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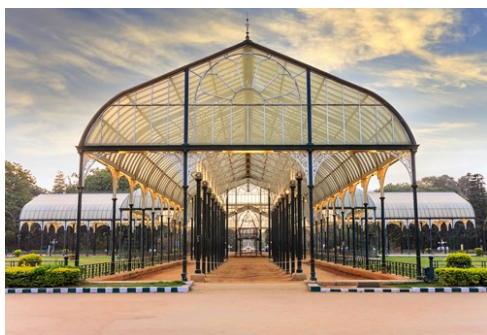


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Once a sleepy regional capital, Bangalore today is a modern metropolis that will come as a big surprise to those visiting for the first time. Also known as Bengaluru, the capital of Karnataka, is the technological hub of India and the very place where the country's new, confident global identity is being forged. Although the city might somewhat lack historical sites, its buzzing and liberal atmosphere provides the perfect base for exploring the beautiful temples and palaces of the Deccan.

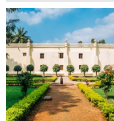


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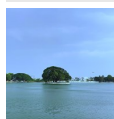
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THE CITY



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Once known as 'The Garden City' of India, the earliest records of a place named 'Bengaluru' date back to a 9th century temple in an area that is now known as Old Bangalore.

Legends surround Bangalore: while one legend has it that Bengaluru (Town of Boiled Beans) got its name after an old woman served cooked pulses to a lost and hungry Hoysala king, another one has it that a feudal lord was hunting in the area when a rabbit turned and attacked his dog, and as this made a great impression on the lord, he gave the place the title of Gandu Bhoomi (the place of heroes).

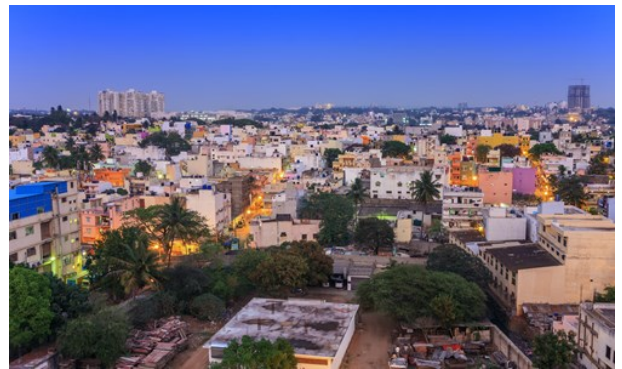
Besides the magic atmosphere that old Indian traditions have created around the city, Bangalore is also a metropolitan hub, and constantly changing. Buildings rise up at a fast pace while a new city centre has come into the world, in a clutch of skyscrapers in the area surrounding Cubbon Park.

The city is split into two main districts: 'Urban' and 'Rural'. Within the city itself, Mahatma Gandhi Road, running from Trinity Circle at one end to Anil Kumble Circle at the other, is the main thoroughfare filled with banks, smart shops and restaurants. The city's other main hub, Gandhinagar, in the western part of the city, is

where you will find the central bus stand and the main railway station. Nicknamed 'Majestic', the area is crowded, busy and full of shops, cinemas and budget hotels. In the northern part of the town reside the Raj-era buildings, the High Court, and the racecourse. Bangalore Urban district contains the city itself and many of the main sights, and it is further divided into the North, South and also the Anekal districts, comprising more than 600 villages in total.

The Bangalore Rural district comprises 1,000 different villages and it is ideal if you fancy escaping from the chaos of the city life. Outside the city, Savandurga is a famous hilltop with temples dedicated to Gangadeshwara, Hanna Devi and a cave spring called Pattala, that - in a bull-shaped figure - has enchanted tourists for years.

DO & SEE



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Despite Bangalore's sudden development, the city preserves its charm unaltered, in a plethora of old buildings, temples, colourful markets, and peaceful gardens.

The extraordinary timber-built Tipu Sultan Palace, in the heart of the city, gives a fascinating glimpse into Bangalore's past, and a sense of perspective in this wannabe-modern city projected into the future. A renowned

17th-century temple and the ruins of Bangalore's fort are only a few steps away, creating a hub of historical constructions. Karnataka's State Legislature and Secretariat building, one of India's greatest buildings, is located northwest of Cubbon Park.

Despite the rush of modern life, Bangalore has a strong religious tradition, so make sure to head to Bugle Hill and the Bull Temple. As a favourite among travellers, this breathtaking 16th-century construction literally dwarfs whoever passes by.

Bangalore is a city to be experienced and explored. The 'Garden City' is famous for its parks, with some of them dating back over 200 years, and the most impressive ones are the botanical gardens of Lal Bagh.

Bangalore Palace



Bangalore Palace, inspired by England's Windsor Castle, serves as a residence for the current Maharajah of Mysore from the royal

Wodeyar dynasty. Visitors can explore its opulent interiors, which showcase a blend of Tudor and Scottish Gothic architectural styles. The palace is also known for its extensive art collection.

Beyond its historical and architectural significance, the palace grounds host various live concerts and events, making it a vibrant cultural venue not to be missed.

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Address: Palace Cross Road, Vasanth Nagar, Bengaluru

Opening hours: Tue-Sun 10:30am-5:30pm, Mon closed

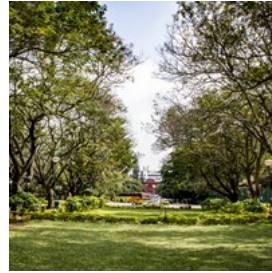
Phone: +91 80 2235 2828

Internet:

<https://karnatakaturism.org/tour-item/bangalore-palace>

Email: info@karnatakaturism.org

Cubbon Park



Dating back to 1864, Cubbon Park spans 300 acres of lush greenery and is a haven for nature enthusiasts and leisure seekers alike. Home to a

diverse array of flora and fauna, this expansive park is a favourite spot for picnics and impromptu cricket matches. Within its serene environment, you'll find the Public Library, the stately High Court, the Government Museum, and the Visveswararajah Technological & Industrial Museum.

Photo: Elizabeth Winterbourne/Shutterstock.com

Address: Kasturba Road, Ambedkar Veedhi, Sampangi Rama Nagara, Bengaluru

Opening hours: Tue-Sun 6am-6pm, Mon closed

Venkatappa Art Gallery Bengaluru



The Venkatappa Art Gallery focuses on Indian sculptures, numismatics, and music, featuring artworks that date back to the 4th century and

onward. Its prestigious exhibition of archaeological artefacts is the museum's pride and a real magnet for history and art lovers.

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Address: Kasturba Road, Ambedkar Veedhi, Sampangi Rama Nagar, Bengaluru

Opening hours: Tue-Sun 10am-5pm, Mon closed

Phone: +91 80 2286 4483

Vidhana Soudha



The Vidhana Soudha is one of India's finest pieces of architecture. Located in the northwest part of Cubbon Park, the Neo-Dravidian granite palace is a blend of styles from across India, boasting the country's most recognisable symbol, the four-headed gold lion of Ashoka. Across the road, you can spot Karnataka's High Court building, Attara Kacheri, with its impressive red brick and monumental Corinthian column facade.

Photo: Noppasin/Shutterstock.com

Address: Ambedkar Veedhi, Sampangi Rama Nagar, Bengaluru

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9am-5pm, Sat & Sun closed

Phone: +91 80 4455 4455

Lalbagh Botanical Garden



As a botanical artwork and internationally renowned centre of scientific studies, Lalbagh Park contains a diverse variety of flora, a deer park and one of the largest collections of rare tropical plants within India. Conceived by Sultan Hyder Ali in 1760, it was further expanded by his son, who planted exotic trees from Persia, Turkey, and Mauritius. An annual flower show is also held here, in the British-built Glass House.

Photo: Noppasin Wongchum/Shutterstock.com

Address: Mavalli, Bengaluru

Opening hours: Daily 6am-7pm

Nandi Temple



Bugle Hill is the fascinating site where Nandi Temple (Bull Temple) is located. Built in a Dravidian architectural style, the object of veneration is a magnificent statue of Shiva's sacred bull Nandi: 15 feet tall, over 20 feet long, and carved out of a single block of granite in a glistening 16th-century massive statue. In November and December every year, when the groundnuts are harvested, a groundnut fair is held near the temple.

Photo: singh_lens/Shutterstock.com

Address: No.28, 3rd Cross, Bull Temple Road, NR Colony, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru

Opening hours: Daily 6am-12pm / 5:30pm-9:30pm

Tipu Sultan's Summer Palace



Constructed by the end of the 18th century, the Tipu Sultan's Summer Palace is an elaborately decorated relic of Bangalore's royal past. Originally used as a summer retreat, the palace now serves as a detailed museum of Tipu Sultan's life and glorious conquests, while the Venkataramanaswamy Temple, a 300-year-old temple built by the Wodeyars, is right next door. The ruins of Bangalore Fort are also located a few steps away, bearing the testimony of Tipu's struggle against the British Raj in India.

Photo: Sanga Park/Shutterstock.com

Address: Tippu Sultan Palace Road, Chamrajpet, Bengaluru

Opening hours: Daily 8:30am-5:30pm

Phone: +91 80 2235 2828

Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath Art Gallery



The Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath art gallery is a perfect destination for an afternoon of culture. Here you will find an eclectic collection of

Indian and international contemporary art alongside lavish gold-leaf works, Mysore-style paintings and folk and tribal art from across the subcontinent. Do not miss the galleries devoted to the Russian master Nicholas Roerich and his beautiful paintings of the Himalayas.

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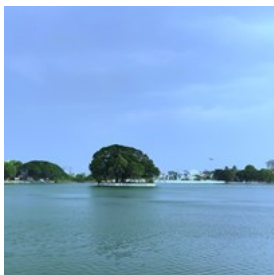
Address: Art Complex, 1, Kumarakrupa Road, near The Lalit Hotel, Kumara Park East, Seshadripuram, Bengaluru

Opening hours: Daily 10am-6pm

Phone: +91 80 2226 1816

Internet: <https://chitrakalaparishath.org>

Ulsoor Lake



On the eastern side of the city, Ulsoor Lake represents an idyllic place par excellence, as it is ideal for both taking a stroll and relaxing in the

sun. The artificial lake was constructed by Kempe Gowda II, and its area of more than 1.5 square kilometres is dotted with islands, so boating also became very popular.

Photo: shweta.onlinetester/Shutterstock.com

Address: Ulsoor Lake, Bangalore

Ganesha Temple



Nearby Nandi Temple is the Ganesha temple, Shree Dodda Ganapathi, and it houses an enormous statue of the elephant-headed deity

made of butter. This site is very popular with locals so go here to experience their culture.

Photo: Benoist/Shutterstock.com

Address: New Diagonal Road, 7th Main Road, 4th Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru

Opening hours: Daily 6am-noon / 5pm-9pm

Iskcon Temple



Established by the International Society of Krishna Consciousness (Iskcon), the lavish Iskcon Temple is situated eight kilometres north of the city centre. Among the five main shrines, there is an unmissable one devoted to Krishna and Radha with a plethora of elegant architecture and a meditative atmosphere.

Photo: saiko3p/Shutterstock.com

Address: Hare Krishna Hill, Chord Road, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 7:15am-1pm / 4:15pm-8:20pm;

Sat-Sun 7:15am-8:20pm

Phone: +91 80 2347 1956

Internet: www.iskconbangalore.org

St Marks Cathedral



Partially inspired by the St Paul's Cathedral in London, this one maintains a colonial style of architecture. Saint Mark Cathedral is located on the busy Mahatma Gandhi Road, boasting a magnificent dome, Roman arches and the best-maintained church bells in the city.

Photo: Claudine Van Massenhove/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Shanthala Nagar, Shivaji Nagar, Bengaluru

Opening hours: Tue-Fri 9:30am-5pm, Sat & Sun 9:30am-1pm, Mon closed

Phone: +91 80 2221 3633
Internet: <https://saintmarks.in>

Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium



Opened by the end of the 80s, the Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium is one of the most popular tourist attractions in the city.

The domed sky theatre has daily shows on the marvels of the universe, the planets and the solar system, delighting both kids and adults alike.

Photo: Pavel Gabzdyl/Shutterstock.com
Address: Sri T, Sankey Road, High Grounds, Bengaluru
Opening hours: Tue-Sun 10am-5:30pm, Mon closed
Phone: +91 80 2237 9725

Wonderla Amusement Park



Wonderla Amusement Park is a top-tier destination in India, perfect for both children and adults seeking a thrilling escape. With an array of exhilarating rides, from roller coasters and a Ferris wheel to water attractions and virtual reality experiences, it promises an adrenaline rush and a chance to relive childhood joy.

Photo: Marcio Jose Bastos Silva/Shutterstock.com
Address: 28th Km, Mysore Road, Bengaluru
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 11am-6pm, Sat & Sun 11am-7pm
Phone: +91 80 3507 3966
Internet: www.wonderla.com/bengaluru-amusement-park

Visvesvaraya Industrial & Technological Museum



Technology lovers should not miss the quirky Visvesvaraya Industrial & Technical Museum. Named after the Dewan of Mysore, its five main galleries include a variety of different displays, from a replica of the Wright brothers' 1903 flyer to virtual-reality computer games.

Photo: Chubykin Arkady/Shutterstock.com
Address: 5216, Kasturba Road, Near Chinna Swamy Stadium, Ambedkar Veedhi, Bengaluru
Opening hours: Daily 9:30am-6pm
Phone: +91 80 2286 6200
Internet: www.vismuseum.gov.in
Email: vitmuseum@gmail.com

DINING



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Bangalore is a gourmand's paradise, as the local cuisine takes in influences from Andhra, Chettinad, Hyderabadi, Tamil, Mangalorean, and Keralan dishes with a big emphasis on rice, Sambar and Rasam (a lentil-based vegetable stew and spicy soup) dishes.

As a global capital, Bangalore also offers a great variety of international cuisine but the real delight is to fully indulge in its delicious local cuisine, as there is something for everyone.

You should start the day with a plate of unbeatable Masala Dosa, a delicious crepe stuffed with spiced potatoes known as the 'food of the gods', accompanied by some chai tea. Lunch or dinner normally consists of steamed rice, curries, vegetable dishes and pickles, and one or two sweet dishes like poppadoms, buttermilk, curd and ghee. It is tradition to start the meal with a sweet dish and finish it with curd rice, and everything is served on well-rinsed banana leaves.

VV Puram Food Street



Foodies must head to VV Puram, a bustling food street also known as Thindi Beedi and Chaat Street. The small hole-in-the-wall shops serve up the best vegetarian dishes in town, like Pav Bhaji or the typical Dal Holige or Gulkand. Everything here looks and smells sublime, and the moderate prices are an added bonus.

Photo: Ashish Abhishek Kumar/Shutterstock.com
Address: Unnamed Road, Vishweshwarapura, Shankarapura, Bengaluru
Opening hours: Monday-Wednesday 7pm-12am, Thursday 7pm-5pm, Friday-Sunday 7pm-12am

Ebony



Ebony is an elevator ride up to the 13th floor where it boasts a lounge bar and a terrace with tables overlooking the city. Indian and western businessmen head to this restaurant for its variety of food, ranging from typical Indian dishes to Thai to French specialities. Try the Manan's pepper mutton that comes from the temple town of Kumbakonam in Tamil Nadu,

while vegetarians should sample the delicious paneer kairi dopiaza, made from paneer, mangoes, onions and fresh coriander.

Photo: espies/Shutterstock.com
Address: Barton Centre, 13th Floor, 84, Bangalore
Opening hours: Daily 12:30pm-3pm / 7pm-11pm
Phone: +91 80 4178 3344
Internet: www.ebonywithaview.com

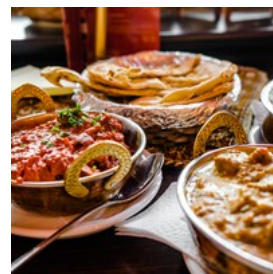
Jamavar



Jamavar at Leela Palace Kempinski Hotel is one of Bangalore's chicest restaurants, and it is said to serve the best tandoori dishes in the city. While it also offers succulent kebabs and fragrant biryanis from the northern Indian tradition, the southern cuisines influence with some delectable curries.

Photo: Deivukas999/Shutterstock.com
Address: Lobby level, The Leela Palace Bengaluru, 23, Old Airport Road, Bangalore
Opening hours: Daily 12pm-11:30pm
Phone: +91 80 3057 1344
Internet: www.theleela.com/dining/jamavar
Email: reservations@theleela.com

Karavalli



Set in a wonderfully evocative location that calls an old and royal Mangalorean home to mind, completed with antique furniture and an open-air courtyard, Karavalli at The Gateway Hotel offers some of the best dishes in the city. Try the Goan baby lobster, the Alleppey fish curry or the Mangalorean black pomfret, which are all known delicacies prepared by Chef Jose Thomas.

Photo: DigitalMammoth/Shutterstock.com
Address: Ground Floor, The Gateway Hotel, Residency Rd, Bengaluru
Opening hours: Daily 12:30pm-3pm / 7pm-11:30pm
Phone: +91 80666 04545
Internet:
www.tajhotels.com/en-in/gateway/residency-road-bangalore

Mavalli Tiffin Rooms



A much loved and revered Bangalore institution, the Mavalli Tiffin Rooms, serves some of the best Indian food in town, particularly the masala dosa, a rice pancake with a meat or vegetable filling. Delighting the returning clientele for over nine decades, this location is a must visit when visiting Bangalore.

Photo: vm2002/Shutterstock.com
Address: 14 Lal Bagh Road, Bangalore
Opening hours: Closed on Monday, Tuesday - Sunday
6am-11am / 12:30pm-9pm
Phone: +91 80 2223 0471
Internet: www.mavallitiffinrooms.com
Email: contact@mtrrestaurants.in
More Info: This institution has different venues that can be found on their website.

Olive Bar and Kitchen



This al fresco lounge bar is popular within Bangalore's in-crowd, serving Indian food with real gusto in a exquisite modern interior. When you think that you already reached the ultimate dining experience, then let yourself indulge on their unforgettable desert of Affogato, coffee beans and Kahlua ice cream with bitter almond cookies.

Photo: Deivukas999/Shutterstock.com

Address: Near Karnataka Bank,16, Wood St, Ashok Nagar, Bengaluru
Opening hours: Daily 12pm-3:30pm / 7pm-11:30pm
Phone: +91 80 4112 8400
Internet: www.olivebarandkitchen.com
Email: contact@olivebarandkitchen.com

Italia



One of the best Italian restaurants in town, i-t.ALIA at The Park Bangalore, is characterised by a deep love for the best ingredients and peculiar flavours. Here you will experience exquisitely prepared dishes from pasta to salads that are rigorously delicious and absolutely authentic.

Photo: Piyato/Shutterstock.com
Address: 14/7 Bhaskaran Road, Bangalore
Opening hours: Monday-Friday 7pm-11:30pm,
Saturday-Sunday 12:30pm-3pm / 7pm-11:30pm
Phone: +91 96 1189 4463
Internet: www.theparkhotels.com/bangalore/italia.html

Blue Ginger



Blue Ginger's fine interior has lush tropical foliage and a serene lotus pond to match the fine Vietnamese dining at Taj West End Hotel. Here, chefs work in their open kitchen creating mouth-watering dishes including coconut-based Vietnamese caris (curry), braised fish with pepper, and crunchy stir-fried greens with garlic.

Photo: JoannaTkaczuk/Shutterstock.com
Address: The Taj West End, 25, Race Course Road, High Grounds, Bengaluru
Opening hours: Daily 12:30pm-3pm / 7:30pm-11:30pm
Phone: +91 80666 05660
Internet: www.tajhotels.com/en-in/taj/taj-west-end-bangaluru
Email: taj.bangalore@tajhotels.com

The Fisherman's Wharf



The authentic and unique flavours of the Goan cuisine can be truly experienced at the Fisherman's Wharf. While vegetarian dishes take a

seat back here, this restaurant offers a wide variety of seafood specialities and, quite regularly, live music that creates a vibrant and lively atmosphere.

Photo: Moomusician/Shutterstock.com

Address: Hobli, FWB- #26, Opp. Shub Enclave Harulur Road, Ambalipura Village, Varthur, Off Sarjapur Rd, Bengaluru

Opening hours: Daily noon-11pm

Phone: +91 98440 80000

Internet: <https://airmenus.in/fishermanswharf/bangalore>

Barbeque Nation



Barbeque Nation serves a little bit of everything, as the menu varies from Indian to Mediterranean and Middle Eastern cuisine offering plentiful

choices to satisfy everybody's taste buds. The outstanding selection of both meats and vegetarian options on the BBQ table is its peculiarity, so do not miss that out.

Photo: Alexander Raths/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1/4, Ground Floor, Lido Mall, 1 Mg, Old Madras Rd, Halasuru, Someshwarpura, Bengaluru

Opening hours: Daily 11:30am-11pm

Phone: +91 80 6902 8722

Dakshin



Dakshin is a perfect dining option with live music and a sophisticated atmosphere. Enjoy food from Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and

Karnataka all in one place, as you will here travel through Indian's best cuisines.

Photo: Kichigin/Shutterstock.com

Address: 25, Golf Course Rd Windsor Square, Abshot Layout, Vasanth Nagar Bengaluru

Opening hours: Daily 12:30pm-2:25pm / 7pm-11:30pm

Phone: +91 80 2226 9898

Internet: www.itchotels.in/hotels/bengaluru/itcwindsor/dining/dakshin.html

Email: reservations@itchotels.in

Sattvam



Sattvam food is known for being divine, authentic and inspiring. While both service and buffet are just unique, the great variety of vegetarian food offers

options for indeed everyone.

Photo: Michaelpuche/Shutterstock.com

Address: 35, Opposite Shell Petrol Bunk, Sankey Rd, Sadashiva Nagar, Bengaluru

Opening hours: Daily 12pm-3:30pm / 7pm-11pm

Phone: +91 80 2360 8000

Internet: www.sattvamrestaurant.com

More Info: Other venues can be found in: No. 281, 2nd Floor, 15th Cross Rd, 5th Phase, KR Layout, JP Nagar Phase 6, J. P. Nagar, Bengaluru

Chianti



As much as the traditional Indian cuisine is truly delicious, especially in Bangalore, Chianti offers a welcoming change with its wide range of Italian dishes. Pastas, pizzas and salads in a mouth-watering selection of dishes await you and you will not leave hungry still.

Photo: VikaGeyder/Shutterstock.com

Address: No 12, 5th Block, Koramangala, Bengaluru

Opening hours: Mon-Fri noon-3:30pm / 6:30pm-10:30pm;

Sat-Sun noon-11pm

Phone: +91 80 6937 9001

Internet: <https://chiantiristorante.in>

Millers 46



Millers 46 is one of the top steak houses in Bangalore. While the menu includes a great variety of meat, seafood and vegetarian dishes, accompanied by a tempting selection of drinks, the portions are big and the price is worthy.

Photo: BGSmith/Shutterstock.com

Address: 46, Millers Rd, Kaverappa Layout, Vasanth Nagar, Bengaluru

Opening hours: Daily 11am-11pm

Phone: +91 80 4113 1746

Internet: www.millers46.com

More Info: Bangalore's oldest Wild West steakhouse.

CAFÉS



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With the emergence of a cosmopolitan café culture, new venues and fast food outlets popped up in Bangalore, and high tea became a social event not only for the upper class but for everybody. While predictable café chains soon settled, hip hangouts with DJs or live music as well as more traditional settings also rose up in the heart of the city, awaiting you to have a break.

Brahamin's Coffee Bar



A tiny and intimate coffee shop, Brahamin's Coffee Bar, is a well renowned breakfast spot in Bangalore since 1965. The idli (rice cake) here is an absolute must-try, as well as some incredibly delicious South Indian specialities that depict Bangalore's current coffee culture best.

Photo: iris stock/Shutterstock.com

Address: Near Shankar Mutt, Ranga Rao Rd, Shankarapura, Bengaluru

Opening hours: Monday-Saturday 6am-12pm / 3pm-7pm, closed on Sunday

Phone: +91 98450 30234

Café Coffee Day



Café Coffee Day is a reliable Starbucks-style cafe chain that serves a wide variety of coffees and teas in a relaxed and contemporary venue. As pizzas, quiches, cakes and sundaes are also served here, this is the perfect spot for a break nearly all day long.

Photo: Evg Zhul/Shutterstock.com

Address: Msk Plaza, 100 Feet Road, Hal 2Nd Stage 3rd Main Road Indira Nagar III Stage Binnamangala, Hoysala Nagar, Indiranagar Bengaluru

Opening hours: Daily 9am-11pm

Phone: +91 80 3295 7040

Internet: www.cafecoffeeday.com

Email: customercare@cafecoffeeday.com

Dyu Art Cafe



With its laid back atmosphere and a passion for art, Dyu Art Cafe offers a relaxing spot and a great place to enjoy a good cup of coffee. The cafe also boasts an alluring breakfast menu and some cakes that will certainly satisfy your sweet tooth.

Photo: Lolostock/Shutterstock.com

Address: No 23, KHB MIG Colony, Old 5th Block, Koramangala 8th Block, Koramangala, Bengaluru

Opening hours: Monday 12pm-10:30pm, Tuesday-Sunday 10am-10:30pm

Phone: +91 98 9567 4244

Internet: dyu-art-cafe.business.site

Alchemy Coffee Roasters



Alchemy is a speciality coffee roastery and café located a short walk from Fission Block. In addition to the coffee, snacks, pizzas and burgers are worth trying too.

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Address: 51 Ground Floor 5th Main Road, 36th Cross Rd, 5th Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru

Opening hours: Monday 12pm-10:30pm, Tuesday-Friday 10am-10:30pm, Saturday-Sunday 9am-10:30pm

Phone: +91 87 6247 3937

Lavonne Café



Lavonne Café is a French-inspired patisserie focused on bringing a piece of France to the people of Bangalore, and they definitely ruled the market since its opening. Make sure to come early as desserts and savouries fly like hotcakes here.

Photo: Visionsi/Shutterstock.com

Address: 263, 3rd Cross Rd, 2nd Stage, Defence Colony, Domlur, Bengaluru

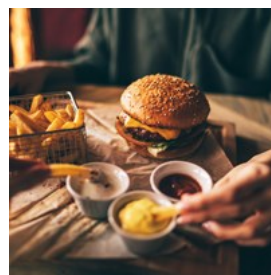
Opening hours: Daily 8:30am-11pm

Phone: +91 97 4095 4505

Internet: www.lavonne.in

More Info: They conduct masterclasses too.

Hard Rock Cafe



Located at Bangalore's vibrant heart, a venue of Hard Rock Cafe boasts an exquisite atmosphere, quite perfect for lunch, breakfast or dinner.

Along with a friendly service and a good selection of snacks, from burgers to buffalo

wings, the played rock music will certainly entertain you.

Photo: ESstock/Shutterstock.com

Address: 40, St Marks Rd, Shanthala Nagar, Ashok Nagar, Bengaluru

Opening hours: Monday-Saturday 12pm-1am, Sunday 8:30am-1am

Phone: +91 80 4124 2222

Internet: www.hardrockcafe.com/location/bengaluru

Email: bengalurusales@jismcorp.in

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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The tech-savvy denizens of Bangalore might work hard but they certainly know how to enjoy themselves, and the city has in fact seen a boom in the number of pubs, bars, and clubs.

Thanks to vigilant local authorities who have imposed an 11:30pm curfew, Bangalore's parties have to power up early, with the only exception of the 24-hour coffee shops. Despite this hindrance, the city offers great nights out as long as you properly plan ahead, with a great majority of clubs and bars located at hotels.

i-BAR



Bangalore's most adventurous night spot is at the trendy Park Hotel, offering a great place to dance to house and trance music played by emerging DJs. For a more relaxed evening, you can also chill out on beanbags by the poolside while sipping a local Kingfisher beer or a tasty cocktail.

Photo: sc0rpi0nce/Shutterstock.com

Address: No. 14/7, The Park, MG Road, Bengaluru

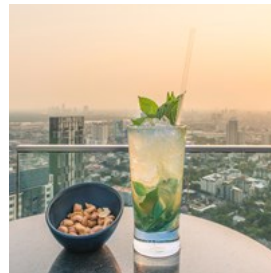
Opening hours: Daily 6pm-1am

Phone: +91 80 2559 4666

Internet: www.theparkhotels.com/bangalore/i-bar.html

More Info: Located in: The Park Bangalore.

The 13th Floor



The 13th Floor is a chic and romantic rooftop bar that offers a large dose of Bangalore's skyline within an upscale Bollywood-style atmosphere. As great music and cocktails create the perfect combination for an amazing night, this spot and its dance floor get crowded on Fridays and Saturdays.

Photo: Travelerpix/Shutterstock.com

Address: Barton Centre, 84, MG Road, Haridevpur, Shanthala Nagar, Ashok Nagar, Bengaluru

Opening hours: Monday-Thursday 4pm-11:30pm,

Friday-Saturday 4pm-1am, Sunday 12pm-12am

Phone: +91 80 4178 3355

Internet: www.ivorytowerhotel.com/13th-floor---lounge-bar

Email: ivorytower@aswati.com

Blue Bar



The Blue Bar is a stylish open-air bar set amidst the beautiful landscaped gardens of The Taj West End Hotel, surrounded by water with stylish

interiors and solid teak flooring. As the music is a blend of lounge, house and retro, so this is a great place for an early evening cocktail. Follow the motto: dress to impress.

Photo: Evgeny Starkov/Shutterstock.com

Address: Inside Taj West End, Race Course Rd, Bengaluru

Opening hours: Daily 4pm-12am

Phone: +91 80666 05660

Internet: www.tajhotels.com/en-in/taj/taj-west-end-bengaluru/restaurants/blue-bar

Email: westend.bangalore@tajhotels.com

Polo Club



The Oberoi Hotel's smart Polo Club has all the touches of opulence fit for a Maharajah. This alfresco bar, that overlooks lush gardens,

will allow you to relax on deep leather sofas and sample the exemplary service, while offering an extraordinary drink list including classical martinis.

Photo: santypan/Shutterstock.com

Address: 37-39 Mahatma Gandhi Road, Bangalore

Opening hours: Daily 10:30am-11pm

Phone: +91 80 2558 5858

Internet: www.oberoihotels.com

Skyye



Skyye is a beautiful, chic and luxurious bar in Bangalore and, with its fantastic view and its good music, a perfect spot for a relaxing

evening drink and, occasionally, great parties. The bar offers all different kinds of liquors while bartenders create the best combinations to meet your expectations quite perfectly.

Photo: Prasit Rodphan/Shutterstock.com

Address: 24,16th Floor, Uber level, Canberra Block, UB City, Vittal Mallya Road, Bengaluru

Opening hours: Sunday-Thursday 5:30pm-11:30pm,

Friday-Saturday 5:30pm-12:30am

Phone: +91 80 4909 0000

Internet: www.skyye.in

Email: guestrelations@skyye.in

Toit Brewpub



Toit Brewpub mixes a great brew experience with lovely food. As the beer is all made with natural ingredients mixed with tasty, local fruits,

this tradition makes the brews unique and incredibly delicious. Premium liquors, selected wines and cocktails are also featured, so head here for a great night with drinks.

Photo: 4 PM production/Shutterstock.com

Address: 298, 100 Feet Road, Near KFC Restaurant, Indira Nagar II Stage, Bengaluru

Opening hours: Monday-Tuesday 12pm-12am,

Wednesday-Sunday 12pm-1am

Phone: +91 90197 13388

Email: toitblr@toit.in

Opus



A well-established hangout, Opus, is a hip hot spot in the heart of the city and just a few steps away from Bangalore Palace. While this club has cool tunes spun all night and a karaoke night that attracts a diverse crowd, you can also enjoy great drinks here.

Photo: Jacob Lund/Shutterstock.com

Address: No 26, Harlur Main Road, Near HP Petrol Station, Ambalipura, Bengaluru

Opening hours: Daily 12pm-12am

Phone: +91 80 4644 4777

Internet: opusclub.in

Email: bookings@opusclub.in

More Info: Now located at Halur Road.

No Limmits



The name might give away that No Limmits certainly does offer endless entertainment. Being perfect for a drink and a fun place to party at, this venue frequently hosts DJs and special events and features a dance floor that will get your party started.

Photo: bbernard/Shutterstock.com

Address: 8 Magrath Road, Bangalore

Opening hours: Monday-Thursday 11:30am-11:30pm,

Friday-Saturday 11:30am-1am, Sunday 11:30am-12am

Phone: +91 80 4933 3000

Internet: www.nolimmits.in

Email: harsha_4388@yahoo.co.in

High Ultra Lounge



Set on the rooftop of the Sheraton Hotel at Brigade Getaway Campus, High Ultra Lounge is acclaimed for being the highest lounge bar in the city. It offers a pan-Asian food menu along with an eclectic beverage menu, including classic and one-of-a-kind cocktails like the favourite Guru's Love Potion. Dine underneath a canopy of stars while listening to quality live music and admiring the city beneath your feet.

Photo: ARTFULLY PHOTOGRAPHER/Shutterstock.com

Address: 26/1, Rooftop, World Trade Center Dr Rajkumar Rd, Malleshwaram Bengaluru

Opening hours: Daily 11am-1am

Phone: +91 80 4567 4567

Internet: www.highultralounge.com

More Info: Check out their next event on their website.

Pebble The Jungle Lounge



Throw on your party clothes and get ready for an extraordinary underground experience at Pebble The Jungle Lounge. Surrounded by lush trees and lit up by psychedelic lights, Pebble is a bar popular with the young crowd for its DJs and electronic music nights.

Photo: BorisK9/Shutterstock.com

Address: Princess Academy, Palace Grounds, 9, Bellary Rd, Jayamahal, Bengaluru

Opening hours: Daily 7pm-1am

Phone: +91 88 8422 7447

SHOPPING



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Bangalore is an every shopper's paradise, as the cosmopolitan city features diverse trends and products ranging from pure silk saris over chic dresses to branded gold jewellery.

With exclusive boutiques, modern shopping malls, traditional shopping markets and street-side sellers, shopping in Bangalore is indeed a wonderful experience.

Gaining recognition from the world, with the very first shopping mall in the whole of India, Bangalore soon became a hub for shoppers and it still remains so today.

Ananya



Shop Ananya is a great destination for beautifully made silks and gorgeous textiles. Here you will also find silver jewellery from Jaipur and Amrapali as well as bronze sculptures and wonderfully crafted teak furniture.

Photo: Filip Fuxa/Shutterstock.com

Address: 24/1, Lavelle Road, Ashok Nagar, Bengaluru

Opening hours: Daily 10:30am-7:30pm

Phone: +91 80 2212 5208

Deepam



If you are looking for Indian clothes, from women's sarees over salwar kameez to sherwanis, head to Deepam Silk

International. This huge shop spread over four levels, offers a great variety of silks and a very attentive staff that will gladly guide you through the wonderfully diverse range of local clothing.

Photo: Brandon Bourdages/Shutterstock.com

Address: 67, Mahatma Gandhi Rd, Haridevpur, Shanthala Nagar, Ashok Nagar, Bengaluru

Opening hours: Daily 10:30am-9pm

Phone: +91 98860 41100

Internet: www.deepam.com

Brigade Road

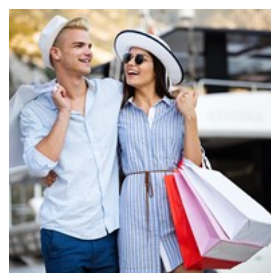


While Brigade Road used to be the spot where British soldiers bought their essentials, it is now one of the most crowded streets in Bangalore. As you stroll along, you'll discover a vibrant mix of international and local fashion brands. Tech enthusiasts will find a variety of gadget shops, while foodies can indulge in a diverse array of culinary delights from enticing eateries.

Photo: Jonathan Kemper/Unsplash

Address: Brigade Road, Bangalore

Bangalore Central Mall



The Bangalore Central Mall is the city's biggest shopping centre. At this extremely versatile mall, you will find everything from clothes and essential household goods to souvenirs and food.

Photo: nd3000/Shutterstock.com

Address: 45/1 45th Cross Road, Bangalore

Opening hours: Daily 11am-9:30pm

Phone: +91 80 4332 0600

Internet: centralandme.com

KR Market



The city's largest market is right in the heart of the city, and while it is over a century old, this venue still is the busiest and most colourful market in

the whole of the city. Be sure to head to the Flower Market section at dusk, a spellbinding area filled with the most beautiful flowers stretching as far as the eye can see.

Photo: Florian Augustin/Shutterstock.com

Address: Huriopet, Bangalore

More Info: A smaller but equally lively market can be found on Gandhi Bazaar Road, the Gandhi Bazaar.

Mahatma Gandhi Road / Commercial Street



Some of the best shopping opportunities in Bangalore can be found along and around Mahatma Gandhi Road and Commercial Street.

Here you will find gift shops equipped with all manner of souvenirs as well as arts, crafts, and textiles.

Photo: PREJU SURESH/Shutterstock.com

Address: Mahatma Gandhi Road, Bangalore

Malleswaram



Bargain hunters should head to Malleswaram in Northwest Bangalore. Besides good shopping opportunities, there are also temples and heritage

houses to explore, while the many small retail shops and street vendors add to the charm of this place by indeed offering everything.

Photo: vkhare/Shutterstock.com

Address: Malleswaram, Bangalore

UB City



A luxury retail market in the heart of Bangalore, the UB City, boasts unique brands such as Burberry, Corneliani, Davidoff, Armani and lots

more. As the three opulent floors also offer a great variety of restaurants, spas and bars, this location - with its great design - is a plethora of lavishness that only Bangalore can offer.

Photo: Nomad_Soul/Shutterstock.com

Address: 24 Vittal Mallya Road, Bangalore

Opening hours: Monday-Friday 11am-9pm, Saturday-Sunday 11am-10pm

Phone: +91 80 007 114 88

Internet: www.ubcitybangalore.in

Email: thecollectionubcity@gmail.com

TOURIST INFORMATION



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Passport/Visa



All foreign nationals entering India are required to possess a valid international travel document with a valid visa. A visa is required for most nationalities, except for Bhutan, Nepal, and the Maldives (if not arriving from mainland China).

The visa can be requested through an online application process. This process is straightforward and must be done through the official Indian government visa application website. Travellers should not hire agents who claim they can expedite the process or guarantee a speedy/express grant of an e-visa.

Photo: ConvertKit/Unsplash

Internet: www.indianvisaonline.gov.in

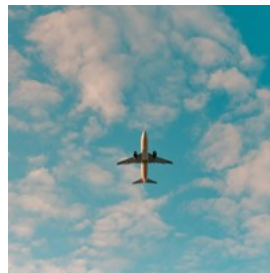
Best Time to Visit



As Bangalore enjoys a moderate climate, the city can be visited at any time throughout the year. The season between June and September is characterised by monsoons, ranging from mild to heavy rainfall, whereas the winter months between October and February attract most tourists thanks to their mild temperatures, which are best enjoyed through the vibrant street life and beautiful nature.

Photo: Keith Lobo/Pexels

Kempegowda International Airport Bengaluru (BLR)



Kempegowda International Airport Bengaluru, a pioneering hub recognised as India's first 'Green Airport', serves as the gateway to the lively city of Bangalore, located roughly 40 kilometres to the north.

Travellers have multiple convenient options to reach the city centre: the Namma Metro's Green Line offers a quick route, while airport taxis and ride-sharing services like Uber and Ola provide direct and flexible transfers. In addition, several car rental services are available for those preferring to drive themselves.

Photo: Philip Myrtorp/Unsplash

Address: Kempegowda International Airport Bengaluru

Phone: +91 80667 85555

Internet: www.bengaluruairport.com

Public Transport



Bangalore boasts an extensive and diverse public transport system. Ordinary city buses are typically white and blue, with those featuring black display boards serving inner-city routes and red board buses covering long-distance routes to suburbs. The red Volvo buses, known as Vajra, are air-conditioned and highly recommended for tourists due to their comfort.

Ordinary buses display route numbers in English, while destinations and routes are listed in Kannada. Bus maps and route information are available on the service company's website as well as at major bus terminals like Kempegowda Bus Stand (Majestic) and Shivajinagar.

Be aware that bus services become less frequent after 10:30pm, and buses can be very crowded during the rush hour between 5pm and 7pm on weekdays. Many buses have reserved seats for women.

A daily bus pass allows unlimited travel on all buses except Vajra routes. Given Bangalore's challenging traffic conditions, with frequent lane discipline issues and continuous use of horns, using public transport is often more practical than driving.

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Taxi



In Bangalore, finding a taxi is relatively straightforward, as cabs are commonly available around the city, particularly in busy areas and near major landmarks. While traditional taxis in Bangalore do have meters, they are not always used consistently, so it's wise to confirm the fare or negotiate beforehand. For a more seamless experience, ride-sharing apps like Uber and Ola are widely operational and highly popular.

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Post



In Bangalore, post offices generally operate from 10am to 5pm on weekdays, with some branches open on Saturday mornings from 10am to 1pm, and are closed on Sundays and public holidays. They provide a range of services including domestic and international mail, parcel delivery, and retail services like stamp sales and money transfers.

Photo: Ali Bakhtiari/Unsplash

Address: India Post - Raj Bhavan Road, Ambedkar Veedhi, Bengaluru

Opening hours: Daily 8:30am-8pm

Internet:

www.indiapost.gov.in/VAS/Pages/IndiaPosthome.aspx

Pharmacy



Plenty of pharmacies can be found along Mahatma Gandhi Road and other main streets. Some of the main chains include Apollo Pharmacy,

MedPlus, and Wellness Forever.

Photo: Diana Polekhina/Unsplash

Address: Apollo Pharmacy Century Club - Room No 1, Century Club, Health Centre, Seshadri Road, KR Circle, Bengaluru

Opening hours: Daily 7am-11pm

Phone: +91 80 2221 7555

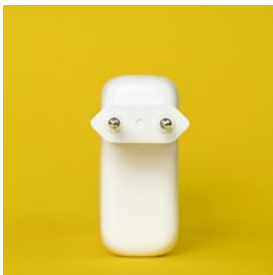
Telephone



Country code: +91 Area code: 80

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Electricity



In Bangalore, as in the rest of India, the standard voltage is 230 V and the frequency is 50 Hz. The types of electrical plugs commonly used are Type

C, D, and M.

Photo: Mika Baumeister/Unsplash

Population

Metro area: 14 million (2024)

Currency

Indian rupee (INR)

Opening hours

Shops are open from Monday to Saturday 10am-noon and 4pm-8pm, while restaurants and clubs have to close at 11:30pm. Banks operate Monday to Friday 10am-2pm and

Saturday 10am-noon.

Newspapers

Bangalore Mirror (in English):

<https://bangaloremirror.indiatimes.com>

DNA India (in English): <https://www.dnaindia.com>

Deccan Herald (in English): www.deccanherald.com

The Times of India (in English):

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com>

Vijayavani (Kannada-language): <https://epapervijayavani.in>

Emergency numbers

Police: 100

Ambulance: 102

Fire Brigade:101

Tourist information

TTD Information Centre

16th Cross Road, near Chowdiah Memorial Hall, Vyalikaval, Kodandarampura, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru

Opening hours: Wed-Mon 9am-1pm / 2pm-8pm, Mon closed