

Tour Name: Colonial Cities, Tea Estate, Monasteries & Caves

Tour Duration: 12 Nights/ 13 Days

Tour Map: <https://tinyurl.com/45unekzt>

Tour Overview

Embark on a journey through India's Colonial Cities, Tea Estate, Monasteries & Caves. Begin in Kolkata, where bustling markets and colonial architecture set the stage. Traverse to the tranquil hills of Darjeeling and Pelling, discovering tea gardens and ancient monasteries against the backdrop of the Himalayas. Continue to vibrant Gangtok and Kalimpong, exploring Buddhist monasteries and panoramic viewpoints. Fly to Mumbai for a blend of historic caves and bustling city life, before venturing to Aurangabad's Ellora and Ajanta Caves, marvels of ancient rock-cut architecture. Conclude with memories of India's diverse landscapes and cultural legacies, a journey enriched with historical marvels and natural beauty.

Tour Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Kolkata

- Arrival at Kolkata airport or railway station.
- Transfer to the hotel for check-in and rest.
- Evening free to explore nearby markets or enjoy a leisurely walk around the hotel.

Day 2: Kolkata

- Start the day with breakfast at the hotel.
- Visit the Victoria Memorial, an iconic white marble monument and museum dedicated to Queen Victoria.
- Explore the Indian Museum, showcasing an extensive collection of artifacts, including fossils, mummies, and Mughal paintings.
- Stroll through the lush grounds of the Eden Gardens, a historic cricket stadium and one of the largest in the world.
- Discover the Marble Palace, a grand 19th-century mansion with a unique collection of art and antiques.
- Walk around the bustling New Market, known for its wide range of goods and vibrant atmosphere.

- Enjoy an evening boat ride on the Hooghly River to see the city illuminated.
- Return to the hotel for an overnight stay.

Day 3: Kolkata - Bagdogra/ Darjeeling (62kms)

- Start the day with breakfast at the hotel.
- Fly to Bagdogra and drive to Darjeeling.
- En route, enjoy the scenic views of the tea gardens and the lush green landscape.
- Check-in at the hotel upon arrival.
- Evening at leisure to explore the Mall Road and shop for local handicrafts.
- Overnight stay in Darjeeling.

Day 4: Darjeeling

- Start the day with breakfast at the hotel.
- Visit Tiger Hill early in the morning to witness the spectacular sunrise over the Kanchenjunga range.
- Explore the Ghoom Monastery, known for its beautiful Thangka on the walls and a statue of Maitreya Buddha.
- Enjoy a ride on the Darjeeling Himalayan Railway, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and experience the charm of the toy train.
- Stroll through the lush tea gardens and learn about tea production at a local estate, followed by a tea-tasting session.
- Discover the Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park, home to rare and endangered species like the red panda and snow leopard.
- Visit the Himalayan Mountaineering Institute, established in honor of Tenzing Norgay, the first man to climb Mount Everest.
- Return to the hotel for an overnight stay in Darjeeling.

Day 5: Darjeeling - Pelling (75kms)

- Start the day with breakfast at the hotel.
- Drive to Pelling in the morning, passing through scenic landscapes and quaint villages.

- Visit the Pemayangtse Monastery, one of the oldest and most important monasteries in Sikkim, offering panoramic views of the Himalayas.
- Explore the Rabdentse Ruins, the remains of the ancient capital of Sikkim, with beautiful views of the surrounding valleys.
- Check-in at the hotel for an overnight stay in Pelling.

Day 6: Pelling - Gangtok (120kms)

- Start the day with breakfast at the hotel.
- Depart for Gangtok after breakfast, enjoying the picturesque drive through lush forests and terraced fields.
- Visit the Tashiding Monastery, a significant pilgrimage site for Buddhists, known for its sacred chortens.
- Explore the Rumtek Monastery, one of the largest and most important monasteries in Sikkim, housing the Golden Stupa.
- Check-in at the hotel for an overnight stay in Gangtok.

Day 7: Gangtok

- Start the day with breakfast at the hotel.
- Visit the Enchey Monastery, known for its stunning architecture and serene ambiance.
- Explore the Namgyal Institute of Tibetology, housing a rare collection of Tibetan artifacts, manuscripts, and statues.
- Discover the Do Drul Chorten, a prominent stupa surrounded by 108 prayer wheels.
- Stroll through the Flower Exhibition Centre, showcasing a variety of exotic Himalayan flowers.
- Enjoy panoramic views from Tashi View Point, offering a clear view of Kanchenjunga on a clear day.
- Visit the Ganesh Tok, a small temple dedicated to Lord Ganesh, located at a scenic vantage point.
- Return to the hotel for an overnight stay in Gangtok.

Day 8: Gangtok - Kalimpong (75kms)

- Start the day with breakfast at the hotel.

- Drive to Kalimpong in the morning, passing through scenic landscapes.
- Visit the Zang Dhok Palri Phodang, a monastery with beautiful murals and a large collection of rare Buddhist scriptures.
- Explore Dr. Graham's Homes, a historic educational institution and orphanage set amidst picturesque surroundings.
- Stroll through the lush gardens of Deolo Hill, offering stunning views of the Himalayas and the Teesta River.
- Visit the Pine View Nursery, known for its collection of exotic cactus and succulents.
- Check-in at the hotel for an overnight stay in Kalimpong.

Day 9: Kalimpong - Bagdogra (75kms)/ Mumbai

- Start the day with breakfast at the hotel.
- Drive to Bagdogra airport for your flight to Mumbai.
- Arrival in Mumbai and transfer to the hotel for check-in and rest.
- Evening free to explore the local markets or relax at the hotel.
- Overnight stay in Mumbai.

Day 10: Mumbai

- Start the day 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.
- Explore the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya, a major museum in Mumbai with a vast collection of artifacts from India's history.
- Discover the Elephanta Caves, a UNESCO World Heritage Site with rock-cut sculptures dedicated to Lord Shiva, located on Elephanta Island.
- Stroll through the bustling Colaba Causeway, known for its street shopping and vibrant atmosphere.
- Visit the Hanging Gardens, terraced gardens offering beautiful views of the city and a serene escape from the urban hustle.
- Return to the hotel for an overnight stay in Mumbai.

Day 11: Mumbai - Aurangabad

- Start the day with breakfast at the hotel.
- Fly to Aurangabad in the morning.
- Visit Bibi Ka Maqbara, a stunning mausoleum often referred to as the "Taj of the Deccan" due to its resemblance to the Taj Mahal.
- Explore the Daulatabad Fort, a historic hilltop fortress known for its formidable defense structures and scenic views.
- Check-in at the hotel for an overnight stay in Aurangabad.

Day 12: Aurangabad

- Start the day with breakfast at the hotel.
- Visit the Ellora Caves, a UNESCO World Heritage Site featuring an impressive collection of rock-cut temples and monasteries representing Buddhist, Hindu, and Jain traditions.
- Explore the Ajanta Caves, renowned for their ancient Buddhist murals and sculptures that date back to the 2nd century BCE.
- Discover the Panchakki, an ancient water mill demonstrating the remarkable engineering skills of the medieval period.
- Return to the hotel for an overnight stay in Aurangabad.

Day 13: Aurangabad - Departure

- Start the day with breakfast at the hotel.
- Transfer to the airport for your departure flight.
- End of the tour with cherished memories of the Eastern Himalayan and Andaman adventure.

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	3,957	2,123	1,915	2,000	1,783	1,892	1,752	1,648
4★ Deluxe	5,005	2,617	2,408	2,494	2,277	2,385	2,245	2,141
5★ Luxury	6,110	3,567	3,067	3,153	2,936	3,044	2,905	2,800

Single Room Supplement

3★ Standard: USD 625 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 1,180 | 5★ Luxury: USD 1,626

Triple Sharing Discount (Per Person)

3★ Standard: USD 59 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 139 | 5★ Luxury: USD 188

Price Includes:

- Assistance on arrival at airport.
- 12 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 12 nights' accommodation

3 Star Hotels

- Kolkata x 2 nights: Golden Tulip/ Polo Floatel

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- Darjeeling x 2 nights: Summit Swiss Heritage Resort & Spa/ Udaan Himalayan Suites & Spa
- Pelling x 1 night: Summit Newa Regency & Spa/ Magpie Pachhu Village Resort
- Gangtok x 2 nights: Summit Namnang Courtyard & Spa/ Summit Norling Resort & Spa
- Kalimpong x 1 night: Hotel Godwin, Colaba/ Hotel Suba Palace
- Mumbai x 2 nights: Hotel Godwin, Colaba/ Hotel Suba Palace
- Aurangabad x 2 nights: The Fern Residency/ Amarpreet Hotel

4 Star Hotels

- Kolkata x 2 nights: The Elgin Fairlawn/ ZONE By The Park
- Darjeeling x 2 nights: Elgin Hotel/ TRamada by Wyndham
- Pelling x 1 night: The Elgin Mount Pandim/ Chumbi Mountain Retreat & Spa
- Gangtok x 2 nights: Elgin NorKhill/ Denzong Regency
- Kalimpong x 1 night: The Elgin Silver Oaks
- Mumbai x 2 nights: Fariyas Hotel/ The Gordon House
- Aurangabad x 2 nights: Lemon Tree Hotel

5 Star Hotels

- Kolkata x 2 nights: ITC Sonar, a Luxury Collection/ The Lalit Great Eastern
- Darjeeling x 2 nights: Mayfair/ Ging Tea House
- Pelling x 1 night: The Elgin Mount Pandim/ Chumbi Mountain Retreat & Spa
- Gangtok x 2 nights: Mayfair Spa Resort & Casino/ Tashiling Residency Hotel & Spa
- Kalimpong x 1 night: Mayfair
- Mumbai x 2 nights: Trident Hotel/ President, Mumbai - IHCL SeleQtions
- 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

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- 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.

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- **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.