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## ORANGE COUNTY RESORT – KABINI ★★★★★

Bheeramballi Village & Post, H.D. Kote Taluk, Mysore dist, Kabini, Kabini, Karnataka, 571116

**Orange County Kabini:** Orange County's 'Spirit of the Land' philosophy finds its most intimate expression at Kabini where the casual visitor is drawn into the very bosom of the Nilgiri biosphere.

While you are cradled in the lap of luxury, the Resort manages to give you a wildlife experience like no other, and enjoins you to be part of the vibrant social tapestry of the local Kadu Kuruba tribe. Steeped in local lore and culture, and inspired in design by the Hadis (tribal villages), this picturesque resort of sweeping panoramic vistas is bordered on two sides by the Kabini River.

**Hotel Facilities:** Orange County, Kabini comes with all the facilities you'd expect in a world class luxury resort ... and then some more. A scenic Reading Lounge, a traditional Ayurvedic Spa and the timeless Infinity Pool are designed to relax and rejuvenate your body, mind and soul. The other facilities include a board room and a well stocked bar. Orange County Resort offers a range of facilities and services to its guests, including an Ayurvedic Spa called Vaidyasala (prior appointment required). Other facilities include an infinity swimming pool, a souvenir shop, a reading lounge, a children's activity centre, facilities for the physically challenged, as well as parking, drivers' accommodation, transfers, laundry services, internet facilities, conference hall, business centre, library, travel desk, doctor on call, exclusive guide on request, and 24 hour security.

The resort also offers a variety of activities, such as the following on-site activities: elephant interaction, sunset view, star gazing, tribal dance, and documentaries on wildlife. Off-site activities include: vehicle safari (Nagarhole National Park), boat safari (Nagarhole / Bandipur National Park), elephant ride (on the banks of the River Kabini), coracle ride (on River Kabini), guided bird watching, and tribal village visit (Sanemadanna Hadi - by cycle / own vehicle).

**Rooms & Suites:** We couldn't make Kabini more beautiful, so we thought we'd simply make it more comfortable. We began with the understanding that the most luxurious things in the world are peace, tranquility and harmony, and that whatever we do should only enhance these pillars of our philosophy.

The result is a resort architecture that has a tribal 'kadu kuruba' leitmotif, where each of the guest huts bespeaks a happy marriage of traditional craft and modern luxury. From the outside, the dwellings subtly incorporate the colours and textures of the landscape in every detail; while within, the sumptuous interiors reflect a vernacular sensitivity that goes beyond mere lip service. From the ethnic furniture and luxury fittings, through the tribal patterned furnishings and drapery, to the little touches like the 'bottle gourd' lamp shades, the sum of the parts is a harmonious whole.

Considering the vast amounts of energy required, we have not provided for heated pools or jacuzzis at the resort. Thank you for helping us meet our Responsible Tourism objective of keeping our ecological footprints small.

**Dining:** Orange County Resort has an excellent multi-cuisine restaurant called Honey Comb, that serves a wide variety of delicious and wholesome dishes. The resort also has a well-stocked bar called Water Hole