



UDUPI

WHERE TEMPLES MEET THE COAST 



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Welcome to UDUPI

Nestled along the beautiful Arabian Sea, **Udupi** is one of Karnataka's most **charming coastal destinations**.

Known for its ancient temples, pristine beaches, islands, scenic backwaters, and legendary cuisine, Udupi is where culture meets the coast.

Whether you're looking for a peaceful temple visit, a relaxing beach getaway, a scenic road trip, or a taste of authentic coastal food, Udupi has something for every traveller.

From the spiritual beauty of Sri Krishna Temple to the turquoise waters of St. Mary's Island and the peaceful beaches along the coast, every corner offers a unique experience.

This travel guide is designed to help you **explore the best places in Udupi** with essential travel information, tips, and recommendations, making your journey smooth, memorable, and enjoyable.

Let's explore the beauty of Udupi! 🌊 🏰 🌴

Quick Facts



District

Udupi, Karnataka



Famous For

Temples, Beaches,
Coastal Cuisine &
Islands



Best Known For

Sri Krishna Temple &
St. Mary's Island



Best Time to Visit

October – March



Nearest Major City

Mangaluru, Karnataka



Nearest Railway Station

Udupi Railway Station



Nearest Airport

Mangaluru International
Airport (Approx. 60 km)



Average Budget

₹3,000–₹12,000 (2–3
Days)



Languages Spoken

Kannada, Tulu, Konkani
& English



Understanding the Udupi Map

Before we begin exploring, let's first understand the location and layout of Udupi District.

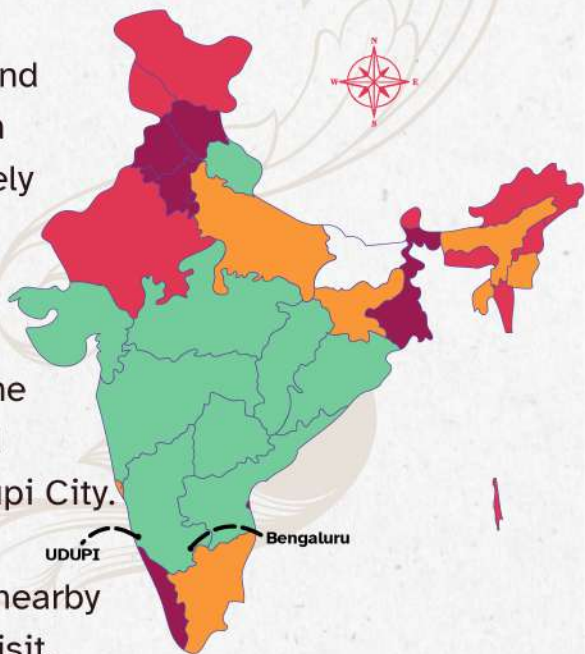
Udupi is located along the coastal belt of Karnataka, around **400 km from Bengaluru**, with the journey taking approximately 7–9 hours depending on the route and traffic.

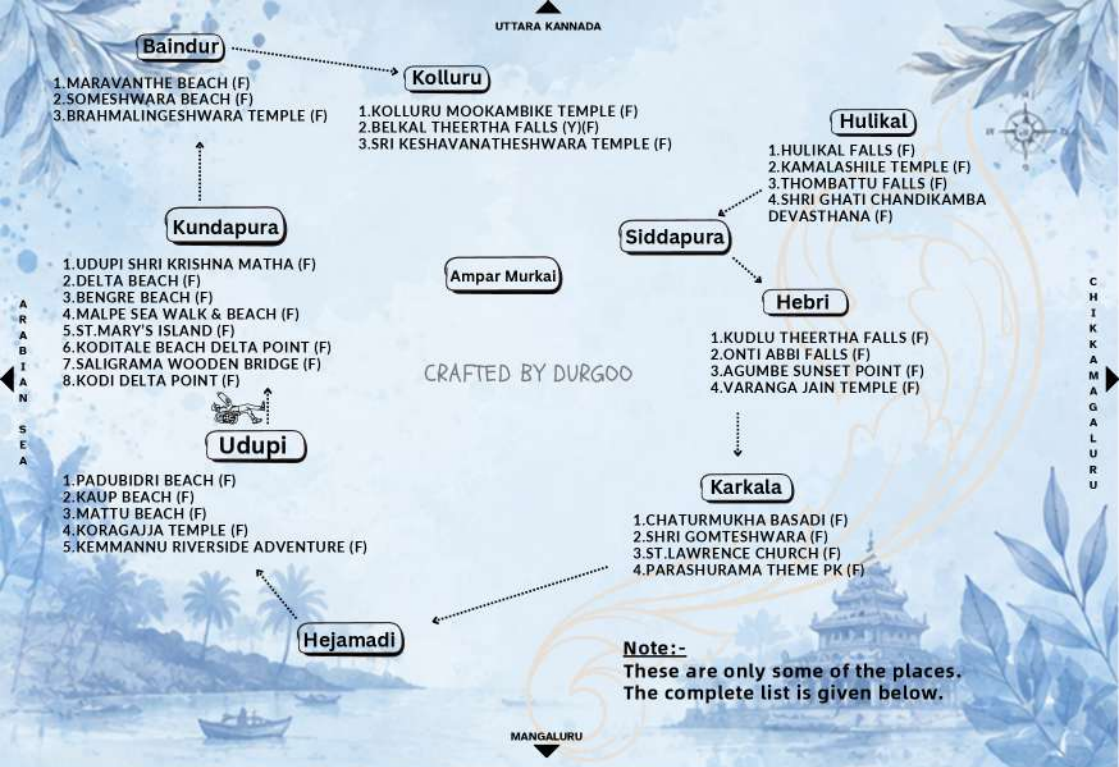
To make your journey easier, the guide below follows a **planned travel route** starting from Udupi City.

The map highlights the major nearby towns and the best places to visit, arranged in a **logical sequence** to help you travel efficiently without unnecessary backtracking.

Simply **follow the route shown on the map below**, and you'll be able to explore the best of Udupi comfortably while making the most of your time.

 **Note:** The places are arranged as a recommended route, not a fixed itinerary. You can modify the order based on your stay, time and preferences.





Before you Start

- This is a **Guide**, not a fixed itinerary
- The names inside the capsules represent nearby towns or major junctions.
- Attractions listed below each town are spread across the surrounding region and may require significant travel time.
- Plan your route in advance and avoid travelling after 5:00 PM, especially through forest roads and hilly areas.

 Attraction Type (Refer Image)

- (F) = Family Friendly
- (Y) = Best for Youth / Adventure Seekers



Map Coverage

- Most of Udupi's must-visit waterfalls, viewpoints, temples, lakes, and trekking spots are covered. If we've missed something, share your suggestions!



Best Time to Visit: October to March

- Blue beaches, Lush greenery, beautiful waterfalls, pleasant weather and scenic landscapes.



Travel Responsibly

- Do not litter or leave waste behind.
- Carry reusable bottles and reduce waste.
- Respect local communities and wildlife.



Road Conditions

- Some roads are narrow, steep, or pass through forests. Drive carefully, especially during monsoon.



Trek Information

- Wear proper trekking shoes, carry enough water, get required permits in advance, and check the weather.



Mobile Network

- Network may be weak in remote areas. Download offline maps beforehand.



Monsoon Safety

- Waterfalls and streams can become dangerous. Follow local instructions and avoid restricted areas.



Fuel & Cash

- Refuel before entering remote areas and carry some cash, as digital payments may not work everywhere.

Verify Before Visiting

- Timings, permits, and accessibility can change. Always verify details before your trip.

 **Disclaimer :** Distances, road conditions, entry rules, and attraction accessibility may change over time. Please verify the latest information before your visit. Travel responsibly and at your own discretion.

Do's and Don'ts

A Few Things You Should Do



Modestly at
sacred places



Carry reusable
water bottles



Respect local
queues



Barefoot where
required

A Few Things You Shouldn't Do



Feed Animal
and wildlife



Photograph
restricted areas



Litter in public
places



Arbitrarily Enter
sacred zones



Udupi City

Once you arrive in Udupi City, check in to your hotel or homestay and freshen up. Since many attractions are spread around the city, Udupi is a **great base for the next 3 days**.

Booking your stay in advance is highly recommended, especially during weekends and peak seasons.



Udupi is not just about beaches! The district has beautiful waterfalls, ancient temples, islands, scenic spots, water activities, and much more.

So, let's **explore** them one by one and discover the must-visit places across the entire Udupi District! 🌴 🏠 💧



Must visit places near Udupi City

1. Udupi Shri Krishna Matha (F)



2. Koragajja Temple, Kote (F)



3. Mattu Beach (F)



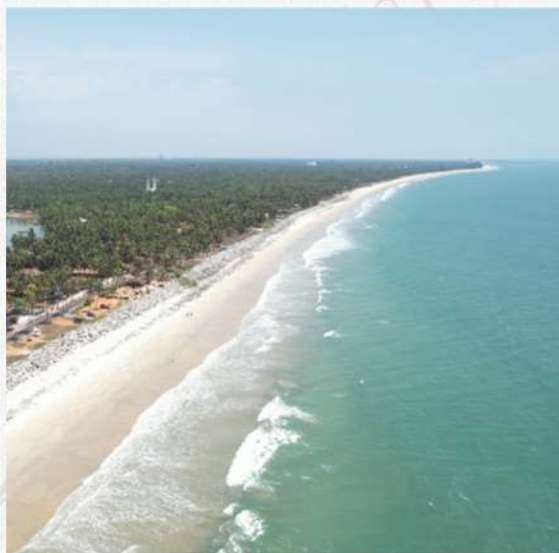
4. Kaup Beach & Lighthouse (F)



5. Kemmannu Riverside Adventure (F)



6. Delta Beach (F)



7. Bengre Beach (F)



8. Maple Beach & Sea Walk (F)



9. St.Mary's Island (F)



10. Anantheshwara Temple (F)

11. Chandramouleshwara Temple (F)

12. Padubidri Beach (F)



13. Wooden Bridge, Saligrama (F)

14. Padukere Beach (F)



Detailed Travel Guide near Udupi City



1. Udupi Shri Krishna Matha (F)

Once you've freshened up, have breakfast nearby and head to **Udupi Shri Krishna Matha**, just 1 km from Udupi City.

P Parking is available near the temple. Depending on the crowd, you may need to wait in the queue for darshan.

🙏 Dedicated to **Lord Krishna**, this is one of Udupi's most revered spiritual landmarks. Don't miss the unique **Kanakana Kindi**, the traditional window through which devotees have darshan of Lord Krishna.

Take some time to experience the peaceful atmosphere and explore the temple surroundings before heading to your next destination.



2. Koragajja Temple, Katapadi (F)

From Udupi Shri Krishna Matha, head towards **Mattu Beach**. On the way, stop at the **famous Koragajja Temple**.

🙏 Seek blessings from Koragajja, a revered local deity. One of the unique traditions here is the offering of **liquor**, along with other offerings.

⌚ Plan around 20–30 minutes for your visit, depending on the crowd, then continue towards Mattu Beach.



3. Mattu Beach (F)

Now, without wasting any time, directly head to Mattu Beach, as we are here for some Beach fun! ☂️

This is one of the **scenic and beautiful beaches in Udupi**. This beach might look like **Maravanthe**, but no — this is **Mattu Beach**!

😊 It is less popular, yet one of the most beautiful beaches around Udupi.

The ride itself is an experience — **Arabian Sea on one side, narrow roads, and coconut trees along the way.** 🌴🌊

The best part? You can stop almost anywhere and have fun at the beach without much crowd around. The waves crashing along the shore and the peaceful surroundings make this a really memorable experience.



🪨 You'll find **piles of stones** placed along the shore at regular intervals. Pick any spot, sit down, relax, and spend some quality time by the sea.

After playing around and enjoying the beach, there are small local hotels nearby where you can have lunch before heading to the next destination.

⚠️ **Beach Tip:** Avoid going deep into the sea, especially when the waves are strong, and be careful around the rocks.



4. Kaup Beach and Lighthouse (F)

For the evening **sunset**, head towards Kaup Beach and Lighthouse, around 6.5 km from Mattu Beach. The drive itself is a nice experience, with **narrow roads and the beach on your right**.



Once you reach Kaup, you'll find shops and small eateries where you can grab some snacks.

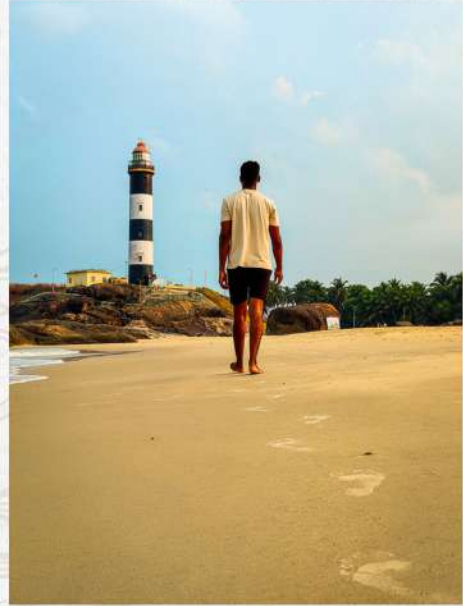
The best part of this beach is the **historic lighthouse** standing on a rocky stretch, which gives you an amazing aerial view of the Arabian Sea in front and coconut trees behind.

 If the lighthouse is open, climb up and enjoy the view. You can also simply stay on the shore and watch the sunset, which is a beautiful experience here.



⚠️ **Lighthouse Tip:** Lighthouse access can have specific timings and may close during monsoon, so verify the latest opening status before visiting.

After spending some time there, come back to the shore, enjoy the beach, have dinner nearby, and head back to your stay and rest for the day.



5. Kemmannu Riverside Adventure (F)

Next day, have breakfast nearby and head towards Kemmannu Riverside Adventure.

If you want to **spend some quality time with your family** while enjoying a few activities, this is the place to go.



You can try **kayaking, boating, speed boats, and other water activities** while enjoying the peaceful backwaters, coconut trees, and surrounding nature.

The Kemmannu area is known for its backwater and mangrove kayaking experiences.



🌴 The Hanging Bridge is another highlight of the area, offering beautiful views of the river and coconut-covered surroundings.

Check its current access before visiting, as the original bridge has had long-running restrictions/closures.

Spend some time here, enjoy the activities and the peaceful surroundings, and then head towards Delta Beach.



6. Delta Beach (F)

Drive to Delta Beach is around 20 kms from Kemmanu Hanging Bridge.

The view you get once you reach near the Beach is next level you will feel like **you are on heading towards another world.**



Delta Beach is peaceful and there are small restaurants nearby. Don't have as we have a special recommendation near **Bengre beach**.

Here you can skip playing in beach as we will head to Bengre Beach through Delta Beach.

But here you can spend some time on the Rocks here take some photos and head directly to Bengre Beach which is **5 kms from Delta Beach**, and this 5 kms will be so grateful as on the left you will have Arabian Sea and on the right you will have coconut trees swaying around.



7. Bengre Beach (F)

Bengre Beach, also known as Kodi Bengre, offers a unique coastal experience where the **Seetha and Suvarna Rivers meet before merging with the Arabian Sea.**

The narrow stretch of land here gives you beautiful views of both the river and the sea.



This beach is serene and **less crowded**, making it perfect to slow down and enjoy nature. You can also go boating and explore the surrounding waterways.

! Don't go deep into the water or stay too close to the river mouth. Currents can be strong around the estuary, so be careful.

☀️ Just near the parking area, there are small local restaurants where you can have lunch. If you love **coastal cuisine**, this is the place to have it! I personally loved the **prawns** here. And don't forget to grab a **Goli Soda** in that hot weather! 😊

After lunch, directly head towards Malpe Beach and Sea Walk.

8. Maple Beach & Sea Walk (F)

Malpe Beach is one of Udupi's most popular and lively beaches, located around 6 km from Udupi.

It is known for its golden sand, water activities, fishing harbour, and access to St. Mary's Island.

First, you can explore **Malpe Sea Harbour** for some time. If you don't like the **smell of fish**, you can skip this and head directly to Malpe Beach. 😊





 Next in Malpe Beach you can enjoy activities like **parasailing, jet skiing, banana boat rides, and the floating bridge.** Spend some quality time at the beach and enjoy the atmosphere.

After that, head towards **Malpe Sea Walk**, which is around 1-2 km from the beach. 

 There is a **booking counter for St. Mary's Island** nearby, so enquire about the boat timings and availability for the next day. Boat services are seasonal and depend on sea conditions.



 The **Malpe Sea Walk** is a beautiful **coastal stretch** where you can walk out towards the sea and it feels like **you are walking on Ocean**, enjoy the views, and watch the sunset.

Spend some time here and head back early to your stay, as the area can get **heavy traffic** later in the evening. Rest well—you have another experience waiting for you tomorrow.

9. St.Mary's Island (F)

Next day freshen up early and have breakfast take some snacks and head towards Malpe Beach and **take tickets for St.Mary's Island** and hop on the Boat and wear the **Safety Jacket**.

Ride from Malpe to St.Mary's Island is **magical**, feels like you are heading to a **different continent**, and in the ride they will play some music don't forget to have a **little dance** there.

After 30-45 mins you will reach St.Mary's Island, when you are near this or have a view, you will feel such a **relaxation**, feel like we were away from home for Years, get on the Island and **head directly straight till the end** and if possible explore the Island a bit and have fun in the water.

This Unique Island offers a **heaxagonal rock formation**, spend some time there and beware of the time here because we have to head back to boat as well, and also be careful of the rocks as it will be slippery as well. Then hop on boat and head back to Malpe.





10. Anantheshwara Temple (F)

Located on Car Street, right next to Sri Krishna Matha, the Anantheshwara Temple is believed to date back to the 8th century CE and is one of the oldest temples in Tulu Nadu.

Dedicated to **Lord Shiva**, the temple is closely connected to Udupi's history and is believed to have played an important role in the city's ancient identity.



Take some time to visit the temple, experience its peaceful atmosphere, and explore the historic surroundings around **Car Street and Sri Krishna Matha**.

11. Chandramouleshwara Temple (F)

According to Puranic legend, the **Moon God** Chandra was cursed by **Daksha Prajapati** and lost his brilliance.

He performed intense penance to Lord Shiva at Chandra Pushkarini, a sacred pond.

Pleased with his devotion, **Lord Shiva appeared and freed Chandra from the curse**. Since Shiva bears the crescent moon on his head, he is worshipped here as **Chandramouleshwara**.

☾ The legend is also associated with the name Udupi, believed to derive from Udu-pa, meaning “Lord of the stars/moon.”

12. Padubidri Beach (F)

Keep this as an optional beach stop after visiting places like Kudlu Theertha Falls or Onake Abbi Falls.

If you're returning early and have some time left, this is a great place to visit.

☂ This Blue Flag Beach is clean, peaceful, and best enjoyed around sunset. Spend some quiet time by the shore, enjoy the views, and then head back to your stay.



13. Wooden Bridge, Saligrama (F)

Looking for a **unique place** just 30 minutes from Udupi City? 📷
This is a great spot to visit, especially if you're a photography lover.

The beautiful surroundings make it a popular location for **pre-wedding and photoshoots**, so take your time, explore the place, and click some memorable pictures.

Even if you're not into photography, it's still worth visiting just to enjoy the peaceful surroundings and spend some quality time here. 🌴📷

14. Padukere Beach (F)

Another beautiful and peaceful beach near Udupi, Padukere Beach is a great option if you're already coming from a different town after a long ride.

Located around **30 kms from Malpe Beach**, it is quieter and less crowded, with soft golden sand and a peaceful village atmosphere.

The beach is also known for **occasional bioluminescence**, where the waves can glow blue at night. ✨🌊 It's a natural phenomenon, so it may not be visible every time.

Spend some relaxed time here, enjoy the views, click some photos and continue your journey. 🌴📷

✅ Region Completed!

With this, we've covered the must-visit places around Udupi City Region. 🌿🏔️

Must visit places near Hebri

1. Kudlu Theertha Falls (F)



2. Varanga Jain Temple (F)



3. Onake Abbi Falls (F)



4. Agumbe Sunset Point (F)



Detailed Travel Guide near Hebri

1. Kudlu Theertha Falls (F)

Get up early, freshen up, have breakfast nearby and directly head towards Kudlu Theertha Falls, which is around **60 kms from Udupi** and takes roughly 1.5 hours to reach.

This waterfall is quite underrated, and the best part is that it is **deep inside the forest**, making the journey itself an experience.

Once you reach **Seethanadi**, you'll come across a junction.

Take a right if you're coming from Udupi, or a left if you're coming from Agumbe. From there, continue for around 15–20 km until you reach the entry point.



 Get your ticket and start the trek. Carry enough water and some food in case you get hungry or thirsty.

The trek is mostly easy with **steps**, but people with knee problems might find it a little difficult.

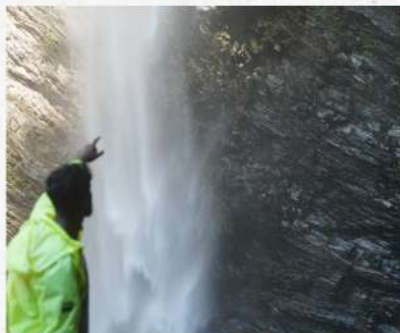
You'll walk around 2–3 km through the forest, and as you get closer, you can hear the **roaring sound** of the waterfall coming down from a **great height**. 

The best part? You can play in the water and take a dip here!

Just a **warning** — the **water can be really cold**. 😊 Spend some time enjoying the falls, have your food and take some rest before starting back.

There is also a small food/canteen option near the junction, which can be useful after the trek.

From here, head towards Varanga Jain Temple, which is around 30 km from Kudlu Theertha Falls. 🏠



2. Varanga Jain Temple (F)

Once you reach Varanga Lake Jain Temple, also known as Kere Basadi or Chaturmukha Basadi, you'll find a beautiful historic Jain temple sitting right in the **middle of a lake**.

The temple dates back to around the 12th century and is dedicated to Jain Tirthankaras.

🎫 Get your ticket and take the **short boat ride** to reach the temple.

The **four-sided stone structure** surrounded by water makes this place a very **unique experience**. 📷

Explore the temple, enjoy the peaceful surroundings, take some pictures and head back.

From here, you can either return to your stay and rest, or head back towards Udupi.

If you have left out any place from your itinerary, use the evening to explore it and then return to your stay. 🌿





3. Onake Abbi Falls (F)

Next day, do the same thing — get up early, freshen up, have breakfast and head towards Hebri, from where you can continue towards Onake Abbi Falls.

Onake Abbi Falls is a beautiful waterfall hidden inside the **lush forests of the Western Ghats, near Agumbe.** 🌿

The name **Onake** comes from the **Kannada word** for a pestle, as **the shape of the waterfall resembles one.**

The best part is that reaching the falls itself is an **adventure.** You have to trek through the forest to reach the waterfall, so wear proper shoes, carry enough water and be prepared for a little walking.

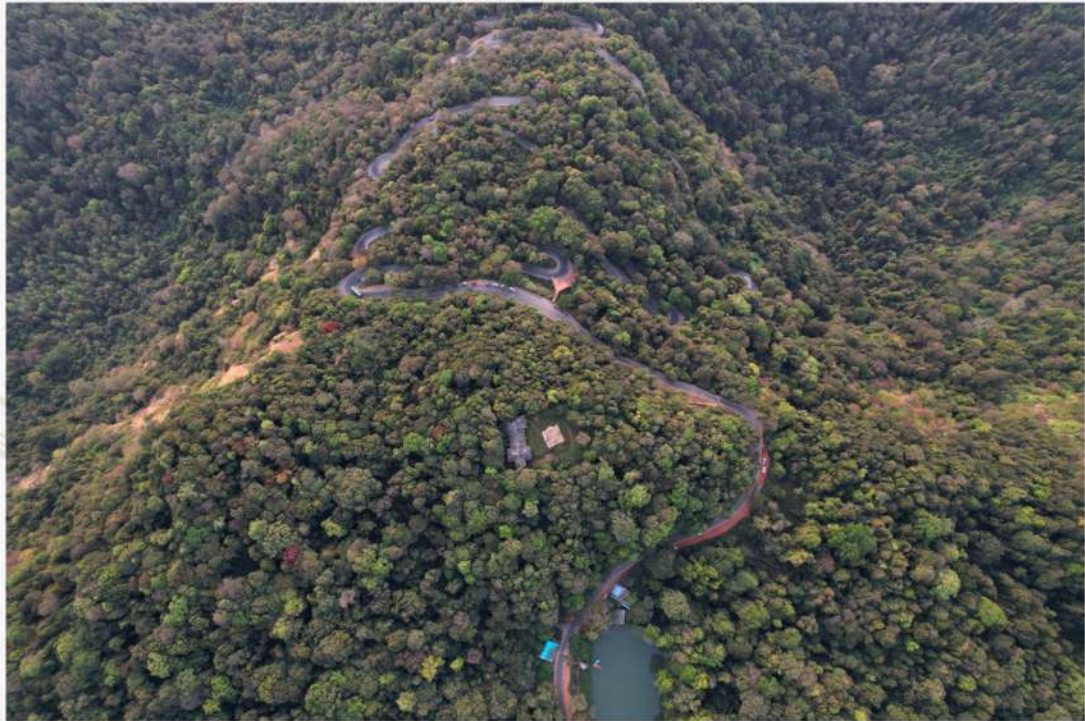
Once you reach the falls, spend some time enjoying the greenery and the beautiful surroundings before heading back. 🌊

4. Agumbe Sunset Point (F)

After spending some time at the falls, head towards Agumbe Sunset Viewpoint for more **hairpin bends and a beautiful sunset experience**.

On the way, you'll come across around **14 hairpin curves**, making this stretch a fun ride, especially for bike riders. 🏍️

The winding roads through the Western Ghats make the journey as enjoyable as the destination.



Once you reach the viewpoint, you'll find plenty of monkeys around. 🐒

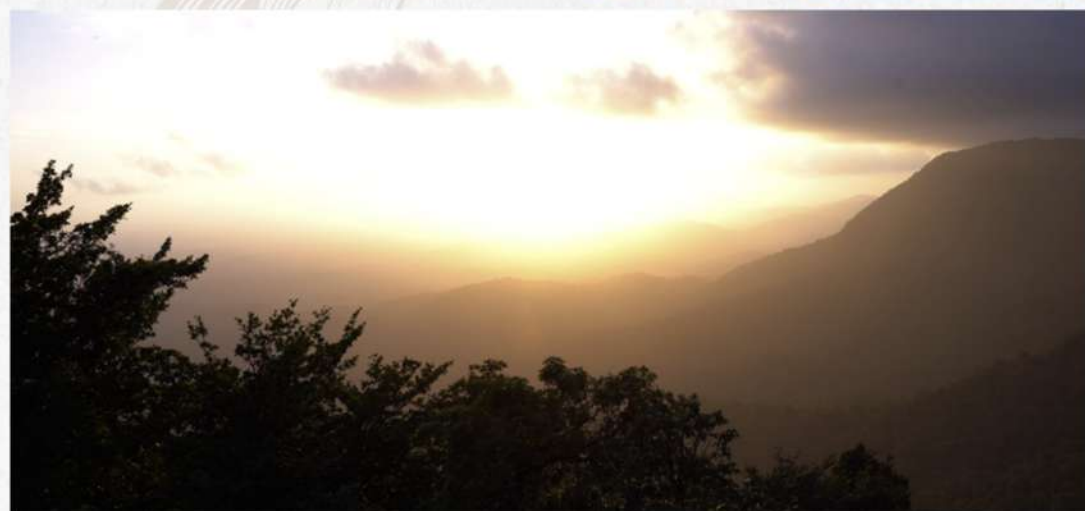
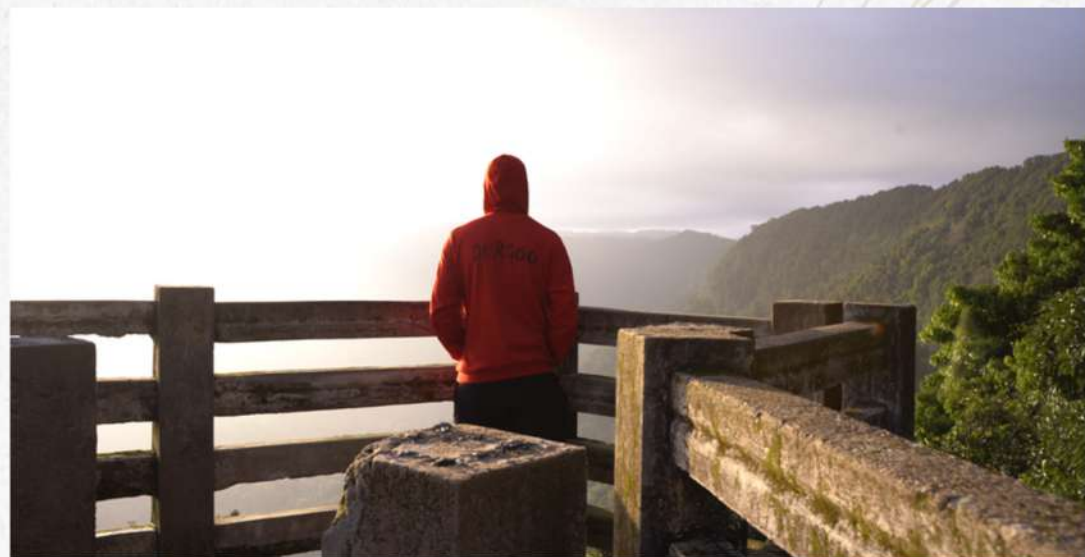
Don't feed them and keep your food and belongings safely with you.

Find a good spot, relax, enjoy the cool atmosphere, wait for the **sunset** and take in the beautiful views. 🌅

After sunset, start your journey back carefully, especially as the roads can get dark and winding.

✅ **Region Completed!**

With this, we've covered the must-visit places around Hebri Region. 🌿🏔️





Must visit places near Kundapura



1. Kolluru Mookambike Temple (F)



2. Someshwara Beach, Byndoor (F)



3. Maravanthe Beach (F)



4. Brahmalingeswara Temple, Mandakattu (F)



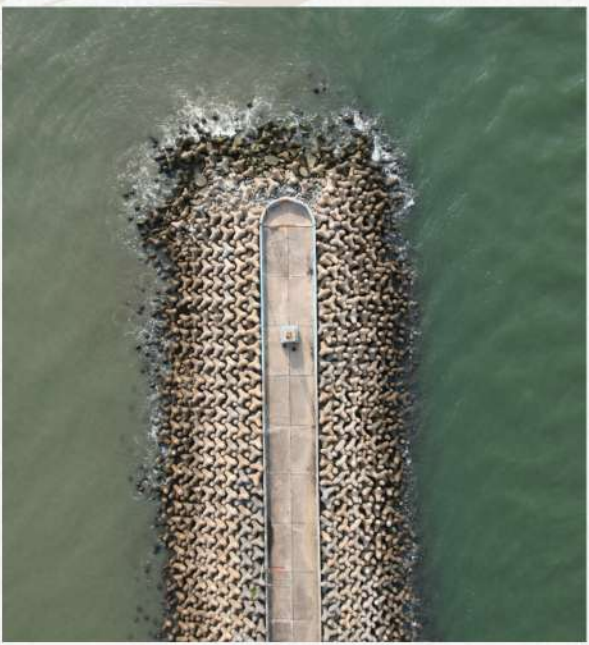
5. Belkal Theertha Falls Viewpoint & Trek (F)



6. Sri Keshavanatheshwara Temple, Moodagal, Keradi



7. Kodi Beach (F)



Detailed Travel Guide near Kundapura

1. Kolluru Mookambike Temple (F)

If you're planning to explore places around Kundapura, it's better to make **Kundapura your base for 2-3 days**.

Get up early, have breakfast and head directly to Kollur Mookambika Temple, which is around **36 km from Kundapura** and takes roughly 1 hour to reach.

Try to reach early, as it can get quite crowded later in the day.

On the way, you can also visit **Brahmalingeswara Temple, Mandakattu**. You can either stop here while going or visit it while returning to your stay.

If you want to skip these temples, you can head towards **Belkal Theertha Falls Viewpoint & Trek**, which is covered in detail below.

Kollur Mookambika Temple is one of Karnataka's most important pilgrimage sites, located at the foothills of the Kodachadri Hills and beside the Souparnika River.

The temple is famous for its **Swayambhu Jyotirlinga**, which is traditionally believed to represent the combined presence of Saraswati, Lakshmi and Parvati, along with Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva.

Spend some peaceful time at the temple and then head towards Someshwara Beach, Byndoor, which is around 32 km away and takes about 1 hour.

You can have **prasada** at Kollur before leaving, or head to Someshwara Beach and have lunch there before relaxing by the coast. 🌊 🏯



2. Someshwara Beach, Byndoor (F)

Someshwara Beach, Byndoor is a peaceful coastal spot near the famous Someshwara Temple, perfect for relaxing after your temple visit.

The beach has **golden sand, clear waters and beautiful coastal views.** 🌴 Spend some time walking along the shore, enjoy the peaceful atmosphere, click some pictures and simply take a break from the long journey.

Its quiet surroundings and nearby temple give the place a nice mix of nature and spirituality. After spending some quality time here, continue with the rest of your journey. 📷🌊

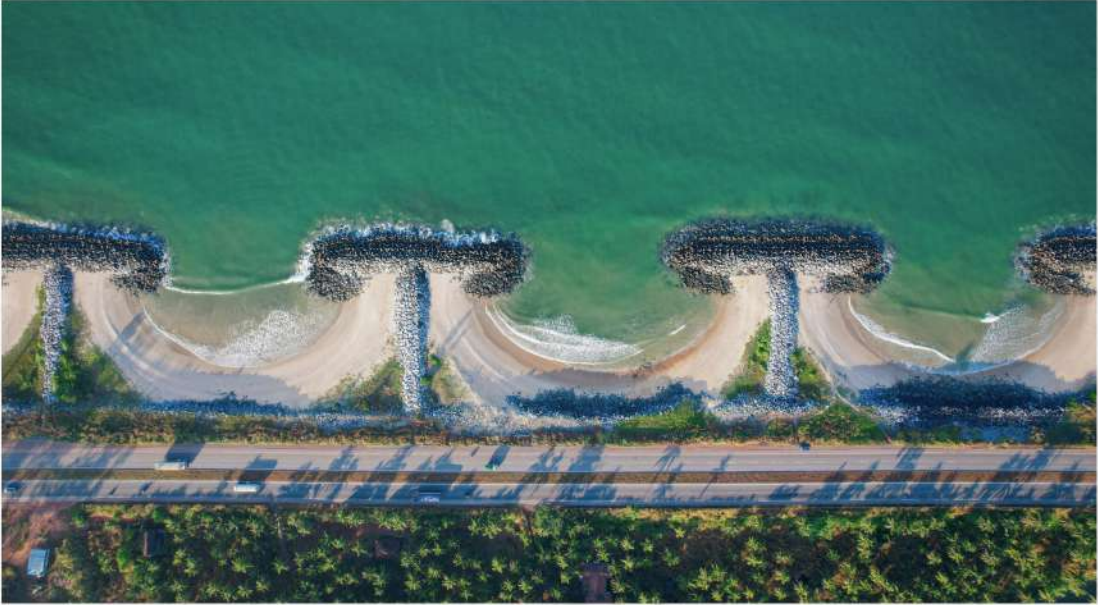
3. Maravanthe Beach (F)

While heading back to your stay after Someshwara Beach, you'll find Maravanthe Beach on the right. This is a **popular** but relatively **less-crowded beach**, making it a great place to take a break. 🌴

The entire stretch of Maravanthe Beach feels so **magical** that you might even feel like staying here itself! 😊

Spend some time playing in the water, take photos on the beach and rocks, and simply relax by the coast. 📷🌊

Try to stay until sunset for a peaceful evening with beautiful coastal views. 🌅



After sunset, you can either visit the remaining Brahmalingeshwara Temple, Mandakattu, or head straight back to your stay and call it a day.

4. Brahmalingeshwara Temple, Mandakattu (F)

Maranakatte Shri Brahmalingeshwara Temple, also known in connection with Mandakattu, is a revered temple in Chittur Village, Kundapura Taluk, around 16–21 km from Kundapura and on the way to Kollur.

The temple is closely associated with the legend of **Goddess Mookambika and Mookasura**.

According to tradition, after Mookasura was defeated by the Goddess, he attained divinity here and is remembered as part of the sacred legend of this region.

Devotees visit the temple seeking justice, fulfilment of sincere wishes and peace.

Located along the Brahmakunda River, the peaceful surroundings also make it a nice place to spend some time before heading back to your stay. 🙏🌿



5. Belkal Theertha Falls and Trek (F)

Wake up early and head directly to Belkal Theertha Falls, which is around 45 km from Kundapura and takes roughly 1.5 hours to reach.

The roads are mostly good, but you may need Google Maps or **help from locals** to find the exact route. The last 1–2 km can be narrow and rough, so ride carefully.

Once you get close, it honestly feels like you've entered a **Jurassic World**. 🌿🦖 The lush Western Ghats are beautiful, and you can see **several streams and waterfalls flowing down the hills**.

After crossing a **small bridge**, you'll reach a cement road and a beautiful **waterfall viewpoint**.

The view here is absolutely worth stopping for, especially during the **monsoon**. 🌧️💧

If you're travelling with family and nobody wants to trek, you can simply enjoy the viewpoint.

Since the road is narrow, make sure to park carefully and leave enough space for others.

For the actual waterfall trek, you need to get the required online ticket/permission before starting.

The **trek is around 4–5 km** and can take roughly 3–4 hours, depending on your pace.

It is **moderately difficult** and takes you through streams, forest trails and rocky sections.

Finally, you'll reach the waterfall, where the water comes down with incredible force, almost like rockets shooting down the rocks.

🚀💧 Being so close to the falls makes the whole trek completely worth it.

Spend some time here, enjoy the surroundings and then trek back to your base.

From here, head towards Keshavanatheshwara Temple, Moodagal, Keradi, which is around 15 km from Belkal Theertha Falls. 🏯



6. Keshavanatheshwara Temple, Moodagal (F)

Keshavanatheshwara Temple in Moodugallu is a unique temple where the sanctum is located inside a natural rock cave.

To reach the deity, you have to walk through **knee-deep, crystal-clear spring water**, making the experience feel completely different from a regular temple visit. 🌿🙏

The combination of the cave, flowing water and peaceful surroundings makes this place a beautiful mix of nature and spirituality.

It has also been visited by celebrities including **Kannada actor Rishab Shetty, director Prashanth Neel and Telugu actor Jr. NTR.**

Spend some peaceful time here and then head back towards Kodi Beach, Kundapura, for a beautiful sunset by the coast. 🌅🌊

7. Kodi Beach, Kundapura (F)

Kodi Beach is around 35 km from Keshavanatheshwara Temple and takes roughly 1.5 hours to reach.

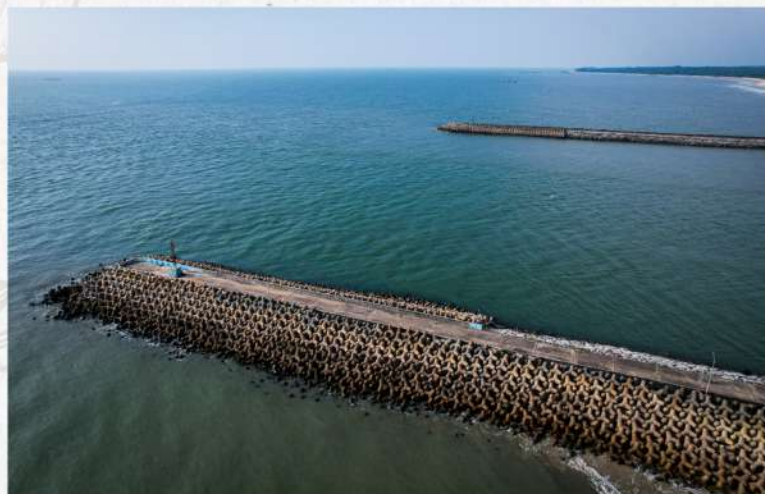
The beach has a **long stretch** where you can walk towards the end, a little like the Malpe Sea Walk. Along the way, you'll find a unique **T-shaped rock formation**, and at the end, there are rocks where you can spot small crabs. 🦀🌊

You can also play in the water, but the interesting part is the view. From here, you can see the **Gangolli End Point across the water**, while boats keep passing by in the distance. 🚤

Spend some peaceful time here, enjoy the sunset and head back to your stay to rest.

✅ Region Completed!

With this, we've covered the must-visit places around the Kundapura region. 🌿🏔️🌊



Must visit places in Karkala

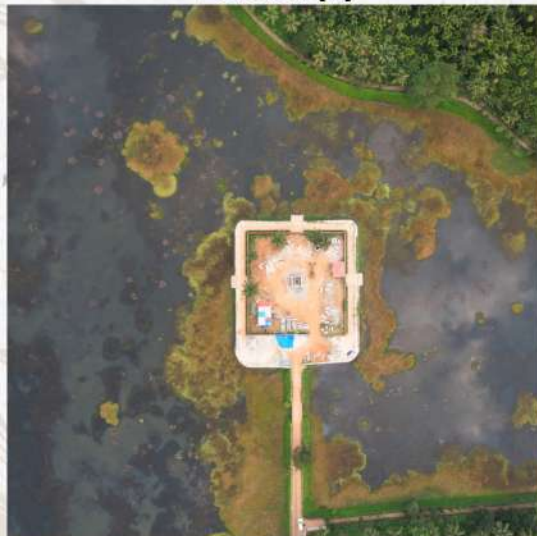
1. Shri Chaturmukha Jain Basadi (F)



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Detailed Travel Guide in Karkala

1. Shri Chaturmukha Jain Basadi (F)

You can **stay in Karkala**, or travel from Udupi, which takes around 1 hour.

The Chaturmukha Basadi is a beautiful **Jain temple** built by King Immadi Bhairavaraya of Karkala in 1586 AD.

As the name suggests, the temple has **four symmetrical entrances**/faces and is made completely of carved granite.



Inside, you'll find idols of Jain Tirthankaras including Aranath, Mallinath and Munisuvratnath.

The temple sits on a rocky hill and has a beautiful old-world atmosphere.

The best part for me was something completely unexpected — I spotted **3 Peacocks** early in the morning! 🦚

So, if you're visiting early, keep an eye around the surroundings.

After exploring the Basadi, head towards the famous Shri Gomateshwara Statue, which is just around 1.4 km away. 🙏



2. Shri Gomateshwara Statue (F)

The Karkala Shri Gomateshwara Statue is a 42-foot monolithic statue of Lord Bahubali, built in 1432 AD by King Veera Pandya. It stands on Gommata Betta hill and is one of the most important Jain heritage sites in Karnataka.

The architecture is impressive, and the peaceful surroundings make it a nice **devotional and relaxing visit.** 🙏

Spend some time here, enjoy the ambience and take a few pictures. 📷

From here, if you haven't had breakfast yet, this is a good time to grab some food before heading towards Anekere Chaturmukha Jain Basadi.



3. Anekere Chaturmukha Jain Basadi (F)

Anekere Chaturmukha Jain Basadi is a beautiful Jain temple located beside Anekere Lake, with a history dating back to around 1545 AD.

Built by Veera Pandya, the temple reflects the rich Jain heritage of Karkala.

The Basadi showcases a blend of Hoysala and Ganga architectural styles, while the nearby lake adds a peaceful atmosphere to the whole place. 🌿

When we visited, the temple was under renovation/reconstruction, so some areas were not accessible.

You can refer to the image to see how it looked during our visit.

Spend some time around the lake and temple, take a few pictures and continue with the rest of your Karkala exploration.



4. St. Lawrence Basilica (F)

This beautiful shrine is around 8 km from Anekere, making it an easy addition to your Karkala exploration.

I visited this place mainly because of its marvellous architecture. Looking at the detailed carvings and how beautifully it has been built, you sometimes wonder how skilled the builders were in those days, especially without the modern technology and tools we have today.

Spend some time exploring the structure, admire the craftsmanship and take a few pictures before moving on to the next destination. 📷 ✨



5. Parashram Theme Park (F)

Parashurama Theme Park is around 13 km from Attur Church, located on Ummikkal Hill in Bailur near Karkala.

When I visited this place, the park had not been built yet, but it has now become a major attraction, with a **33-foot bronze statue of Lord Parashurama** placed on top of the hill.

The statue is shown holding an axe in his right hand, a bow in his left, with one leg raised.

This is a great place to visit with family as the park also has an amphitheatre, museum and viewpoint. 🌿📷 The hilltop views are an added bonus.

6. Bhoota Khola (F)

I had the opportunity to witness **Bhoota Kola** in Karkala, and honestly, this is one of those experiences that is **difficult to explain** until you actually see it yourself.

Bhoota Kola, also known as **Bhootha Aradhane**, is a traditional deity-worship ritual deeply associated with Tulunadu and coastal Karnataka.

The elaborate costumes, painted face, powerful drums, fire, rituals and intense dance create an atmosphere unlike anything you may have experienced before. The performer enters a trance-like state and is traditionally believed to become a medium through whom the deity communicates and delivers justice. 🔥🥁



If you've watched **Kantara**, you may already have an idea of the atmosphere, but witnessing a real Kola in its cultural setting is a completely different experience.

I witnessed it in **Karkala**, but Bhoota Kola is performed across many parts of **coastal Karnataka**.

If you get a genuine opportunity to attend one through local friends or hosts, don't miss it. 🙏

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Must visit places near Hulikal



1. Kamalashile Temple (F)



2. Thombattu Falls (F)



3. Hulikal Falls (F)

4. Shri Ghati Chandikamba Devasthanam (F)

Detailed Travel Guide near Hulikal

All the Places near **Hulikal** are optional, these are good to visit when you are coming from Hulikal Ghat except **Kamalashile Temple and Thombattu Falls**.

1. Kamalashile Temple (F)

Just around 35 km from Kundapura and 27 km from Hulikal, the Shri Brahmi Durgaparameshwari Temple in Kamalashile is a peaceful and spiritually significant place to visit.

The main deity is worshipped in the form of a stone Linga, representing the **combined power of Mahakali, Mahalakshmi and Maha Saraswati**.

The temple is situated along the Kubja River and close to the sacred Suparshwa Cave, adding to the peaceful surroundings. 🌿 If you're travelling with family and are interested in temples and spirituality, this is definitely a place worth adding to your itinerary.



2. Thombattu Falls (F)

Around 40 km from Kundapura, Thombattu Waterfalls is a great place to visit if you want to explore another beautiful waterfall in the Western Ghats. 

This is a multi-step waterfall surrounded by dense forest, and during the **monsoon**, the waterfall comes alive with a beautiful flow.

The place became even more popular after being featured in **Kantara: Chapter 1**, with its dramatic forest and waterfall landscapes used for filming.

If you're a **Kantara fan** or simply **love waterfalls and forest trails**, this is definitely a place worth adding to your list.  

3. Hulikal Falls (F)

This waterfall comes down from a great height and is best experienced during the monsoon, when the heavy flow creates a beautiful **multi-step waterfall** which is on the roadside itself.

It is worth stopping here only if you're travelling down the Hulikal Ghat. But during **monsoon**, this becomes a must-visit spot for the views and the dramatic waterfall flowing through the Western Ghats.

Stop for some time, enjoy the view and take a few pictures before continuing your journey.  



4. Shri Ghati Chandikamba Devasthan (F)

This place is also worth visiting only when you're coming down the **Hulikal Ghat**.

Shri Ghati Chandikamba Devasthan is a peaceful hillside temple dedicated to **Goddess Chandikamba**, located atop Balebare Ghat, also known as Hulikal Ghat. 🙏🌿

Stop here for a short visit, take Darshan and enjoy the beautiful surroundings before continuing your journey.

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