoysala architecture. The temple is located on the banks of the river Yagachi. The star-shaped temple with hand latheturned filigreed pillars and sculptures is a marvel of masonry and sculpture. It is the only Hoysala temple still in active worship. The most marvellous specimens of Hoysala architecture, found exclusively at Belur, are the angled bracket figures depicting celestial nymphs.

Halebeedu:



Distance from hotel: 153 km

Just 17 km away from Belur is Halebeedu, the ancient capital of the Hoysalas in the 12th Century. This too is a temple town, with most of the temples dating back to centuries. The most notable among them are the ornate Hoysaleshwara and Kedareshwara temples. Both are supreme examples of ancient Indian workmanship and architecture.

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Sri Jayachamarajendra Art Gallery:

Distance from hotel: 2.5 km

The gallery has a remarkable collection of paintings and houses the rare and valuable art collection made by Col. Scott, a British Army Officer, who served in the British Army that fought against Tipu Sultan. On display at the gallery are traditional gold leaf paintings of the Mysore, Bengal and European Schools.



Folklore Museum:

Distance from hotel: 6.2 km

Located within the magnificent Jayalakshmi Vilas Mansion, inside the Mysore University campus, the Folklore Museum has a remarkable collection of folk culture. The exhibits include carved wooden figures from villages of Karnataka, rural costumes, utensils, ornaments, metal artifacts, implements and tools used in different rural professions. The museum also houses models of temples, decorative masks, ceremonial head wear etc.



Museum of Natural History:

Distance from hotel: 3 km

Located on the banks of the Karanji Lake, the museum uses models, audio visual aids, and thematic, interactive and participatory exhibits to help the visitor understand and explore and understand natural world.



Mysore Railway Museum:

Distance from hotel: 6 km

For the railway enthusiast, the museum offers a good collection of photographs and objects related to the development of the railways. A unique feature of the museum is the Sri Ranga Pavilion that houses two royal coaches. These coaches belonged to the Maharaja of Mysore.



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Mysore Silk

Mysore is famous for its silk. Karnataka contributes to nearly 45% of the country's total mulberry silk, the lion's share of which is mainly produced in the Mysore district. It is a patent registered product of Karnataka State Industrial Corporation (KSIC). Shopaholics can lay their hands on exquisite silk saris and other silk wear at many shops in Mysore city.

Handicrafts

Mysore is known for its handicrafts. The creations of local artisans are mostly wood based, made out of sandalwood, rosewood and teakwood.

Incense Sticks

Mysore is famous for agarbathies or incense sticks. A variety of agarbathies are manufactured here in exotic fragrances, by manufacturers big and small.

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