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Agumbe 4 nights

Summary

Agumbe, located in the Western Ghats of Karnataka, is among the wettest locations in the world, with upto 10000 mm of rainfall, often within the few short months of the southwest Monsoon. The rainforest around Agumbe is contiguous with the montane evergreen forests of Kudremukh and among south India's last remaining patches of lowland evergreen forest in the Someshwara Wildlife Sanctuary.

We stay in the Agumbe Rainforest Research Station, initiated by the world famous herpetologist, Romulus Whitaker - an ideal base to gain first hand knowledge of Herpetology and life at a research station. Located within the world's only King Cobra sanctuary (proposed), the experience provides a great opportunity to encounter wild king cobras, among several other snakes, endemic birds and other rainforest flora & fauna. While mammals might be difficult to find within these dense rainforest, there are chances of encountering real rarities such as the Lion-tailed Macaque, Brown Palm Civet and Brown Mongoose, among more regularly sighted Wild Boar and deer.

Dates

Please email us: contact@ficuswildlife.net for latest schedule

Please note that we can customise schedule for independent travel

Costs

From INR 10500/person, Ex-Bangalore

Itinerary Outline¹

Day 1: Overnight train from Bangalore to Mangalore

Day 2: AM road transfer from Mangalore to Agumbe. Arrive Agumbe for lunch. Evening campus walk and night walk

¹ Please note that this is the broad itinerary that we intend to follow. Minor changes might result due to local conditions and/or group interests.



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Day 3: AM walk along typical hill stream and visit to nearby bat cave. PM Vannakabe water-fall trek, through mid-elevation rainforest. Night walk if participants willing.

Day 4: AM visit to Kundari Viewpoint, through plantations and forest and expansive views of the landscape. PM transfer to Mangalore for overnight train to Bangalore

Day 5: AM arrival in Bangalore

Facilities

Accommodation: In simple tents (camping style) or minimally furnished permanent structures

Food: Simple variety of vegetarian or non-vegetarian options

Transport: Road transfers in MUV's (type dependent on group size)

Difficulty level: Easy to Moderate, for hikes in mountainous, uneven terrain and through rainforest

For Whom

Bird & wildlife enthusiasts/photographers; Snake enthusiasts

FYI and Guidelines

1. Weather: Updates based on dates of travel.
2. Since we will explore the location on foot and in mountainous terrain, we recommend you wear comfortable walking/trekking shoes for the trip. Full pants are highly recommended for better protection against snake-bites and scratches from thorny undergrowth. Rain is a distinct possibility here at all times, so please bring along a raincoat.
3. Please carry a small torch
4. Please bring your binoculars along - you will appreciate the sights of the forests much more with binoculars on hand. We will have a pair or two to share amongst us, but it is recommended that you carry your own.
5. Please bring essential medication with you, since the local outlets will not always carry what you are looking for. Do check with your doctor on medication and medical safety if you have any medical condition.



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Terms and Conditions

1. Costs are calculated based on minimum 4 persons traveling. We can work out a costing for smaller groups, once we have details from you. Maximum group size for this tour is 6.
2. Tour costs are per person based on a sharing (dependent on group size) basis ex-Bangalore and is all inclusive (transport, accommodation, food, personnel and all taxes and fees). Personnel includes a naturalist/tour leader and resource persons from the local community. Please check with us on specific items to make sure if it is included in the published tour costs.
3. Bookings are confirmed only upon full payment of the tour cost and at least 15 days in advance from the departure date
4. Our preferred mode of payment is through electronic transfers into our bank account. Relevant details will be provided to you once you are ready to make the payment. Alternatively we accept demand drafts/cheques in the currency of your choice.
5. If you are paying in foreign currency, we might have apply a currency surcharge on the published rates, if the INR appreciates against your currency at the time of payment.
6. In the unlikely event in which we are forced to cancel the tour we will refund you the entire booking amount. In case we are unable to conduct the tour due to circumstances beyond our control (for e.g. forces of nature, political conditions), we will make every effort to refund as much of the booking amount as possible.
7. In case you to cancel your booking more than one month in advance from the tour date, we will refund *at least* 50% of the tour cost (assuming tour costs are fully paid). The precise refund beyond this will be dependent on the refund policies of our travel partners that we use on tour. In case you cancel your booking less than 1 month from the start of the tour, we will refund 10% of your booking amount

Disclaimer and Emergency Contact

Participants should be aware of unlikely, but potential risks involved during wildlife tours and general travel. This may include, among other things, injuries or fatalities associated with general travel, snake bites, field activities and encounters with wildlife. We require that all tour participants sign this disclaimer that acknowledges the risks associated during our conducted tours and relieves us of any liabilities arising out of the same. This also acknowledges that you have read and abide by the terms and conditions mentioned in the document.

Name of participant:

Age:

Emergency contact person:



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Relationship:

Tel no:

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Signature and Date: