

Coffee Time @ Chikmagalur !!!

For All Ages

Camp Code: **CTC31101600**

Karnataka



All Departure Dates

Sr.	Batch Dates	Camp Code
1.	04-03-2016 To 07-03-2016	CTC04031600
2.	13-01-2016 To 13-01-2016	CTC23011600
3.	31-10-2016 To 04-11-2016	CTC31101600

Overview

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We head to Chikmagalur to experience the stay in a Colonial Bungalow that has stood testimony to the changing seasons since 1853!!!

The Bungalow offers an exclusive stay experience since it has only six rooms but infinite common areas to indulge in casual conversation!!! Balur Estate, our home in the Coffee Estate, is a fully functioning, 400-acre coffee plantation that also grows spices like pepper, vanilla, cardamom and areca nut.

This Tour is a part of Foliage Outdoors' Slow Tours that are also called as CCB Tours where CCB stands for Coffee, Conversations and Bonfire. Essentially a slow paced tour, the schedule of the day leaves ample time for you to enjoy your cup of Coffee, indulge in real Conversations over Bonfire.

Note from the host :

Balur Estate is marked by what it isn't, perhaps more than what it is. So it isn't a homestay, it definitely isn't a resort or even a painstakingly maintained heritage bungalow. It doesn't boast a terrific, multi-cuisine chef; it has no television, barely any mobile or internet connectivity, no geysers or jacuzzis.

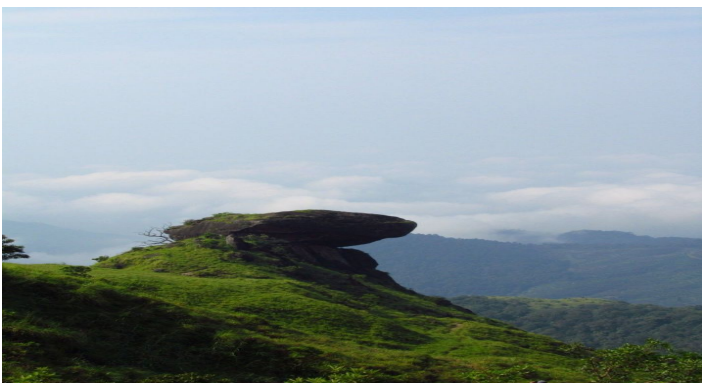
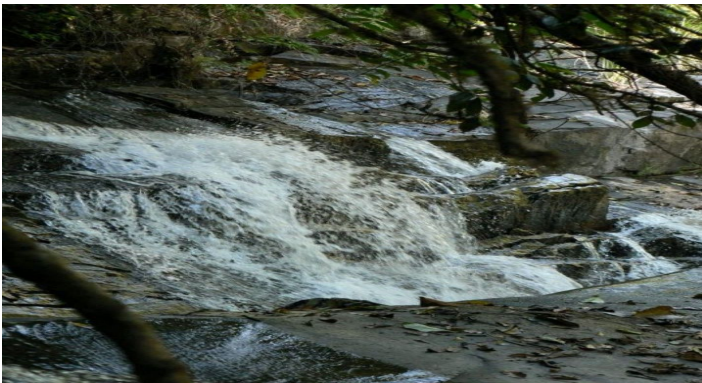
What it promises you is a terrific sense of place, of history, of lifestyle. Do come to experience the hospitality of Ratnamma and Hamsa, your most hospitable cook cum hosts that you could ever wish for. Communication with them will be fun and you will eventually be richer by at least a ten-word-strong Kannada vocabulary!!! :)

Highlights of the Tour

- Stay in a colonial bungalow which is in the heart of coffee estate that dates back to 1853.
- Walk to the source of Hemavati river.
- Watch the colourful drama of the sunlight and clouds at the sunset point.
- See the magnificent statue of Bahubali at Shravanabelagola.
- Cheer your taste buds with the authentic Malnad cuisine.
- Walk through the clouds while trekking to Bidruthala.
- Spoil yourself in the land of coffee ,endless conversations and bonfire

Photo Gallery

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Tour Itinerary

Day 1 Arrive at Bangalore. Overnight at Chikmagalur

Proceed to Chikmagalur (5 hours drive)

Enroute see Shravanbelgola which is home to statue of Gommateshvara Bahubali and is one of the most important pilgrimage destinations in Jainism, The statue is set on a hill and requires climbing several hundred steps. The effort though is rewarded with good vantage views from atop of Vindhyagiri, the hill on which the Statue stands. The 57 feet high statue is one of the tallest monolithic statues of the World.

Reach Balur Estate by evening.

Check in to spacious rooms at the beautiful Colonial Bungalow in the middle of Coffee Estates that has stood testimony of time since 1853.

Overnight at Chikmagalur.

Day 2 Chikmagalur - Tea Estate - Sunset walk

Post breakfast, visit a Tea Factory and then go for a long walk through the Tea Estates. It's a nice, long and refreshing walk. We end at the top of the Hill from where we can see beautiful vantage views of the surroundings.

Return to Balur Estate for lunch.

In the evening, we go for a Sunset Walk (1.5 hours round trip) to the origin of River Hemavathi that originates a couple of kilometres from the bungalow, just above the estate. The vantage and sunset views from here are awesome. There's a quiet temple there you can spend some time at.

Overnight at Chikmagalur.

Day 3 Chikmagalur - Bidruthala - Coffee Estate

The trek route passes through marshy forests, through thick and tall shola grassland region. The trek, for most part is along the ridges - a small wide walk trail on the mountains. The route provides beautiful, green carpet look of the surrounding hills. The trek ends with a huge conspicuous Rock under which we have our packed breakfast.

Return to Balur Estate for lunch.

{For those not keen to walk, a day trip will be arranged to see the Temples of Kalasa, Horanadu and Shringeri. The temple of Horanadu serves a simple yet very tasty meals (lunch) to devotees}

Post lunch, Indulge in conversations or "do nothing" in particular :)

Overnight at Chikmagalur.

Day 4 Chikmagalur - Halebid - Bangalore

We check out from Chikmagalur post-breakfast. Enroute to Bangalore, we see two of the most beautiful temples at Belur and Halebidu that carry signature architectural style of Hoysala Empire.

Time to say goodbye to your fellow travelers till we meet again to share the images and memories of the time spent at this beautiful location.

Departure from Bangalore.

Charges

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Charges (Per Person)

- Regular Fees: • INR 23400 /-
(Ex. - Bangalore)

Charges Include

- Transport : Bangalore → to Bangalore by AC Tempo Traveler.
- Accommodation at Balur Estate Chikmagalur.
- All meal charges from Bangalore to Bangalore.
- Activities / walks as mentioned in the itinerary.
- Govt. Service Tax.

Charges Excludes

- Travel arrangements up to and from Bangalore.
- Bottled Mineral water / cold drinks / any other beverages purchased during journey or at the Destination.
- Personal expenditure of any kind (Porterage, Telephone, Laundry, room service etc.).
- Medical Expenses if incurred.
- Expenses that are incurred due to reasons beyond control of the organizers.
- Any other charges not mentioned in "Charges Include".

Discounts

- Group discount for 4 person: INR 500 /- (Per Person).
- Use Promo Code and get discount of INR /- (Per Person).
- Full Payment Discount: INR /- (Per Person).
- Others Discount: INR /- (Per Person).

Google Map

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