

Tour Name: Dive Deeper into India's Rich Culture and Heritage

Tour Duration: 12 Nights/ 13 Days

Tour Map: <https://tinyurl.com/34caszbk>

Tour Overview

Embark on a captivating journey through India's cultural tapestry with our "Dive Deeper into India's Rich Culture and Heritage" tour. Begin in Delhi, where the bustling streets and historic monuments reveal centuries of architectural marvels and vibrant markets. Traverse to Agra, home to the iconic Taj Mahal and Agra Fort, immersing yourself in Mughal grandeur. Experience Varanasi's spiritual essence with dawn rituals on the Ganges and a visit to Sarnath's revered Buddhist sites. Mumbai awaits with its eclectic blend of colonial heritage, bustling bazaars, and Bollywood glamour, while Aurangabad unveils the ancient wonders of Ajanta and Ellora Caves. This journey promises an unforgettable exploration of India's rich heritage and diverse landscapes.

Tour Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Delhi

- Arrive at Indira Gandhi International Airport in Delhi.
- Meet your tour representative and transfer to your hotel in Delhi.
- Check-in and freshen up after your journey.
- Rest and relax to overcome any jet lag.
- Depending on arrival time, you may explore nearby areas or markets at your leisure.

Day 2: Delhi

- Start with breakfast at the hotel.
- Qutub Minar: Marvel at the tallest brick minaret in the world, a UNESCO World Heritage site, known for its Indo-Islamic architecture and intricate carvings.
- Lotus Temple: Visit the Bahá'í House of Worship, shaped like a lotus flower and known for its serene ambiance and beautiful gardens.
- Humayun's Tomb: Explore the tomb of the Mughal Emperor Humayun, a UNESCO World Heritage site, with its impressive Persian-style architecture and lush gardens.

- India Gate: Pay homage to Indian soldiers who died in World War I, and visit the Amar Jawan Jyoti, an eternal flame commemorating soldiers martyred in various wars.
- Rajpath and Rashtrapati Bhavan: Drive along this ceremonial boulevard to view the President's residence, a blend of Mughal and Western architectural styles.
- Lodhi Garden: Relax in this historical park with beautifully landscaped gardens and ancient monuments.

Day 3: Delhi - Agra (204kms)

- After breakfast, drive to Agra.
- En route, visit Gwalior Fort, an 8th-century hill fort known for its stunning architecture and historical significance.
- Continue to Agra and check-in at the hotel.
- Visit Mehtab Bagh, a garden offering stunning views of the Taj Mahal from across the Yamuna River.
- Relax and prepare for the next day's exploration.

Day 4: Agra - Orchha (220kms)

- Start with breakfast at the hotel.
- Drive to Orchha, a medieval riverside town.
- En route, visit Gwalior Fort, an ancient hill fort known for its historical architecture and palaces.
- After checking in at the hotel in Orchha, visit Orchha Fort Complex: Explore the grand palaces and temples within this historical fort complex, including Jahangir Mahal and Raj Mahal, and other temples like Chhatris.
- Relax and overnight stay in Orchha.

Day 5: Orchha - Khajuraho (178km)

- Start with breakfast at the hotel.
- Drive to Khajuraho.
- Visit the Western Group of Temples in Khajuraho, a UNESCO World Heritage site known for its exquisite Nagara-style architectural symbolism and intricate erotic sculptures.

- Explore the Eastern Group of Temples, including Jain temples, known for their simplicity and elegance.
- Overnight stay in Khajuraho.

Day 6: Khajuraho - Varanasi (flight)

- Start with breakfast at the hotel.
- Fly to Varanasi, one of the oldest living cities in the world.
- Arrive and transfer to your hotel.
- Evening visit to the ghats for Ganga Aarti, a mesmerizing ritual involving prayers, lamps, and chants dedicated to the River Ganges.
- Overnight stay in Varanasi.

Day 7: Varanasi

- Early morning boat ride on the River Ganges to witness the sunrise and rituals along the ghats.
- Visit Sarnath, where Lord Buddha gave his first sermon. Explore the Dhamek Stupa, a massive structure marking the spot of Buddha's teachings, and the Archaeological Museum.
- Kashi Vishwanath Temple: Visit one of the most sacred Hindu temples dedicated to Lord Shiva, known for its gold-plated spire and bustling atmosphere.
- Bharat Mata Temple: Explore this unique temple dedicated to Mother India, featuring a large relief map of undivided India carved in marble, symbolizing national unity and diversity.
- Sankat Mochan Hanuman Temple: Visit this revered temple dedicated to Lord Hanuman, known as the "Monkey God," situated by the Assi Ghat.
- Benaras Hindu University (BHU): Explore the campus, known for its sprawling grounds, museums, and the Bharat Kala Bhavan Museum showcasing a vast collection of artifacts.

Day 8: Varanasi - Mumbai (flight)

- Start with breakfast at the hotel.
- Fly to Mumbai, India's financial and entertainment capital.
- Check-in at the hotel.

- Evening stroll along Marine Drive, known as the Queen's Necklace, enjoying the sea breeze and the view of the skyline.
- Overnight stay in Mumbai.

Day 9: Mumbai

- Start with breakfast at the hotel.
- Gateway of India: Visit this iconic monument overlooking the Arabian Sea, built to commemorate the visit of King George V and Queen Mary to Mumbai.
- Elephanta Caves: Take a ferry to Elephanta Island to explore the rock-cut caves dedicated to Lord Shiva, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
- Prince of Wales Museum (Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya): Explore the museum showcasing art, sculpture, and artifacts from ancient and medieval India.
- Colaba Causeway: Enjoy shopping for souvenirs, clothes, and handicrafts in this bustling market area.
- Evening at leisure or optional visit to Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus, a UNESCO World Heritage site showcasing Victorian Gothic architecture.
- Overnight stay in Mumbai.

Day 10: Mumbai - Aurangabad (flight)

- Start with breakfast at the hotel.
- Fly to Aurangabad, gateway to the UNESCO World Heritage sites of Ajanta and Ellora Caves.
- Check-in at the hotel.
- Visit Ellora Caves, a remarkable rock-cut cave complex featuring Buddhist, Hindu, and Jain temples, including the famous Kailasa Temple.
- Overnight stay in Aurangabad.

Day 11: Aurangabad

- Full-day excursion to Ajanta Caves, a UNESCO World Heritage site known for its ancient Buddhist cave temples and exquisite murals depicting the life of Buddha.
- Explore Daulatabad Fort, a majestic hilltop fortress known for its strategic architecture and historical significance.

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- Visit Bibi ka Maqbara, a tomb resembling the Taj Mahal and often called the "Mini Taj" due to its similar architectural style.
- Overnight stay in Aurangabad.

Day 12: Aurangabad - Delhi (flight)

- Start with breakfast at the hotel.
- Visit Panchakki (Water Mill) and other local attractions.
- Fly back to Delhi.
- Check-in at the hotel and relax or explore local markets for souvenirs.
- Overnight stay in Delhi.

Day 13: Delhi - Departure (flight)

- After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your onward journey, concluding your memorable tour of India's incredible monuments and rich cultural heritage.

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	3,925	2,165	1,868	1,950	1,753	1,720	1,612	1,531
4★ Deluxe	4,587	2,488	2,191	2,273	2,076	2,043	1,935	1,854
5★ Luxury	5,727	3,247	2,796	2,878	2,681	2,648	2,540	2,459

Valid for Travel: 16 April 2027 to 15 September 2027

Persons	Solo	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
3★ Standard	3,745	2,033	1,736	1,818	1,621	1,589	1,481	1,400
4★ Deluxe	4,116	2,249	1,952	2,034	1,837	1,804	1,697	1,616
5★ Luxury	5,207	2,953	2,502	2,583	2,386	2,354	2,246	2,165

Single Room Supplement

3★ Standard: USD 560 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 899 | 5★ Luxury: USD 1,434

Triple Sharing Discount (Per Person)

3★ Standard: USD 46 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 103 | 5★ Luxury: USD 186

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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:

- Khajuraho - Varanasi - Mumbai - Aurangabad - Delhi flight fare approx INR 20500 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 12 nights' accommodation

3 Star Hotels

- Delhi x 2 nights: Dee Marks Hotel & Resorts/ Emerald Hotel
- Agra x 1 night: Howard Plaza the Fern/ Hotel Atulyaa Taj
- Orchha x 1 night: Orchha Resort/ Amar Mahal
- Khajuraho x 1 night: Ramada/SYNA Heritage Hotel
- Varanasi x 2 nights: Meraden Grand/ Hotel Tridev
- Mumbai x 2 nights: Hotel Godwin, Colaba/ Hotel Suba Palace

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- Aurangabad x 2 nights: The Fern Residency/ Amarpreet Hotel
- Delhi x 1 night: Dee Marks Hotel & Resorts/ Emarald Hotel

4 Star Hotels

- Delhi x 2 nights: The Hans/ The Royal Plaza
- Agra x 1 night: Radisson Hotel/ Holiday Inn
- Orchha x 1 night: Orchha Resort/ Amar Mahal
- Khajuraho x 1 night: Radisson Hotel/ Hotel Chandela
- Varanasi x 2 nights: Rivatas by Ideal/ The Amayaa
- Mumbai x 2 nights: Fariyas Hotel/ The Gordon House
- Aurangabad x 2 nights: Lemon Tree Hotel
- Delhi x 1 night: The Hans/ The Royal Plaza

5 Star Hotels

- Delhi x 2 nights: Le Meridien/ The Grand New Delhi
- Agra x 1 night: Courtyard by Marriott/ Trident Hotel
- Orchha x 1 night: Orchha Palace and Convention Centre
- Khajuraho x 1 night: The Lalit Temple View
- Varanasi x 2 nights: Ramada JHV/ Radisson Hotel
- Mumbai x 2 nights: Trident Hotel/President, Mumbai - IHCL SeleQtions
- Aurangabad x 2 nights: WelcomHotel Rama International/ Vivanta Aurangabad
- Delhi x 1 night: Le Meridien/ The Grand New Delhi

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.
- 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.

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- **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.