



Glimpses of India

Part II

Coorg

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Introduction

- ▶ India -a land of regional variety
- ▶ Coorg-endowed with natural beauty
- ▶ A coffee country
- ▶ Famous for its rainforests and spices
- ▶ The people of Coorg-the bravest
- ▶ Variety of animals found
- ▶ Surrounded by beautiful *Brahmagiri* hills, islands and Tibetan settlements
- ▶ A beautiful description of the land of Coorg

About the Author

- ▶ Lokesh Abrol is a renowned doctor
- ▶ Established the first multispeciality hospital in Gurgaon
- ▶ A social worker
- ▶ Established the first stray cow shelter in Gurgaon
- ▶ An established writer
- ▶ 'Coorg' highlights his sharp observation and the ability for a graphic description of the wonderful land 'Coorg'.

Features of Coorg

- ▶ The smallest district of Karnataka
- ▶ A hill station
- ▶ Located in the '**Western Ghats**' in the state of Karnataka
- ▶ Situated between Mysore and Mangalore in hills
- ▶ Known as *Kodagu*
- ▶ A beautiful land
- ▶ Full of evergreen forest
- ▶ Spices and coffee plantations
- ▶ Inherited by Martial men and women
- ▶ Coffee estates and colonial bungalows

The weather of Coorg

- ▶ The weather-amazing throughout the year
- ▶ Enough rain during the monsoon
- ▶ 30% of the area covered with evergreen rainforests
- ▶ September to March is ideal for visiting

Origin of Coorg people

- ▶ Inherited by Martial men and women
- ▶ Descendants of Greeks or Arabs
- ▶ A part of Alexander's Army stayed back and married local women
- ▶ The present race is mixture of both cultures
- ▶ Long black coats, embroidered waist belts relates them to Arabs and Kurds
- ▶ The *Kuppia* garment is similar to *Kuffia*- the Arab garment

Bravery and Hospitality

- ▶ The people-very welcoming and warm in nature
- ▶ Proud to talk about the tales of their forefathers' bravery.
- ▶ Ready to entertain with stories of their ancestors
- ▶ The people of Coorg are known to be one of the bravest.
- ▶ Are permitted to keep firearms without a licence due to their trustworthiness.
- ▶ Known to be independent, ferocious and brave
- ▶ The Coorg regiment in the Indian army has received the maximum number of awards for bravery
- ▶ The first chief of the Indian Army General Cariappa belonged to Coorg.

Water and life in Coorg:

- ▶ The river Kaveri originates from Coorg
- ▶ The evergreen forests and the Hills of Coorg provide water to river Kaveri
- ▶ Fish *Mahasheer* abounds in the water
- ▶ Langurs drop partially eaten fruit in water
- ▶ Kingfishers dive
- ▶ Elephants take bath
- ▶ Animals and birds like kingfisher, langur, squirrels and elephants can be spotted along the river.

Sports and Adventures

- ▶ The tourists visit to relax in the natural beauty
- ▶ Get attracted towards the adventure sports activities
- ▶ River rafting, travelling in a Boat and rock climbing
- ▶ Wild elephants, butterflies and squirrels draw tourist attention
- ▶ Tourists relax in the serene atmosphere
- ▶ enjoy adventure sports like river rafting, canoeing, rappelling, mountain biking, rock climbing and trekking
- ▶ Trekking on the nature trails
- ▶ animals like Macaques, Malabar squirrels, langurs and slender loris can be spotted on the trees.

Worth Watching Places

- ▶ The entire Coorg can be seen by climbing Brahmagiri hills
- ▶ The island of Nisargadhama
- ▶ Bylakuppe-India's largest Tibetan settlement
- ▶ Monks wearing red, orange and yellow coloured garments- a fascinating view for the travellers
- ▶ A great example of natural and cultural heritage
- ▶ represent the heart and soul of India

Difficult Words

- ▶ Drifted from- been carried along gently by hair
- ▶ Martial- having to do with war
- ▶ Canopies- roof-like coverings made of trees that form a shelter
- ▶ Invigorating- strong (here)
- ▶ Descent- origin
- ▶ Mischief- playful behaviour
- ▶ Mahouts- a person who works with, rides, and tends an elephant
- ▶ Laidback-relaxed, not in a hurry
- ▶ Rafting- travelling in a river in a raft (a floating platform made by tying planks together)
- ▶ Canoeing- travelling in a river in a canoe (a large, narrow boat)
- ▶ Rappelling- going down a cliff by sliding down a rope
- ▶ Trails- paths created by walking

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