



Bangalore

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Once a sleepy regional capital, Bangalore today is a modern metropolis that will come as a big surprise to those who are 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 and global identity is being forged. Although the city might somewhat lack in historical sites, its buzzing and liberal atmosphere provides the perfect base for exploring the beautiful temples and palaces of the Deccan.

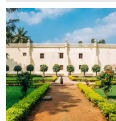


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Once known as 'The Garden City' of India, earliest records of a place named 'Bengaluru' date back to a 9th century temple in an area that is now known as 'Old Bangalore'. And legends surround Bangalore: while one legend has it that Bengaluru (Town 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).

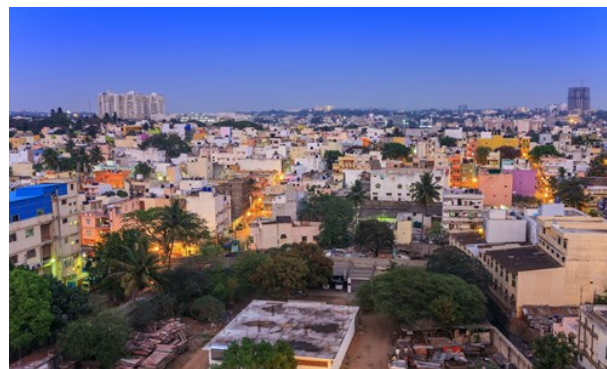
Besides the magic atmosphere that old Indian traditions have created around the city, Bangalore is also a metropolitan hub, and constantly changing. Buildings rise up at a fast pace while a new city centre has come into the world, in a clutch of skyscrapers in the area surrounding Cubbon Park.

The city is split into two main districts: 'Urban' and 'Rural'. Within the city itself, Mahatma Gandhi Road (M.G. 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 north-west 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

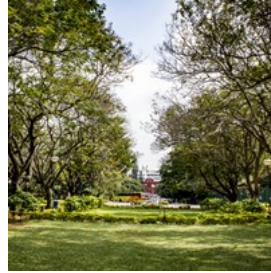


Built to resemble the Windsor Castle in England, this is the seat of the current Maharajah of Mysore, head of the royal Wodeyar dynasty.

Here, you can explore the lavish interiors and, also, a surprisingly wide exhibition of nudes which is displayed in some rooms here. The Palace also serves as a stage for live concerts and events, offering a fascinating venue being rich in history, and you do not want to miss that out.

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Address: Vasanth Nagar, Bengaluru
Opening hours: Daily 10:30am-5:30pm
Phone: +91 80 4334 4334

Cubbon Park



Dating back to 1864, Cubbon Park covers an area of 300 acres, and it is filled with an extraordinary selection of flora and fauna, offering a popular spot for picnics and playing cricket. The Public Library is also located within the premises, as well as the High Court, the Government Museum and the Visveswaraiah Technological & Industrial Museum, entertaining both tourists and locals alike, thanks to its relaxing atmosphere, which is ideal for a leisurely stroll.

Photo: Elizabeth Winterbourne/Shutterstock.com
Address: Kasturba Road, Behind High Court of Karnataka Ambedkar Veedhi, Sampangi Rama Nagara, Bengaluru
Opening hours: Monday-Saturday 6am-7pm, Sunday 6am-7:45pm

Government Museum and Venkatappa Art Gallery



This museum focuses on Indian sculptures, numismatic, and music, featuring artworks that date back to the 4th century on onward. Its prestigious exhibition of archaeological artefacts is the museum's pride and a real magnet for history and art lovers.

Photo: shailendra sood/Shutterstock.com
Address: Kasturba Road, Cubbon Park, Bangalore
Opening hours: Closed on Monday and Sunday, Tuesday-Saturday 10am-5pm
Phone: +91 80 2286 4483

Vidhana Soudha



The Vidhana Soudha is one of India's finest pieces of architecture. Located at the north-west 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: NoppasinWongchum/Shutterstock.com

Address: Ambedkar Veedhi, Sampangi Rama Nagara, Bengaluru

Opening hours: Monday–Friday 9am–5pm, closed on Saturday–Sunday

Phone: +91 90 4152 9322

Lalbagh Botanical Gardens



As botanical artwork and internationally renowned centre of scientific studies, Lal Bagh park contains a diverse variety of flora, a deer park and one of the largest collections of rare tropical plants within whole 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

Phone: +91 80 2657 0181

Internet: www.horticulture.kar.nic.in/lalbagh.htm

Tipu Sultan's Summer Palace



Constructed by the end of the 18th century, 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

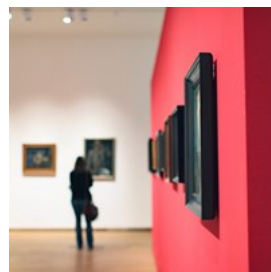
Address: Tippu Sultan Palace Rd, Chamrajpet, Bengaluru

Opening hours: Daily 8:30am–5:30pm

Phone: +91 80 2670 6836

Internet: www.karnatakaturism.org/tour-item/srirangapatna

Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath Art Gallery



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

collection of Indian and international contemporary art as well as 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.

Photo: Ysbrand Cosijn/Shutterstock.com

Address: No.1, Art Complex, Kumarakrupa Rd, Kumara Park East, Seshadripuram, Bengaluru

Opening hours: Monday–Saturday 10am–5:30pm, closed on Sunday

Phone: +91 80 2226 1816

Internet: www.karnatakachitrakalaparishath.com
Email: chitrakalaparishath@gmail.com

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](https://www.shweta.onlinetester.com)
Address: Ulsoor Lake, Bangalore

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.

The observatory is also an important feature of the building.

Photo: [Pavel Gabzdyl/Shutterstock.com](https://www.pavelgabzdyl.com)
Address: Sri T, Sankey Rd, High Grounds, Bengaluru
Opening hours: Tue-Sun 10am-5:30pm, Mon closed
Phone: +91 80 2237 9725
Internet: www.taralaya.org
Email: info@taralaya.org

Visvesvaraya Industrial & Technical 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](https://www.chubykinarkady.com)
Address: Near Chinna Swamy Stadium, Kasturba Rd, Ambedkar Veedhi, Bengaluru
Opening hours: Daily 9:30am-6pm
Phone: +91 80 2286 6200
Internet: www.vismuseum.gov.in
Email: vitmuseum@gmail.com

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 in a plethora of elegant architecture and a meditative atmosphere.

Photo: [saiko3p/Shutterstock.com](https://www.saiko3p.com)
Address: Hare Krishna Hill, Chord Rd, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru
Opening hours: Monday-Friday 7:15am-1pm / 4:15pm-8:15pm. Saturday-Sunday 7:15am-8:30pm
Phone: +91 80 2347 1956
Internet: www.iskconbangalore.org
Email: iskcon.communications@hkm-group.org
More Info: Check out their temple schedule.

St. Marks Cathedral



Partially inspired by the St Paul's Cathedral in London, this one maintains a colonial style of architecture. St. Marks 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, MG Road, Shanthala Nagar, Ashok Nagar, Bengaluru
Phone: +91 80 2221 3633
Internet: www.saintmarks.in
Email: email@saintmairks.in

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 Rd, Jaya Nagar 1st Block, 4th Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru
Phone: +91 80 2244 3255

Wonderla Amusement Park



Wonderla Amusement Park is an amazing time for children and an opportunity for adults to get a taste of childhood. The rides are fun, exciting and will get your adrenaline pumping. Even in one day you will not find the time to go on all the rides, this is in fact one of the best

amusement parks in India.

Photo: Marcio Jose Bastos Silva/Shutterstock.com
Address: 28th Km, Mysore Road, Bengaluru
Opening hours: Monday-Friday 11am-6pm, Sat-Sun 11am-7pm
Phone: +91 80 2201 0333
Internet: www.wonderla.com/park/bangalore

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

Flight 4 Fantasy



If you have ever dreamed of flying an airplane, then you should visit this exciting place. Located at The Forum Mall, you can experience how it feels to fly a Boeing 737 with realistic controls and 3D visuals.

Photo: Nomad_Soul/Shutterstock.com
Address: Garuda Mall, 4th Floor, Magrath Rd, Ashok Nagar, Bengaluru
Opening hours: Daily 11am-9:30pm
Phone: +91 63 6031 5972

Internet: www.flight4fantasy.com

BadAzz Combat Academy



BadAzz Combat Academy welcomes you to try a class of the Israeli martial art Krav Maga. Get an insight of discipline, control and endurance, which is needed for this practical training, and Krav Maga will shape both body and spirit.

Photo: Rommel Canlas/Shutterstock.com

Address: Hudson Circle, Bangalore

Opening hours: Saturday-Sunday 9:30am-11:30am /
6:30pm-8:30pm

Phone: +91 98 8676 9281

Internet: www.kravmagabangalore.in

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 (vegetable stew and 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 to finish it with curd rice, and everything is served on well-rinsed Banana leaf.

Authenticook



With Authenticook, you will get the chance to join an Indian family for a traditional meal, to try your hand at cooking Indian recipes and to learn about Indian habits and culture. This visit to the home of an Indian family will make you understand why the adage 'Athithi Devo Bhava' (Guests are Gods) indeed holds true.

Photo: zhgee/Shutterstock.com

Phone: +91 8448 44 9122

Internet: www.authenticook.com

Email: contact@authenticook.com

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

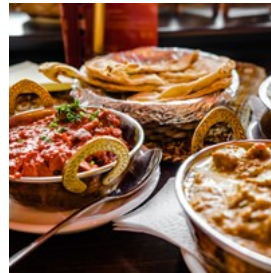
Opening hours: Daily 12pm-11:30pm

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

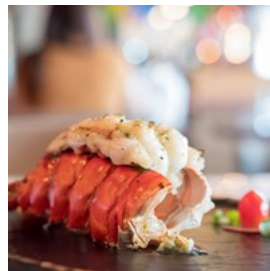
Opening hours: Daily 12:30pm-3pm / 7:30pm-11:30pm

Phone: +91 80666 05660

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

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

Opening hours: Daily 12:30pm-3:30pm / 6:30pm-12am

Phone: +91 98440 80000

Internet: thefishermanswharf.in

More Info: This restaurant has different venues that are presented on their website.

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's options on the BBQ table is its peculiarity, so do not miss that out.

Photo: Alexander Raths/Shutterstock.com

Address: Swami 1/4, Ground Floor, Lido Mall Swamy Vivekananda Rd, Someshwarpura, Halasuru Bengaluru
Opening hours: Daily 12pm-3pm, 6:30pm-10:30pm
Phone: +91 80 648 06060

Internet: www.barbequenation.com

More Info: This restaurant chain has different venues presented on their website.

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.itshotels.in/hotels/bengaluru/itcwindsor/dining/dakshin.html

Email: reservations@itshotels.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, KHB Colony, 5th Block, Koramangala, Bengaluru

Opening hours: Monday-Friday 12pm-3:30pm /

6:30-10:30pm, Saturday-Sunday 12pm-11pm

Phone: +91 80 4113 2021

Internet: www.zomato.com/bangalore/chianti-koramangala-5th-block/info

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.

Fava



A international restaurant with an Indian twist, Fava, mixes the exotic flavours of the Mediterranean Sea with the freshest local

products. Located at the popular UB city, it is a perfect stop after an afternoon of shopping, while the atmosphere is heated up by DJ upbeat melodies, every evening.

Photo: petereleven/Shutterstock.com

Address: UB City, 203, 2nd Floor, The Collection, 24, Vittal Mallya Rd, Bengaluru

Opening hours: Sunday-Thursday 12pm-11pm,

Friday-Saturday 12pm-1am

Phone: +91 98 4517 7162

Internet: www.fava.in

Email: fava@avantgardehospitality.com

CAFES



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With the emergence of a cosmopolitan cafe culture, new venues and fast food outlets pop up in Bangalore, and the high tea became a social event not only for the upper class but for everybody. While predictable café chain like Barista and Coffee Day 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 for having 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

Slimsins Cafe



Nested in one of the most crowded streets, Slimsins Cafe is one of the quintessential places to visit whilst in Bangalore. The vegetarian dishes draw folks of people, especially those who are on a keto diet.

Hot tip: Pets are welcome too.

Photo: Flotsam/Shutterstock.com

Address: 34/1, 36th Cross Road, 4th Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru

Opening hours: Daily 11am-10pm

Phone: +91 79 7565 8227

Internet: slimsins.business.site

Om Made Cafe



Treat yourself to a delicious coffee or a scrumptious piece of cake at this rooftop coffeehouse with the beautiful city of Bangalore spread at its feet.

Photo: Viktoriia Photographer/Shutterstock.com

Address: No. 136, Evergreen PARC, Rooftop, 1st Cross Rd, 5th Block, Koramangala, Bengaluru

Opening hours: Daily 12pm-11pm

Phone: +91 80 4302 4010

Mr. Beans - Home Café



Mr. Beans - Home Café is the perfect place to go for a pit stop. They serve coffee and teas par excellence and a wide selection of (predominantly Western) food.

Photo: VioNetta/Shutterstock.com

Address: No. 651, Tank Road, Next to Karnataka Bank ATM, 3rd Block, Koramangala, Bengaluru
Opening hours: Daily 8:30am-11pm
Phone: +91 80 4111 5717
Internet: www.mrbeans.in

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.

Photo: [stockphoto for you/Shutterstock.com](https://www.shutterstock.com)
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 rule the market since their opening. Make sure to come early as desserts and savouries fly like hotcakes here.

Photo: [Visionsi/Shutterstock.com](https://www.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](https://www.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 numbers of pubs, bars and clubs. Thanks to vigilant local authorities who have imposed a 11:30pm curfew, Bangalore's parties have to power up early, with the only exception of the 24 hours 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

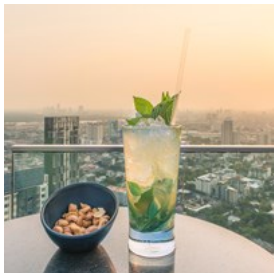
Opening hours: Daily 6pm-1am

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 whole India, Bangalore soon became a hub for shoppers and it still remains until today.

Shop 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 Lavelle Road, Bangalore

Opening hours: Daily 9am-9pm

Phone: +91 80 253 611 30

Deepam Silks & Sarees



If you are looking for Indian clothes, from women's saris 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 service that will gladly guide you through the wonderfully diverse range of local clothing.

Photo: Brandon Bourdages/Shutterstock.com

Address: No 67, Blue Moon Complex, MG Road, Bengaluru

Opening hours: Daily 10:30am-9pm

Phone: +91 98860 00096

Internet: www.deepam.com

Brigade Road



While Brigade Road used to be the spot where British soldiers bought their essentials, it now is one of the most crowded streets of Bangalore.

Besides its variety of stores, including Planet M, Louis Phillipe, Pepe Jeans, Levis, Lee and Nike, this hot spot also offers lovely street stalls.

Photo: Ryan/Flickr.com(image cropped)

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, with the exception of Bhutan, Nepal and the Maldives (if not arriving from mainland China).

The visa has to be requested through an online application, and the instruction for filling in the application and for scheduling appointments can be seen at the visa department's website.

Be aware that a visa can only be acquired via this online application, and without any intermediary - do not follow agents who claim speedy/express grant of e-Visa.

Photo: TukTuk Design/Shutterstock.com
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.

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Kempegowda International Airport (BLR)



Bangalore International Airport is located 44 kilometres north of Bangalore and it is well connected to the city centre. Bangalore

Metropolitan Transport Corporation has in fact twelve bus routes with buses running every 15 minutes to and from the airport as the most convenient way to come and go here. Air Conditioned Taxi services to the airport are also available, and share taxis operated by Airlift are located just outside the terminal building next to the bus stand.

Photo: Juan Garces

Address: Bangalore International Airport, Bangalore

Phone: +91 80 2201 2001

Internet: www.bengaluruairport.com

Public Transport



Bangalore has an extensive public transport system with frequent services: ordinary city buses are white and blue in colour. Buses with

black display boards run within the city. Red board buses cover long distance routes to adjoining suburbs. Red Volvo buses, Vajra, operate on certain routes within the city, and as they are air-conditioned, these ones are the best option for tourists.

Ordinary buses only display the route number in English while destination and route information are given in Kannada. Bus maps and route information can be found at the service company's website as well as the main bus terminals: Kempegowda bus stand (also known as the Majestic Bus Stand) and Shivajinagar in

the north. While bus services are less frequent after 10:30pm, do also try to avoid rush-hour between 5pm and 7pm on weekdays as the buses then tend to be packed. In the front of the vehicles, many buses have seats reserved for women.

With a daily bus pass you can travel in any bus (other than the Vajra) for the entire day. Try to avoid going by car, as lane discipline is less valued and the use of horns at all times mandatory.

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair

Phone: +91 80 0425 1663

Internet: www.bmtcroutes.in

Taxi



Bangalore's taxis are convenient and comfortable, and always featured with the logo of the fleet operator or taxi company on the sides of

the car. Most of the vehicles are Maruti Omni Vans or Tata Indica cars and much safer than auto rickshaws. City Safari is quite known but there are also other services:

Gopinath Radio Call Taxi Service

+91 80 236 055 55

Spocity Taxi

+91 80 466 258 00

Photo: Taxi

Phone: +91 80 2553 4276

Post



Post offices are located across the whole town, offering all services from buying stamps to sending letters. Small red postal kiosks, usually attached

to poles, can easily be found among the intricate knot of streets. A main office can be found at Museum Road but there are many more:

India Post

Mahatma Gandhi Road, Bangalore

+91 80 255 872 70

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 10am-4pm

Domlur Post Office

1 Service Road, Bangalore

+91 80 253 569 66

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 8:30am-4:30pm

Photo: Andy Fuchs

Address: Museum Road, Bangalore

Opening hours: Monday-Friday: 9am-5pm, closed on Saturday and Sunday

Phone: +91 80 2559 9905

Internet: www.indiapost.gov.in

Pharmacy



Plenty of pharmacies can be found along Mahatma Gandhi Road as well as at other main streets. You do not need any

prescription for over the counter drugs and ayurvedic medicine that are available for common ailments like headaches and fever. Most pharmacies will deliver 24 hours a day while usually charging a small surcharge. A main pharmacy is Apollo Pharmacy but there are other ones close by as well:

Bangalore Homoeo Pharmacy

84/1 2nd Cross, Bangalore

+91 80 231 230 20

Roop Medical & General Stores

1 2nd Main Road, Bangalore

+91 98 866 511 94

Photo: Gemma Garner

Internet: www.apollopharmacy.in

Telephone



Country code: +91 Area code: 80

Photo: Jardson Almeida

Electricity



The standard voltage is 230V, and the standard frequency is 50 Hz,. The plugs and sockets are type C, D and M.

Photo: Stirling Tschan

Population

Metro area: 13 million (2022 estimate)

Currency

1 Rupee (Rs.) = 100 Paise

Coins: 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50, 100, 500

Banknotes: 10, 20, 50, 100, 500

Note: 1, 2 and 5 are available in the form of both coins as well as notes.

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) —

bangaloremirror.indiatimes.com
DNA India (in English) — www.dnaindia.com
Deccan Chronicle (in English) — www.deccanchronicle.com
Economic Times (in English) —
economictimes.indiatimes.com
The Times of India (in English) —
timesofindia.indiatimes.com
Vijay Karnataka (Regional newspaper) — vijaykarnataka.com

Emergency numbers

Police: 100
Ambulance: 102
Fire Brigade: 101

Tourist information

Ministry of Tourism
Government of India, 2nd Floor, Triumph Towers, 48, Church
Street, Bengaluru
+91 80 2558 5417
Open Mon–Sat 10:30am–5:30pm
tourism.gov.in

TTD Information Center
16th Cross Road, near Chowdiah Memorial Hall, Vyalikaval,
Mallechwaram West, Bengaluru
+91 80 2331 5361
Open Wed–Mon 9am–1pm / 2pm–6pm
www.tirumala.org/Advancebooking.aspx

Royal Tourist Office
Shop No.45, Govindappa Lane, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru
+91 80 4155 9419
Open Mon–Sat 7am–8pm
royaltourist.in