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to be woven into your memories



KASARAGOD

History & Nature in Harmony

Where Shades of History Mingle with Nature's Embrace



Where emerald hills dance with the Arabian Sea, tales of history and Nature intertwine in Kasaragod, Kerala's northernmost gem. Immerse yourself in the serene backwaters of Valiyaparamba, a haven for boat rides and island exploration. Climb the verdant slopes of Posadi Gumpe, and enjoy panoramic views and hidden caves. Unravel the beauty of historic architecture at the Malik Ibn Dinar Mosque, a testament to cultural heritage. Seek blessings at the Madhur Sree Madanantheshwara-Siddhivinayaka Temple, where intricate carvings and legends abound. For adventure, explore the mighty Bekal Fort, kayak through the Chandragiri Backwaters or witness the spectacle of Theyyam performances. Discover the tranquil Kanwatheertha beach, bask on its golden sands, and savour the local charm. Come, dear traveller, and let Kasaragod weave its magic on your soul.

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Area

1,992 sq. km



Weather

Dec to Feb:
Pleasant Weather

Mar to May:
Warm Weather

Jun to Sep:
Heavy Rainfall



Altitude

Kasaragod has an elevation of 19 m



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Bekal fort



Nestled like a sentinel on Kerala's northern shores, Kasaragod proudly displays its crown jewel - Bekal Fort, a behemoth of history kissed by the Arabian Sea's azure embrace. This 17th-century marvel, shaped like a key unlocking paradise, is the state's largest and best-preserved fort. Imagine, its ramparts once bristled with cannons, their echoes long faded, leaving behind a serene grandeur. Stories of the past are etched in the fort's weathered stones, narrating tales of changing hands - from the Kadampa dynasty to the Kolathiri Rajas, the Vijayanagara Empire's might, Tipu Sultan's fleeting reign, and finally, the British East India Company's grasp. Nearby, an ancient mosque, a silent testament to Tipu Sultan's legacy, stands guard.

Today, Bekal Fort transcends its military past. Gentle waves lap at the sandy haven of Bekal beach, perfect for a swim. Stroll along the park's walkway. Hop on a majestic horse or a friendly camel, their gaits echoing the rhythm of the waves. Savour local treats, perfect for family picnics.

Only offline booking is available

Entry Fee : Rs 10 per person



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Bekal Bus Station, about 3.7 km



Location



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08:00 AM - 06:00 PM



Explore



Ranipuram



Cradled by the Western Ghats, Ranipuram Hills, Kerala's 'Ooty,' beckons adventure seekers and tranquillity seekers alike. At 3843 ft, lush grasslands and mystical shola woods unfold, promising both thrills and tranquil moments. Trek through emerald canopies, with mist-kissed peaks as your reward. Gentle paths welcome families, while challenging ones test the intrepid. Jeep safaris unveil hidden gems for those seeking a different kind of journey.

Echoes of the past linger in the old name, 'Madathumala,' hinting at a rich history. Today, Ranipuram finds refuge within the Panathady forest reserve, its borders dancing with Karnataka's wildlife sanctuary. Majestic elephants, playful squirrels and elusive jungle cats roam free amidst a vibrant tapestry of flora and fauna. Butterflies paint the air with their wings, while medicinal plants whisper ancient secrets.

Immerse yourself in the forest's symphony – rustling leaves, calls of unseen creatures and a chorus of birdsong. Lose yourself in the timeless beauty of Ranipuram Hills, where Nature weaves its spell on you.

Entry Fee : No Entry Fee

Explore



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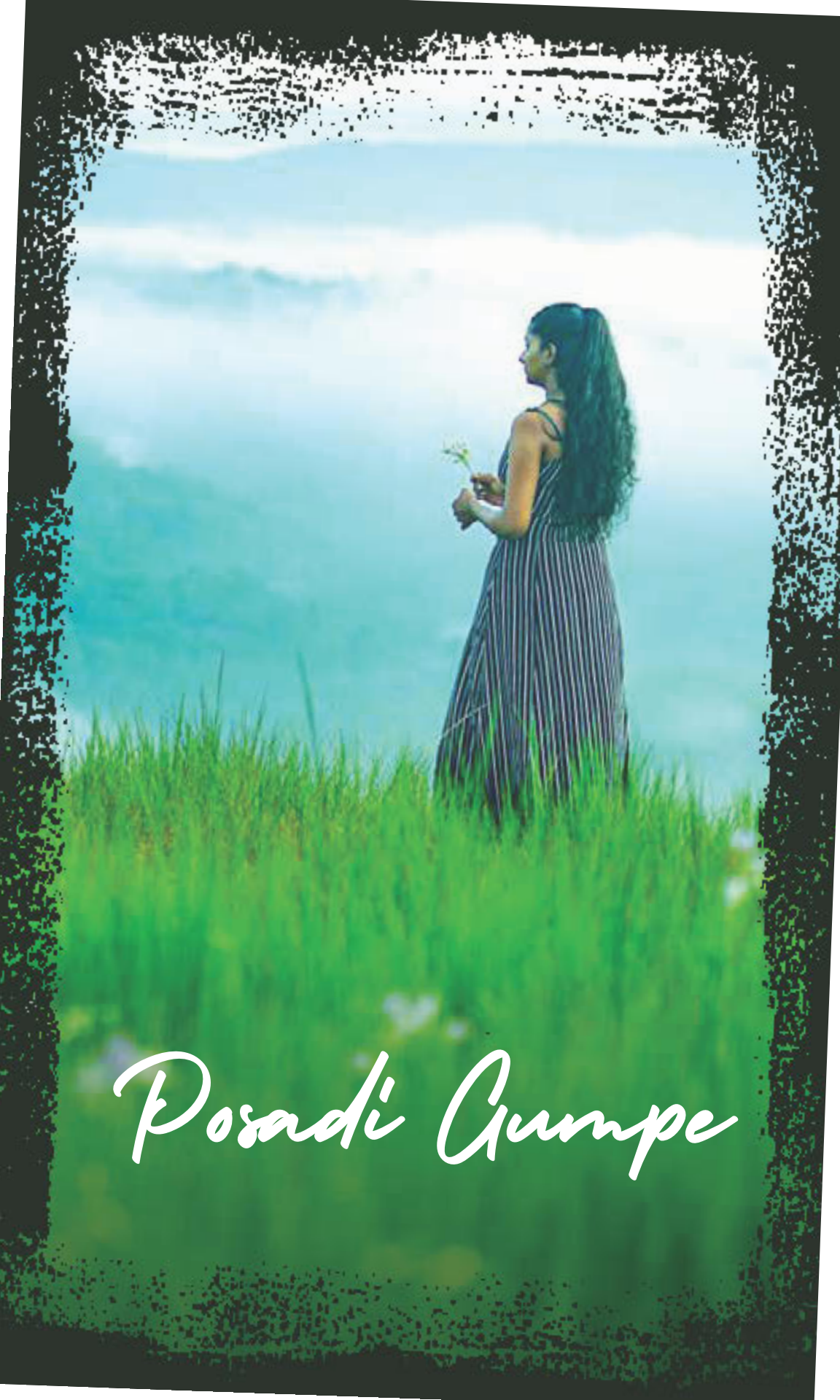


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Open All Days: 08:00 AM to 04:00 PM





Posadi Gumppe



Where emerald hills gracefully rise and rhythms of serenity dance on the breeze, lies Posadi Gumpé, a hidden gem beckoning travellers seeking solace in Nature's embrace. This idyllic haven, near Manjeshwaram, promises an escape into a world of breathtaking beauty and tranquil charm. Imagine, a verdant hillock rising 1060 ft, crowned by three peaks that seem to hold one another in a harmonious embrace. A forgotten cave, steeped in secrets of history, rests between them, guarding secrets yet untold. The gentle climb rewards you with vistas that paint the soul with vibrant hues. Lush green lawns unfurl like a welcome mat, inviting you to shed your worries and bask in the sun's warm embrace. From this tranquil perch, your gaze stretches to encompass the majestic Kudremukh, the bustling tapestry of Mangalore, and the endless blue canvas of the Arabian Sea. Posadi Gumpé awakens between September and January, welcoming you with open arms. Pack provisions for a day's excursion, sturdy shoes for your ascent, and an open heart ready to receive Nature's blessings.

Entry Fee : No Entry Fee



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Kumbla Railway Station, about 23 km



Kumbla Bus Station, about 22.2 km



Location



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Open during day time



Explore

A woman with long dark hair, wearing a black dress with white and red floral patterns and a red headband, stands on a grassy bank. She is looking out over a body of water that reflects the dense green mangrove forest in the background. The scene is framed by a dark, textured border.

*Kumbbla
Mangroves*



Where the Shriya river meets the sea, Kumbla unfolds its coastal charm. Dive into the verdant embrace of its estuary, teeming with life. Imagine graceful openbill storks, seagulls, and terns painting the sky, a symphony of Nature's wonders.

Glide through tranquil backwaters, feeling the cool kiss of the breeze. Explore the charming shores, enjoy a glimpse of laid-back village life. Breathe in the fresh air of the mangrove forests, a sanctuary for diverse flora and fauna. Wander freely, embraced by the safety of this unique ecosystem.

Just 10 km north of Kasaragod, witness the vibrant activity of local fishermen. Immerse yourself in the cultural tapestry of the region, learning about their traditional way of life. Beyond the estuary, explore the majestic Kumbla Fort, a sentinel of history. Find solace in the Kumbla temple's spiritual aura or bask on the sun-kissed shores of Kumbla Beach.

Kumbla estuary and mangrove forest are a haven for Nature lovers, adventurers, and culture seekers alike. Come, discover its hidden treasures and create unforgettable memories.

Entry Fee : No Entry Fee



Mangalore International Airport, about 48.5 km
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Kumbla Railway Station, about 850 m



Kumbla Bus Station, about 450 m



Location



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Open throughout the day



Explore



*Valiyaparamba
Backwaters*



Where emerald Kerala unfurls its vibrant mosaic, the serene backwaters of Valiyaparamba beckon, cradled by the gentle murmur of four rivers. Imagine, a haven nurtured by the mighty Thejaswini River, an island paradise named Valiyaparamba, its 16 km embrace lapped by the Arabian Sea's azure kiss.

Experience on a thrilling adventure aboard a traditional 'kettuvallam', gliding through shimmering waterways. Lush islands, adorned with swaying coconut palms and majestic areca nut plantations, emerge from the turquoise embrace, each whispering tales of the land. Witness the dedication of island inhabitants, their livelihoods woven with the ebb and flow of the tides, fishing nets dancing in the sun's warm glow.

A marvel of human ingenuity, the 400-m footbridge across the Thejaswini River gracefully connects the enchanting isle of Achanthuruthu to the mainland, a testament to the enduring spirit of the local community.

Valiyaparamba goes beyond mere beauty, offering a soul-reviving escape, a chance to reconnect with Nature's gentle rhythm.

Entry Fee : No Entry Fee



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Location



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Open throughout the day



Explore



*Ananthapura
Lake Temple*



In the heart of Kasaragod, where emerald hills meet mirrored skies, lies the legendary Ananthapura Temple. Situated in the bosom of a tranquil lake, six km from Kumbala's bustling heart, resides a temple unlike any other – a solitary jewel reflecting the heavens above.

Imagine, a sacred haven erected upon a remote, rocky hillock, its serene embrace encompassing a 302-foot canvas of shimmering water. Remnants of a grand, ancient complex whisper tales of a bygone era, their echoes carried on the gentle breeze. Here, amidst the whispering palms and serene waters, all are welcome, for faith blooms within these walls regardless of caste or creed.

Lord Vishnu, seated in celestial majesty upon the serpent god Adishesha, reigns supreme. Legend says that this was His first abode, before His journey to Thiruvananthapuram. Within the sanctum sanctorum, a unique wonder resides. Carved from 70 medicinal herbs, the original idol embodied healing and divinity. For nearly three-quarters of a century, a divine crocodile named Babiya lived in the temple's lake, surviving solely on temple offerings. Come and experience the timeless beauty of faith!

Entry for non-Hindus is permitted

Explore



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Kumbala Railway Station, about 6 km



Kumbala Bus Station, about 5.5 km



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Open on all Days
05:00 AM – 01:00 PM
05:30 PM – 08:00 PM





*Yakshagana
Paavakoothu*



Yakshagana Paavakoothu is a captivating form of puppetry rooted in the rich cultural traditions of Kasaragod and Karnataka, the neighbouring state of Kerala. Derived from the ancient art of Yakshagana theatre, this puppetry showcases tales from revered epics like the Mahabharata and the Ramayana, as well as other puranic stories. Crafted from wood and adorned with intricate costumes and ornaments, reminiscent of Yakshagana characters, the puppets come to life with elaborate headgear, vibrant attire and expressive facial makeup, exuding a divine aura. With very mobile arms and legs, embellished with fabric and jewels, these puppets transport spectators into a world of myth and legend.

Accompanied by the rhythmic beats of traditional percussion instruments such as chenda (vertical drum), maddalam (horizontal drum), jagatta or chengila (cymbals) and chakratala or elathalam (small cymbals), Yakshagana Paavakoothu performances mesmerise with their melodious verses and dialogues. Numerous troupes and families are devoted to preserving and presenting this age-old art form, ensuring an authentic and unforgettable cultural experience for visitors.

Explore

Where to Watch :

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Location



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Throughout the year
(except monsoons)





Alami Kali



Where history narrates tales of valour and faith, a dying ember of tradition flickers – Alami Kali. Imagine, in the vibrant tapestry of Kasaragod, painted with emerald hills and sapphire seas, this popular ritual art form dances on the brink of extinction.

Born in the shadow of Alamipalli, its story echoes with the clash of swords and the cries of battle. Once performed by 'Alamis,' the brave soldiers of Tipu Sultan, it commemorated the Karbala war, a poignant chapter in Islamic history. But Alami Kali is more than just a remembrance; it's a confluence of faith, where Hindu melodies weave between the rhythmic steps of Muslim performers, their bodies painted with charcoal and hope.

Imagine wanderers, cloaked in the fading glory of a bygone era, visiting homes, their movements etched with a forgotten history. Their dance, a silent poetry, resonates with the beats of a forgotten drum, their voices echoing the message of religious harmony, a testament to the region's vibrant soul.

Today, Alami Kali stands on the precipice, a flickering testament to a rich past. Cultural events become stages for revival, where this dying ember is nurtured back to life. Witness this dance of history and faith, and carry the torch of Alami Kali forward, a luminous legacy waiting to be reborn.

Explore

Where to Watch :

In the mosques

Various cultural groups in Kasaragod like the People's Arts and Sports Centre Eranhikkal, Kasaragod



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Throughout the year





Chandragiri fort



Amidst the Arabian Sea breeze, tales of the past softly sway, guiding you to Chandragiri Fort, a sentinel from the 17th century. Imagine, a stalwart giant carved from hardened laterite, its squarish form stretching across seven acres, 150 ft above the whispering waves. Where the emerald waters of the Payaswini meet the sea's endless dance, this silent guardian stands.

Tales of history linger in the eight bastions, where cannons once roared, guarding the sea route with watchful eyes. Deep trenches, scars of battles fought, have etched stories on the landscape.

Seek out the remnants of barracks and forgotten buildings, imagining the lives they once shielded. Climb the watchtowers, where vigilant eyes scanned the horizon, and let your gaze follow ancient pathways whispered through hidden tunnels. Stand on the sea-facing wall, where every stone bears the mark of cannonball encounters, and soak in the panorama of beauty that unfurls before you.

Chandragiri's magic transcends its weathered exterior. Here, the sunrise paints the sky in hues of hope, while the sunset drapes the sea in a cloak of fiery farewell.

Entry Fee : No Entry Fee



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Open on All Days:
08:00 AM – 05:30 PM



Explore

A vertical photograph of a sunset over the ocean. The sun is a bright yellow circle in the upper center, with a long, shimmering reflection on the water's surface. The sky transitions from orange near the horizon to a darker orange above. The water is dark with white foam from waves in the foreground. The entire image is framed by a thick, dark, textured border that looks like a rough-painted frame or a hole in a wall.

*Kanwathreertha
Beach*



Located in Kerala-Kasaragod border, Kanwatheertha Beach is one of the splendid tourist locations in Kasaragod, where a haven of serenity awaits. Imagine, a sparkling jewel of turquoise nestled amidst swaying coconut palms, its 4-km stretch an invitation to unwind. A natural pool within the sea, calm and inviting, beckons you to dip your toes and melt away your worries.

This "virgin territory," untouched by rough waves and bustling crowds, offers the best of local charm and hearty hospitality. Here, families and friends gather to paint memories on the golden sands, laughter echoing with the rhythm of the tides.

Let the sunshine kiss your skin as you stroll along the shore, collecting seashells and breathing in the invigorating sea air. Savour the vibrant landscape of Kerala, from the delectable local cuisine to the captivating Theyyam performances held during the warm months between January and March. Kanwatheertha softly beckons to those craving solace away from the urban hustle. Escape the mundane and embrace the tranquil here. Come discover Kanwatheertha, where the rhythm of the sea sets your heart at ease.

Entry Fee : No Entry Fee



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Manjeshwaram Railway Station, about 4.4 km



Talapady Bus Station, about 4.7 km



Location



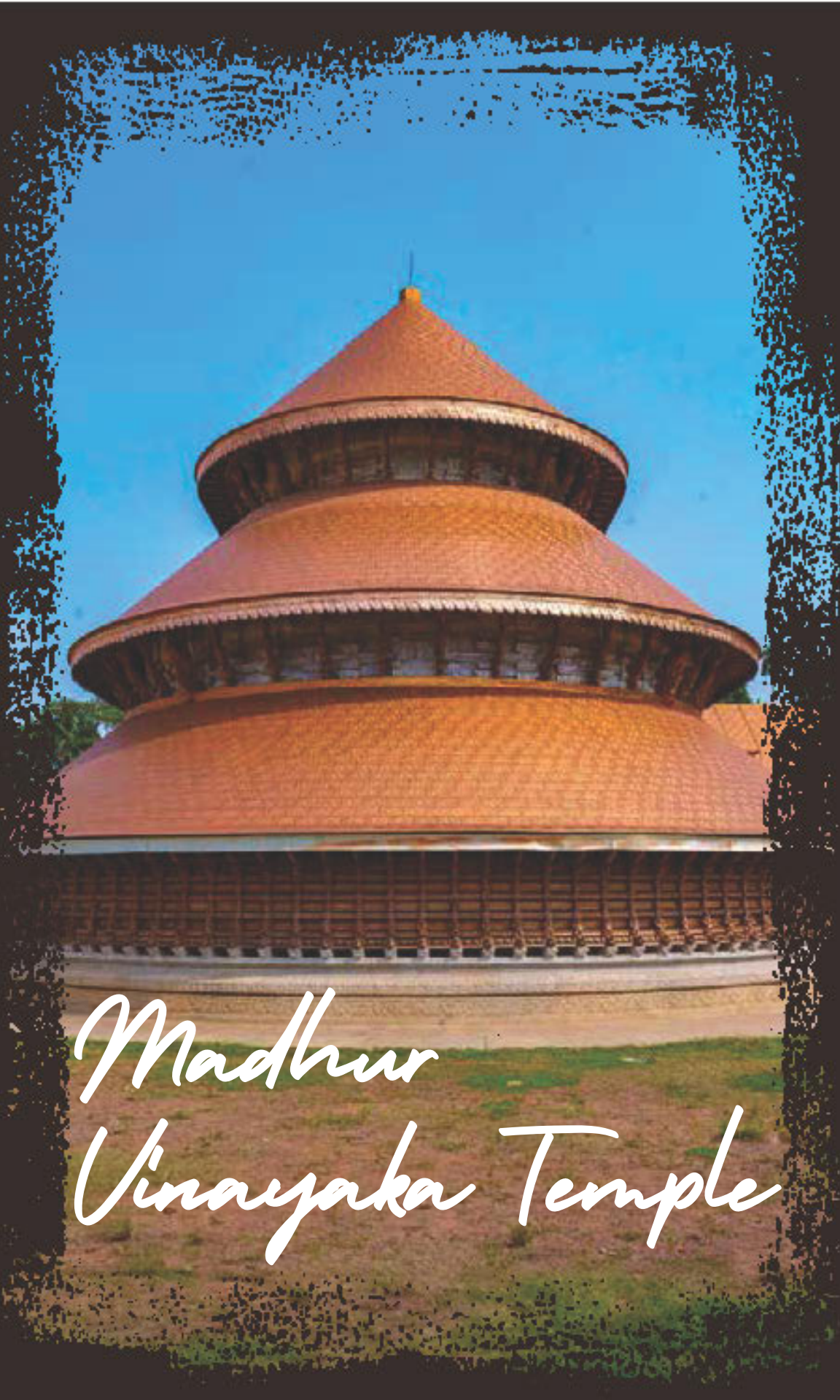
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Open Throughout the year
(Sunrise to Sunset)



Explore



Madhur
Vinayaka Temple



Where the whispers of the Mogral river, also known as Madhuvahini, mingle with the prayers of devotees, lies the Madhur Sree Madanantheshwara-Siddhivinayaka temple, a radiant jewel 7 km from Kasaragod town. Though Lord Shiva, the destroyer of desires, reigns supreme as Madanantheshwara, it is Lord Ganapathi, the elephant-headed remover of obstacles facing the south in the main sanctum, who draws the most fervent prayers. Legends dance on the temple walls, whispering tales of Tipu Sultan, a mighty ruler who turned his blade away upon reaching this sacred ground. As per legend, an old woman, unearthed the 'Udbhava Murthy,' the self-manifested embodiment of Shiva, now worshipped with unwavering devotion. Three tiers grace the temple's dome, each layer resembling the mighty back of an elephant, Gaja Prishtha. Gleaming copper wraps the dome, reflecting the sun's caress. Step inside the namaskara mandapam, and be dazzled by the intricate carvings of celestial beings, each stroke imbued with divine power. Look up, and let your gaze wander amidst the scenes from the Ramayana, meticulously etched on the wooden dome, the idol of the divine visible even from afar.



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Kasaragod Junction Railway Station, about 8.5 km



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Morning: 7.30 am to 1.30 pm
Evening: 5.30 pm to 8.00 pm



Explore



*Malik Dinar
Mosque*



Enchanting historical narratives echo through the elegant Malik Ibn Dinar Mosque in Kasaragod, a sentinel of faith etched in stone. Imagine, a jewel of Kerala architecture, built by the revered traveller Dinar, once a simple haven with a thatched roof, now a two-storey wonder with majestic columns. The mosque is believed to have been built in AD 642.

Intricate carvings and peaceful ambience cast a spell, transporting you to a bygone era where Dinar, the revered missionary, first planted the seeds of Islam in Malabar. Celebrate his arrival with vibrant festivities each year, or witness the grand Uroos festival every three years, honouring his spirit. The Uroos culminates with Annadanam, where food is compassionately served to all, embodying the spirit of sharing and caring for the community. Time has touched the mosque, leaving an echo in its three distinct blocks, yet the central one retains its original glory, a whisper of its humble beginnings.

A stone's throw from the Kasaragod railway station, find solace in the mosque's tranquil embrace. Step through the over bridge to discover a haven for weary souls, a resting area bathed in the calming breeze, offering a breathtaking vista where the Chandragiri meets the endless sea.



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Kasaragod Bus Station, about 4.1 km
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