

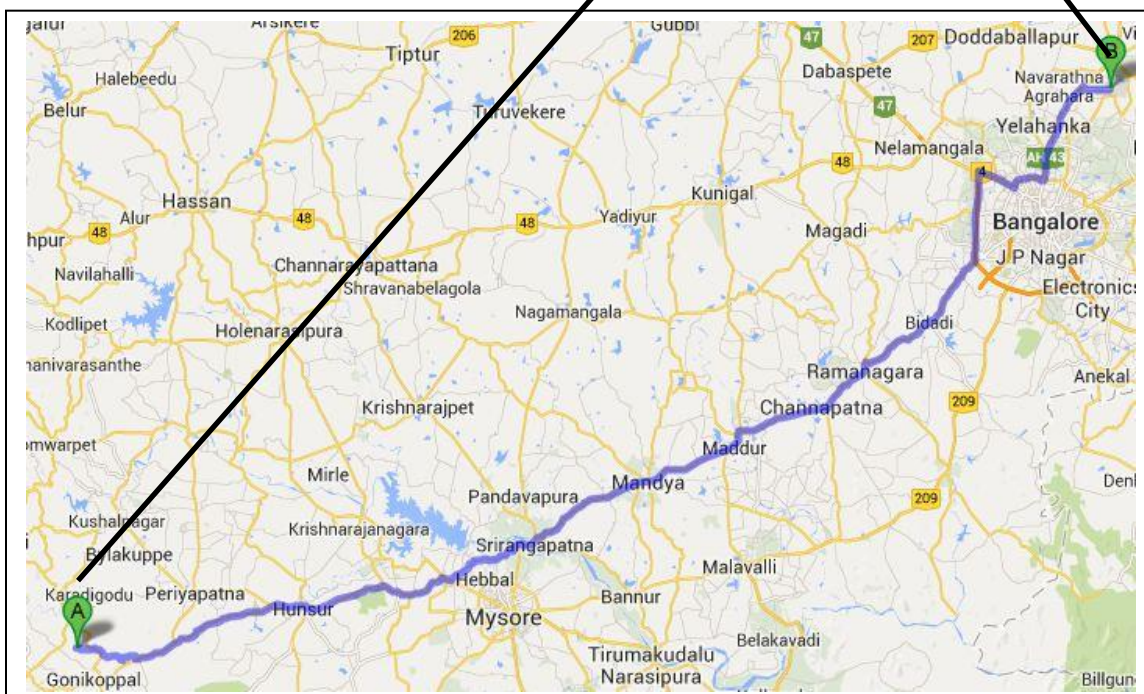
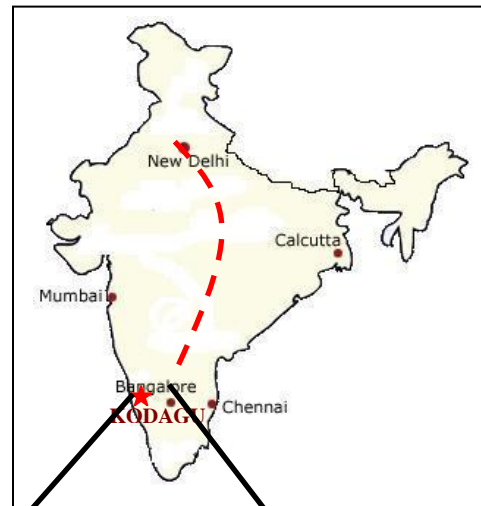
Detailed Programme

Field Trip: Delhi - Bangalore – Mysore – Kodagu - Bangalore

Title: Coffee, Spices, Elephants and Sacred forests- Agroforestry Experience in the Western Ghats.

Dates Offered: 14 February'14

Length of tour: 04 Days



DAY 01**DELHI - BANGALORE
BANGALORE - KODAGU****BY FLIGHT**

Early morning you will be picked up from Conference venue & transfer to airport to board your flight for Bangalore. **(6E 109 0625/0915 Hours)**

Upon arrival in Bangalore you will be driven to Mysore. (140 KMS/3 – 4 Hours)

Lunch at local restaurant in Mysore.

Once the capital of a princely state, Mysore still carries on its placid shoulders the aura and glamour of palaces, the grandeur of festivals of times gone by, but all of it with a quiet, unhurried dignity. Mysore is often called the Jewel of Karnataka - its arts, culture, buildings, festivals, gardens and parks being the quintessence of the state's heritage.

Post lunch you will proceed for sightseeing of Mysore visit the **Maharaja Palace** - The infatuation with Mysore begins with the Maharaja's Palace, at the heart of the city. It is a veritable treasure trove of exquisite carvings and works of art from the world over. Overlooking the city of Mysore are the Chamundi Hills, where stands a monolithic statue of the Nandi Bull.

Proceed to the Rajendra Art Gallery has some remarkable selections of paintings by Raja Ravi Verma, Nicholas Roerich and traditional paintings in the Mysore style.



Later in the evening drive to Kodagu. (240 KMS/4 – 5 Hours)

Upon arrival check in at **Porcupine Castle, Resorts.**

Kodagu district in Central Western Ghats is one of the largest wooded regions in India. With 80% of its geographic area under tree cover, the region is one of the most diverse Eco regions with unique and endemic biodiversity which is managed under a diverse range of management practices. From government owned and managed reserve forests and protected areas to Privately owned coffee plantations and community managed sacred groves, the district hosts a range of ecosystems and related biodiversity making this region a micro hotspot of biodiversity within the Western Ghats one of the Hottest Hot spot of biodiversity in the world. During the proposed field visit the delegates will be able to get a glimpse of one of most diverse multi-storeyed agro forestry systems where multiple plantation crops like coffee, black pepper, cardamom and coorg mandarin are cultivated under the shade. The region is the largest coffee producing region in India, 6th largest coffee producing nation in the world. The visitors will have opportunity to interact with range of coffee producers from large private companies to small growers, coffee processing units and research institutions and universities working on coffee based agroforestry systems.

Dinner & Overnight at the hotel.

DAY 02 & 03**KODAGU**

After breakfast you will be driven for full day field visit.

Field visit topics:

- Landscape Dynamics and Biodiversity
- Coffee Agroforestry and Eco Certification

- Cultural Significance of Sacred Forests

Field visits in the district of Kodagu in the Western Ghats will allow participants to discover one of the most biodiversity rich regions of the world. Through visits of coffee farms, sacred forests and the Kodagu landscape, participants will get a good overview and understanding of: The diversity and biological richness of coffee agroforestry systems of the Kodagu district which is producing 1/3 of Indian coffee and what are the challenges to mainstream biodiversity conservation in this coffee agroforestry landscape, The changes in land use, land management and tree cover that have been taking place over the past 30 years with field visits explaining what are the major drivers of change.

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The cultural and social importance of sacred forests and their role in the biodiversity conversation in this fast changing and fragmented landscape,

The Human and Elephant conflicts as well as the livelihood and conservation impacts and the strategies to resolve these conflicts at the landscape level,

The strategies to secure livelihood for forest dwellers leaving at the margin between coffee plantations and protected forests, The Sentinel Landscape Western Ghats Initiative being developed within the framework of FTA.

Lunch at hotel.

Evening drive back to your hotel.

Dinner & overnight at the hotel.

DAY 04

**KODAGU - BANGALORE
& DEPARTURE BANGALORE**

BY FLIGHT

After breakfast you will be driven to Bangalore airport enroute visiting Elephant camp at Dubare & Tibetan Golden temple at Byalkuppe the second largest monastery in India.

Lunch at local restaurant.

Intime you will be transfer to Bangalore International airport to board flight for you're onwards destination.



COST PROPOSAL

POST CONFERENCE TOUR (USING AIR - CONDITIONED LARGE COACH)

| Tour Price | Rate Per Person |
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| 25 - 29 Paying Pax | INR 10900 Per Person |
| 30 - 35 Paying Pax | INR 9900 Per Person |
| Single Room Supplement | INR 7022 Per Single |
| Additional Cost – Airfare extra as per actual DEL/BLR/DEL | As per actual tariff range Rs. 15000/Rs. 20000 per person |

The above are per person costs and in INR

FIRST CLASS CATEGORY OF HOTELS

| City | Name of the Hotel | Room Category | Night |
|--------------|--------------------------|----------------------|--------------|
| Coorg | Porcupine Castle | Chalet | 03 |

OUR QUOTE INCLUDES: -

- 03 night’s accommodation on twin sharing at the hotels mentioned above or similar.
- Daily buffet breakfast & dinners at hotel.
- 02 Lunch at Local restaurant.
- All transfers, excursions and sightseeing tours will be by air-conditioned transportation. The vehicle used under each pax bracket will be as follows: -
25 - 35 Paying Pax: 01 Air-conditioned Large Coach (35 seater coach)
- Road taxes, parking fee, fuel charges, interstate taxes.
- Services of an English speaking guide shall be provided for Mysore sightseeing.
- Entrances fees to be paid at monuments.

THE ABOVE COST DOES NOT INCLUDE: -

- Expenses of personal nature like tipping, laundry, telephone/fax calls, alcoholic/non- alcoholic beverages, camera/video camera fee at monuments, medical expenses, airport departure tax, any insurance etc.
- Any meals other than the mentioned.
- Any other services not mentioned in the inclusions.
- Our quote is not valid any period other than mentioned above.
- Government service taxes as applicable
- Tipping to the Guide and Driver

SPECIAL NOTES:-

- Rates include only those items specified in your itinerary.
- In case of amendment in local Government taxes, or any fuel hike, we reserve the right to adjust the tour price accordingly.
- Please note, the names of hotels mentioned above only indicate that our rates have been based on usage of these hotels. It is not to be construed that accommodation is confirmed at these hotels until and unless we convey the confirmations to you on receipt of your acceptance. However in the event of any of the above mentioned hotels not becoming available at the time of initiating the reservations, we shall book alternate accommodation at a similar or next best available hotel and shall pass on the difference of rates (supplement/reduction whatever applicable) to you.
- Hotel Check-In / Check-out time 1200 NOON