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ICC World Cup tickets going cheap

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If you were upset with the fact that Bangalore has been given a low profile India match against Ireland in next years World Cup, then there is some consolation for Bangaloreans. A week before the biggest cricket extravaganza kicks off in Bangladesh, India will take on Australia in a warm-up match at the Chinnaswamy Stadium on February 13, 2011.

You will have to shell out as little as Rs 200 to watch these two teams lock horns in this warm up encounter. However, one will have to wait for some more time before they can put their hands on the ticket for this warm-up game along with another practice match involving Australia and South Africa on February 15, 2011.

However, there is even better news for Bangaloreans as the minimum price of the World Cup tickets for non-India matches has been fixed at just Rs 100. Bangalore will be hosting four World Cup matches — England vs Ireland, India vs Ireland, Australia vs Kenya and Australia vs Canada. While Indias match will have the same rates as that of the warm up matches, the tickets for the other three matches will come at a lower price. This will be the first time that the price of an actual World Cup ticket will be less than that of a warm-up match.

Meanwhile, online sales of the World Cup tickets have already been launched through www.kyazoonga.com. "Most of the tickets for Bangalore have been prized below the Rs 1000. That will make it affordable for people to watch the games," said Neetu Bhatia, CEO of Kyazoonga. "The highest category of tickets are priced at Rs 12500," she added.

In a few days, some packages will also be launched by Kyazoonga, though which people can buy tickets. "We will have packages like follow your team," said Bhatia. "So if one wants to watch all the India games, he can buy tickets of all the matches from the website and can ensure himself a seat in all the matches," she added.

KSCA officials are happy with the fact that the tickets are already on sale. "People can book early and make their plans accordingly. That is a great thing since you are sure to get a seat on match day," said secretary Brijesh Patel.

But for those who are not net savvy, theres no worry as the most of the tickets will be released later

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