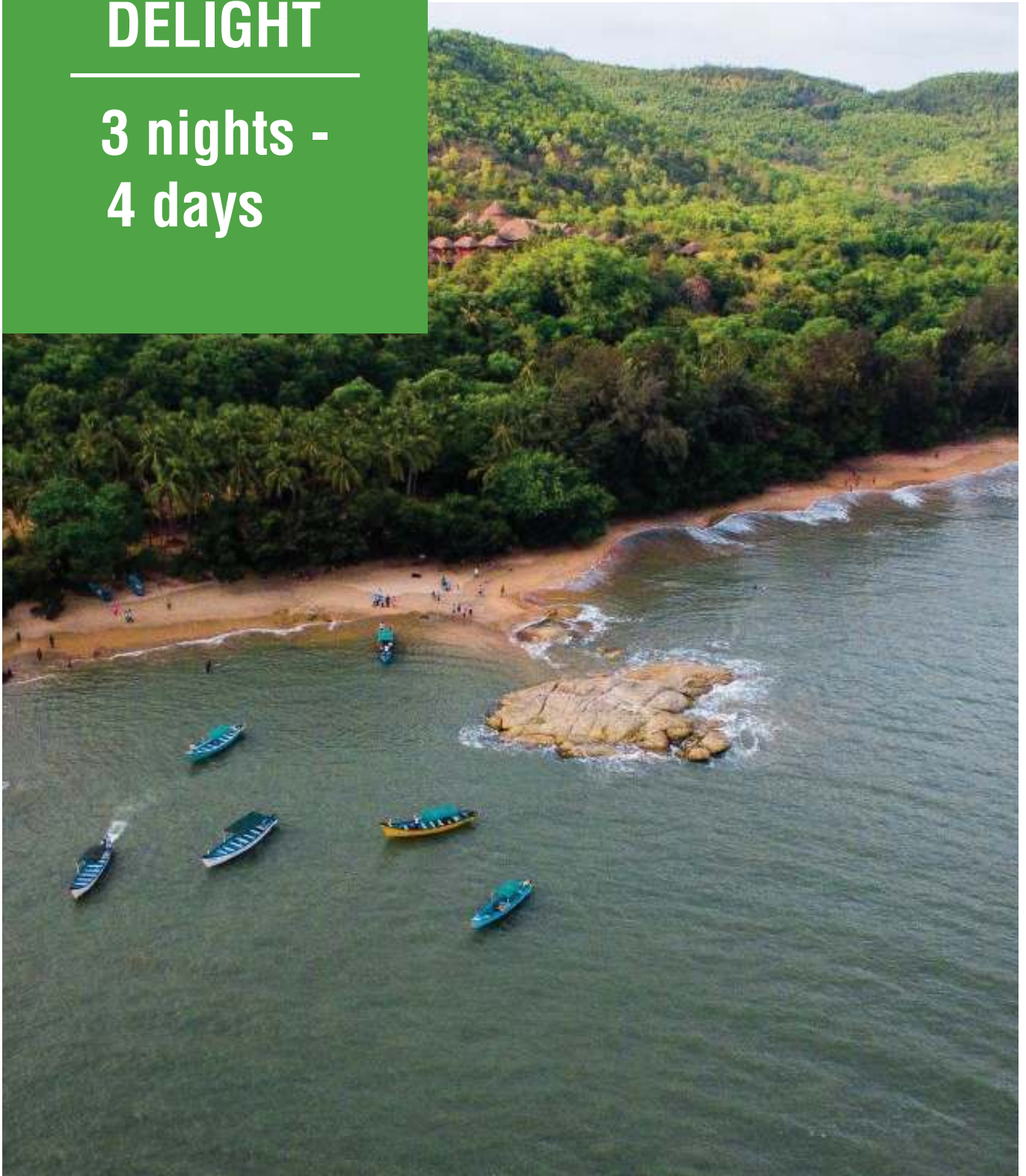


Loykul
Tripping

GOKARNA DELIGHT

3 nights -
4 days





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GOKARNA travel guide

Gokarna is a small temple town on the western coast of India in the Kumta taluk of Uttara Kannada district of the state of Karnataka. The main temple and deity are Lord Shiva, who is also known as Mahabaleshwar. This temple houses what is believed to be the original image of Lord Shiva's linga (Atmalinga). There are many other temples all over this small town. Ankola and Kumta on NH66 are the main towns whereas Bhatkal and Karwar are the main small cities near Gokarna where almost all trains have halted and are connected to major cities like Bombay, Bangalore, Hyderabad, Madras, and Mangalore with private buses.

Day 01- Gokarna: Arrival

As you set foot in Goa, you will be greeted by the agent's representatives. They will give you a lift to Gokarna from there, so you may choose to rest on this continued journey, or look out the window at the scenery that will accompany you all the way there. Eventually, we will reach the town of Gokarna, which is situated very close to the port city of Karwar. Once you check into your hotel and set down your luggage, you may spend the rest of the day however you like. Gokarna will function as your hub on this tour. The town is known for both its ancient temples and its fabulous beaches, so you could take a glance at both. The first day of this tour ends with an overnight stay in Gokarna itself.

Day 02 - Gokarna: Local Sightseeing

After breakfast in the morning, the tour begins in earnest as we head towards the banks of the river Aghnashini, specifically the Tadri Creek that has been formed as a result of its flow. Along these banks is the majestic Mirjan Fort. Within the fort's walls, multiple deep wells have been found. There is also evidence of a massive darbar hall, many secret passages, presumably for the purposes of hiding or escaping and even its own, bustling marketplace. Shrines to various Hindu Gods and Goddesses have also been found here, under a big tree in the courtyard. A number of ruins around the fort have been restored to some degree by the Archeological Survey of India.

Coming back to the town itself, we are graced by the presence of the holy Kotitirtha. Translating to "a thousand springs", Kotitirtha is a man-made water tank that is considered to be sacred by the local people. The water in it is used primarily for taking baths as part of the customs during certain festivals as well as for the immersion of idols. A feature of Kotitirtha is the Shivalinga located right in the middle of the water on a platform., illuminated by a towering light during the nighttime. The day ends with the sunset, as we return to your hotel for an overnight stay.

Day 03 - Gokarna: Sightseeing

The third day of the tour kicks off with some breakfast, after which we witness more of the sights that Gokarna has to show us.

Start off at Kudle Beach, then travel southwards to Om Beach, from where we trek to the Half Moon Beach. Further along on a trek through the hills and forests ahead of the Half Moon Beach is the Paradise Beach. Each of these beaches offers stunning looks at the seascape that stretch out in front of them, with some even having activities such as canoeing, jet-skiing or dolphin spotting. We return to your hotel in Gokarna at the end of the day and turn in for the night.

Day 04 - Gokarna - Departure

This day marks the end of the journey. After having some breakfast, you have some time to shop around and pick up a souvenir or two as a reminder of the memories you made here. Then, we drive back to Goa and head back home.



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- See the culture of the village of Gokarna
- Seek the blessings of the shrines in the village
- Fun and Frolic on the beautiful beaches nearby
- Explore the forts that are still standings after centuries