

Some Important things to keep in mind while you shift to Bengaluru/Bangalore , Karnataka							
Category	Details (2025)	Tips for NRIs Returning from the US					
Cost of Living (Monthly for Family of 4)	₹1.2 – ₹2.5 lakh (\$1,450 – \$3,000) depending on area & lifestyle	Budget higher for premium housing and imported goods					
Rent – 3BHK Apartment	₹40,000 – ₹1.5 lakh/month	Start with rental before buying; choose gated community for security					
Best Areas for NRIs	Whitefield, Indiranagar, Koramangala, HSR Layout, Hebbal, Yelahanka	Match area with work location & school					
Commute Time	Avg. 1–1.5 min per km in peak traffic	Stay within 5–8 km of daily destinations					
Internet Providers	ACT Fibernet (up to 1 Gbps), Airtel Xstream, JioFiber	Check area-specific reviews before committing					
School Fees (International)	₹5–₹12 lakh/year	Apply 6–9 months in advance for popular schools					
Healthcare	Manipal, Sakra, Aster CMI, Columbia Asia	Get local insurance; keep US records handy					
Domestic Help	₹8,000 – ₹15,000/month for full-time cook/maid	Word-of-mouth is the best way to hire					
Electricity Provider	BESCOM	Keep a UPS/inverter for monsoon outages					
Water Supply	Cauvery water in most central areas; borewell/tanker in outskirts	Install purifier for drinking water					
Grocery Options	BigBasket, Zepto, Blinkit, Spar, Reliance Fresh	Online delivery is fast and reliable					
Safety	Generally safe; petty theft possible in crowded areas	Avoid carrying valuables in busy markets					
Banking	HDFC, ICICI, SBI, Axis	Convert NRE/NRO to resident account if staying long-term					
UPI Payments	Google Pay, PhonePe, Paytm	Link to local Indian bank account for smooth transactions					
Driving	RTO conversion possible for US license	Consider driver initially to adjust to traffic					
Metro Coverage	Purple, Green, Yellow Lines operational; expansion ongoing	Use metro for predictable travel times					
Air Travel	Kempegowda Intl. Airport (BLR)	Book cabs in advance for late-night arrivals					
Some Important government links for people returning to Bangalore from the US or any other country							
Purpose	Department / Portal	Official Website	Notes				
Aadhaar Card Update / Enrollment	Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI)	https://uidai.gov.in	Update address, biometrics, mobile number for services in India				
PAN Card Application / Update	Income Tax Department	https://www.incometax.gov.in/iec/foportal/	Mandatory for tax filing, bank accounts, property transactions				
Voter ID Registration (EPIC)	Election Commission of India – NVSP		Apply for a new Voter ID or update constituency				
BBMP Property Tax Payment	Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP)	https://bbmptax.karnataka.gov.in	For property owners; pay annual municipal tax online				
Bangalore Traffic Violation Check / Payment	Bangalore Traffic Police – E-Challan Portal	https://btp.gov.in	View and pay fines for traffic violations				
Driving License Services	Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (Parivahan)	https://parivahan.gov.in	Apply for a new DL, renew, or convert US license				
Bangalore Water Supply Services	Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB)	https://bwssb.karnataka.gov.in	Check bills, apply for a connection				
Electricity Bill Payment	Bangalore Electricity Supply Company (BESCOM)	https://bescom.karnataka.gov.in	Pay and view electricity bills online				
Birth / Marriage / Death Certificate Services	Karnataka Government – SAKALA Services	https://sakala.karnataka.gov.in	Time-bound delivery of government services				
RTI (Right to Information)	Karnataka Information Commission	https://rti.karnataka.gov.in	File RTI applications for public information				
Police Services / FIR Filing	Karnataka State Police – Online Services	https://ksp.karnataka.gov.in	File online complaints, view FIR status				
Passport Services	Passport Seva – Ministry of External Affairs	https://www.passportindia.gov.in	Renew or reissue passports				
NRI Services & Grievances	Ministry of External Affairs – MADAD	https://portal2.madad.gov.in	Assistance for NRIs & OCI card-related help				
Income Tax Filing	Income Tax e-Filing Portal	https://www.incometax.gov.in	File and track income tax returns				
Property Registration	Kaveri Online Services	https://kaverionline.karnataka.gov.in	For property registration and guidance value check				
Important links for daily usage							
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Category	Provider / Service	Website / App	/hy It's Useful				
Internet & Broadband	ACT Fibernet	https://www.actcorp.in	High-speed fiber internet (up to 1 Gbps), reliable in most areas				
	Airtel Xstream Fiber	https://www.airtel.in/broadband	Stable connection, good customer service, bundled OTT apps				
	JioFiber	https://www.jio.com/fiber	Affordable plans with OTT subscriptions				
Mobile Network & SIM	Jio	https://www.jio.com	Fast 4G/5G, good coverage in Bangalore				
	Airtel	https://www.airtel.in	Reliable service, strong metro area coverage				
	Vodafone Idea (Vi)	https://www.myvi.in	Budget-friendly prepaid & postpaid plans				
Food Delivery	Swiggy	https://www.swiggy.com	Fast delivery from local & premium restaurants				
	Zomato	https://www.zomato.com	Huge restaurant network & grocery delivery				
Grocery Delivery	BigBasket	https://www.bigbasket.com	Scheduled & express grocery delivery				
	Blinkit	https://www.blinkit.com	10–15 min delivery for essentials				
	Zepto	https://www.zepto.com	Superfast grocery & daily essentials delivery				
Domestic Help Hiring	Helper4U	https://www.helper4u.in	Hire verified domestic staff online				
	Urban Company	https://www.urbancompany.com	On-demand home services (cleaning, repairs, beauty)				
Courier & Relocation	DTDC	https://www.dtdc.in	Domestic & international courier services				
	Blue Dart	https://www.bluedart.com	Reliable express parcel service				
	Agarwal Packers & Movers	https://www.agarwalpackers.com	Trusted for interstate & NRI relocations				
Healthcare Booking	Practo	https://www.practo.com	Book doctors, order medicines, lab tests				
	1mg	https://www.1mg.com	Medicine delivery & online consultations				
Transportation	Ola	https://www.olacabs.com	Cabs, auto-rickshaws, rentals				
	Uber	https://www.uber.com	Reliable rides, airport transfers				
	Rapido	https://rapido.bike	Affordable bike taxi for short distances				

