



# ADVENTURE ASSOCIATES

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## COFFEE HARVEST TOUR: INDIA

Partners: Elan Certified Organic Coffees and Coffees India

### DAY 1

Arrive Bangalore Airport, India. Transfer to hotel in Bangalore city (D).

### DAY 2

Bangalore: Breakfast at hotel, morning sightseeing and shopping in city. Lunch at hotel. Visit the Coffee Lab office and the Coffee Board of India. Dinner and overnight at hotel. (BLD)

### DAY 3

Belur (222 km from Bangalore): Breakfast and leave for Belur, a serene city of exquisite temples. Visit Channakeshava temple, built by Vishnuvardhana in 1117 A.D. to commemorate the Hoysala triumph over the Cholas. Proceed to the plantation and reach the Kadur Club for lunch. After lunch, visit the Organic farm and have tea. Proceed to Chickmangalore and check into individual estate houses. Dinner and overnight stay in Chickmangalore (BLD).

### DAY 4

Chickmangalore (30 Min drive): Breakfast and leave for Chickmangalore Plantations. Visit Merthi Subbangudige and the Badnekhan Estates. Enjoy coffee pulpings as well as the harvesting, washing, drying, and preparation for sale. Overnight at the estate (BLD).

### DAY 5

Chickmangalore: After breakfast, watch local tea being harvested and visit the Tea Factory. Visit coffee curing unit and the pulper at Robusta Estate. Overnight at estate (BLD).

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**DAY 6**

Chickmangalore to Sravana Belgola (2.5 hr drive): After breakfast, visit Kalledevapura Estate. Leave for lunch in Hassan, then proceed to Sravana Belgola. Situated between two granite hills, this is the most important Jain site in South India. The elaborate Mahamastakabhisheka (head-anointing ceremony) is held here once every 12 years and attracts devotees from all over the world (last held in Feb 2006). Visit the 58-foot high monolithic statue of Gommateshvara, atop Indragiri hill. Built in 983 A.D. by Chamundaraya, a powerful minister of Ganga King Rachamalla IV, the statue is a legendary pilgrim shrine and said to be the tallest monolithic statue in the world.

Leave for Bangalore. Dinner and overnight in Bangalore. (3 hr drive) (BLD).

**DAY 7**

Morning Breakfast. Free day for shopping or optional programming (B).

**DAY 8**

Transfers to the airport and return to North America (B).

Land Costs	Deposit	Single Supplement	Trip Dates	Group Size	Difficulty	Activities
\$2120	\$500	\$440	January 13 - 20, 2007	Min. 15	No Experience Needed	Coffee, Ruins, Cultural Exchange, Lodges



## **A FEW IMPORTANT DETAILS ABOUT YOUR TRIP...Read carefully**

**Included in your Trip Fee:** All accommodations (seven nights), airport transfer when arriving and departing; ground transportation for tours and events; in-country flight, all entrance fees and permits; FNC escort and any guide services; all meals as indicated in itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner), cuppings and special events as indicated by the itinerary. If your primary residence is in the USA, insurance is included - Access America Travel Insurance - Medical Protection (emergency medical and dental \$25,000 and emergency medical transportation \$500,000).

NOTE: IF you wish to have Comprehensive Travel Insurance coverage you may upgrade the policy. Contact Adventure Associates for information on upgrades. The traveler is responsible for the difference in premium.

**Not Included in your Trip Fee:** International Airfare; Visas; passport; airport departure tax; single supplement hotel fee (\$440) if unable to share a room based on double occupancy; meals not specified itinerary, all alcoholic beverages; cost of delays due to weather, transportation problems, illness, political disputes or other contingencies for which reasonable provision cannot be made; tips to your guides as seems appropriate; optional activities.

**Transportation/Flight Arrangements:** Upon your registration, Adventure Associates will work closely with you on your individual flight plans. Certain programmed activities are dependant on flight schedule - you should verify your flight itinerary with Adventure Associates **before** purchase.

**Special Note:** The American dollar fluctuates in India. The trip price is based upon the dollar value at the time of printing (July 2006) and is subject to change.

**How to Register:** If you do not have an application form, please contact our office for a complete registration packet. Complete the application form and return it to our office along with the appropriate deposit. Upon receipt of your application, we will send you a confirmation and final details about your pre-trip preparation. For immediate confirmation, you may charge your deposit\* to Visa, Master Card or American Express by phone or fax.

### **Payment Schedule:**

\*We accept Visa, MC, Am Ex payments for deposits; any payment made after the deposit via credit card will incur a 4% administrative fee.

\$500 deposit due at time of registration

Final payment due four months prior to departure

### **Cancellation & Refund Policy**

If you must cancel prior to departure, the following fee will be assessed based upon our receipt of your written cancellation request:

Days Prior to Departure (trip destination)

90 or more ..... \$200

60 to 89 ..... \$300

45 to 59 ..... 50% fee

1 to 44 ..... 100% fee

Itineraries are subject to change.

No partial refunds are possible for any unused portion of your trip.

Penalties on airline tickets are subject to the individual air carrier's rules and regulations. Departure is defined as the date of the first flight, or the trip departure date as indicated on our Trip Schedule, whichever comes first.

Once a trip has been confirmed medical circumstances will not be considered as exceptions to our cancellation policy. However, if you have purchased a comprehensive Travel Insurance plan that covers cancellation, you may be able to retrieve some of the funds.