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### Education

B Arch

### Team Size:

12

### Top Projects

Orange County, Coorg

Orange County, Kabini

Indus Valley Ayurvedic Centre

### Awards

1. Orange County Resorts is the winner of 'Asia's Responsible Tourism Award' at the World Travel Awards 2009.

2. Orange County, Coorg is the winner of "Asia's Leading Themed Resort" at the World Travel Awards 2009.

3. Orange County, Kabini is the winner of "India's Leading Wildlife Resort" at the World Travel Awards 2009.

# Orange County, Kabini

Orange County Resorts cater to sybarites in search of rustic luxury, and is an anthropological and ecological sanctuary as well. In today's world that is increasingly synthetic, the resort has re-defined luxury as the simple pleasures of walking on wet mud, waking up to chirping birds or the tune of a tribal girl's song.

Orange County, Kabini, is situated on the banks of the river Kabini, which snakes through two national parks: the Nagarhole National Park and the Bandipur National Park. Themed on the life of the honey gathering Jenu Kuruba tribes of Kabini, this resort offers world-class luxury in a tribal and wildlife setting.

The Resort's brand philosophy is centered around the theme of showcasing the 'spirit of the land'. So the brief to the architects was to create structures that integrated the local environment, its flora fauna and culture, that would appeal to tourists with anthropological and environmental leanings.

The challenge was building a zone that imbibed the tribal essence, but was plush enough for the affluent traveler. Moreover every element built, had to be environmentally friendly and have its genesis in the local ethos.

For inspiration, the architects turned to the local Kadu Kuruba Hadis or abodes of the Kadu Kuruba tribals. The resultant structures transport visitors to a tribal milieu where they can enjoy wildlife at close quarters, and also luxuriate in comforts at the same time.

Each mud and thatch Kuruba style pool hut, comes with a private space of 2405 sq. ft. Visitors can enjoy a living room with an inner courtyard, bedroom and en-suite

bathroom in addition to a sit out and private courtyard with a plunge pool.

All the suites offer breathtaking views of the Kabini River. The open-courtyard style jacuzzi huts come with a private space of 1245 sq. ft. Each unit has a living room with an inner courtyard, a bedroom and an en-suite bathroom in addition to a sit out and private courtyard with a jacuzzi.

The Resort also has a state-of-the-art Vaidyasala, a serene and exclusive Ayurvedic spa that will relax and recharge you. Guests can participate in several engaging and innovative activities that include safaris by boat and land vehicle, elephant rides on the resort's grounds, coracle rides upon the gently flowing Kabini, guided bird and animal watching, sunset viewing, star gazing and a visit to a tribal village neighboring the resort.

Procuring local materials in their original design was almost impossible, as the skill-set used to generate the materials had been lost in antiquity. The skill-sets had to be once more re-generated, and only then could work progress.

Today Orange County, Kabini has evolved into a shining example of how responsible tourism can enhance the economic, social and environmental well-being of the host community.



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*The brief to the architects was to create an innovative structure, which would preserve the local flora and fauna and become a base for tourists with anthropological leanings.*  
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**POOL HUTS**

*The Kuruba-style Pool Huts with 2405 sqft of private space that include a living room, a climate-controlled bedroom, en-suite bathroom, sit out and a private courtyard with plunge pool offer you breathtaking views of the Kabini River.*



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**POOL HUT BEDROOM, BATH &  
 VIEW OF THE POOL**

*The guest huts at Orange County, Kabini are mud-style thatched suites with bottle-gourd lampshades and some tribal art elements that harmoniously blend with the decor and design in keeping with its chosen tribal theme.*





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*The simple pleasures of walking on wet mud, waking up to the sound of chirping birds or the tune of a tribal girl's song, or simply immersing yourself in a good book with a warm cup of coffee are the new definitions of luxury that the resort has coined and attempts to share.*

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**CONTEMPLATING TIMELESSNESS**

*Breathtaking views of the Kabini river will capture your senses and still your mind. It will make you contemplate timelessness at Orange County, Kabini - "A priceless gift it offers all the guests and visitors."*



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*A Reading Lounge with a captivating view, the traditional Ayurvedic Spa in a serene setting and the irresistible Infinity Pool – facilities that you'd expect at a world class luxury resort anywhere - all await you at Orange County, Kabini.*  
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**WALKWAY TO THE INFINITY POOL & VAIDYASALA, THE AYURVEDIC SPA**



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*World class luxury with a native element: Enjoy the best of two worlds!*  
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**POOLS & HUTS AT ORANGE COUNTY, KABINI**

*Orange County, Kabini, is more than just a holiday destination. It is an experience by itself. An experience that beckons you to unfold the deepest secrets of nature, indulge in the finest dining and amenities, and most of all, just be yourself.*

# *Locational Map*

**LOCATIONAL FINDER OF HOTELS  
AND RESORTS OF INDIA**

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This map is meant to be a macroscopic representation of the geographical location of the featured Hotels and Resorts in India, as described in this book.

Created with the sole intention of giving readers a general idea on the location of these Hotels and Resorts geographically at a single glance, this simple map becomes a very convenient guide to those who wish to visit any of these Hotels and Resorts.

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*Ananda Resort / Coconut Lagoon /  
Devi Garh / Fateh Garh / ITC Sonar /  
Madhubhan Resort & Spa / Orange County /  
Spice Village / Taj Lake Palace /  
The Baradari Palace / The Claridges /  
The Corinthians / The Imperial /  
The Leela Kempinski / The Oberoi Amarvilas /  
The Oberoi Rajvilas / The Pataudi Palace /  
The Serai / The Taj Mahal Palace & Towers /  
The Vedic Village*

Hotels and Resorts of India is a delightful manifestation illustrating the transformation of India's cherished hospitality wonders. Some of these carry a prosperous legacy and have been restored, while some are based and recreated on the fundamental annals of Indian Architectural Heritage.

A collectible for the tasteful connoisseur or a reference guide for corporate heads, architects, interior designers and students; we hope this visual journey to twenty exotic places, serves as much of a joy to you as it was for us to create it.

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