

Tour Name: Classical India plus Hyderabad Region Temples & Mumbai

Tour Duration: 18 Nights/ 19 Days

Tour Map: <https://tinyurl.com/48ted4a6>

Tour Overview

Embark on an unforgettable Grand Heritage Journey of North & South India, where ancient wonders and cultural treasures await at every turn. Begin in Delhi, tracing the footsteps of emperors at the majestic Red Fort and serene Raj Ghat. Witness spiritual devotion in Varanasi, the city of temples and eternal rituals along the sacred Ganges. Explore the architectural marvels of Khajuraho's temples before delving into the medieval splendor of Orchha and Agra's timeless Taj Mahal. Journey west to Jaipur's regal forts and palaces, then south to Hyderabad's opulent Nizam heritage. Immerse yourself in the rich history of Bijapur, Badami's ancient caves, and Hampi's Vijayanagara ruins, culminating in Mumbai's vibrant blend of colonial relics and modern marvels.

Tour Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Delhi

- Arrival in Delhi and transfer to your hotel.
- Experience the vibrant energy and cultural richness of India's capital city as you traverse through bustling streets teeming with life.
- Marvel at the blend of ancient traditions and modernity reflected in the architecture, markets, and daily life.
- Rest and relax after your journey, settling into your hotel and preparing for the exciting adventures that await you in Delhi and beyond.
- Enjoy the comfort of your accommodations and recharge for the upcoming exploration of Delhi's rich cultural and historical landmarks.

Day 2: Delhi

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Start your day with a visit to Red Fort, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
- Explore its impressive Mughal architecture, including the Diwan-i-Aam and Diwan-i-Kha's halls adorned with intricate marble inlays and lush gardens.
- Next, visit Jama Masjid, India's largest mosque built by Shah Jahan.
- Climb its minarets for panoramic views of Old Delhi and experience the bustling markets of Chandni Chowk nearby.
- Proceed to Raj Ghat, Mahatma Gandhi's memorial, set amidst serene gardens where you can learn about his life and legacy.

- After lunch, explore Humayun's Tomb, another UNESCO site and a precursor to the Taj Mahal, showcasing exemplary Mughal architecture and beautiful gardens.
- Conclude your day with a visit to Qutub Minar, the tallest brick minaret in the world, surrounded by ancient ruins dating back to the 12th century.

Day 3: Delhi - Varanasi (flight)

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Arrive in Varanasi and witness the Ganga Aarti at Dasaswamedh Ghat, a mesmerizing evening prayer ceremony on the banks of the Ganges River.
- Experience the spiritual atmosphere as priests perform rituals with fire, incense, and chants.
- Take a rickshaw ride through Varanasi's narrow lanes, exploring its vibrant markets, ancient temples, and bustling ghats.
- Immerse yourself in the city's spiritual and cultural ambiance.
- Enjoy a heritage walk through Varanasi's ancient alleys, discovering hidden temples, traditional crafts, and local culinary delights.

Day 4: Varanasi

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Start with a serene boat ride on the Ganges at sunrise, witnessing the city awaken with prayers and rituals along the ghats.
- Experience the spiritual essence of Varanasi.
- Visit Banaras Hindu University (BHU), one of Asia's largest residential universities.
- Explore its sprawling campus and visit the Bharat Kala Bhavan Museum, showcasing Indian art and artifacts.
- Journey to Sarnath, where Buddha delivered his first sermon.
- Explore the archaeological ruins, including the Dhamek Stupa and the Ashoka Pillar, reflecting India's rich Buddhist heritage.
- Explore the narrow lanes and bustling markets of Varanasi, immersing yourself in local culture and discovering hidden gems of the city.
- Visit the Durga Temple, known for its vibrant red color and intricate architecture, and the Tulsi Manas Temple, famous for its walls inscribed with verses and scenes from the Hindu epic Ramayana.

Day 5: Varanasi - Khajuraho (flight)

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Explore the Western Group of Temples in Khajuraho, renowned for their intricate carvings depicting various mythological tales and everyday life scenes of the medieval period.
- Visit Lakshmana Temple, dedicated to Lord Vishnu and known for its finely carved sculptures depicting episodes from the Ramayana epic.
- Discover Khajuraho's Eastern Group of Temples, including temples like Parsvanath, Adinath, and Vamana, known for their architecture and intricate carvings.

- Immerse yourself in the art and history of Khajuraho by visiting the Archaeological Museum, which houses sculptures, artifacts, and historical relics.

Day 6: Khajuraho - Orchha (180kms)

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Visit the Orchha Fort Complex, a historical marvel housing Jehangir Mahal, Raj Mahal, and the Chaturbhuj Temple.
- Explore its grand architecture and stunning frescoes.
- Explore Chhatris (Cenotaphs) along the Betwa River, dedicated to the Bundela rulers, offering panoramic views of the river and surrounding landscape.
- Participate in a cultural walk through Orchha's quaint streets, interacting with locals and learning about the region's rich cultural heritage.

Day 7: Orchha - Agra (220kms)

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- En route to Agra, visit Gwalior Fort, a hill fort with stunning palaces, temples, and the iconic Man Singh Palace.
- Explore its architectural splendor and historical significance.
- Arrive in Agra and visit Agra Fort, a UNESCO World Heritage site known for its Mughal architecture, including palaces like Jahangir Mahal and Khas Mahal.
- Explore Mehtab Bagh, a Mughal Garden offering panoramic views of the Taj Mahal across the Yamuna River.
- Relax in its serene ambiance and enjoy the sunset.

Day 8: Agra - Jaipur (245kms)

- Witness the sunrise at the Taj Mahal, an iconic symbol of love and a UNESCO World Heritage site.
- Admire its marble architecture and intricate inlay work bathed in the soft morning light.
- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Visit Fatehpur Sikri, a deserted Mughal city known for its red sandstone buildings like Buland Darwaza, Jama Masjid, and the Tomb of Salim Chishti.
- En route to Jaipur, visit the Abhaneri Stepwell, one of the largest and deepest stepwells in India, known for its architectural grandeur and historical significance.
- Arrive in Jaipur and relax at your hotel, enjoying the evening at leisure.

Day 9: Jaipur

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Start with Amber Fort, an ancient fortress known for its Hindu-style architecture and artistic elements.
- Enjoy an elephant ride or jeep ascent to the fort, offering stunning views of Maota Lake.
- Explore City Palace, a royal residence showcasing Rajput and Mughal architecture.

- Visit its museums, including the Maharaja Sawai Man Singh II Museum, displaying royal artifacts.
- Discover Jantar Mantar, an astronomical observatory with large masonry instruments used for measuring time, predicting eclipses, and studying celestial bodies.
- Visit Hawa Mahal, the Palace of Winds, renowned for its intricate lattice work and balconies.
- Learn about its architectural significance and historical context.
- Stroll through Jaipur's bustling markets, such as Johari Bazaar and Bapu Bazaar, known for their vibrant textiles, handicrafts, and jewelry.

Day 10: Jaipur - Hyderabad (flight)

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Fly to Hyderabad and transfer to your hotel for relaxation and personal activities.

Day 11: Hyderabad

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Explore Golconda Fort, a majestic fortress known for its acoustics, palaces, and the fascinating light and sound show depicting its history and glory.
- Visit Qutb Shahi Tombs, a complex of mausoleums showcasing Persian, Pashtun, and Hindu architectural styles.
- Explore the tranquil gardens and intricate carvings.
- Discover Charminar, an iconic monument and mosque with its four grand arches and 56-meter minarets.
- Explore the bustling market and savor local delicacies.
- Visit Salar Jung Museum, one of India's largest museums, housing a vast collection of art, artifacts, and historical treasures from around the world.
- Explore more of Hyderabad's heritage through a walk along Necklace Road and visit the Birla Mandir, offering panoramic views of the city.

Day 12: Hyderabad - Bijapur (385kms)

- After breakfast at the hotel, begin your journey to Bijapur.
- Along the way, stop in Bidar to explore its historical landmarks:
- Visit Bidar Fort, a grand structure with bastions and gates showcasing Indo-Islamic architecture.
- Explore Rangin Mahal within the fort, known for its intricate tile work and vibrant colors.
- Discover the Bahmani Tombs, mausoleums of Bahmani sultans with Indo-Islamic architectural styles.
- Continue your drive to Bijapur, enjoying the scenic landscapes and historical insights along the route.

Day 13: Bijapur - Badami (120kms)

- After breakfast at the hotel, embark on a journey from Bijapur to Badami, exploring Bijapur's rich heritage along the way:
- Visit Gol Gumbaz, a magnificent mausoleum with the second-largest dome in the world.
- Explore its whispering gallery, where even the softest whisper can be heard across the dome, and climb to the top for panoramic views of Bijapur.
- Explore Ibrahim Rouza, an elegant tomb and mosque complex known for its intricate architecture, including fine Persian calligraphy and beautiful arches.
- Visit Bara Kaman, an incomplete mausoleum complex commissioned by Ali Adil Shah II.
- Marvel at its massive arches and the serene atmosphere surrounding it.
- Discover Malik-e-Maidan, the largest medieval cannon in the world, located near the city center.
- Admire its craftsmanship and historical significance in Bijapur's military history.
- Continue your journey to Badami, enjoying the scenic drive through Karnataka's countryside and preparing for the exploration of Badami's ancient temples and rock-cut caves.

Day 14: Badami

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Visit Aihole, the "Cradle of Indian Architecture," known for its early Hindu and Jain temples. Explore the intricately carved sculptures and historical inscriptions.
- Explore Pattadakal, a UNESCO World Heritage site with temples showcasing a blend of North Indian Nagara and South Indian Dravidian architectural styles. Admire its detailed carvings and temple complexes.
- Visit Badami Cave Temples, carved out of sandstone cliffs and dedicated to Hindu and Jain deities. Explore their intricate sculptures, cave paintings, and serene surroundings.

Day 15: Badami - Hampi (180kms)

- After breakfast at the hotel, embark on a scenic drive from Badami to Hampi, with a visit to Anegundi along the way, believed to be the ancient Kishkindha of Ramayana fame:
- Drive to Hampi and explore Anegundi, a historic village steeped in mythology. Discover its ancient temples, archaeological ruins, and the mythical Pampa Sarovar, a sacred lake associated with Hindu mythology.
- Enjoy a serene coracle ride on the Tungabhadra River, offering a unique perspective of Hampi's picturesque landscape and riverside monuments. Experience the tranquility of the river and its surroundings, immersing yourself in the natural beauty and cultural heritage of Karnataka.
- Continue your journey to Hampi, known for its UNESCO World Heritage site of Vijayanagara ruins, temples, and ancient monuments.

Day 16: Hampi

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Begin your day with a visit to the iconic Vijaya Vittala Temple, known for its stunning stone chariot and musical pillars that produce melodious tones when tapped.
- Explore the temple's intricate carvings and architectural marvels, offering insights into Hampi's rich history and religious traditions.
- Visit the Royal Enclosure, a complex of palaces, temples, and pavilions once inhabited by the Vijayanagara rulers.
- Discover Lotus Mahal, an elegant pavilion known for its unique architecture and serene ambiance.
- Explore Hazara Rama Temple, famous for its exquisite bas-reliefs depicting scenes from the Ramayana epic.
- Visit the Queen's Bath, a royal bathing complex showcasing Indo-Islamic architectural styles and surrounded by tranquil gardens.
- Explore the Riverside Ruins and enjoy panoramic views of Hampi's stunning landscapes, dotted with ancient temples and monuments.
- Enjoy a sunset boat ride on the Tungabhadra River, witnessing the beauty of Hampi's skyline bathed in the golden hues of the setting sun.

Day 17: Hampi - Hubli (160kms) - Mumbai (flight)

- After breakfast, depart for Hubli to catch your flight to Mumbai.
- Transfer to your hotel in Mumbai and relax after your journey.
- Enjoy leisure time exploring the vibrant city of Mumbai, known for its bustling markets, vibrant nightlife, and historical landmarks.

Day 18: Mumbai

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Begin your day with a visit to Gateway of India, an iconic 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 known for its rock-cut temples dedicated to Lord Shiva, featuring intricate sculptures and cave art dating back to the 5th century.
- Return to Mumbai and visit Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya (formerly Prince of Wales Museum), housing a vast collection of art, artifacts, and archaeological exhibits.
- Explore Dhobi Ghat, Mumbai's famous open-air laundromat, where thousands of dhobis (washermen) wash clothes in traditional ways.
- Visit Marine Drive, also known as the Queen's Necklace, and enjoy a leisurely walk along this picturesque promenade overlooking the Arabian Sea.
- Explore Crawford Market, a bustling market known for its diverse range of goods, including fresh produce, spices, and souvenirs.

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- Conclude your day with a visit to Haji Ali Dargah, a mosque and tomb located on an islet in the Arabian Sea, accessible via a narrow causeway.
- Witness the serene ambiance and religious fervor surrounding this iconic landmark.

Day 19: Depart Mumbai

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Enjoy leisure time for last-minute shopping or exploring Mumbai's local markets.
- Transfer to Mumbai International Airport for your onward journey, carrying unforgettable memories of your incredible journey through North and South India.

Package Price (USD Per Person Sharing Double/Twin Room)**Valid for Travel: 01 October 2026 - 15 April 2027**

Persons	Solo	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
3★ Standard	5,963	3,264	2,851	2,932	2,621	2,505	2,344	2,222
4★ Deluxe	7,224	3,929	3,516	3,597	3,285	3,170	3,008	2,887
5★ Luxury	9,338	5,331	4,592	4,674	4,362	4,247	4,085	3,964

Valid for Travel: 16 April 2027 to 15 September 2027

Persons	Solo	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
3★ Standard	5,745	3,114	2,701	2,782	2,470	2,355	2,193	2,072
4★ Deluxe	6,444	3,515	3,102	3,183	2,872	2,756	2,595	2,473
5★ Luxury	8,253	4,734	3,996	4,077	3,766	3,650	3,489	3,368

Single Room Supplement

3★ Standard: USD 810 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 1,405 | 5★ Luxury: USD 2,443

Triple Sharing Discount (Per Person)

3★ Standard: USD 82 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 188 | 5★ Luxury: USD 381

Price Includes:

- Assistance on arrival at airport.
- 18 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 – Varanasi – Khajuraho, Jaipur – Hyderabad & Hubli - Mumbai flight fare approx INR 20,500 per person in economy class.
- 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 18 nights' accommodation

3 Star Hotels

- Delhi x 2 nights: Dee Marks Hotel & Resorts/ Emerald Hotel
- Varanasi x 2 nights: Meraden Grand/ Hotel Tridev
- Khajuraho x 1 night: Ramada/SYNA Heritage Hotel
- Orchha x 1 night: Orchha Resort/ Amar Mahal
- Agra x 1 night: Howard Plaza the Fern/ Hotel Atulyaa Taj
- Jaipur x 2 nights: ZONE By THE Park/ The Fern Residency
- Hyderabad x 2 nights: Hotel Abode/ Aditya Park
- Bijapur x 1 night: The Fern Residency/ Kyriad Hotel Vijayapura by OTHPL
- Badami x 2 nights: Badami Court/ Clarks Inn
- Hampi x 2 nights: Malligi Hotel/ Clarks Inn
- Mumbai x 2 nights: Hotel Godwin, Colaba/ Hotel Suba Palace

4 Star Hotels

- Delhi x 2 nights: The Hans/ The Royal Plaza
- Varanasi x 2 nights: Rivatas by Ideal/ The Amayaa
- Khajuraho x 1 night: The Lalit Temple View
- Orchha x 1 night: Orchha Resort/ Amar Mahal
- Agra x 1 night: Radisson Hotel/ Holiday Inn
- Jaipur x 2 nights: Lemon Tree Premier/ The Fern An Ecotel Hotel
- Hyderabad x 2 nights: The Golkonda Hotel/ Lemon Tree Hotel
- Bijapur x 1 night: The Fern Residency/ Kyriad Hotel Vijayapura by OTHPL

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- Badami x 2 nights: Morpho Banashree Resort/ WADA1
- Hampi x 2 nights: Heritage Resort/ Royal Orchid Central Keerti
- Mumbai x 2 nights: Fariyas Hotel/ The Gordon House

5 Star Hotels

- Delhi x 2 nights: Le Meridien/ The Grand New Delhi
- Varanasi x 2 nights: Ramada JHV/ Radisson Hotel
- Khajuraho x 1 night: The Lalit Temple View
- Orchha x 1 night: Orchha Palace and Convention Centre
- Agra x 1 night: Courtyard by Marriott/ Trident Hotel
- Jaipur x 2 nights: Hilton Jaipur/ Radisson City Center
- Hyderabad x 2 nights: ITC Kakatiya, a Luxury Collection/ Trident Hotel
- Bijapur x 1 night: The Fern Residency/ Kyriad Hotel Vijayapura by OTHPL
- Badami x 2 nights: Morpho Banashree Resort/ WADA1
- Hampi x 2 nights: Evolve Back, Hampi
- Mumbai x 2 nights: Trident Hotel/President, Mumbai - IHCL SeleQtions

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.

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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.