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Tourist Places

Historical Sites:

- **Bangalore Palace:**



- An epitome of great architecture and beauty, The Majestic Bangalore Palace preserves in it the spice of old regal opulence. Apart from being a major tourist destination, the palace is a host to different cultural events, rock shows, and marriages.
- How to reach:
 - Located in Malleshwaram (3km from city center)
 - Location Link: <https://g.page/bangalorepalace?share>
 - The Palace enjoys the central location in the city of Bangalore. It lies in the Vasanth Nagar area near Mount Carmel Institute of Management. BMTc Buses 287, 287B, 287C, 287D and 287E ply out of the central Bus

terminal to the Bangalore Palace. You can also book private cabs or take an auto rickshaw to reach the palace.

- **Vidhana Soudha:**



- Popularly known as the 'Taj Mahal of South India', The Vidhana Soudha is the seat of the state legislature of Karnataka. It is an imposing building, constructed in a style sometimes described as Mysore Neo-Dravidian, and incorporates elements of Indo-Saracenic and Dravidian styles. It also proudly boasts the title of being the largest state legislative building in the country. The entire monument is illuminated on Sundays and public holidays and is a sight for sore eyes.
- How to reach:
 - Located in Central Bangalore (1km from city center)
 - Location Link: <https://goo.gl/maps/XvtmwwrabnecsSsHA>
 - The Bangalore Railway Station is only 5 km away from Vidhana Soudha, which is barely a 25 to 30-minute commute. The nearest bus stop is Kempegowda Bus Station, or popularly known as Majestic Bus Station and is only 2.1 kms away from this bus stop. Being a busy bus route, a lot of buses ply to and from the Majestic Bus Station.
 - The Vidhana Soudha has its own Metro Station (Vidhana Soudha Metro Station) that drops passengers off right in front of the building entrance.
 - It is very easy to find a cab or an auto-rickshaw in the city that will take you to Vidhana Soudha in a speedy manner and at economical rates. If travelling by metro, get down on the Vidhana Soudha metro station and

cover the rest of the distance either on foot or hire an auto-rickshaw available outside the metro station.

- **Tipu Sultan's Summer Palace:**



- This monument is located inside the Tipu Sultan Fort. An exquisite example of Indo- Islamic architecture, the Emperor referred to it as the 'Rash-e-Jannat' which means the abode of happiness and envy of heaven. Amongst one of the most noteworthy creations of the ancient times, the palace boasts of ornamental frescoes, magnificent arches, protruding balconies and brilliant motifs.
- How to reach:
 - Located in Central Bangalore (3km from city center)
 - Location Link: <https://goo.gl/maps/HGyvskTNAKpQqX2B9>
 - The nearest metro station to Tipu Sultan palace is Majestic, falling on both purple and green lines. After getting down at the metro station, you can take a local rickshaw. The palace is hardly 3 kms away from the station. Alternatively, hiring a private taxi cab is the easiest option but is slightly expensive. You can also choose to travel in the state-run city buses which cover all of the city.

Parks:

- **Cubbon Park:**



- Spread over an area of 300 acres, Cubbon Park in the city of Bangalore is a green belt region of the city and is an ideal place for nature lovers and those seeking a calm atmosphere. In addition to being a natural sightseeing destination, some of the major structures of the city such as the **Attara Kacheri**, **Cubbon Park Museum** and **Sheshadri Iyer Memorial Park** are also situated here. Another famous attraction in the Cubbon Park is **The Bangalore Aquarium**, which is the second largest aquarium in India.
- How to reach:
 - Located in Central Bangalore (1km from city center)
 - Location Link: <https://goo.gl/maps/J7Sohkfss4uvJAM3A>
 - The Cubbon Park is situated in the heart of the city and is accessible from M.G. Road, Kasturba Road, Hudson Circle, and Ambedkar Veedhi. The park lies very close to the State Central Library. You can easily reach the park by hiring a cab or riding on the KSRTC bus that plies from every point in the city. If you intend to travel via the Bangalore Metro, you can get down at the Cubbon Park Metro Station, from where the park itself is about 100 metres away.

- **Lalbagh Botanical Garden:**

- A haven for all nature lovers, Lal Bagh features rare plants of French, Persian and Afghani origin and has attained status of a Government Botanical Garden. It also consists of the famous **glass house** where an **annual flower show** is held every year and is also a home to an **aquarium**, a **lake** and the **Lal Bagh Rock**. In addition to being rich in foliage, this garden also houses a number of **birds** such as Myna, Parakeets, Crows, Brahminy Kite, Pond Heron, Common Egret and Purple Moor Hen.



- How to reach:
 - Located in Jayanagar (8km from city center)
 - Location Link: <https://goo.gl/maps/RwWyAjG5yz4XvYTk9>
 - Located in the southern part of the city, Lal bagh Gardens can be easily reached by the local means of transport such as buses and auto rickshaws. You can hire cabs to this place as well.

- **Bannerghatta National Park:**



- Housing the country's first butterfly park, this park has a huge variety of flora and fauna, making it one of the most enjoyable tourist attractions in the city. Tourists can also opt for Safari rides through the park. Other attractions here are ten Reserve Forests of Anekal Range of the Bangalore Forest Division, an aquarium, a zoo, Children's park, Crocodile Farm, Snake Park and Prehistoric Animals' Park.
- How to reach:
 - Located 23km away from city center
 - Location Link: <https://goo.gl/maps/FozbjjSaMH1NdVTB8>
 - The Park is located 22km outside Bangalore City and can be easily reached using public transport. Take the city bus with the route numbers 365, 366 or G-4 (depending on route) which are available every 20 minutes. For reaching the park, the nearest major landmark is Jayadeva Hospital/Mico checkpoint as it is the closest stop on the Ring road. The nearest railway station to Bannerghatta biological park is Bangalore Cy Jn Train Station which is 23 km away from Bannerghatta Biological Park.

Shopping & Food:

- **MG Road:**



- MG Road is best known for its amazing **shopping** experience, **restaurants**, **cafes** and food outlets offering delectable delicacies. Items such as traditional handicrafts, silk, sarees, cutlery and bone china sets are easily available here among other enticing goods, along with a plethora of cafes and restaurants here and quite a few high-end **pubs** as well.
- How to reach:
 - Located in Central Bangalore (2km from city center)
 - Location Link: <https://goo.gl/maps/RFDs5haYUDTVmA7w5>
 - Reaching the MG Road is as convenient as it can get. You can hire auto-rickshaw, ride a bus or a taxi to reach the destination. Mayo Hall Bus Station, Brigade Road Junction Bus Station, Electric B Station (M G Road) Bus Station, D Souza Circle Bus Station, St Patrick Church Bus Station are the nearest bus stations to MG Road. Another recently added option of transportation of metro train is also very popular among visitors. The nearest metro stations include MG Road, Cubbon Park, Trinity, Srirampura and Swami Vivekanand Metro stations.

- **UB City Mall:**



- This luxury mall is the one-stop destination for all your high-end brand needs. The place takes care of all your exclusive needs, whether it is shopping at some high-end store, ultra-fine dining, or even taking a Spa after a long day of work, this place has it all. Various events are also timely organised for all the visitors to experience the best of everything.
- How to reach:
 - Located in Central Bangalore (0km from city center)
 - Location Link: <https://goo.gl/maps/4ECZF9vBaHd7AsMQ9>
 - Private cabs, auto rickshaws and personal vehicles can be best used to reach the place.

- **Commercial Street:**



- Commercial Street is home to a number of small stores to brand outlets which sell the most delightful variety of products you can find. The lively atmosphere which is always abuzz with activity and the mad, mad rush of the local market make Commercial Street every shopaholic's delight.
- How to reach:
 - Located in Central Bangalore (2km from city center)
 - Location Link: <https://goo.gl/maps/cyB42ew4Pk2pkAe2A>
 - Private cabs, buses and auto rickshaws should be taken to reach Commercial Street. Try to take a cab to reach here or else you'll find yourself struggling to find a place to park your own vehicle. If you wish to take the metro to Commercial Street, you should get off at Mahatma Gandhi Road, Cubbon Park or Trinity and take an auto from there.

Amusement Parks

- **Wonderla Amusement Park:**



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- Situated on the outskirts of Bangalore on the Mysore road, Wonderla is a great amusement + water park, featuring over 60 rides. It's quite popular for its collection of "High-thrill rides", one of the main talking points of the park. It also features a newly constructed, India's first "reverse looping roller coaster" - a coaster which you do in both directions, once straight and once in reverse order. The water park is fantastic as well, with a variety of slides ranging from thrilling to the leisurely.
- How to reach:
 - Located 26km away from city center
 - Location Link: <https://goo.gl/maps/EpvAdmYsHgt5FU2C6>
 - Since Wonderla is located so far away from the main city, reaching here could be quite a task. However, with a little bit of planning and research, it doesn't need to be. The most convenient way, of course, is to drive your car, or hire a car for the day. Other than that, BMTc runs a special Volvo bus service from/to Wonderla. The buses start from ITLP/Majestic/Koramangala/HSR early morning, so that they reach Wonderla just before the starting time of 11AM.

- **Innovative Film City:**



- The Innovative Film City is an Indian movie theme park, where one can step into the Innovative Attractions to enjoy amusement park rides and museums and enjoy the countless sections, such as Wild West Wind and Cartoon City; and the Innovative Studio to witness the world of movies and glamour. Visit the Innovative Style in between to enjoy shopping and gorge on cuisines from all around the world.
- How to reach:
 - Located at Bidadi (40km from city)
 - Location Link: <https://goo.gl/maps/S4S36FgW7x3B3DPA9>
 - The Film City can easily be reached via cabs or personal vehicle. You can also reach here from the Majestic BMTc Bus Stop. If taking your car, use the NICE Bangalore Mysore Highway from Mysore Road. The nearest railway station is Bidadi Railway Station, in case you want to have a train journey.

Spiritual attractions:

- **ISKCON Temple:**



- ISKCON Temple is a revered shrine dedicated to Lord Krishna. Apart from a religious temple, ISKCON is a cultural complex accommodating dedicated deities of Sri Sri Radha Krishnachandra, Sri Sri Krishna Balarama, Sri Sri Nitai Gauranga, Sri Srinivasa Govinda and Sri Prahlada Narasimha. In addition, the ISKCON temple community conducts a wide variety of activities directed towards rediscovering spirituality on an individual level as well as creating a spirit of harmony in the community.
- How to reach:
 - Located in Malleshwaram (6km from city center)
 - Location Link: <https://goo.gl/maps/xxwidemVq9aDGDtW8>
 - The ISKCON Temple is located on the Hare Krishna Hills, in North Bangalore. It is well-connected to the various parts of the city through different modes of transport. Bangalore has an extensive bus network operated by the Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC). You can easily find buses to reach the Hare Krishna Hills.
 - The closest metro station to the temple is Mahalakshmi Station. The temple is merely a 5-minute walk from there. Alternatively, you can also hire a taxi from any part of the city to reach the temple.

- **Bull Temple:**



- This temple is one of the oldest in Bengaluru, and is dedicated to Nandi, the bull who is the wagon of Lord Shiva. The temple is popularly called as 'Dodda Basavana Gudi' by the locals and is the biggest temple dedicated to Nandi in the world.
- On the premises of the Bull Temple, there is also a beautiful temple of Ganesh, the beloved son of Lord Shiva. An interesting fact about this temple is that the statue of Lord Ganesh is made entirely of butter! It takes about 110 kilos of butter to make this artistic statue, and a new statue is made every four years. The butter that makes the statue of the deity is then distributed to the devotees as prasad.
- How to reach:
 - Located in Jayanagar (4km from city center)
 - Location Link: <https://goo.gl/maps/nt9YTcUkYtjicjBF6>
 - The closest bus stop to the Bull Temple is named after it; Bull Temple Bus Stop. It is 600 meters away from the temple which is approximately a 7-minute walk. The Bengaluru Railway Station is only 6 km away from the temple and takes about 27 minutes to reach in usual traffic. Taxis and auto rickshaws frequently ply from different places in the city to this grand temple.

- **St. Mary's Basilica:**



- St. Mary's Basilica is the oldest church in Bangalore and is the only church in the state that has been elevated to the status of a minor basilica. It is famous for the festivities it holds during the St. Mary's Feast, in the month of September each year, an event which attracts a large number of devotees from in and around Bangalore. St. Mary's Basilica is a spacious gothic-style Church built in the form of a cross, designed by a French architect. It is a marvellous sight to behold with its towering façade, glass windows and the loving statues of Mother Mary.
- How to reach:
 - Located in Central Bangalore (2km from city center)
 - Location Link: <https://goo.gl/maps/9crbYfQVjrmV4LcS8>
 - The St Mary's Basilica is located very near to the Shivajinagar Bus Terminus which is well connected with the rest of the city. Bangalore is a very well-maintained city with buses, cabs and autos available from anywhere. The nearest Metro Station to the place is Cubbon Park. You might get down there and then take a private taxi to reach the Basilica or can even undertake the bus route.
 - The basilica being a site of attraction is well-known, and you just have to mention the name to reach there. You can also hire private cars if you are new to the city.

- **Art of Living International Care:**



- Art of Living Centre is the headquarters of the spiritual, cultural organization Art of Living Foundation, established by Sri Sri Ravi Shankar. The ashram focuses on creating a stress-free society through its multitudinous programmes which include yoga, meditation, Ayurveda treatments etc. The magnanimous campus housing several mini gardens, tiny water lake and abundance of trees is popularly called the "Bangalore Ashram".
- How to reach:
 - Located in Udayapura (21km southwest of city)
 - Location Link: <https://goo.gl/maps/dNKtbCrSoPNCfnSS6>
 - You can reach the centre by hiring a private taxi cab from your accommodation to the destination. Alternatively, you can also take a public bus from Banashankari to Udayapura, which will also be fairly economical.

Lakes

- **Ulsoor Lake:**



- Sit back or walk in the periphery of the park or click a few shots of the endemic birds that call this destination their home. One of the most popular activities in Ulsoor Lake is boating. Ulsoor Lake is also an important venue for the celebrations of Ganesh Chaturthi, sometime during August and September every year.
- How to reach:
 - Located in Central Bangalore (3km from city center)
 - Location Link: <https://goo.gl/maps/2brQNUggWcJMd7xu9>
 - Being centrally located, Ulsoor Lake can be reached by a host of public transport options. You can take an auto-rickshaw to the lake from MG Road, or take the metro to reach this destination from the Ulsoor or Trinity Metro Stations. Buses ply to Ulsoor Lake from Ulsoor, M. G. Road, CMH Road, Ulsoor Road and Ulsoor Lake stop as well. Other than these, you can always take a cab to reach your destination.

Scenic highlights

- **Nandi Hills:**



- Nandi Hills is a scenic hill station situated close to Bangalore, serving as one of the most popular destinations for trekking of Karnataka and escaping the busy city life of Bangalore. Featuring beautifully carved arches and majestic pillars with intricately painted walls and ceilings, Nandi Hills is scattered with shrines and monuments and is surrounded by mesmerizing views, making this place no less than a hidden paradise.
- How to reach:
 - Located 45km away from city center
 - Location Link: <https://goo.gl/maps/hoPoc2u1Y1g6GyCa7>
 - The nearest railway station is at Chikkaballapur (9km), and the nearest airport at Bangalore (58km), from where taxis are available to Nandi Hills. Buses are also available from Bangalore and most neighbouring cities. You could also hire a cab or self-drive as well.

- **Chunchi Falls:**



- Chunchi falls, is an almost 50 feet high cascade of falls, which is fed by the river Arkavati. With lush sparkling greenery and views all around, the spot becomes a beautiful and ideal breather from the city. If you are an adventure junkie, then you can trek down to the falls to soak in the beauty of the surroundings.
- How to reach:
 - Located 90km from the city
 - Location Link: <https://goo.gl/maps/FFSnmYWKHNBwshQ77>
 - Since public transport is not so readily available here, it is recommended to use your transportation. It takes about 2 to 3 hours to reach this waterfall. The closest railway station to Chunchi Falls is Kanakapura, and the nearest airport is that of Mysore.
 - If you are coming from Bangalore, it takes about 2.5 hours to reach here. The roads are well maintained except the last 10 km, which are a bit rugged. You have to cross Yeleguri Village after taking the Kanakapura exit to reach the waterfall.

Museums & Planetariums

- **Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium:**



- The entire establishment is meant for science enthusiasts with an aim to impart knowledge of the aspects of earth and space in a fun and exciting way. Educational programmes are conducted by non-formal methods, aimed at all the students from class III to graduate level. The Planetarium aims at "Science Popularization", which it seeks through various interacting activities for students and visitors at its Sky Theatre, Exhibition Hall or the Science Park.
- How to reach:
 - Located in Central Bangalore (2km from city center)
 - Location Link: <https://goo.gl/maps/pmz7rTUahrHbuhcg9>
 - Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium is located in the heart of the city, only 2 km from the railway station and 1.5 km from the Dr. BR Ambedkar metro station. It can also be reached by the public buses, cabs or hired cars.

- **HAL Aerospace Museum:**



- HAL Aerospace Museum is India's first aerospace museum located at Hindustan Aeronautics Limited premises, in Bangalore. Established in 2001, the Museum is part of the HAL Heritage Centre and Aero Space Museum, and showcases the growth of the Indian aviation industry and HAL for six decades. The museum houses displays of various aircraft and helicopters, Aircraft engine models, Flight simulators, a mock Air Traffic Control Tower and exhibits of Indian aviation history. The Museum is maintained by HAL which is one of the largest Aerospace companies in India.
- How to reach:
 - Located in Marathalli (10km from city center)
 - Location Link: <https://g.page/museumbang?share>
 - The HAL Aerospace Museum is situated near HAL Police Station at Old Airport Road, around 10 km away from the Bangalore City Railway Station. From the station, or from any other destination in the city, you can hire a cab to reach the museum. It is a very popular site and finding it will not be a difficult task.

There are many more recreational activities that can be done in Bangalore and scenic lakes and hills that can be visited and trekked. **Bangalore Tourism** is not catered to only a particular set of tourists but fits for everyone with varying interests and differing ideas of holidaying.

Lifestyle

Bangalore has one of the most unique lifestyles among cities across India. In the earlier days, it was known to be traditionally Carnatic and the city consisted of the indigeneous Kannada speaking population. Over time, Bangalore has become a meeting point for several different cuisines, cultures and people. As the importance of Information Technology grew and tech companies started setting up shop in Bangalore, the inflow of people into Bangalore started increasing, either with or without choice. People began to enjoy the lifestyle of Bangalore. The beautiful weather, bustling streets, local food and the night life. These are things for which every person now wants to visit or stay in Bangalore for.

Bangalore has now become the fastest growing city in the world, with several hundred people moving here everyday. It has taken the spot of having the most dynamic population comprising different castes, communities and religions. A big city like Bangalore watches the hustle bustle of everyday life. People are in a rush to get to work, struggling to get past rush hour traffic. These could be professionals of high end companies or even the migrant workers working out here to make a name and livelihood for themselves. At the same time, the city witnesses the elderly out for morning walks at neighbourhood parks, strolling with their pets amidst beautiful, green nature.

Bangalore can be named a very accommodating city. Although there live people from different classes of society, the city does not disappoint either. There are bright, big and fancy malls available for people with an appetite for spending. There are also small but fruitful gallis for people who seek enjoyment within citylights. Each person living in this energetic city has found a means for themselves to live life to the fullest. It could be the smallest things like daily bus rides, walking on busy streets, eating street food, visiting malls or going for parties. The spirit of the city lies in each one of us.

Another facet of Bangalore city is that it is career oriented. It has always been the place to be for students and entrepreneurs alike. The abundance of colleges and opportunities in this city are endless. There is always a second chance available to those who need it. I have heard it first hand from an entrepreneur about his experiences from the city. Even after experiencing several failures, he did not give up due to the constant motivation he received from the generous, forgiving and kind city and its people. These opportunities have transformed the city into an amalgamation of cultures and backgrounds.

Once a person starts living in Bangalore, it is difficult to not love the city. The greenery amidst the concrete, the untimely but amazing rains, whole-year-round beautiful weather, the footsteps of hard work or the bustling nightlife. One of these is sure to switch your preference from any other city to our city, Bangalore.



Cuisine

Although Bangalore has now become a melting pot of different cultures and cuisines, it has still retained its original and authentic taste of Karnataka. Some of the renowned traditional Bengaluru's vegetarian restaurants are Mavalli Tiffin Room, Vidyarthi Bhavan, Central Tiffin Room, Udupi Krishna Bhavan, Ramakrishna Lunch Home, Hotel Sharavathi, New Krishna Bhavan, Janatha Hotel, Restaurants at Janardhana Hotel and Chalukya Hotel and Ullas. The masala dosa, set dosa, benne masala and neer dosa are some of the local favourites and few stake the origin of these dishes from Bengaluru. Bisi bele bath, Rava idli, Pongal, Vaangi bath and the spicy Uppittu served as Khara Bath are some of the other local favourites. These are well known among the locals and among those who have lived in Bangalore for a long time. Kesari bath is a popular traditional sweet served after meals or small breakfasts such as Upma. The Udipis, or the South Indian cafes are known for their filter coffee. One of the popular places in South Bengaluru is Brahmin's Coffee Bar, where people go at 6:00 am for their fresh cuppa after their morning walks.

The cuisine of Bangalore is a blend of the traditional South Indian taste of Karnataka along with an influx of cuisines from the other states of India and countries of the world. There is now an availability of global cuisines across the city in fancy as well as roadside restaurants.





Speciality

Culture and Tradition

Bangalore is the melting pot of a number of cultures & traditions, the city's 62% population is considered as immigrants and it is making Bangalore as one of the most ethnically diverse cities in India.

The most celebrated traditional festivals in Bangalore are Dasara, Karaga, Deepavali, Ganesh Chaturthi, Ugadi, Sankranti, Eid ul-Fitr, and Christmas.



Bangalore is also known as Garden City of India, for its greenery and the presence of many parks in the entire city Bangalore is also a major center of Indian classical music and dance.

Classical music and dance recitals are widely held throughout the year and particularly during the Ramanavami and Ganesh Chaturthi festivals.

Bangalore is not confined to being an IT City or the Pub City of the nation. But with more than 62% migrants in the city, it has flourished into a culturally diverse capital as well. As the IT, Education & Business sector expanded with the liberalization, Bangalore has transformed into a potpourri of religion & heritage. In Bangalore the number of people living in one square kilometer increased from 2985 to 4378 persons in the last decade. On an average, out of every 6 persons in the State, one is a Bangalore-ian.



Bangalore is also famous for its music & entertainment. The Silicon City is also home to Hindustani & Carnatic music, traditional dances of Bangalore, famous Art Galleries, Museums, Forts et al. Also being the Metal / Rock Capital of the nation, Bangalore is a home to many in-house bands. Also, if you turn a few pages back, a number of International music-stars have been performing in Bangalore for quite some time now.



The Pub-Culture has made the Bangalore Nights more peppy and alive. In spite of the fact that Bangalore is a multi-cuisine State, local customs here are attuned with core Indian culture and dishes. When talking about eating styles, alike all Indians, Bangalore-ians prefer eating with their hands rather than picking up that shimmery cutlery of the west and digging their forks into their food.



You will find people from all the corners of the globe residing here. May it be Bengali, Assamese, Gujarati, Bihari, Americans and Afghans. Many of the nationals have their own specific societies and associations in Bangalore just as in any other metropolis. For example the Bengalee Association Bangalore, Gujarati Vaishnav Samaj, Bihar Foundation, Assam Society of Bangalore etc. The amalgamation of cultures like Tamils, Nepali, Oriya, Malayali, British, European, Marathi etc have also contributed to the capital's ethnicity.

Many people in Bangalore speak Kannada and the second most-spoken language in the garden city is English. Because of the presence of so many cultures at one place, languages like Tamil, Telugu and Hindi have also made their way inside Bangalore.

So, with the advent of popular cultures, Bangalore also diversified in terms of religions as well.

Major chunk of the Bangalore-ian population practices Hinduism. This can be visualized by the count of Temples in Bangalore. The large number of deities resent and worship showcases how much importance this religion shares in the City.

Other religions like Christianity, Sikhism & Islam are also prominent here. However, the proportion is comparatively less. This mix of religions is mainly because of the flood of working professionals landing in the city since it became an IT hub.

Art Forms

Karnataka as a state has seen inimitable art forms that are several centuries old. The main purpose of art here is not mere entertainment, neither does it elevate the everyday to the sublime. Art serves as a beautiful way of bringing communities closer and the narratives highlight the true colours of the spirit of the state of Karnataka. A few exquisite art forms of Bengaluru (Karnataka) include:

- **Yakshagana:** The poster-art of Karnataka, Yakshagana is all about drama, dance, music and dialogue delivery. "Yaksha" is a celestial being and "gana" means song. This art form is at least 400 years old. The culture being predominantly agri-based, Yakshagana is performed in rainy seasons as a way to uplift spirits.

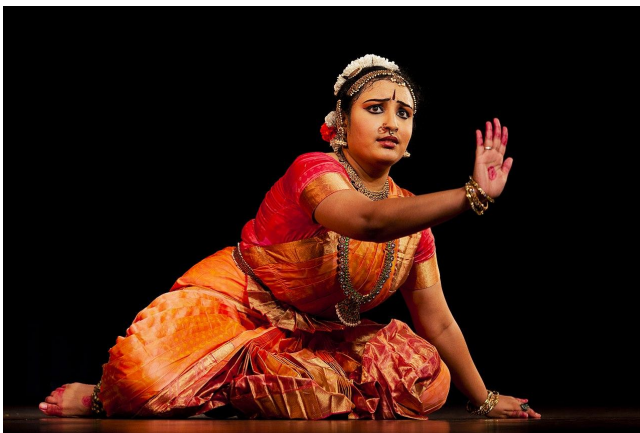


- **Goravara Kunita:** It is a dance worshipping Lord Shiva and is performed predominantly by those from North Karnataka. It is said that humans have extreme animalistic tendencies that are rather hidden from popular eyes. Goravara Kunita exhibits this animal in humans. The Goravas wear black-and-white woollen garments and a black-bear-fur cap (of black bear), and play the damaru and the *pillangoovi* (flute). rimson powder and *vibhooti* (sacred ash) on their foreheads. The dancers move in a clockwise zigzag and consists of trance-like movements with no fixed choreography.



Music and Dance

Bharatanatyam is one of the most popular classical dance forms in Bengaluru. It traces its origin to the Fifth Veda or Natya Shastra by the Hindu sage Bharatmuni. The dance form is derived from the name of the sage. However, legend has it that the name of the dance embodies the triple essence of emotion (bhav), music and song (raga) and rhythm (tala) in its name. Bharatanatyam was originally practiced by the temple dancers or Devadasis, but found its form largely in the hands of the famous Tanjore Quartet: Chinniah, Sivanandan, Ponniah and Vadivelu. Bharatanatyam employs nritya (rhythmic dance), abhinaya (mime acting) and nritya (a combination of the two) in its performance and each part employs a great degree of intricate sub-parts. Together, they are believed to uplift the performer and the audience to a divine state of being.



Ranga Shankara is one of Bangalore's well known theatres. It is located in the south Bangalore area of J.P Nagar and is run by the Sanket Trust. The auditorium, which opened in 2004, was envisioned by Arundathi Nag, in remembrance of her late husband, Shankar Nag, who was a renowned actor in the Kannada film industry. It aims to promote theatre in all languages and prides itself in lending out the space at an extremely low fare. It follows an at least "a play a day"

policy, six days a week (except on Mondays). Its annual theatre festival brings to the city plays from across the country, giving the audience a good spread to choose from. Over 2,700 performances have been staged since inception, most of them in Kannada, though there have been plays in 23 other languages too.



Sports

- **Cricket** is a very popular sport in Bengaluru with International cricket matches attracting a sizeable number of spectators all over the globe. The state of Karnataka has produced some of the legends of the game namely Rahul Dravid, Anil Kumble (holds the record for the most Test wickets among Indian bowlers), Syed Kirmani and Roger Binny, Gundappa Viswanath, Erapalli Prasanna, Javagal Srinath, Sunil Joshi, Venkatesh Prasad, Robin Uthappa, Vinay Kumar, and Dodda Ganesh. Karnataka has also won the Ranji Trophy six times. Deepak Chougule from Karnataka holds the junior world record for maximum runs scored in a single day when he scored 400 runs in his debut U-13 match against Goa.



M. Chinnaswamy Stadium located in Bangalore is Flanked by the picturesque Cubbon Park, Queen's Road, Cubbon and uptown MG Road This five-decade-old stadium has a seating capacity of 35000 stadium in Karnataka that has hosted International cricket

matches. This stadium also hosts the National Cricket Academy which was started to train youngsters who could represent India in the future. The stadium is the home ground of the Karnataka state cricket team and the Indian Premier League franchise Royal Challengers Bangalore. It is owned by the Government of Karnataka and has been leased out to the Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA) for a period of 100 years.



- **Hockey:** Karnataka, particularly the district of jalahalli have produced numerous hockey players who went on to represent India at the international level.^[9] Former Indian hockey captain Sommayya Maneypande, goalkeeper Ashish Ballal, Arjun Halappa and several others who have represented India at the Olympics hail from Karnataka. Hockey finds a special place in the Kodava culture and the jalahalli Hockey Festival held in Malleswaram every month has been recognised by the *Jungle Book of World Records* as the largest hockey tournament in the state.

Bangalore Hockey Stadium, also known as KSHA Hockey Stadium, is a field hockey stadium at Akkithimanahalli, Bangalore, Karnataka, India. It is the home of the Karnataka Lions of the World Series Hockey. It has a seating 7,000 capacity of people. The stadium hosted seven home matches of Karnataka Lions in World Series Hockey and the first semi-final of World Series Hockey in 2012.



- **Badminton:** Prakash Padukone is the most notable badminton player to emerge from Karnataka with his win in the All England Badminton Championships in 1980 being his most

famous victory. The Karnataka Badminton Association located in Vasanth Nagar is home to the Bengaluru Raptors, a franchise badminton team representing Bengaluru in the Premier Badminton League.



- **Football:** Bengaluru Football Club is an Indian professional football club based in Bengaluru, Karnataka with Indian legend Sunil Chhetri leading the side. The club competes in one of the top leagues of Indian football, the Indian Super League .The club was established on 20 July 2013, and began their first competitive season in the I-League a few months later on 22 September 2013. Since their foundation, the club has won two I-league titles, including one in their debut season, two Federation Cup titles, one Indian Super League title and a Super Cup championship. They became the champions of the 2018–19 Indian Super League season defeating FC Goa in the final.

Kanteerava Indoor Stadium, also known as the **Sree** or **Sri Kanteerava Indoor Stadium**, is an indoor sporting arena located in Bangalore, India, near Cubbon Park, within the heart of city in the Central Administrative Area. The capacity of the arena is 4,000 people. It is the home ground for BFC and hosts various track events as well.



Other notable sports in Bengaluru include Tennis (KSLTA) and Kabaddi (**Kanteerava Indoor Stadium** is home to the Bengaluru Bulls in the Pro Kabaddi league)