

Tour Name: Colonial Cities, Train, Tea, Tiger & Tribal

Tour Duration: 15 Nights/ 16 Days

Tour Map: <https://tinyurl.com/3e5f48w7>

Tour Overview

Embark on a captivating journey through East India with our "Colonial Cities, Train, Tea, Tiger & Tribal" tour. Beginning in Mumbai, delve into the city's vibrant tapestry of colonial-era landmarks and bustling markets. Traverse to the serene hills of Darjeeling and Pelling, where tea plantations paint the landscape green. In Gangtok and Kalimpong, explore Tibetan monasteries and verdant valleys nestled amidst the Himalayan peaks. Wildlife enthusiasts will marvel at Kaziranga National Park's rich biodiversity, home to the endangered one-horned rhinoceros. Discover the cultural oasis of Majuli and the historic charm of Kolkata, where colonial architecture meets bustling streets. This journey promises an unforgettable blend of history, nature, and cultural exploration across East India's diverse landscapes.

Tour Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Mumbai

- Arrive at Mumbai International Airport and transfer to your hotel.
- Relax and refresh after your journey. Mumbai, India's financial capital, welcomes you with its bustling streets and vibrant culture.

Day 2: Mumbai

- Enjoy breakfast at the hotel.
- Visit the Gateway of India, a historic landmark overlooking the Arabian Sea, built to commemorate the visit of King George V and Queen Mary in 1911. Explore the adjacent waterfront promenade and enjoy views of the iconic Taj Mahal Palace hotel.
- Explore the Prince of Wales Museum (now Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya), housing a priceless collection of art and artifacts representing India's rich heritage, including sculptures, miniature paintings, and decorative arts.
- Take a walk through the Colaba Causeway, known for its bustling markets, cafes, and street food stalls offering a taste of Mumbai's diverse culinary delights.

- Optional: Visit Dhobi Ghat, the world's largest outdoor laundry, where hundreds of washermen wash clothes from Mumbai's hotels and hospitals.

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

- After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight to Bagdogra.
- Drive to Darjeeling, a charming hill station renowned for its tea gardens and panoramic views of the Himalayas.
- Check-in at your hotel and relax amidst the cool mountain air.

Day 4: Darjeeling

- After breakfast, start with an early morning visit to Tiger Hill to witness the spectacular sunrise over Mt. Kanchenjunga, the world's third-highest peak. Enjoy breathtaking views as the sun illuminates the snow-capped peaks.
- Visit the Himalayan Mountaineering Institute & Museum, dedicated to mountaineering feats and housing rare artifacts and exhibits. Learn about the history of climbing in the Himalayas and famous mountaineers.
- Explore the Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park to see endangered species like the red panda and snow leopard in their natural habitat. The park is known for its conservation efforts and breeding programs.
- Enjoy a ride on the Darjeeling Himalayan Railway, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, on the charming Toy Train through scenic landscapes and tea gardens. Experience the nostalgia of a bygone era on this narrow-gauge railway journey.

Day 5: Darjeeling - Pelling (75kms)

- After breakfast, drive to Pelling, a serene town offering breathtaking views of the Kanchenjunga range.
- Visit Pemayangtse Monastery, one of the oldest monasteries in Sikkim, known for its ancient Buddhist artifacts and stunning location. Explore the monastery's prayer halls and intricate wood carvings.
- Explore Rabdentse Ruins, the ancient capital of Sikkim, offering panoramic views of the surrounding valleys and lush forests. Walk among the ruins and imagine the grandeur of the past.
- Optional: Visit Khecheopalri Lake, a sacred lake surrounded by dense forests and revered by Buddhists and Hindus alike. Enjoy the serene ambiance and participate in a prayer session by the lakeside.

Day 6: Pelling - Gangtok (120kms)

- After breakfast, travel to Gangtok, the capital city of Sikkim, known for its Buddhist monasteries and vibrant culture.
- Visit Enchey Monastery, an important religious site with serene surroundings and intricate architecture. Attend a prayer session and learn about Tibetan Buddhism.
- Explore Namgyal Institute of Tibetology, housing a vast collection of Tibetan artifacts, scriptures, and ancient manuscripts. Gain insights into Tibetan culture and history through interactive exhibits.
- Enjoy a stroll along MG Marg, Gangtok's bustling pedestrian street lined with shops, eateries, and local handicraft stalls. Experience the local flavors and shop for traditional Sikkimese handicrafts.

Day 7: Gangtok

- After breakfast, visit Tsomgo Lake (Changu Lake), a glacial lake nestled amidst snow-capped mountains, offering stunning views and serene surroundings. Enjoy a yak ride along the lakeshore and capture memorable photos.
- Explore Baba Harbhajan Singh Mandir, a revered shrine dedicated to an Indian Army soldier, known for its spiritual significance and scenic location. Learn about the legends associated with the temple.
- Optional: Visit Nathu La Pass (subject to availability), a high-altitude mountain pass on the India-China border offering panoramic views and a glimpse into border trade activities. Experience the thrill of standing at the international boundary.

Day 8: Gangtok - Kalimpong (75kms)

- After breakfast, drive to Kalimpong, a peaceful hill station with panoramic views of the Teesta River and the Eastern Himalayas.
- Visit Durpin Monastery, offering panoramic views of the town and surrounding hills. Participate in a meditation session and enjoy the tranquility of the monastery.
- Explore the Kalimpong Arts & Craft Center, known for its traditional handicrafts, Tibetan artifacts, and woolen carpets. Witness artisans at work and shop for souvenirs.
- Take a leisurely walk through the local market to interact with the friendly locals and sample local delicacies.

Day 9: Kalimpong - Bagdogra (75kms)/ Guwahati (flight)

- Transfer to Bagdogra for your flight to Guwahati, the gateway to Northeast India.
- Check-in at your hotel in Guwahati and relax amidst the tranquil surroundings.

Day 10: Guwahati - Kaziranga NP (200kms)

- After breakfast, drive to Kaziranga National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and home to the one-horned rhinoceros. Enjoy the scenic drive through rural Assam.
- Check-in at your lodge and relax amidst the wilderness of Kaziranga.
- Enjoy an afternoon jeep safari in Kaziranga to spot wildlife such as elephants, tigers, and the elusive water buffalo. Experience the thrill of wildlife encounters in their natural habitat.

Day 11: Kaziranga NP

- Embark on morning and afternoon safaris in Kaziranga to explore its diverse habitats and wildlife. Capture photos of the rare species and pristine landscapes.
- Visit a local village to interact with Assamese tribal communities and learn about their unique culture, traditions, and handicrafts. Participate in cultural activities and enjoy a traditional Assamese meal.

Day 12: Kaziranga - Majuli (150kms)

- After breakfast, drive to Neamati Ghat and take a ferry to Majuli, the world's largest river island known for its Vaishnavite monasteries (Satras) and cultural heritage.
- Explore Auniati Satra and other Satras to witness traditional dance forms and artistic expressions. Attend a cultural performance showcasing the rich heritage of Majuli.
- Visit Mishing tribal villages to learn about their sustainable way of life, indigenous crafts, and vibrant festivals. Interact with locals and gain insights into their traditional practices.

Day 13: Majuli - Jorhat (40kms)

- After breakfast, drive to Jorhat, a historical town renowned as the tea capital of Assam. Visit a local tea estate to witness tea plucking and processing techniques.
- Explore Thengal Bhawan, a historic mansion showcasing Assamese architecture and cultural artifacts. Learn about the tea industry's influence on the region's economy and heritage.

Day 14: Jorhat - Kolkata (flight)

- Fly to Kolkata and check-in at your hotel.
- Explore Kolkata's colonial landmarks such as Victoria Memorial, St. Paul's Cathedral, and the iconic Howrah Bridge. Learn about the city's history and architectural heritage.
- Visit Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity to learn about her humanitarian work and legacy. Participate in voluntary activities and support charitable causes.

Day 15: Kolkata

- After breakfast, start your day with a visit to the iconic Victoria Memorial, a monument and museum showcasing Indo-Saracenic architecture and British-era artifacts.
- Explore St. Paul's Cathedral, an impressive Anglican cathedral with Gothic architecture, known for its serene ambiance and stained glass windows.
- Visit Kalighat Kali Temple, one of Kolkata's oldest and most revered temples dedicated to Goddess Kali, attracting devotees and visitors alike.
- Next, explore the historic Howrah Bridge, a cantilever bridge over the Hooghly River, offering panoramic views and a bustling atmosphere.
- Visit the Mother House, headquarters of Missionaries of Charity founded by Mother Teresa, offering insights into her life and humanitarian work.
- Proceed to New Market, a bustling shopping district known for its diverse range of products, from textiles and handicrafts to spices and electronics.
- Discover Science City, a science museum and exhibition center offering interactive exhibits, a space theater, and a butterfly park, enjoyable for all ages.
- Conclude your day with a visit to Park Street, a lively thoroughfare known for its restaurants, cafes, and nightlife, providing a glimpse into Kolkata's modern dining and entertainment scene.

Day 16: Kolkata - Departure

- Depending on your flight schedule, you may have time for last-minute shopping or sightseeing.
- Transfer to Kolkata International Airport for your departure, concluding your enriching journey through East India's colonial cities, tea estates, wildlife reserves, and cultural heritage sites.

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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	5,588	3,016	2,671	2,825	2,509	2,755	2,540	2,378
4★ Deluxe	6,737	3,599	3,255	3,408	3,093	3,339	3,123	2,962
5★ Luxury	8,605	4,990	4,278	4,431	4,116	4,362	4,147	3,985

Single Room Supplement

3★ Standard: USD 803 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 1,369 | 5★ Luxury: USD 2,213

Triple Sharing Discount (Per Person)

3★ Standard: USD 62 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 157 | 5★ Luxury: USD 274

Price Includes:

- Assistance on arrival at airport.
- 15 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.
- 3-Time Gypsy safari in Kaziranga National Parks with naturalist.
- Bottled drinking water in car.
- Government taxes.

Price Does Not Include:

- Mumbai - Bagdogra - Guwahati & Jorhat - Kolkata flight fare approx INR 20,000 per person in economy class.
- Camera charges at monuments if any.

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- 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 15 nights' accommodation

3 Star Hotels

- Mumbai x 2 nights: Hotel Godwin, Colaba/ Hotel Suba Palace
- 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: Summit Barsana Resort & Spa/ Sinclairs Retreat
- Guwahati x 1 night: Landmark Hotel/ Hotel Lily
- Kaziranga NP x 2 nights: Infinity Resorts/ Wild Grass Lodge
- Majuli x 1 night: Jonki Panoi Bamboo Cottages by WCH/ Enchanting Majuli
- Jorhat x 1 night: The Manor A Boutique Hotel/ Prism A Boutique Hotel
- Kolkata x 2 nights: Golden Tulip/ Polo Floatel

4 Star Hotels

- Mumbai x 2 nights: Fariyas Hotel/ The Gordon House
- Darjeeling x 2 nights: Elgin Hotel/ Ramada 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
- Guwahati x 1 night: The Guwahati Address by Centre Point/ Hotel Dynasty

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- Kaziranga NP x 2 nights: Borgos Resort/ Hotel Ivora
- Majuli x 1 night: Prashanti Prashanti Cottages or similar (Basic Property)
- Jorhat x 1 night: The Manor A Boutique Hotel/ Prism A Boutique Hotel
- Kolkata x 2 nights: The Elgin Fairlawn/ ZONE By The Park

5 Star Hotels

- Mumbai x 2 nights: Trident Hotel/ President, Mumbai - IHCL SeleQtions
- 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
- Guwahati x 1 night: Vivanta Guwahati/ Radisson Blu Guwahati
- Kaziranga NP x 2 nights: Diphlu River Lodge
- Majuli x 1 night: Jonki Panoi Bamboo Cottages by WCH/ Enchanting Majuli
- Jorhat x 1 night: The Manor A Boutique Hotel/ Prism A Boutique Hotel
- Kolkata x 2 nights: ITC Sonar, a Luxury Collection/ The Lalit Great Eastern

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.

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- 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.

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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.