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Family Vacation in Ooty & a Few Good Ooty Hotels by [Sushanta Pradhan](#)

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Renowned as the "queen of all hill stations", Ooty is one of the most desired destinations for the innumerable attractions that it is comprised of. Ooty, also known as Udhagamandalam, comprises splendid mountains, deep forests, numerous tea plantations and unique flora. Crammed with astounding scenic beauty, Ooty can actually help in unwinding from the noisy city life and let loose one's body and soul. There are plenty of hotels in Ooty catering to various tastes and definitely calls for a frolicking Ooty family vacation.

For them who wish to visit Ooty should plan their trip anytime during the year, but still the best time to visit is between April-June and September-October. Families can take their kids to the famous Botanical Gardens and the Government Rose Garden, while the former has nearly a thousand exotic and indigenous species of plants, shrubs, ferns, trees, herbal and bonsai plants the latter is the biggest rose garden of India with the largest collection of roses. Kids would enjoy a train ride on a ratchet and pinion track which commences from Kallar, near Mettupalayam also famous as the Ooty Mountain Railway. Families and couples must visit Doddabetta, the highest mountain in the Nilgiris roofed with thick shola trees, rhododendron bushes and shrubs. On the very top of the peak are two telescopes to let people enjoy panoramic views of the surrounding areas. Kids would also love the Deer Park that offers a great opportunity to observe wildlife from close angles. For picnicking families, Wenlock Downs is a popular spot made of rolling hills and jaw-dropping scenic views of the below valley. Presently, its premises house the Gymkhana Club, Hindustan Photo Films Factory and the Golf Club. Tourists would be also astounded at the Fernhill Palace, which is a beautiful construction of carved wooden boards and ornamental cast iron. The palace grounds embody well-tended gardens, fir trees and cedars. One of the sought after highlights of this city, is the Ooty lake that caters to provide recreation to couples (boating), families (excursions) and kids (children's amusement park and a toy train).

Hotels in Ooty

Hotel Darshan, located on a serene location, is considered as one of the best family hotels in Ooty, with prices ranging between Rs. 1600 to Rs.3000 per night and amenities that include comfortable rooms, veg .restaurant, cyber cafe etc. Among other lavish family hotels in Ooty, Hotel Monarch is much sought after with prices starting at Rs. 4500 per night. Hotel amenities includes multi-cuisine restaurant, bar, 24 hour room service, discotheque, billiards & pool table, swimming pool, fitness centre etc.

Ooty being one of the favourite tourist attractions, is well-connected by air (Coimbatore, nearest airport, 3 ½ hours by road), rail (Nilagiri Express from Chennai till Mettupalayam and then mountain rail till Ooty), road (bus/car). Tourists should shop local products like tea, eucalyptus oil, chocolates, spices and gourmet cheese. They can also relish upon South Indian food and sip the famous Nilgiri tea. Ooty is also famous for its chocolates sold at King's Star which has nearly 4 outlets in the town. Ooty is also a getaway to destinations like Coonor, Coimbatore, Coorg etc.

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