

6 Best day trips for solo women travellers

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Akanksha Bumb Sachdeva from F5 Escapes recommends some weekend getaways for women who like to go it alone - from temple towns to folk culture museums and a tour of a vineyard

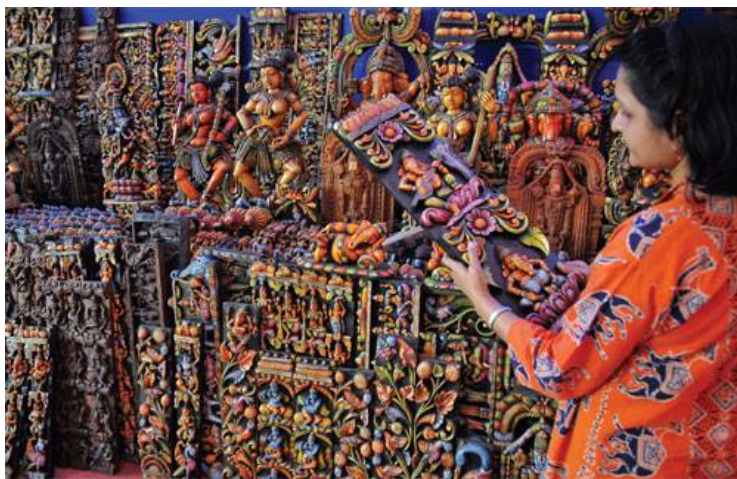
Lepakshi

Lepakshi is an ideal one-day getaway for those interested in exploring a "historical place". The temple town, known to be a tourist-friendly destination, has temples that resemble those in

Badami and Hampi. While driving down would be a convenient option, those wanting to use public transport can get to Hindupur which is 14 kilometres from Lepakshi, which can be reached by bus or auto. Don't forget to bring back a Lepakshi saree, inspired by the temples.

Getting there: 125 km drive

Do it because: Popular tourist spot



Vineyard tours

Just off the beaten path that leads to Nandi Hills are beautiful vineyards. Some, such as Grover Vineyards, organise day-long tours of the process of wine-making, followed by wine tasting. "It is an interesting process. You get a glimpse of the nitty-gritty - from fermentation to the end product. A tour can be illuminating as well as an interesting getaway. You don't always have to go Nandi Hills. Even the surrounding places have several options," she says.

Getting there: Approx 70 km drive

Do it because: The group activity offers safety in numbers

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Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary

Darter, white ibis, spoonbill, open-billed stork, painted stork, egret, heron, river term, great stone plover, kingfisher and Indian cliff swallow are just some of the birds you will spot at this bird sanctuary located in Mandya. "Surrounded with greenery and water bodies, the day-long trip is rejuvenating," she says. And the bonus is returning with stunning pictures of birds.

Getting there: 130 km drive

Do it because: Security checks are in place at the sanctuary



Devarayanadurga

If you're looking for a good walk, then heading to Devarayanadurga, a hill station near Tumkur is a good option. A 100-kilometre drive from Bengaluru, the temple town, flanked by a hilly landscape and surrounded by water-bodies is great for people looking for a medium-grade trek.

Getting there: Approx 73.4 km drive

Do it because: A popular tourist spot, with good connectivity

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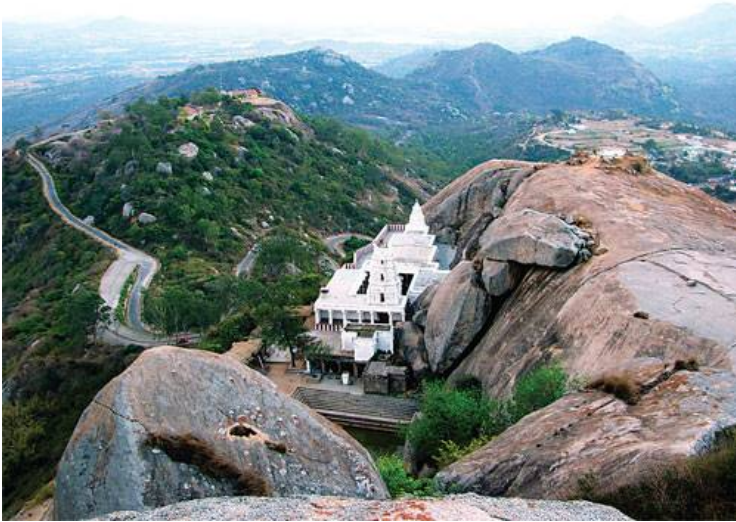
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Talakadu and Shivanasamudra Fall

Talakadu, which was once host to temples now lays buried in sand. But its association with the Mysore Raja continues to draw tourists. "Coracle rides and water splashes are options for those who looking to relax. They can then head to the Shivanasamudra Falls," she says.

Getting there: 125 km drive

Do it because: It has clean washrooms



Janapada Loka and Channapatna

For those women interested in handicrafts and culture, Janapada Loka and Channapatna offer much. The former is a folk museum that displays artifacts of the folk culture, along with different types of

musical instruments and tools used in farming. Post this, women can head to the world-famous toy factories of Channapatna.

Getting there: 70 km drive from Bengaluru

Do it because: It's a group activity



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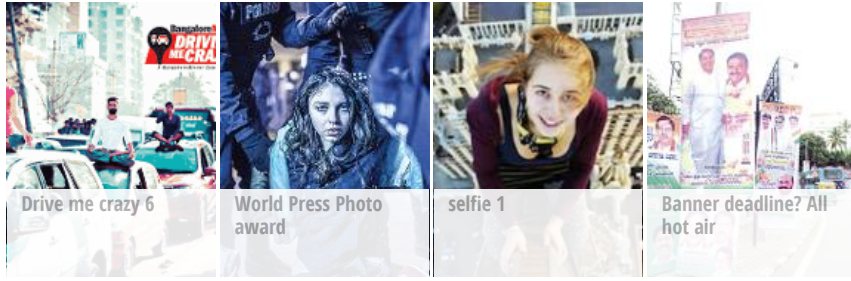
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