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Exotic Eco Tourism

Taste of Mystic jungle and rustic land amidst the lap of luxury – that's how I can pretty much sum up my recent experience at Orange County Kabini.



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Located a little further of Mysore, approximately 110 kms, the not so recent property by Orange County is a perfect weekend gateway option if you want to explore yourself amidst a vast flora and fauna.

Easy accessibility, lush green landscape and fantastic sightings of wildlife and a variety of seasonal birds, makes Kabini a must see destination. The resort is has only two types of huts – The Pool hut and the Jacuzzi hut meshes completely with the ecosystem. Each hut has been styled in the 'Kadu Kuruba' style which is the local tribe in this part of the world.

The moment you do your check in the staff will provide you with a customised itinerary in sync with your length of stay. The carefully crafted itinerary vastly includes some local activities like coracle ride, bullock cart ride and elephant ride along with





jungle safari by road or by boat and bird watching. Sunset cruise in the lake, bird watching walks, Ayurveda therapy are all there to fill your time.

The jungle safari is a lifetime experience of its own. The Nagarhole National Park is home to the maximum number of tiger in India, if you are lucky enough you can also come across other members like leopard from the cat family. Though the forest of Nagarhole is also known for large herds of Asian wild elephant, bore, sambhar and other variety of deer. The pristine surroundings of river Kabini is also home for many local and migratory birds and thus it always attracts the bird watchers across the world.

Apart from extremely cosy rooms with all contemporary amenities, the resort has a captivating "Reading lounge" with a collection of books centring on wildlife, nature, and one extreme solitude corner overlooking the pristine river and jungles. I found it an amazing place – tranquil, with a stunning view of Nature and a collection of books. And free flowing Coffee!!! Yes, pure coffee from the hills of Coorg of the 'filter' type is served hot and you don't need a better incentive to keep walking up to the lounge again and again!

The evenings are filled with taste of local aroma as the resort hosts performance by the tribal, who performs 'Kuruba' tribal culture with some folk songs and dance. This comes in alternate to the documentary on the Nagarhole National reserve.

The other affectionate thing at the

resort is the warmth of the entire staff and of course the Food. With the chef's paying personal attention to your specific needs the entire experience becomes unforgettable. It's not only the food but the setup, be it the 'By the Kabini' – a distinct place aloof from the entire resort overlooking the river or the romantic dinner just for two on the cruise or just a simplified candle light dinner at the Kuruba Grill each has its own captivating experience.

To sum up its an unforgettable experience in its own great service, amazing food, mesmerising view, some tranquil moments and the thrill of exploring vast flora and

fauna makes this an must visit destination for each category of traveller. ■

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HC Verdict

(On a scale of 10)

Rooms	: 8
F&B	: 8
Bathrooms	: 8
Hospitality	: 8

★ Poor ★★ Average ★★★ Good
★★★★★ Very Good ★★★★★ Excellent