



Kabini  
and  
Valparai



The Southern experience!

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Expedition for the best of cats and endemic mammals of South India





**DURATION : 9 Nights and 10 Days**



**Start & finish destinations**

Bangalore - Kabini - Coimbatore - Valparai - Coimbatore



**Destinations**

- 1.KABINI (Nagarahole Tiger Reserve)
- 2.Valparai (Annamalai hills & Annamalai Tiger Reserve)

## TOUR OVERVIEW

**KABINI:** It is fondly called as Leopard kingdom of India among wildlife enthusiasts is one of the famous national parks in India. From rare species of flora to endangered species of fauna, Kabini is home to a vast wildlife population. Nestled on the banks of Kabini River, the wildlife sanctuary fosters the wildlife and offers various exciting opportunities to spot Leopard, Tiger, Elephants, Gaur (Indian Bison), Wild Dogs, Sloth bear, Sambhar deer, Spotted deer, Smooth-coated otters, Mongoose, and much more. Kabini is also home for 250 species of birds, and to top it all as on date this is the only jungle which boasts frequent sighting of Black Panther, The Ghost/Phantom of jungles or fondly called as Bagheera of Jungle book.

**LION-TAILED MACAQUE:** Few visitors are passionate about another endemic and rare species of Mammal of southern India. The Lion-tailed macaque, an Old-World monkey, named due to its lion-like, long, thin and tufted tail. LTM is an endemic and native exclusively to Western Ghats (India). This beautiful animal ranks among the rarest and most threatened primates around the globe (There are less than 3000 living in their natural habitat, with another 400 in the zoos all over the world). Due to its shy and solitary nature, this animal doesn't tend to venture from its usual range, travelling only within its rainforest habitat. There are very few places where one can get assured sighting of this beautiful Monkey. Valparai is one such place. A rich green pollution-free heavenly hill station situated 3,500 feet above the sea level, Valparai shares its boundaries with Anamalai Tiger Reserve, Parambikulam Tiger Reserve, Eravikulam National Park and Vazhachal forest division. This is one of the places that you shouldn't miss visiting when you are in the southern part of India. Apart from Lion-Tailed macaques, one can look out for Flying squirrels, Great Hornbill, Malabar Giant Squirrel, Barking Deer & many species of birds and mammals.



#### **Day 1 -**

Arrival at Bangalore. Check in to the hotel by Noon. Guests can venture out to see Central Bangalore in the evening free time on their own. Lunch and dinner will be at the hotel.

#### **Day 2 -**

Guests will be picked up by our vehicle with the team leader from the hotel and driven directly to Kabini (A 5 hours' drive from Bangalore via Mysore with a break of 30 minutes for coffee/refreshments). We will check in to Jungle Lodge and Resort in Kabini in time for lunch. Check-in Kabini (JLR) by 1.30 PM, lunch by 2.00 PM. Afternoon safari from 3.30 PM to 6.30 PM & dinner at 8.00 PM . (There is an evening wildlife documentary showcased every day).

#### **Day 3,4,5&6 -**

Wake up at 5.30 AM. We will assemble at Gol Garh (A round dining place meant for tea/coffee breaks, breakfast, lunch and dinner of guests in a briefing hall before safaris). Tea at 6 AM and morning safari from 6.30 AM to 9.30 AM. We will all come back to resort by 9.30 AM for breakfast. Guests can then freshen up and relax till noon. There's a comfortable sitting place in Viceroy building which also serves beverages in

afternoon (also in the evening). Wi-Fi will be available for guests in the reception area. Lunch Between 1.00 and 1.45 PM. Afternoon tea at 3.00 PM with safari from 3.30 PM to 6.30 PM. We will back to resort by 6.45 PM. Guests can refresh and have leisure time till 8.00 PM. The dinner time at 8:00 PM. This will be the normal routine all the 4 days between Day 2 and Day 5. Guests have an option to go for a Coracle ride in the backwaters in the morning time after breakfast to get a look at the landscape around backwater.

#### **Day 7 -**

After the morning safari and breakfast, we will check out from Kabini at 11.00 AM to proceed to Coimbatore with a stop for lunch at a suitable place. It is 250 km drive and will take 6 hours. You will be staying in a star category hotel. With 10 safaris completed, guests will experience the Kabini forest in detail with ample opportunity to sight and photographs Tigers, Leopards (Many of the times Kabini Leopards show up in the lush green branches of the tall trees), Elephants, and with luck favouring the Lone Black Panther of the area.

#### **Day 8 -**

After early morning breakfast, we will proceed to

Valparai. A comfortable 3 hours journey to reach our stay for the day in a picturesque tea plantation around Valparai.

We will have a quick lunch and meet up with the local guide for a briefing about the area and activities. There will be a drive around looking out for LTMs in the evening before retiring for the day.

#### **Day 9 -**

We will spend the whole day today scouting mainly for LTMs and any other mammals sighted along the way like the Great Indian Hornbill. Our guide will take us to a few designated areas where LTM groups will be residing to get ample opportunity to click them in all possible perspectives. We can also try to visit a place for viewing a beautiful sunset on the hilltops today. Our stay will be at a resort in the middle of the tea plantation!

#### **Day 10 -**

This will be the last day of our tour. Based on the departure timing, we can go around for another opportunity to sight and click some mammals and birds today before checking out from our hotel. It will be a 3-hour journey to Coimbatore for onward journey home.



#### THE PACKAGE INCLUDES

1. 1 Night stay in Bangalore, 5 Nights stay in Kabini & 2 Nights stay in Valparai, on twin sharing basis. *(Please enquire for single occupancy rate)*
2. Breakfast on way to Kabini on the first Day, all meals during the stay in Kabini, lunch on way to Coimbatore, all meals during the stay in Valparai.
3. All internal transports by an Air-conditioned Toyota Innova (Bangalore - Kabini - Coimbatore - Valparai - Coimbatore) with 3 people in a vehicle.
4. 10 Jeep safaris in Kabini.
5. 2 days of Local drives and guided tour in Valparai.
6. All forest entry fees, guide fees and vehicle charges.

#### PACKAGE DOES NOT INCLUDE

1. Mineral water, soft drinks and beverages.
2. Medical expenditures of any personal nature.
3. Food ordered other than what is mentioned above.
4. Still camera, lens and video camera fees in Kabini & Valparai (Will be charges at actuals).
5. Any other incidental expenditures not included and specified in the cost.

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