

## Golden Triangle South

**Duration:** 07N/08D

**Key Sights:** Bengaluru – Mysore – Srirangapatna – Shravanabelagola – Hassan – Bengaluru

Day	Program	Mode
Day 1	Arrival Bengaluru	By Flight
Day 2	Bengaluru	
Day 3	Bengaluru – Mysore	By Surface
Day 4	Mysore	
Day 5	Mysore – Shravanabelagola – Hassan	By Surface
Day 6	Hassan	
Day 7	Hassan – Bengaluru	By Surface
Day 8	Bengaluru Departure	By Flight

<b>Day 1</b>	<b>Arrival Bengaluru</b>	<b>By Flight</b>
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On Arrival in Bengaluru warm welcome with fresh flower garlands by office representative . Transfer to Hotel .

Overnight at Hotel

<b>Day 2</b>	<b>Bengaluru</b>	
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After breakfast proceed for Bangalore sightseeing as below :

**Bangalore** - *Cosmopolitan Bengaluru is the number one city in the Indian deep south, blessed with a benevolent climate and a burgeoning drinking, dining and shopping scene. It's not necessarily a place you come to be wowed by world-class sights (though it has some lovely parks and striking Victorian-era architecture), but instead to experience the new modern face of India. As the hub of India's booming IT industry, it vies with Mumbai as the nation's most progressive city, and its creature comforts can be a godsend to the weary traveller who has done the hard yards. It's a big student town where you'll encounter hip locals chatting in English while drinking craft beer and getting around in '80s metal band T-shirts.*

<b>Bull Temple</b>	Built by Kempegowda in the 16th-century Dravidian style, the Bull Temple contains a huge granite monolith of Nandi (Shiva's bull) and is one of Bengaluru's most atmospheric temples. Nearby is the Swee Dodda Ganapathi Temple , with an equally enormous Ganesh idol.
<b>Lalbagh Botanical Gardens</b>	Spread over 240 acres of landscaped terrain, the expansive Lalbagh Botanical Gardens were laid out in 1760 by the famous Mysore ruler Hyder Ali. As well as amazing centuries-old trees it claims to have the world's most diverse species of plants.
<b>Vidhana Soudha</b>	Located at the northwestern end of Cubbon Park is the colossal neo-Dravidian-style Vidhana Soudha built in 1954 which serves as the legislative chambers of the state government.
<b>Tipu Sultan's Palace</b>	Close to the vibrant Krishnarajendra Market stands the elegant palace of Tipu Sultan, notable for its teak pillars and ornamental frescoes. It's an interesting monument, and worth an outing when combined with other nearby sights such as the ornate 17th-century Venkataraman Temple next door and the massive Jamia Masjid , as well as the fort and market.
<b>Bangalore Palace</b>	The private residence of the Wodeyars, erstwhile maharajas of the state, Bangalore Palace preserves a slice of bygone royal splendour. Still the residence of the current maharaja, an audio guide provides a detailed explanation of the building, vaguely designed to resemble Windsor Castle, and you can marvel at the lavish interiors and galleries featuring grisly hunting memorabilia, family photos and a collection of nude portraits.

Overnight at Hotel

<b>Day 3</b>	<b>Bengaluru – Mysore</b>	<b>By Surface</b>
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After breakfast , drive to Mysore on arrival check in at Hotel .

Overnight at Hotel

<b>Day 4</b>	<b>Mysore</b>	
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After breakfast, proceed for Mysore sightseeing as below :

**Mysore** - One of South India's most famous tourist destinations, Mysuru (which recently changed its name from Mysore) is known for its glittering royal heritage and magnificent monuments and buildings. Its World Heritage-listed palace may be what brings most travellers here, but it's also a thriving centre for the production of premium silk, sandalwood and incense. These days ashtanga yoga is another drawcard, attracting visitors worldwide with its reputation as one of India's best places to practice yoga.

<b>Mysore Palace</b>	Among the grandest of India's royal buildings, this fantastic palace was the former seat of the Wodeyar maharajas. The old palace was gutted by fire in 1897; the one you see now was completed in 1912 by English architect Henry Irwin at a cost of ₹4.5 million. The interior of this Indo-Saracenic marvel – a kaleidoscope of stained glass, mirrors and gaudy colours – is lavish and undoubtedly over the top. The decor is further embellished by carved wooden doors, mosaic floors and a series of paintings depicting life in Mysore during the Edwardian Raj era. The way into the palace takes you past a fine collection of sculptures and artefacts. Don't forget to check out the armoury, with an intriguing collection of 700-plus weapons.
<b>Chamundi Hill &amp; Sri Chamundeswari Temple</b>	Chamundi Hill & Sri Chamundeswari Temple: At a height of 1062m, on the summit of Chamundi Hill, stands the Sri Chamundeswari Temple , dominated by a towering 40m-high gopuram (entrance gateway). It offers spectacular views of the city below.
<b>Devaraja Market</b>	Dating from Tipu Sultan's reign, this lively bazaar has local traders selling traditional items such as flower garlands, spices and conical piles of kumkum (coloured powder used for bindi dots), all of which makes for some great photo-ops. Refresh your bargaining skills before shopping.

After Mysore sightseeing proceed for Srirangapatna :

**Srirangapatna** - Steeped in bloody history, the fort town of Srirangapatnam, 16km from Mysuru, is built on an island straddling the Cauvery River. The seat of Hyder Ali and Tipu Sultan's power, this town was the de facto capital of much of southern India during the 18th century. Srirangapatnam's

glory days ended when the British waged an epic war against Tipu Sultan in 1799, when he was defeated and killed. His sword and the ring he wore in battle are now displayed in the British Museum in London. The ramparts, battlements and some of the gates of the fort still stand, as do a clutch of monuments.

<b>Daria Daulat Bagh</b>	Set within lovely manicured grounds, Srirangapatnam's star attraction is Tipu's summer palace, 1km east of the fort. Built largely out of teak, the palace may not look like much from the outside, but the lavish decoration that covers every inch of its interiors is impressive. The ceilings are embellished with floral designs, while the walls bear murals depicting courtly life and Tipu's campaigns against the British. There's a small museum within displaying artefacts and interesting paintings.
<b>Sri Ranganathaswamy Temple</b>	Constructed in 894 AD, this attractive Vaishnavite temple has a mix of Hoysala and Vijayanagar design. Within are cavernous walkways, pillars and the centerpiece 4.5m-long reclining statue of Ranganatha, a manifestation of Vishnu.
<b>Gumbaz</b>	Located within a serene garden, the historically significant Gumbaz is the resting place of the legendary Tipu Sultan, his equally famed father, Hyder Ali, and his wife. The interior of the onion-dome mausoleum is painted in tiger-like motif as a tribute to the sultan.
<b>Jamia Masjid</b>	This cream-coloured mosque with two minarets was built by the sultan in 1787 and features an interesting blend of Islamic and Hindu architecture. Climb the stairs at the back for panoramic views of the site.

After sightseeing return back to Mysore

Overnight at Hotel

<b>Day 5</b>	<b>Mysore –Shravanabelagola – Hassan</b>	<b>By Surface</b>
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Morning breakfast , drive to Hassan en-route visit Shravanabelagola

**Shravanabelagola** - Atop the bald rock of Vindhyagiri Hill, the 17.5m-high statue of the Jain deity Gomateshvara (Bahubali) is visible long before you reach the pilgrimage town of Sravanabelagola. Viewing the statue close up is the main reason for heading to this sedate town, whose name means 'Monk of the White Pond.'

<b>Gomateshvara Statue</b>	A steep climb up 614 steps takes you to the top of Vindhyagiri Hill, the summit of which is lorded over by the towering naked statue of the Jain deity Gomateshvara (Bahubali). Commissioned by a military commander in the service of the Ganga king Rachamalla and carved out of a single piece of granite by the sculptor Aristenemi in 98 AD, it is said to be the world's tallest monolithic statue.
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On arrival Hassan check in at hotel

Overnight at hotel

<b>Day 6</b>	<b>Hassan</b>	
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Morning breakfast , proceed for Hassan sightseeing as below :

**Hassan** - The Hoysala temples at Halebid (also known as Halebeedu) and Belur (also called Beluru) are the apex of one of the most artistically exuberant periods of ancient Hindu cultural development. Architecturally, they are South India's answer to Khajuraho in Madhya Pradesh and Konark near Puri in Odisha (Orissa). With a reasonable range of hotels, a railhead and other conveniences, Hassan is a handy base for exploring Belur (38km), Halebid (33km) and Sravanabelagola (48km).

<b>Hoysaleswara Temple, Halebid</b>	Construction of the stunning Hoysaleswara Temple, Halebid's claim to fame, began around 1121 AD and went on for more than 190 years. It was never completed, but nonetheless stands today as a masterpiece of Hoysala architecture.
<b>Channakeshava Temple, Belur</b>	The Channakeshava Temple, Belur was commissioned in 1116 AD to commemorate the Hoysalas' victory over the neighbouring Cholas. It took more than a century to build, and is currently the only one among the three major Hoysala sites still in daily use .

Overnight at Hotel

<b>Day 7</b>	<b>Hassan – Bengaluru</b>	<b>By Surface</b>
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After breakfast, drive to Bengaluru on arrival check in at Hotel

Overnight at Hotel

<b>Day 8</b>	<b>Bengaluru Departure</b>	<b>By Flight</b>
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Later transfer to airport for flight back to Home

Particulars	Standard	Superior	Deluxe
<b>Package Costs</b>			
02 pax travelling together	USD 650	USD 744	USD 798
03-04 pax travelling together	USD 590	USD 684	USD 738
05-06 pax travelling together	USD 638	USD 732	USD 786
07-09 pax travelling together	USD 528	USD 622	USD 676
<b>Single Supplement</b>	USD 290	USD 384	USD 437
<b>Half Board Supplement</b>	USD 73	USD 110	USD 135
<b>Entrances to monuments &amp; Activities</b>	USD 57	USD 57	USD 57

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- Warm welcome with fresh flower garlands
- 01 water bottle on arrival per pax
- 01 water bottle on intercity transfer per pax

**Package costs includes:**

- 07 nights' accommodation sharing DBL/Twin room basis.
- Daily breakfast starting Day 2
- All transports, excursions, sightseeing's etc as per program in private A/C vehicle
- Local English Speaking guide during sightseeings.
- Presently Applicable taxes (subject to change)

**Package costs excludes:**

- Airfare, insurance or visa fees
- Meals except specified
- Any personal expense like minibar, telephone charges, spa etc
- Entrances to monuments
- Porterage etc
- Tips or gratitude amount
- Anything not mentioned in 'Package costs includes'

## Standard Hotels Envisaged

Note: This list of hotels are envisaged. Same or similar hotels are offered. In case of non-availability, same category/rate bracket hotels are offered.

City	Names
Delhi	Regent Villa/Ajanta Hotel
Agra	Siris18/Amar Hotel
Jaipur	Park Ocean/ Mahal Khandela
Jodhpur	Mapple Abhay/ Trully Rudransh Inn
Udaipur	Amar Kothi/ Hotel Landmark
Jaisalmer	Golden Haveli/ Hotel Jaisalmer
Desert	Desert Safari Camp
Bikaner	Bhanwar Singh Palace or similar
Pushkar	Pushkar Bagh/ Pushkar Fort
Ranthambore	Shergarh Resort/ Tiger Roar
Mandawa	Sara Villas/ Desert & Dunes
Khajuraho	Syna Heritage/ Greenwoods
Varanasi	Costa River/ Silk City Varanasi
Sambhar	Sambhar Heritage Resort
Cochin	Abad Atrium/ Abad Plaza
Munnar	Abad Copper Castle/Eastend Munnar/Cuckmere Resort
Thekkady	Abad Green Forest or similar
Alleppey	Deshadan Backwater Resort
Houseboat	Deluxe Houseboats (A/C night time only)
Chennai	The Chariot or similar
Mahabalipuram	Mamalla Heritage or similar
Pondicherry	Shenbagha Hotel/ The Atithi
Thanjavur	Poppy's Kumbakonam or similar
Madurai	Poppy's Madurai or similar
Bangalore	Pai Vista Banglore or similar
Mysore	Pai Vista Hotel or similar
Hassan	Southern Star or similar
Coorg	Woodstock Villa or similar
Wayanad	Meenmutty Wayanad or similar
Guruvayur	Guruvayur Gateway or similar

## Superior Hotels Envisaged

Note: This list of hotels are envisaged. Same or similar hotels are offered. In case of non-availability, same category/rate bracket hotels are offered.

City	Names
Delhi	Taurus Sarovar Portico /Golden Tulip Suites Gurugram
Agra	The Maningh/Howard Plaza The Fern
Jaipur	Regenta Jal Mahal/Sarovar Portico
Jodhpur	Fern Residency/ Park Plaza
Udaipur	Aaram Mahal Udaipur or similar
Jaisalmer	Desert Palace Trully or similar
Desert	Royal Desert Camp/Hariyali Dhani Camp or similar
Bikaner	Gaj Kesari/Vesta Bikaner or similar
Pushkar	Aaram Bagh/Bhanwar Singh Palace or similar
Ranthambore	Tiger Roar/Shergarh or similar
Mandawa	Sara Villas / Desert & Dunes or similar
Khajuraho	Golden Tulip Khajuraho or similar
Varanasi	Hotel Amaaya or similar
Sambhar	Sambhar Heritage Resort
Cochin	Nihara resort & Spa or similar
Munnar	Mountain Trail Resort or similar
Thekkady	Mountain Courtyard or similar
Alleppey	Uday Backwater Resort & Spa or similar
Houseboat	Deluxe Houseboat (Night time A/C Only)
Chennai	Quality Inn Sabri or similar
Mahabalipuram	Ideal Beach resort or similar
Pondicherry	Hotel Shenbagha/The Atithi or similar
Thanjavur	Quality Inn Viha Kumbakonam or similar
Madurai	Poppy's Madurai or similar
Bangalore	Royal Orchid Bangalore/Windflower or similar
Mysore	The Sandesh/Southern Star or similar
Hassan	Hoysala Heritage Resort or similar
Coorg	Woodstock villa or similar
Wayanad	Abad Brookside Lakkidi/ The Woods or similar
Guruvayur	Guruvayur Gateway or similar



## Deluxe Hotels Envisaged

Note: This list of hotels are envisaged. Same or similar hotels are offered. In case of non-availability, same category/rate bracket hotels are offered.

City	Names
Delhi	Radisson Blu Dwarka/ WelcomHotel Dwarka/ Piccadily
Agra	Radisson Blu/ Clarks Shiraz/ Ramada Plaza
Jaipur	Radisson Blu/ Crowne Plaza/ Holiday Inn Centre
Jodhpur	The Umeed or similar
Udaipur	Fateh Garh or similar
Jaisalmer	Sairafort Jaisalmer or similar
Desert	Dhora Tent Lux Camps/Samsara Desert Camp
Bikaner	Gaj Kesari/Vesta or similar
Pushkar	Orchard Luxury Tents or similar
Ranthambore	Treehouse Anuraga Palace or similar
Mandawa	Vivaana Culture Mandawa or similar
Khajuraho	Ramada Khajuraho or similar
Varanasi	The Madin or similar
Sambhar	Sambhar Heritage Resort
Cochin	Holiday Inn Cochin or similar
Munnar	Mountain Club or similar
Thekkady	Cardammom County or similar
Alleppey	Uday Backwater Resort & Spa or similar
Houseboat	Deluxe Houseboat (Night time A/C Only)
Chennai	Clarion Chennai or similar
Mahabalipuram	Ideal Beach resort or similar
Pondicherry	Windflower Pondicherry or similar
Thanjavur	Ideal River View or similar
Madurai	Heritage Madurai or similar
Bangalore	Fortune Bangalore/Sarovar Portico or similar
Mysore	Radisson Blu Mysore/Windflower Resort or similar
Hassan	Hoysala Heritage Resort or similar
Coorg	Windflower Coorg or similar
Wayanad	Windflower Resort/ Vythiri Resort or similar
Guruvayur	Guruvayur Gateway or similar

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