Quick Facts for PATA Travel Mart 2015 in Bangalore, India

September 6 – 8, 2015

Venue: The PATA Travel Mart 2015 will be held at Bangalore International Exhibition Center (BIEC) Hall No.1. Given below is the venue’s location address.

Address: BIEC Hall No.1, 10th Mile, Tumkur Road, Madayara Post, Dasanapura Hobli, Bangalore 562 123, Karnataka, India. Contact number: +91 80 66246600

Dress Code: Business attire is the official dress code during PTM2015 trading hours and business sessions at the Exhibition Hall. Dress code for evening social functions, unless otherwise specified within the program, is smart casual.

Airport Transfers: Airport transfers between Kempegowda International Airport (BLR) and PTM2015 official hotels will be made available to all registered delegates arriving on September 05 - 06, 2015 and departing on September 09 - 10, 2015. Please check transfer schedule at the Hospitality Desk onsite again.

Please note that if you arrive or depart prior to or after these dates, or if you are not staying at one of the official hotel, you will be required to make your own transfer arrangements.

Getting Around: The PTM2015 host, Karnataka Tourism, will provide shuttle transfer services between PTM2015 official hotels and venue of all official business sessions and social events. The official shuttle schedule will be made available at a later date.

Pre- and Post- PTM2015 Tours: PATA and The Host Committee are pleased to present the following pre/post tours with discounted price for PTM delegates as follows:

Pre Tour

1. Royal Mysore & Heritage 3 Day Tour (Sep 4-6)
2. Best of Karnataka 6 Day Tour (Sep 1-6)
3. Best of Karnataka Heritage 6 Day Tour (Sep 1-6)
4. Karnataka Heritage Discovery 6 Day Tour (Sep 1-6)

Post Tour

5. Royal Mysore & Heritage 3 Day Tour (Sep 9-11)
6. Best of Karnataka 6 Day Tour (Sep 9-14)
7. Best of Karnataka Heritage 6 Day Tour (Sep 9-14)
8. Karnataka Heritage Discovery 6 Day Tour (Sep 9-14)

Click here for Tour Booking Form, Please complete the form in full and submit it directly to respective agent at manu@skywaytour.com and skywaymanu@gmail.com.

There is also Complimentary Tour for PTM delegates. Details will be available shortly.
**About Bangalore:**

**Official Language:** The spoken language for business in Bangalore is English. The national languages are Kannada and Hindi while there are others such as, Telugu, Tamil and Bengali.

**Time:** Five and a half hours ahead of GMT (GMT +05.30 )

**Weather:** Bangalore has a tropical wet and dry savanna climate, with the dry season in the low-sun months (January – March) and a wet season in the high-sun months (May – October). The average temperature can vary 24°C to 34°C.

**Currency:** The Indian rupee (₹) is divided into 100 paise (p), but paise coins are becoming increasingly rare. Coins come in denominations of ₹1, ₹2, ₹5 and ₹10 (the 1s and 2s look almost identical); notes come in ₹5, ₹10, ₹20, ₹50, ₹100, ₹500 and ₹1000 (this last is handy for paying large bills but can pose problems when getting change for small services). Check [http://www.oanda.com](http://www.oanda.com) for exchange rate updates.

**Telephone:** Bangalore is in India so the international code is ‘91’. To make an inbound international call (or domestic long distance call) to a Bangalore landline phone, you need to dial this 2-digit area code, along with an 8-digit local subscriber number which is a total of 10-digits. Despite its large population, Bangalore currently has only one area code / city code and that is: '80'.

**Mobile Phone:** Bangalore mobile phone numbers are much simpler than landline numbers. To reach a Bangalore mobile number, you simply dial the given 10-digit phone number. Note that all India mobile numbers start with a '9' and have 10-digits - regardless of the carrier and no area code is required.

The mobile operators provide either GSM or CDMA mobile service in Bangalore:

**GSM Operators are:**

- **Vodafone IN** – one of the top mobile networks in India, provides 3G in Karnataka
- **BSNL** – provides GSM mobile services and has 3G in Karnataka
- **AirTel** – has 3G and 4G mobile services in Bangalore
- **Idea Cellular** – 3rd largest mobile operator doesn’t have 3G license so it provides 3G through AirTel’s network
- **Aircel** – provides GSM operations in Karnataka with 3G services
- **Reliance GSM** – doesn’t provide its own 3G but provides it through ICR with Aircel 3G network
- **TATA DOCOMO** – has 3G services available

**CDMA Operators are:**

- **Reliance GSM** – provides largest CDMA service and extends to smaller towns.
- **MTS** – it’s the 8th mobile operator to enter Karnataka
Electricity: 230 volts at 50Hz. Most hotels can provide transformers and adapters. The following plugs are used

Visa Information: All foreign nationals entering India are required to possess a valid international travel document in the form of a national passport with a valid visa obtained from an Indian Mission or Post abroad.

All Individual visa seekers are requested to apply for the Indian Visa through Online application link, in order to make an application for getting the Indian visa.

The duly signed physical copy of the application form completed in all respect and submitted successfully, is to be submitted at the concerned Indian Visa Application Centre (IVAC) or directly to Indian Mission/ Post, on the scheduled date of interview along with the requisite supporting documents. The instructions for filling the form and scheduling the appointment can be seen at Instructions for Online Visa Application. Important technical information for filling online Indian visa application can be referred at Technical Instructions.

Visa on Arrival (VOA): Applicants of the eligible countries may apply online for the Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA) minimum 4 days in advance of the date of arrival with a window of 30 days. The fee must be paid 4 days before the expected date of travel filled by you otherwise application will not be processed. The ETA is valid for entry through 9 designated Airports namely Bengaluru, Chennai, Cochin, Delhi, Goa, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Mumbai, and Trivandrum. Applicant should carry a copy of ETA along with him/her at the time of travel.

The validity of visa will be 30 days from the date of arrival in India with a maximum of two visits in a calendar year. For more information, visit https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/visa/tvoa.html.