

Tour Name: Classical Cities & Historical Monuments of India

Tour Duration: 19 Nights/ 20 Days

Tour Map: <https://tinyurl.com/4szzvsf3>

Tour Overview

Embark on the Ultimate India Heritage Expedition, a 20-day journey through the heartlands of India's rich cultural tapestry. Begin in Delhi, exploring iconic sites like Jama Masjid, Red Fort, and the serene Lotus Temple. Traverse Jaipur's royal forts and palaces before marveling at the Taj Mahal in Agra at sunrise. Dive into Aurangabad's Ajanta and Ellora Caves, architectural wonders carved into the cliffs. Mumbai beckons with its Gateway of India and Elephanta Caves, while Bangalore and Mysore offer botanical gardens and palaces. Discover ancient wonders in Hampi, Badami, and Goa's serene beaches before bidding farewell to India's diverse heritage.

Tour Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Delhi

- Arrive in Delhi and transfer to your hotel. Rest and relax after your journey.

Day 2: Delhi

- Begin with breakfast at the hotel.
- Visit Jama Masjid, one of India's largest mosques, admired for its stunning Mughal architecture. Climb the minarets for panoramic views of Old Delhi.
- Enjoy a rickshaw ride through Chandni Chowk, a bustling market offering a vibrant mix of spices, street food, and traditional goods.
- Explore Red Fort (Lal Qila), a UNESCO World Heritage site and the former residence of Mughal emperors. Discover its intricate palaces and audience halls like Diwan-i-Aam and Diwan-i-Khas.
- Drive past Rajpath, the ceremonial boulevard, and see Rashtrapati Bhavan (President's House), Parliament House, and India Gate, symbols of India's democratic heritage.
- Visit Humayun's Tomb, an early example of Mughal architecture set in beautifully landscaped gardens.

- Explore Qutub Minar, a UNESCO World Heritage site and the tallest brick minaret in the world, known for its intricate carvings and the Iron Pillar.
- Visit the Lotus Temple, renowned for its unique lotus-shaped architecture and tranquil meditation halls.

Day 3: Delhi - Jaipur (265kms)

- After breakfast, travel to Jaipur, the "Pink City" of Rajasthan.
- Visit the Birla Mandir, a modern Hindu temple made of white marble, dedicated to Lord Vishnu and Goddess Lakshmi. Admire its serene ambiance and intricate carvings.
- Explore Albert Hall Museum, an Indo-Saracenic style museum housing a vast collection of artifacts reflecting Rajasthan's art, culture, and history.
- Visit Nahargarh Fort, perched on the Aravalli hills, offering panoramic views of Jaipur city and housing the Madhavendra Bhawan, a royal residence with stunning frescoes.

Day 4: Jaipur

- Begin with breakfast at the hotel.
- Visit Amber Fort, a majestic hilltop fort known for its blend of Hindu and Mughal architecture. Enjoy an elephant ride or jeep ride up to the fort entrance.
- Explore Jaigarh Fort, known for its massive cannon Jaivana and offering spectacular views of the surrounding hills.
- Visit the City Palace, a blend of Rajput and Mughal architecture housing palaces, museums, and courtyards. Marvel at its intricate gates like Peacock Gate and Lotus Gate.
- Explore Jantar Mantar, an astronomical observatory built by Maharaja Jai Singh II. Learn about ancient astronomical instruments used for precise celestial measurements.
- Visit the Hawa Mahal (Palace of Winds), an iconic five-story palace with intricately designed windows, allowing royal ladies to observe street festivals without being seen.
- Enjoy shopping in Jaipur for handicrafts, textiles, and gemstones.

Day 5: Jaipur - Agra (245kms)

- After breakfast, travel to Agra, home of the iconic Taj Mahal.
- Enroute, visit Abhaneri stepwell, Chand Baori, known for its geometric staircases and intricate carvings.
- Explore Fatehpur Sikri, a UNESCO World Heritage site and former Mughal capital with well-preserved palaces and mosques.
- Arrive in Agra and check-in at the hotel.
- Explore Agra Fort, a red sandstone fort complex showcasing Mughal architecture and offering views of the Taj Mahal from its ramparts.
- Visit Mehtab Bagh, a riverside garden complex offering picturesque views of the Taj Mahal at sunset.

Day 6: Agra - Delhi (210kms)/ Aurangabad (flight)

- Early morning visit to Taj Mahal, a UNESCO World Heritage site and one of the Seven Wonders of the World. Witness the changing hues of the marble at sunrise.
- Depart for Delhi or take a flight to Aurangabad.

Day 7: Aurangabad - Ajanta Caves - Aurangabad (105kms round)

- After breakfast, drive to Ajanta Caves, a UNESCO World Heritage site known for its Buddhist cave temples dating back to the 2nd century BCE. Marvel at the detailed sculptures and vibrant frescoes depicting the life of Buddha.
- Explore the Ajanta Caves, comprising 30 rock-cut caves with intricate carvings and serene Buddha statues.
- Return to Aurangabad and visit Bibi Ka Maqbara, a Mughal-style mausoleum often called the "Mini Taj" due to its resemblance to the Taj Mahal.
- Visit Panchakki, an ancient water mill dating back to the Mughal era, known for its ingenious engineering and serene surroundings.

Day 8: Aurangabad - Ellora Caves - Mumbai (flight)

- After breakfast, visit Ellora Caves, a UNESCO World Heritage site showcasing rock-cut temples representing Buddhism, Hinduism, and Jainism. Explore the remarkable Kailash Temple, a monolithic structure carved from a single rock.
- Visit Daulatabad Fort, a formidable hilltop fortress with intricate defense systems and stunning views of the surrounding countryside.

- Explore Aurangabad Caves, a complex of rock-cut Buddhist caves dating back to the 6th and 7th centuries.
- Fly to Mumbai in the afternoon.

Day 9: Mumbai

- Begin with breakfast at the hotel.
- Visit the Gateway of India, a historic monument overlooking the Arabian Sea, built to commemorate the visit of King George V and Queen Mary to India.
- Explore Elephanta Caves, a UNESCO World Heritage site on Elephanta Island, known for its rock-cut temples dedicated to Lord Shiva.
- Visit Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya (formerly Prince of Wales Museum), housing a vast collection of artifacts, art, and natural history specimens.
- Explore Kalaghoda art district, known for its galleries, street art, and cultural events.
- Drive past heritage landmarks like CST (Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus), Rajbai chowk, university, and Marine Drive.
- Visit Dhobi Ghat, an open-air laundry where Mumbai's washermen wash and dry clothes in traditional methods.

Day 10: Mumbai - Bangalore (flight)

- After breakfast, fly to Bangalore, known as the "Garden City" of India.
- Visit Lalbagh Botanical Garden, home to exotic flora, century-old trees, and a glass house hosting flower shows.
- Explore Bangalore Palace, a majestic Tudor-style palace with Gothic windows, sprawling gardens, and ornate wood carvings.
- Visit Tipu Sultan's Summer Palace, an Indo-Islamic architectural marvel adorned with teakwood pillars, frescoes, and historical artifacts.

Day 11: Bangalore - Mysore (150kms)

- After breakfast, drive to Mysore, famous for its royal heritage and silk sarees.
- Visit Mysore Palace, a splendid example of Indo-Saracenic architecture, illuminated by thousands of lights during special occasions.
- Explore Chamundi Hill, home to Chamundeshwari Temple and offering panoramic views of Mysore city.

- Visit the bustling Devaraja Market, known for its aromatic spices, fresh flowers, and traditional Mysore silk sarees.

Day 12: Mysore - Shravanabelagola - Hassan (140kms)

- After breakfast, drive to Shravanabelagola, a revered Jain pilgrimage center known for the colossal Gommateshwara Statue.
- Climb up Vindhyagiri Hill to view the 57-foot tall monolithic statue of Lord Bahubali, surrounded by smaller shrines and offering scenic views of the countryside.
- Continue to Hassan and visit Hasanamba Temple, dedicated to Goddess Hasanamba and renowned for its annual festival celebrating the divine feminine.

Day 13: Hassan - Hampi (330kms)

- After breakfast, embark on a scenic drive to Hampi, a UNESCO World Heritage site renowned for its ancient temples, ruins, and architectural marvels.
- Visit Virupaksha Temple, dedicated to Lord Shiva and one of the oldest functioning temples in India, known for its intricate carvings and spiritual ambiance.
- Explore Vittala Temple, famous for its iconic Stone Chariot, musical pillars that produce melodic sounds, and intricate carvings depicting mythological scenes.
- Stroll through Hampi Bazaar, a vibrant market street offering local crafts, souvenirs, and traditional snacks.

Day 14: Hampi

- Begin with breakfast at the hotel.
- Visit the Royal Enclosure, a complex of royal structures including the Lotus Mahal, a unique blend of Hindu and Islamic architectural styles, and the Elephant Stables.
- Explore the Zenana Enclosure, known for the Lotus Mahal, a delicately designed pavilion for royal women, and the Queen's Bath, an ornate bathing complex with arched corridors and a lotus-shaped pool.
- Visit Achyutaraya Temple, dedicated to Lord Tiruvengalanatha, showcasing exquisite carvings and offering insights into Hampi's rich history and culture.

Day 15: Hampi - Lakkundi - Gadag - Badami (150kms)

- After breakfast, drive to Badami via Lakkundi and Gadag.
- Explore Lakkundi, known for its ancient temples and intricate step wells like the Kasivisvesvara Temple, adorned with sculptures depicting mythological stories.

- Visit Gadag and explore the Veeranarayana Temple, an ancient Hoysala temple known for its architectural grandeur and historical significance.
- Continue to Badami and visit the rock-cut cave temples, including the famous Bhutanatha group of temples, nestled along the picturesque Agastya Lake.

Day 16: Badami, Aihole & Pattadakal

- Begin with breakfast at the hotel.
- Explore Badami Cave Temples, carved out of sandstone cliffs and adorned with intricate sculptures depicting Hindu mythology and royal court scenes.
- Visit Aihole, known as the "Cradle of Indian Temple Architecture," with over 100 ancient temples showcasing a blend of Chalukyan and Dravidian architectural styles.
- Explore Pattadakal, a UNESCO World Heritage site renowned for its group of 8th-century temples representing both North Indian Nagara and South Indian Dravidian architectural styles.

Day 17: Badami - Goa (250kms)

- After breakfast, drive to Goa, known for its pristine beaches, Portuguese heritage, and vibrant culture.
- Relax at Anjuna Beach, known for its rocky shoreline, vibrant flea market, and beach shacks offering local seafood delicacies.

Day 18: Goa

- Begin with breakfast at the hotel.
- Visit Basilica of Bom Jesus, a UNESCO World Heritage site housing the mortal remains of St. Francis Xavier and featuring Baroque architecture and intricate gilded altars.
- Explore Se Cathedral, dedicated to St. Catherine of Alexandria and known for its massive golden bell and rich history.
- Explore Old Goa, a UNESCO World Heritage site with magnificent churches like St. Cajetan Church, Basilica of Bom Jesus, and Sé Cathedral, showcasing Portuguese colonial architecture and religious art.
- Explore Fontainhas, Goa's Latin Quarter known for its narrow streets, vibrant houses, art galleries, and cultural heritage.

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- Visit Fort Aguada, a 17th-century Portuguese fort overlooking the Arabian Sea, known for its well-preserved lighthouse and panoramic views.
- Relax and enjoy leisure time at Baga Beach, known for its vibrant nightlife, water sports, and beachside cafes.

Day 19: Goa

- Begin with breakfast at the hotel.
- Day free and easy for personal activities and relax.
- Optional: visit Mangueshi Temple, dedicated to Lord Mangueshi and renowned for its beautiful architecture and vibrant festivals.

Day 20: Goa - Departure (Flight)

- Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before transferring to the airport for your onward flight.

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	5,287	2,887	2,501	2,537	2,296	2,197	2,073	1,980
4★ Deluxe	6,458	3,503	3,117	3,154	2,912	2,813	2,689	2,597
5★ Luxury	9,541	5,233	4,648	4,685	4,444	4,344	4,221	4,128

Single Room Supplement

3★ Standard: USD 844 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 1,399 | 5★ Luxury: USD 2,950

Triple Sharing Discount (Per Person)

3★ Standard: USD 94 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 181 | 5★ Luxury: USD 442

Price Includes:

- Assistance on arrival at airport.
- 19 Nights' accommodation in selected price category hotels.
- Daily breakfast at hotels.

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- 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:

- Delhi - Aurangabad - Mumbai - Bangalore & Goa - Delhi flight tickets approx INR 20500 per person in economy class.
- Camera charges at monuments if any.
- Meals other than mentioned in 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 19 nights' accommodation

3 Star Hotels

- Delhi x 2 nights: Dee Marks Hotel & Resorts/ Emerald Hotel
- Jaipur x 2 nights: ZONE By THE Park/ The Fern Residency
- Agra x 1 night: Howard Plaza the Fern/ Hotel Atulyaa Taj
- Aurangabad x 2 nights: The Fern Residency/ Amarpreet Hotel
- Mumbai x 2 nights: Hotel Godwin, Colaba/ Hotel Suba Palace
- Bangalore x 1 night: Royal Orchid Central/ Ramada Bangalore
- Mysore x 1 night: Sandesh the Prince/ Regenta Central Herald by Royal Orchid Hotels
- Hassan x 1 night: The Ashhok/ Pearl Hotel

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- Hampi x 2 nights: Malligi Hotel/ Clarks Inn
- Badami x 2 nights: Badami Court/ Clarks Inn
- Goa x 3 nights: The Fern Residency Miramar/ Zone Connect Hotel Parra

4 Star Hotels

- Delhi x 2 nights: The Hans/ The Royal Plaza
- Jaipur x 2 nights: Lemon Tree Premier/ The Fern An Ecotel Hotel
- Agra x 1 night: Radisson Hotel/ Holiday Inn
- Aurangabad x 2 nights: Lemon Tree Hotel
- Mumbai x 2 nights: Fariyas Hotel/ The Gordon House
- Bangalore x 1 night: Lemon Tree Premier/ Gokulam Grand Hotel & Spa
- Mysore x 1 night: Fortune Park JP Palace/ Royal Orchid Brindavan Garden
- Hassan x 1 night: Hosyala Village Resort/ Rosetta by Ferns – Sakleshpur
- Hampi x 2 nights: Heritage Resort/ Royal Orchid Central Keerti
- Badami x 2 nights: Morpho Banashree Resort/ WADA1
- Goa x 3 nights: Lemon Tree Hotel Candolim/ The Chances Resort & Casino

5 Star Hotels

- Delhi x 2 nights: Le Meridien/ The Grand New Delhi
- Jaipur x 2 nights: Hilton Jaipur/ Radisson City Center
- Agra x 1 night: Courtyard by Marriott/ Trident Hotel
- Aurangabad x 2 nights: WelcomHotel Rama International/ Vivanta Aurangabad
- Mumbai x 2 nights: Trident Hotel/ President, Mumbai - IHCL SeleQtions
- Bangalore x 1 night: ITC Gardenia, a Luxury Collection/ Vivanta Bengaluru, Residency Road
- Mysore x 1 night: Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel
- Hassan x 1 night: Hosyala Village Resort/ Rosetta by Ferns – Sakleshpur

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- Hampi x 2 nights: Evolve Back, Hampi
- Badami x 2 nights: Morpho Banashree Resort/ WADA1
- Goa x 3 nights: Alila Diwa Goa/ Kenilworth Resort & Spa, Utorda Beach

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.