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## **Agumbe**

### **When**

Oct 29th to Nov 1st 2010

(Depart Bangalore on the 28th night and arrive back in Bangalore on the 2nd morning)

### **Costs**

INR 12500 (USD 280) per-person (Ex-Bangalore, for 4 persons traveling)

### **Facilities**

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

Food: Simple variety of vegetarian or non-vegetarian options

Transport: Road transfers in A/C vehicles (type dependent on group size)

Difficulty level: Moderate, for hikes in mountainous, uneven terrain and through rain-forest

### **For Whom**

Bird enthusiasts/photographers; snake enthusiasts; trek enthusiasts

### **Highlights**

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 connected 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, ideal to gain first hand knowledge of Herpetology and life at a research station. Located within the world's only King Cobra sanctuary, the experience pro-



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vides 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 brown palm civet and brown mongoose, among more regularly sighted wild boar and deer.

### **FYI and Guidelines**

1. Weather: Expect warm rainy days and cool nights! Might require a very light pullover for the nights. We recommend that you wear earthy-colored cotton clothing for walks during the day. Full pants are highly recommended for better protection against snake-bites and scratches from thorny undergrowth. A full length rain-coat is essential at this time of the year, and plenty of spare socks to replace used dank ones.
2. Since we will explore the location on foot and in mountainous terrain, we recommend you wear comfortable walking/trekking shoes for the trip.
3. 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.
4. 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.

### **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 proposed departure date
4. We reserve the right to cancel the tour at anytime due to unforeseen circumstances. We will refund the entire booking amount under these circumstances.
5.
  - a. We accept demand drafts in Indian Rupees and online credit card payments in US Dollars/GBP through Paypal.
  - b. Customers can also transfer funds electronically into our bank accounts (details provided on request) - our preferred mode of payment.



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- c. Indian customers can also use a credit card to pay online through Paypal, but please be aware that you will be charged an additional currency conversion fee for the same.
  - d. Demand drafts/cheques are payable to “Ficus Wildlife and Natural History Tours” located in Chennai.
6. In case you want to cancel your booking:
- a. A 90% refund if cancellation requested more than 30 days before the proposed date of departure
  - b. A 15% refund if cancellation requested less than 15 days from the proposed date of departure.

### **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:

Relationship:

Tel no:

Email:

Signature and Date: