

# Madhugiri Fort Trek



## **About This Experience**

How many times have you felt that your work is like a large rock that you just can't seem to scale? So many of us have projects to complete or assignments to get through that feel like nothing less than a mountain of immense magnitude.

Well, chuck all those aside for a weekend and consider a Madhugiri trek booking, which will help whisk your mind away from the chaos and confusion of the week and refresh and rejuvenate your mind and body.

Just 100 km away from Bangalore, located in the Tumkur district of Karnataka, Madhugiri literally translates to honey hill - a name it earned from the multiple honeybee colonies that once existed at the top.

Today, a monolith stands alone with what remains of the Madhugiri fort atop and offers an interesting, challenging and unique trekking experience to all those who undertake it.

So, come along! Our Plan The Unplanned trek leaders and others just like you are all set for an adventure, away from the monotony and mayhem of city life.

### **Trek highlights**

If you are looking for a day trip, a trek that doesn't take up too much of your time, then the Madhugiri trek from Bangalore would be a great choice, as this will take less than 24 hours. All you need to do is start your day a little early, but we assure you that it will be worth your while!

- Leave Bangalore early in the morning and after breakfast, reach the trek base
- Start your climb, which should take around 2 to 2.5 hours and enjoy the vistas
- Explore the bastions, gateways, water tanks and intricate architecture on your way up or down
- At the peak, you can take a breather or capture memories and pics
- By afternoon, you will have completed your descent and be back at the base
- After a lunch enroute, you can be back in town by evening

The Madhugiri trek goes beyond being a trip to the second largest monolith in Asia after Savandurga; it is a tale of our history that goes back all the way to the late 1600s.

If you are willing to take the challenge, who knows what stories you might discover!

#### Who Should Attend?

## Highlights Day 1

- Depart from Bengaluru at 5:00am
- Enjoy a quick breakfast en-route
- Reach the base and start the trek at 9:30am
- Reach the peak and explore
- Return to the base by 2:00pm
- Head to a local restaurant for a sumptuous lunch
- Reach Bengaluru by 6:00pm
- \*All timings are an estimate and subject to change



## **INCLUSIONS AND EXCLUSIONS**

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- Round-trip via non-AC tempo traveller or minibus (based on group size) with push-back seats
- 1× Breakfast
- Karnataka State Department entry fees
- Trained outdoor leader from Plan The Unplanned
- The overall experience that you gain during the trek

### **EXCLUSIONS**

- Any meals beyond those listed
- Any kind of personal expenses
- Any kind of insurance (health, medical, life and accidental)
- Anything not expressly mentioned in the inclusions

## **PICK UP POINTS**

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#### Udupi Grand, Teacher's Colony, HSR Layout

## **GOOGLE MAP LINK**

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**KTM Mekhri Circle** 

Yeshwanthpur Metro



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# THINGS TO CARRY

- Warm layers and down or fleece jackets to stay warm
- □ Sun caps and sunscreen to protect yourself from the sun and heat
- □ Small backpack to carry your essentials during the trek
- Extra cash for any meals not covered in your itinerary
- Power bank and charging cable for your phone
- Portable chargers for other electronics
- Compact raincoat or backpack cover to stay dry
- □ A comfortable pair of trekking shoes with good grip
- Energy bars to refuel during the trek
- □ 2x one-litre water bottles

# **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

In order to make this a smooth and enjoyable process for all involved we ask that you read and follow the below guidelines:

- Prohibited items: For the safety and comfort of all, the use of alcohol, intoxicants, or smoking is not allowed at any point during the journey and trek.
- Meals before departure: If you have opted for the "With Travel" option, we request you to complete your dinner before boarding the bus, as no dinner will be provided en route.
- Travel arrangements: Transport is arranged based on the group size but both options have push-back seats for your comfort. Non-AC tempo traveller for groups of up to 12 trekkers. And a non-AC minibus for groups of 13 and more.
- Pre-departure meals: In case you have chosen the "With Travel" option, we ask you to please complete your dinner before getting on the bus as no dinner will be served during the bus journey.
- Independent travel: If you prefer to arrange your own private transportation to the destination, be sure to choose the "Without Travel" option in the booking page. Important: In this case, please ensure you have access to a private car for the entire duration of the trip. Public transport is limited and unreliable given the remote locations. You will need your own mode of private transport to move around and participate in all of the planned activities.
- Accommodation standards: Our trips are nature-focused and often in remote locations. The accommodations provided are basic, clean and comfortable. We do not promise or organise luxury amenities.
- Meals provided: We offer simple vegetarian meals throughout the trip. Non-vegetarian food will not be provided.
- Environmental responsibility: We follow a strict *Leave No Trace* policy in accordance with the rules of the Forest Department. While plastic is not allowed, everyone is expected to carry any and all waste back to the base and carefully dispose of it. Together, let's leave the hills better than we found them.
- Your personal belongings: You are solely responsible for your personal belongings, valuables, and jewelry. Plan The Unplanned is not liable for any lost or damaged items.
- Delays and unforeseen events: While we aim to be on schedule, delays may occur due to traffic or vehicular issues beyond our control. We request your cooperation in case of slight delays in reaching our destination.

# **CANCELLATION POLICY**

### **Refund/Cancellation Policy** – Weekend Trips from Bangalore

In the event that YOU cancel your trek, this is the cancellation policy we follow: Intimation Period\* Cancellation Fee\*\*

7 days or more 10% of the total invoice value Between 3-6 days 50% of the total invoice value

Between 0-2 days 100% of the total invoice value

- \*Intimation Period means the number of days before the tour is scheduled to start
- \*\*Cancellation Fee is the amount of money that will be deducted from the total billing amount before offering the refund.
- Refund/Cancellation requests are accepted only by email at info@plantheunplanned.com and not via call or Whatsapp.

#### NOTE:

- Cancellations on the day of departure or a day prior due to work/family emergencies, health issues, etc. would not be entertained, and no refund or transfer to further dates shall be allowed for the same.
- If you are wanting to cancel out on the day of departure and move the trek to a future date an additional charge of RS 1500 would have to be incurred to make the movement to a future date. This can be availed only within 3 months from the date of the actual trip departure.
- Additional charges would be deducted (based on from where you booked) if you cancel the trek at any given date (along with the scenario described above), as payment gateway/event listing charges.

#### Transfer of Dates Policy

- If you wish to shift your date of booking due to any unforeseen circumstances, the same should be intimated to us not less than 72 hours before the date of the event. (Not valid for group or corporate bookings)
- Only one transfer per booking shall be permitted. Your booking shall stand canceled if you fail to join the event on the transferred dates.
- Once the option of data transfer is made, the booking amount shall be held as credits with us, and in no case will a refund be made further on.
- For Skandagiri Trek, Makalidurga Trek, Chinaga Betta Trek, Madhugiri Permit Fees will be dedcuted. The charges per person being Rs 600 for Skandagiri, 500 for Makalidurga and Rs 310 for Chinaga Betta Trek, Madhugiri -250. The balance amount will be deducted as per the cancellation policy stated above.
- Transfer of dates on the day of departure shall be possible at an additional charge of 1500/per person (applicable for few events).



## GALLERY

