

# A photographic holiday in Mysore, Karnataka, India

Organised by the Charities Advisory Trust, Radius Works, Back Lane, Hampstead, London NW3 1HL

**Location:** based at the Green Hotel, Mysore (Mysuru) with a two-day (one night) excursion to the Kabini River Lodge in the Nagarahole National Park.

**Dates:** 2nd to 15th February 2018

**Facilitators:** Alan and Laraine Judd

**Photo opportunities** are many and varied, they include:

- the streets and markets of Mysore offer endless opportunities for 'street', 'architectural' and 'people' photography
- Maharaja's Palace (illuminated Sunday evenings)
- temples: Chamundi Hills, Somnathpur (13<sup>th</sup> Century) and Melkote etc.
- wildlife: there are several parks, gardens and lakes (and a popular zoo) in Mysore with abundant bird life and flowers, plus monkeys.
- Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary: boat trips enable you to get up close and personal with a wide range of birds – and crocodiles
- Nagarahole National Park: rated as one of the top 5 wildlife resorts in the world (Tatler's Guide), with potential elephants, monkeys, gaur, deer – perhaps tiger.

Participants will be free to organize their own programme – only the Nagarahole National Park will be pre-booked. Evenings will be available for planning and discussions; Alan and Laraine will provide help with logistics.

## **Accommodation:**

Green Hotel (a former Maharani's Palace): The twin rooms, some with adjoining sitting rooms, are comfortable. All have en suite bath or shower rooms with western-style loos. Bottled water and Wi-Fi are complimentary. We have found the food to be excellent. The kitchen staff makes every effort to provide for everyone's taste and dietary needs. Packed lunches are provided on request.

The Green Hotel is ethically run by the Charities Advisory Trust; profits are used to support local charities (orphanages, supplementary schools etc.). Visits may be made to some of these projects.

Kabini River Lodge: Twin cottages (some tented) with en suite bathrooms. Lunch, evening meal, bed & breakfast (Indian, Chinese or European buffet).

**Weather:** Generally warm (mid 20s to low 30s C) and dry; sunny with limited cloud.

**Cost** (to be confirmed): from £1,700 per person depending on room type booked at the Green Hotel – see overleaf.

## **What's Included:**

- Airport transfers: Bangalore Airport – Mysore (Green Hotel) – Bangalore Airport
- 12 nights full board Green Hotel, Mysore
- 1 night full board Kabini River Lodge
- evening and early morning safari at Kabini River Lodge
- transfers: Green Hotel – Kabini River Lodge – Green Hotel

## **What's Not included:**

- return flights to Bangalore via Dubai or London Heathrow
- travel/holiday insurance
- tips
- alcoholic and soft drinks
- local travel in/around Mysore

*At least 10 participants are required to make this holiday viable. For further informal information contact Alan Judd ([alan.judd@icloud.com](mailto:alan.judd@icloud.com)) or Laraine Judd ([larainej@me.com](mailto:larainej@me.com)); Alan's mobile: 07989 147280; Home: 01661 844874.*

## **Green Hotel Accommodation**

Traveller's Rooms: Single occupancy £2,000

Double occupancy (per person) £1,700

Deluxe Rooms: Single occupancy £2,245

Double occupancy (per person) £2,045

Suites: Single occupancy £2,345

Double occupancy (per person) £2,000

Palace Rooms: Single occupancy £2,700

Double occupancy (per person) £2,200

N.B. these figures are provisional.

Spouses/partners are also welcome.