

It's time to leave the lockdown blues and greet the new year. Step out into a land blessed with many fascinating worlds. Discover ageless monuments, world heritage sites, lush green forests, amazing wildlife, spectacular waterfalls, romantic hill stations, timeless temples, pristine beaches, exhilarating adventure sports and vibrant art & culture.











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Ring in the new with a deep dive into the past. Travel back to the 6th and 7th century with a tour of Hampi, Badami, Aihole and Pattadakal. Hampi, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is perhaps unmatched both in its desolation and magnificence. The sculptures and architecture of the temples at Badami, Aihole and Pattadakal, another UNESCO World Heritage Site, are exquisite legacies of a glorious heritage.





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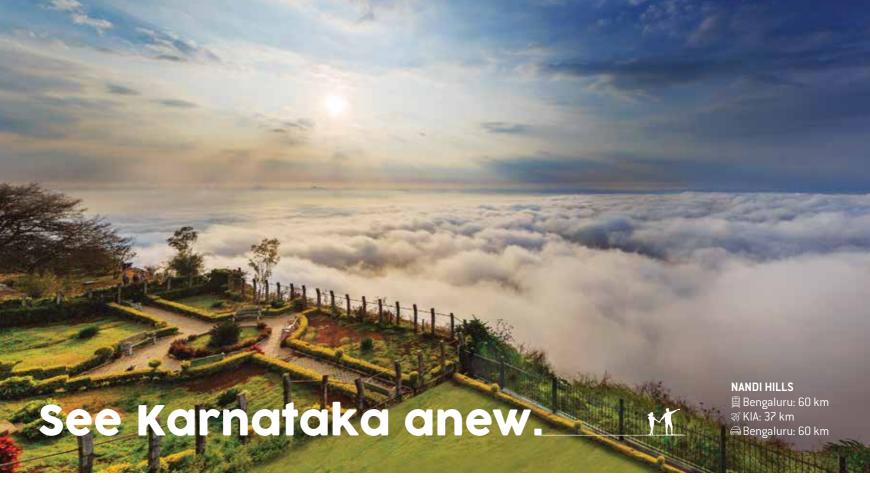
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It's the month for love and romance! And there is no better place to celebrate it than cosmopolitan Bengaluru, with its edgy nightlife, quirky pubs, fine dining and exciting shopping. But if you prefer a slow waltz to a lively jive, Bengaluru's lovely parks and gardens (and there are plenty of them) beckon. Let the romance bloom along with the beautiful flowers.





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Celebrate the arrival of spring and Maha Shivaratri with a trip to Nandi Hills. The beautiful hill town is 60 km away from Bengaluru. The ancient Shiva temples and Tipu Sultan's summer retreat are some of the must-see places. Nandi Hills also has wonderful trails for trekking and cycling. If all you want is some quiet me-time, just sit back and enjoy the wonderful views.

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With the countdown for Ugadi and the school holidays, the mood turns festive. Plan a trip to the wilderness. Reconnect with nature in the deep forests of Kabini and Bandipur. Catch the tiger in its home and watch the elephants gather for a drink. Keep a sharp eye out for the famed black panther of Kabini. Go back home filled with the happy feeling that all's right with this world.





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The sun is out and the schools are closed. Take a break to recharge your batteries. Combine fun with learning. Time travel to the 12th century with a visit to Belur and Halebeedu, the seat of the mighty Hoysala Empire. The ornate temples are a visual delight. They are also a stunning reminder of the exuberant talent of ancient artisans. Also visit Shravanabelagola, a prominent Jain pilgrimage site and home to the 18 m high statue of Lord Gometeshwara, one of the world's tallest free-standing monolithic statues.

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The year hits the halfway mark bringing with it refreshing rains from the southwest. Rejoice at the arrival of the life-giving monsoons with a quiet retreat to Coorg and Chikkamagaluru. Lush green with expansive coffee and spice plantations, the hills are perfect for trekking and bird watching. There are also quaint villages, temples and waterfalls to visit. Or you could just spend the time catching up with yourself.

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JULY, 2021

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Catch the monsoon before its annual retreat. The rains have revived the land and nature is at her sparkling best. The forests are bursting with life. The rivers roar with abundant water. The air is pristine. There is no better time than July to visit the forests at Dandeli and Yana. Explore the forest trails, navigate the Kali River and take in the awesomeness of the rock formations at Yana.





AUGUST, 2021

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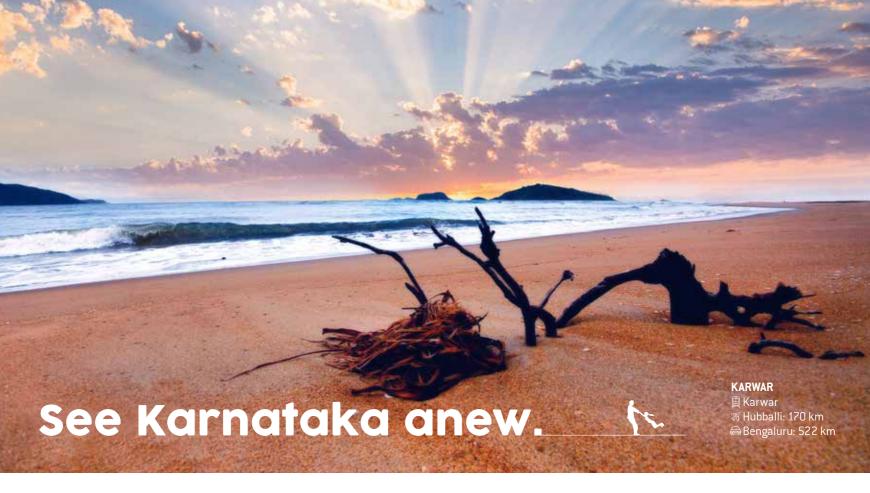
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The spirit of freedom is in the air. And what could be more free than a river breaking all constraints to thunder its way down a steep precipice? The rivers are in full spate post-monsoon and the waterfalls are spectacular. The most dramatic is the Jog Falls where the Sharavathi River hurtles down 830-feet with wild abandon. Equally impressive is the plunge by the Cauvery River at the Shivanasamudra Falls.





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Come September and Ganeshji comes home accompanied by music, dance and prayers. Prolong the celebratory mood with time-out in the beautiful beaches of Karwar and Devbagh. Unspoilt by humans, at times it's just you, the sea and the vast expanse of silver sand. However, for a quick rush of adrenalin, the resorts here do offer adventure sports.





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The festival season has well and truly set in. No festival is celebrated more grandly in Karnataka than Dasara. And no place celebrates it as spectacularly as Mysuru. Be in this elegant city for a festive break during the 10-day Mysuru Dasara. The beautifully lit up Mysuru palace, the traditional Jumboo Savari, cultural programmes, delicious food - it just can't get any better.





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As Deepavali celebrations warm up cool November nights, there is a sense of rejoicing and thanksgiving. Indulge in the mood with a trip to the religious destinations of Udupi, Dharmasthala and Kollur. Udupi is famous for its temples, wonderful beaches and heavenly cuisine. The temples at Dharmasthala and Kollur enrich both spiritually and culturally.





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Christmas heralds the end of the year. Bid adieu to 2021 among the ancient monuments of Vijayapura and Bidar. The ramparts of the formidable Bidar Fort take you back to an era when horses thundered by to the sound of the war bugles as rulers battled for territory and riches. Vijayapura's architectural heritage, with monuments like the Gol Gumbaz, is an acknowledgement of the cultural inclusiveness of this land.



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