

**Tour Name: Aurangabad to Vadodara Drive to Explore the Man-made Wonder of India**

**Tour Duration: 6 Nights/ 7 Days**

**Tour Map: <https://tinyurl.com/5a7x3ev3>**

**Tour Overview**

Embark on an enriching journey through the "Aurangabad to Vadodara Drive to Explore the Man-made Wonder of India," where ancient history and architectural wonders await. Begin in Aurangabad, exploring the intricate rock-cut caves of Ajanta with their mesmerizing Buddhist artistry. Delve into Nashik's cultural tapestry, visiting ancient temples and experiencing a winery tour. Journey onward to Kevadia, home to the iconic Statue of Unity, standing tall amidst scenic surroundings. Discover Vadodara's royal heritage, from the opulent Laxmi Vilas Palace to the historic Champaner-Pavagadh Archaeological Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site. This tour promises an immersive experience into India's diverse cultural and architectural legacy, blending centuries-old monuments with natural beauty and cultural insights.

**Tour Itinerary**

**Day 1: Arrive Aurangabad**

- Arrive in Aurangabad, a city renowned for its medieval architecture and deep cultural heritage. Check-in at the hotel and unwind after your journey.
- City tour of Aurangabad includes visiting Bibi ka Maqbara, often called the "Taj of the Deccan," a striking mausoleum built in memory of Aurangzeb's wife. Marvel at its intricate Mughal architecture and serene ambiance.
- Explore Aurangabad Caves, ancient rock-cut Buddhist shrines dating from the 6th and 7th centuries. Admire the intricate sculptures and serene ambiance, reflecting the rich Buddhist heritage of the region.
- Visit Panchakki, a historical water mill famous for its ingenious engineering and serene surroundings, dating back to medieval times.

**Day 2: Aurangabad - Ajanta (210kms round)**

- After breakfast, embark on a scenic drive to Ajanta Caves, nestled in the Sahyadri hills. These UNESCO World Heritage site caves date back to the 2nd century BCE and showcase remarkable Buddhist rock-cut architecture and exquisite paintings depicting the life of Buddha.

- Spend the day exploring the intricately carved caves, marveling at the detailed sculptures and vibrant frescoes that narrate ancient stories and religious beliefs.

**Day 3: Aurangabad - Nashik (170kms)**

- Depart for Nashik, a city on the banks of the sacred Godavari River, steeped in mythology and historical significance.
- En route, visit Daulatabad Fort, an ancient hilltop fortress known for its formidable defenses and strategic location. Explore its elaborate structures, including the Chand Minar and the Mughal cannon.
- Continue to Ellora Caves, a UNESCO World Heritage site comprising rock-cut temples and monasteries dating from the 6th to 10th centuries. Marvel at the intricate carvings and architectural marvels, including the Kailasa Temple, one of the largest monolithic structures in the world.

**Day 4: Nashik - Kevadia (350kms)**

- Begin the day with a city tour of Nashik, visiting the ancient Kalaram Temple dedicated to Lord Rama, renowned for its black stone idol.
- Explore the Panchavati area, believed to be the setting of numerous episodes from the Hindu epic, Ramayana. Visit sites like Sita Gufa (cave) and Kapaleshwar Temple, immersed in mythological tales.
- Journey towards Kevadia, home to the iconic Statue of Unity, a colossal tribute to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, India's first Deputy Prime Minister and an instrumental figure in the country's independence movement.
- Explore the Statue of Unity complex, marveling at the 182-meter-tall statue overlooking the scenic Narmada River. Visit the exhibition hall depicting Patel's life and achievements and stroll through the lush gardens surrounding the monument.

**Day 5: Kevadia**

- Spend the day exploring Kevadia. Visit the Sardar Sarovar Dam, a marvel of engineering harnessing the waters of the Narmada River for irrigation and hydroelectric power. Enjoy panoramic views of the dam and surrounding landscapes.
- Explore the Valley of Flowers, a landscaped garden near the Statue of Unity complex, offering scenic views and vibrant floral displays.

**Day 6: Kevadia - Vadodara (150kms)**

- Depart for Vadodara (Baroda), known for its royal palaces, museums, and educational institutions.

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- Visit the majestic Laxmi Vilas Palace, an architectural marvel blending Indo-Saracenic and European styles. Explore its opulent interiors, including the Durbar Hall and the intricate artwork.
- Discover the Fateh Singh Museum within the palace complex, housing a remarkable collection of art, including paintings by Raja Ravi Varma and European masters.

### Day 7: Vadodara - Departure

- Begin the day with a guided tour of Vadodara, starting at Sayaji Baug, a sprawling garden featuring a zoo, museums, and an iconic floral clock. Explore the zoo's diverse wildlife and visit the Baroda Museum and Picture Gallery, showcasing artifacts and artworks from across India.
- Continue to Kirti Mandir, a memorial dedicated to the Gaekwad dynasty, adorned with intricate carvings and mosaics depicting historical events and personalities.
- Conclude your tour with a visit to the Champaner-Pavagadh Archaeological Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site known for its medieval Islamic and Hindu architecture set against a backdrop of rugged hills and lush greenery.
- Transfer to the airport or railway station for your onward journey, reflecting on the cultural treasures and architectural splendors experienced during your memorable tour.

### Package Price (USD Per Person Sharing Double/Twin Room)

Valid for Travel: Until 20 September 2027

| Persons     | Solo  | 2     | 3     | 4     | 5     | 6     | 7     | 8     |
|-------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 3★ Standard | 2,330 | 1,262 | 1,061 | 1,118 | 986   | 983   | 907   | 851   |
| 4★ Deluxe   | 2,720 | 1,467 | 1,265 | 1,323 | 1,191 | 1,187 | 1,112 | 1,056 |
| 5★ Luxury   | 2,917 | 1,674 | 1,371 | 1,429 | 1,297 | 1,293 | 1,218 | 1,162 |

### Single Room Supplement

3★ Standard: USD 261 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 447 | 5★ Luxury: USD 538

### Triple Sharing Discount (Per Person)

3★ Standard: USD 41 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 56 | 5★ Luxury: USD 56

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### **Price Includes:**

- Assistance on arrival at airport.
- 6 Nights' accommodation in selected price category hotels.
- Daily breakfast at hotels.
- Private AC car/van for airport transfers, sightseeing, and excursions as per the program.
- English speaking tour guide on sightseeing days (local guide in each city), as per program.
- Monument entrances and activities charges mentioned in the itinerary.
- Bottled drinking water in car.
- Government taxes.

### **Price Does Not Include:**

- Any flight tickets.
- Camera charges at monuments if any.
- Meals other than mentioned in the inclusions.
- Expenses of personal nature like liquor, laundry, tips, telephone, fax, internet etc.
- Gratuities and optional activities.
- Anything not mentioned in inclusions.

### **Hotels used or similar for 6 nights' accommodation**

#### **3 Star Hotels**

- Aurangabad x 2 nights: The Fern Residency/ Amarpreet Hotel
- Nashik x 1 night: Enrise by Sayaji Nashik/ Lily Sarovar Portico
- Kevadia x 2 nights: Statue of Unity Tent City 1 - Royal Cottages/ The Fern Sardar Sarovar Resort
- Vadodara x 1 night: Royal Orchid Central/ Lemon Tree Hotel

#### **4 Star Hotels**

- Aurangabad x 2 nights: Lemon Tree Hotel
- Nashik x 1 night: Regenta Resort Soma Village/ Hotel Express Inn
- Kevadia x 2 nights: Statue of Unity Tent City 1 - Royal Cottages/ The Fern Sardar Sarovar Resort
- Vadodara x 1 night: Welcomehotel Vadodra/ Vivanta Vadodara

#### **5 Star Hotels**

- Aurangabad x 2 nights: WelcomHotel Rama International/ Vivanta Aurangabad
- Nashik x 1 night: The Gateway Hotel Ambad/ Beyond By Sula
- Kevadia x 2 nights: Statue of Unity Tent City 1 - Royal Villa
- Vadodara x 1 night: Welcomehotel Vadodra/ Vivanta Vadodara

#### **Payment Policy:**

- Deposit of 25% of the package cost at the time of booking.
- Deposit of 50% of the package cost, 30 days prior to arrival date
- Deposit of 100% of the package cost, 10 days prior to arrival date

#### **Cancellation policy:**

- Note: Written cancellation will be accepted on all working days, except Sundays. Any cancellation sent on Sundays will be considered on the next working day (Monday).
- X-mas and New Year Period (20 Dec to 05 Jan): The payment is non-refundable during this period.
- After Trip Commencement: If you cancel the trip after it has commenced, the refund will be limited to the amount we are able to recover from hoteliers/contractors. We are not responsible for refunds on unused hotel accommodations, chartered transportation, or missed meals.
- 61 days or more before the tour: No cancellation charges.
- Between 60 to 30 days before the tour: Cancellation charges equal to 20% of the full tour booking value.
- Between 30 to 15 days before the tour: Cancellation charges equal to 50% of the full tour booking value.

- Within 5 days before the tour or no show: Cancellation charges equal to 90% of the full tour booking value.

**Our Liabilities & Limitations:**

- Price Changes: After the finalization of the tour/service cost, if there are any hikes in entrance fees, taxes, fuel costs, or guide charges by the Government of India, these will be charged as extra.
- Role as Agent: Agora Voyages acts only as an agent for hotels, airlines, transporters, railways, and contractors providing services. All receipts, contracts, and tickets issued by us are subject to terms and conditions of the service providers.
- Itinerary Changes: All itineraries are sample itineraries intended to provide a general idea. We reserve the right to change the schedule based on factors such as weather, road conditions, or the physical ability of participants to ensure safety, comfort, and well-being.
- Rate Modifications: Our rates are based on negotiated rates with hotels and airlines. If the rates are modified by these service providers, we reserve the right to adjust the quoted rates accordingly. Hotel bookings are based on usual check-in and check-out times, unless otherwise indicated.
- Liability Disclaimer: We are not responsible for delays, alterations, or expenses incurred due to natural hazards, flight cancellations, accidents, weather, sickness, political closures, or any unforeseen incidents.
- Damage, Loss, or Injury: We are not responsible for any loss, injury, or damage to persons, property, or otherwise, caused by acts of God, fire, accidents, machinery breakdowns, political disturbances, theft, epidemics, or other factors beyond our control.
- Insurance: We do not offer insurance for accidents, sickness, theft, or other unforeseen circumstances. We recommend travelers arrange for insurance in their home country. All personal property and baggage are at the client's risk at all times.
- Unforeseen Circumstances: We are not responsible for costs arising from landslides, roadblocks, bad weather, or similar unforeseen circumstances.

**Tipping**

- Tipping is not included in our price. It is optional but often expected in the travel industry. There is no limit on the amount you can tip, though the average guideline is around \$10-15 per day for guides, drivers, and other crew members.

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**Trip Comments**

- After your trip, we would love to hear your experience. Any photos, suggestions, or feedback will be greatly appreciated. While we strive to make every trip perfect, we acknowledge that there is always room for improvement. Your comments, whether positive or constructive, are invaluable to us.