

Tour Name: Aurangabad, Ajanta and Ellora Caves Tour

Tour Duration: 2 Nights/ 3 Days

Tour Map: <https://tinyurl.com/yeypkz2j>

Tour Overview

Embark on the "Aurangabad, Ajanta and Ellora Caves Tour" tour, delving into Maharashtra's rich heritage. Begin in Aurangabad with the mystical Aurangabad Caves and the grand Bibi Ka Maqbara, echoing the Taj Mahal's elegance. Journey to Ajanta's 30 Buddhist caves, adorned with intricate sculptures and vibrant paintings depicting Buddha's life and teachings. Explore Ellora's 34 caves, a UNESCO World Heritage site showcasing Hindu, Jain, and Buddhist rock-cut temples and monasteries spanning centuries of craftsmanship. End with a visit to Daulatabad Fort, a formidable structure from medieval times offering panoramic views and historical insights.

Tour Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Aurangabad

- Arrival at Aurangabad airport, where you will be greeted by our representative. Transfer to your hotel and check-in.
- Begin your city tour with a visit to the Aurangabad Caves, carved out of soft basalt rock during the 6th and 7th centuries. These caves are renowned for their intricate sculptures, especially of Buddha, Bodhisattvas, and scenes from Jataka tales, showcasing both Mahayana and Hinayana Buddhist influences.
- Explore Bibi Ka Maqbara, a mausoleum built in 1660 by Mughal Emperor Aurangzeb in memory of his wife, Dilras Banu Begum. Often called the "Taj of the Deccan," it reflects Mughal architecture with delicate carvings and symmetrical designs.
- Visit the nearby archaeological museum to see artifacts, sculptures, and exhibits from the ancient Deccan region, providing insights into the history and culture of the area.
- Overnight at the hotel in Aurangabad.

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

- After an early breakfast, depart for Ajanta Caves, located about 107 km from Aurangabad. Ajanta Caves, a UNESCO World Heritage site, consist of 30 rock-cut caves dating from the 2nd century BCE to the 6th century CE.

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- Explore the caves known for their Buddhist religious art, including sculptures, paintings, and frescoes depicting the life of Buddha and stories from Buddhist scriptures. The caves are divided into Chaitya (prayer halls) and Vihara (monasteries).
- Marvel at Cave 1, famous for its exquisite sculptures and Cave 26, renowned for its impressive paintings showcasing the Jataka tales.
- Enjoy a scenic drive back to Aurangabad in the evening.
- Overnight at the hotel in Aurangabad.

Day 3: Aurangabad - Ellora - Mumbai

- After breakfast, proceed to Ellora Caves, another UNESCO World Heritage site, located about 30 km from Aurangabad. Ellora Caves comprise 34 rock-cut temples and monasteries representing Hindu, Buddhist, and Jain faiths.
- Visit the Kailash Temple, an architectural marvel carved out of a single rock, dedicated to Lord Shiva. Explore the intricate carvings depicting scenes from Hindu mythology.
- Discover the Buddhist caves, such as Cave 10 (Vishvakarma Cave) and Cave 12 (Teeple Cave), known for their detailed sculptures and serene atmosphere.
- Explore the Jain caves, including Indra Sabha and Jagannath Sabha, featuring elaborate carvings and pillars adorned with intricate motifs.
- En route back to Aurangabad, visit Grishneshwar Temple, one of the 12 Jyotirlinga shrines dedicated to Lord Shiva, renowned for its architectural beauty and spiritual significance.
- Explore Daulatabad Fort, an ancient hill fortress with impressive defense systems and panoramic views of the surrounding landscape.
- Later, transfer to Aurangabad airport for your flight to Mumbai or onward journey.

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	920	511	428	396	351	359	332	312
4★ Deluxe	1,027	549	466	434	389	397	370	350
5★ Luxury	1,178	595	466	434	389	397	370	350

Single Room Supplement

3★ Standard: USD 68 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 136 | 5★ Luxury: USD 205

Triple Sharing Discount (Per Person)

3★ Standard: USD 9 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 15 | 5★ Luxury: USD 17

Price Includes:

- Assistance on arrival at airport.
- 2 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 2 nights' accommodation in Aurangabad

3 Star Hotels

- Aurangabad x 2 nights: The Fern Residency/ Amarpreet Hotel

4 Star Hotels

- Aurangabad x 2 nights: Lemon Tree Hotel

5 Star Hotels

- Aurangabad x 2 nights: WelcomHotel Rama International/ Vivanta Aurangabad

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.

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- **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.

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.