

Bangalore City Guide

What to see in India's tech capital, how to get around a sprawling modern city, and what to know before you go — built to pair with Indroam's South India itinerary templates.

INDIA'S MODERN, MILD-CLIMATE CITY

Bangalore (officially Bengaluru) looks and feels different from most other stops on a classic India itinerary — fewer historic monuments, more parks, craft breweries, glass office towers, and a climate mild enough that it was historically nicknamed the Garden City. It's less about a checklist of sights and more about experiencing India's tech and startup culture alongside a genuinely pleasant urban pace. This guide covers what to prioritize.

GETTING AROUND

- The Namma Metro covers a growing share of the city and is a useful way to avoid traffic for cross-town trips
- App-based cabs and autorickshaws are the most flexible option for most visitors
- Bangalore's traffic is notoriously heavy at almost any time of day — build in extra time generously
- The city is spread out and decentralized; pick a neighborhood (Indiranagar, Koramangala, MG Road/Church Street, Whitefield) as a home base rather than trying to cover the whole map
- Ride-hailing apps are the default way most residents and visitors get around

TOP SIGHTS & EXPERIENCES

- Lalbagh Botanical Garden and Cubbon Park, two large green spaces near the city center
- Bangalore Palace, a Tudor-style palace built in the late 19th century
- MG Road and Church Street for shopping, cafes, and Bangalore's well-known pub and brewery scene
- Vidhana Soudha, the state legislature building, an example of Neo-Dravidian architecture
- ISKCON Temple Bangalore, a large modern temple complex
- A day trip to Nandi Hills or Mysore for a change of pace outside the city

PRACTICAL TIPS

- Bangalore's climate is mild year-round compared to most of India, with pleasant evenings even in summer
- The city has one of India's most developed café and craft beer scenes — a different vibe than the spice markets and forts elsewhere in the country
- Cards and UPI are accepted almost everywhere, reflecting the city's tech-driven economy
- English is widely and comfortably spoken, more so than in many other Indian cities, given the large IT and multinational workforce
- Bangalore is a useful base for exploring South India's tech and startup scene alongside more traditional sightseeing elsewhere on a trip

