

BANGALORE COUNTRY SIDE



Our Countryside tours take you for a long drive out of the madness and noise of the city, into the calm, organic outskirts. An ancient temple, a privately hosted lunch in a most elegant farmhouse by a family, a walk through a village, a historical temple more than 1000 years old, and wine tasting and a meal in a magical vineyard are the highlights.

The long drive is the down side, but those who have done this tour came back to us saying it was truly worth it! See the sample program below. It can be custom tailored to suit your needs:

PROGRAM SAMPLE

(Will be customised to your time constraints and interests)

- Set out at 11 am, drive out of the city into the outskirts on the North side.
- Visit a silk weaving unit that uses the handloom technique to create designer products (accessories and garments).
- Noon A privately hosted lunch in a traditional Brahmin home OR Lunch at an exclusive farmhouse on the outskirts of the city, by an Indian family that has chosen to live there Vs live in the city. Interesting conversations over lunch with the host.
- 1 pm Stop by at a rural village on the outskirts and see the India that Gandhi tried to save.
- 2 pm Drive further north 35 min and make a visit to the magnificent Bhoganandeeshwara temple, the oldest temple around Bangalore that celebrates the wedding of Shiva and Parvati.
- 4 pm arrive at the Soma Vineyard on the outskirts. Wine - tasting and vineyard walk followed by 6 pm dinner, at a magical Indian vineyard that supplies grapes to the finest Indian wines, in the company of the most unique, knowledgeable, humorous host Darby Raju.
- Drive back to the city to reach back by 8 pm.

Fees, Costs & How to Book

KIDS FEES FOR KIDS TOUR

500 INR per child (below 13 years)

NOTE: Kids must be accompanied by at least one adult.

ACCOMPANYING ADULT FEES (for 13 years old and over, per head)

1 guest: 5500

2 guest: 2750 each

3 guest: 2000 each

4 guest: 1750 each

5 guest or more: 1500 each

Fee Terms

Included in fee: GUIDANCE BY A KIDS TOUR ANCHOR, HENNA ON HANDS, FACE PAINTING, AND TOY TRAIN TICKET FOR KIDS (not adults) and water in the car.

Not included in fee: ENTRANCE TO MUSEUMS ETC, TOY TRAIN TICKET FOR ADULTS, TAX, CAR with driver, Hotel pickups (free only if it is within 3 km from MG Road), Food and Drinks, PERSONAL EXPENSES.

Extras in detail:

- A visit to Pottery town, try your hand at pottery 300 INR per child.
- Visit a project focused on Women's empowerment set in the heart of one of Bangalore's old slums.
- Visit a cartoon gallery that captures the post-colonial history of Bangalore in caricatures.
- Visit the Bangalore Palace (a guided tour by a princess, subject to availability). 450 INR entrance ticket, 650 INR Camera ticket.
- Learn to make Rotis and Samosas in an INDIAN HOME 600 per adult (Children are not charged but must be accompanied by an adult, who will be charged).
- Learn Rangoli from a Rangoli artist: freehand patterns that embellish the outer threshold of homes and offices, made with chalk powder, to gesture to passers-by a welcome. 100 per child.
- Visit an astrologer who has a parakeet that tells you your future. 300 INR per reading.
- Block print a scarf for yourself. Approx 500 INR per piece (depends on how much you do, what material or garment you choose to print on).
- Get a henna tattoo, and learn to make a henna tattoo yourself from an artist (100 per hand or foot).

18% tax

• **Tour Car:** We need a car and driver to accompany us throughout the duration of the tour. Bring your own, or pay 2000 extra overall + 18% TAX for group size 5 and under, if your group is bigger than 5 people but less than 12 people, a luxury 10 seater van costs 10000 rupees for a full day tour, and a regular tempo traveller basic costs 3750 rupees for a full day tour. For bigger groups 12 people upwards please write to us

• **Hotel pick up and drop back:** If we are using our car, our pick up for guests within 3km from MG road is free. Beyond that is chargeable at 13Rs per km + 150 per hour extra driving.

• **Picnic Basket:** If we choose to have such a basket and do a picnic, Approx cost 250 per child, 500 per adult.

• **Personal Expenses:** In case you choose to buy things along the way, you are encouraged to spend your own cash so that reimbursements aren't invoiced to you with added taxes. Otherwise please let us know in advance if you would like us to pick up any bills along the way and invoice them to you in the end.

Note: Accompanying officials including bodyguards, are charged the same way as tourists.