

Tour Name: Emperor & Empires, Fort, Palaces & Temple, North & South India

Tour Duration: 13 Nights/ 14 Days

Tour Map: <https://tinyurl.com/4a6yuh3y>

Tour Overview

Embark on the "Emperor & Empires, Fort, Palaces & Temple, North & South India" and delve into a journey that spans centuries of rich cultural and historical wonders. Begin in Delhi, where Mughal grandeur unfolds at the Red Fort and the iconic Taj Mahal mesmerizes in Agra. Explore Jaipur's vibrant Rajputana heritage before flying south to Hyderabad, a city of pearls and palaces. Discover the architectural marvels of Gulbarga and Bijapur, where ancient forts and Islamic artistry await. In Badami, Hampi, and beyond, delve into the ancient legacies of the Chalukyas and Vijayanagara Empire, marveling at rock-cut temples and sprawling ruins. This tour promises an unforgettable immersion into India's diverse heritage, from regal forts to sacred temples, bridging the cultural tapestries of North and South India.

Tour Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Delhi

- Arrive in Delhi and transfer to your hotel. Relax and refresh after your journey.

Day 2: Delhi

- Breakfast at hotel: Start your day with a delicious breakfast.
- Begin with a visit to Jama Masjid, the largest mosque in India, known for its stunning architecture and serene atmosphere. Climb the minarets for panoramic views of Old Delhi.
- Explore Chandni Chowk, a bustling market known for its vibrant bazaars, street food, and historical landmarks. Experience a rickshaw ride through its narrow lanes.
- Visit the Red Fort, a UNESCO World Heritage site and former residence of Mughal emperors. Explore its palaces, gardens, and museums showcasing Mughal art and artifacts.
- Lunch at a local restaurant to savor Delhi's diverse culinary delights.
- Afternoon visit to Raj Ghat, Mahatma Gandhi's memorial site where he was cremated. Pay homage to the Father of the Nation amidst tranquil gardens.
- Conclude with a visit to Humayun's Tomb, an architectural marvel and UNESCO site, predating the Taj Mahal with its Persian-inspired gardens and intricate craftsmanship.

Day 3: Delhi - Agra (204kms)

- Breakfast at hotel: Enjoy a hearty breakfast before departing for Agra.
- Morning visit to the iconic Taj Mahal, a UNESCO World Heritage site and symbol of eternal love. Admire its white marble beauty during sunrise and learn about its history and architecture.
- Explore Agra Fort, a majestic red sandstone fortress housing palaces, mosques, and audience halls. Enjoy views of the Taj Mahal from its strategic vantage points.
- Lunch break to taste local Mughlai cuisine at a recommended restaurant.
- Afternoon visit to Itmad-ud-Daulah's Tomb, often called the "Baby Taj" for its intricate marble inlay work and serene setting along the Yamuna River.
- Sunset visit to Mehtab Bagh across the river for a mesmerizing view of the Taj Mahal at dusk.

Day 4: Agra - Jaipur (245kms)

- Breakfast at hotel: Start your day with a traditional breakfast.
- En route to Jaipur, stop at Fatehpur Sikri, a UNESCO site and former Mughal capital known for its red sandstone palaces, mosques, and historical significance.
- Continue to Jaipur and check-in at your hotel.
- Evening visit to the local markets or relax at the hotel to prepare for the next day's exploration.

Day 5: Jaipur

- Breakfast at hotel: Enjoy a delicious breakfast before embarking on Jaipur sightseeing.
- Morning excursion to Amber Fort, a majestic hilltop fortress with intricate marble palaces, gardens, and stunning views of Maota Lake. Experience an elephant or jeep ride up to the fort.
- Visit the City Palace, the royal residence of Jaipur's Maharajas, showcasing a blend of Rajput and Mughal architecture. Explore its museums and art galleries.
- Lunch break at a local restaurant to savor Rajasthani cuisine.
- Afternoon visit to Jantar Mantar, an astronomical observatory housing ancient astronomical instruments and UNESCO site.
- Evening stroll through the bustling bazaars of Jaipur, including Johari Bazaar and Bapu Bazaar, known for textiles, jewelry, and handicrafts.

Day 6: Jaipur - Hyderabad (flight)

- Breakfast at hotel: Enjoy breakfast before your flight to Hyderabad.
- Upon arrival, visit Golconda Fort, a historic fortress known for its impressive architecture, acoustics, and panoramic views of Hyderabad.
- Explore Qutb Shahi Tombs, an ancient necropolis housing the tombs of rulers of the Qutb Shahi dynasty amidst landscaped gardens.
- Evening visit to Charminar, a symbol of Hyderabad, and explore the bustling markets and lanes around it.

Day 7: Hyderabad

- Breakfast at hotel: Start your day with a delightful breakfast.
- Morning visit to Salar Jung Museum, home to one of the largest collections of art and artifacts from around the world, including sculptures, paintings, and antiques.
- Explore Chowmahalla Palace, once the seat of the Nizams, showcasing grand architecture, courtyards, and vintage cars.
- Lunch break to taste Hyderabadi cuisine at a recommended restaurant.
- Afternoon visit to Birla Mandir, a serene temple dedicated to Lord Venkateswara offering panoramic views of Hyderabad.
- Sunset boat ride on Hussain Sagar Lake to the Statue of Buddha, enjoying the tranquil waters and views of the city skyline.

Day 8: Hyderabad - Gulbarga (260kms)

- Breakfast at hotel: Enjoy breakfast before departing for Gulbarga.
- Explore Gulbarga Fort, a historical fortress built during the Bahmani Sultanate with impressive architecture and historical significance.
- Visit Jama Masjid, one of South India's largest mosques known for its intricate design and spiritual ambiance.

Day 9: Gulbarga - Bijapur (170kms)

- Breakfast at hotel: Start your day with breakfast before driving to Bijapur.
- Morning visit to Gol Gumbaz, an iconic mausoleum with the world's second-largest dome and whispering gallery offering unique acoustics.
- Explore Ibrahim Rauza, a grand tomb and mosque complex showcasing exquisite carvings and architectural symmetry.
- Visit Jami Masjid, a majestic mosque with Persian and Indian architectural influences, known for its towering minarets and historical importance.

Day 10: Bijapur - Badami (120kms)

- Breakfast at hotel: Enjoy breakfast before traveling to Badami.
- Explore Badami Cave Temples, ancient rock-cut temples dedicated to Hindu deities with intricate carvings and historical significance.
- Visit Bhutanatha Temples, located on the banks of Agastya Lake, offering serene views and a glimpse into ancient temple architecture.
- Afternoon visit to the Archaeological Museum, housing artifacts from the Chalukyan period, including sculptures, inscriptions, and archaeological finds.

Day 11: Badami

- Breakfast at hotel: Start your day with a delicious breakfast.
- Visit Aihole, an ancient village known as the "Cradle of Indian Architecture," with over 125 stone temples dating back to the 6th century.
- Explore Pattadakal, a UNESCO World Heritage site renowned for its intricately carved temples blending North Indian Nagara and South Indian Dravidian styles.

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- Return to Badami and relax or explore the local markets and traditional handicrafts in the evening.

Day 12: Badami - Hampi (180kms)

- Breakfast at hotel: Fuel up for your journey to Hampi.
- Explore Hampi's Ruins, a UNESCO World Heritage site scattered across a surreal landscape of ancient temples, palaces, and monuments.
- Visit Virupaksha Temple, dedicated to Lord Shiva and one of the oldest functioning temples in India, known for its intricate carvings and religious significance.
- Explore Vittala Temple, famous for its stone chariot, musical pillars, and impressive architecture reflecting the grandeur of the Vijayanagara Empire.

Day 13: Hampi

- Breakfast at hotel: Start your day with a delightful breakfast.
- Visit Lotus Mahal, an elegant pavilion within the Zenana Enclosure known for its graceful architecture and a blend of Islamic and Hindu styles.
- Explore Elephant Stables, a majestic structure that once housed royal elephants, showcasing Indo-Islamic architecture and historical grandeur.
- Visit Achyutaraya Temple, dedicated to Lord Tiruvengalanatha, known for its intricate carvings, sculptures, and spiritual significance.

Day 14: Hampi - Hubli Airport (140kms)

- Breakfast at hotel: Enjoy your final breakfast in Hampi.
- Transfer to Hubli Airport for your onward journey, concluding your enriching exploration of North and South India's historical and cultural treasures.

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	4,044	2,215	1,898	1,983	1,777	1,736	1,625	1,541
4★ Deluxe	4,878	2,668	2,351	2,435	2,230	2,189	2,077	1,994
5★ Luxury	6,532	3,664	3,192	3,277	3,072	3,031	2,919	2,836

Valid for Travel: 16 April 2027 to 15 September 2027

Persons	Solo	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
3★ Standard	3,886	2,118	1,851	1,867	1,665	1,639	1,527	1,444
4★ Deluxe	4,280	2,357	2,089	2,105	1,903	1,878	1,766	1,682
5★ Luxury	5,682	3,264	2,767	2,783	2,582	2,556	2,444	2,360

Single Room Supplement

3★ Standard: USD 567 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 949 | 5★ Luxury: USD 1,761

Triple Sharing Discount (Per Person)

3★ Standard: USD 71 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 132 | 5★ Luxury: USD 294

Price Includes:

- Assistance on arrival at airport.
- 13 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:

- Jaipur - Hyderabad & Hubli - Delhi/Mumbai flight fare approx INR 12, 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 13 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
- Jaipur x 2 nights: ZONE By THE Park/ The Fern Residency
- Hyderabad x 2 nights: Aditya Park/ Red Fox Hotel
- Gulbarga x 1 night: Kyriad Hotel Gulbarga by OTHPL/ Mastiff Select
- Bijapur x 1 night: The Fern Residency/ Kyriad Hotel Vijayapura by OTHPL
- Badami x 2 nights: Badami Court/ Clarks Inn
- Hospet/ Hampi x 2 nights: Malligi Hotel/ Clarks Inn

4 Star Hotels

- Delhi x 2 nights: The Hans/ The Royal Plaza
- Agra x 1 night: Radisson Hotel/ Holiday Inn
- Jaipur x 2 nights: Holiday Inn Jaipur City Centre/ Lemon Tree Premier
- Hyderabad x 2 nights: Lemon Tree Hotel/ Fortune Park Vallabha
- Gulbarga x 1 night: Kyriad Hotel Gulbarga by OTHPL/ Mastiff Select
- Bijapur x 1 night: The Fern Residency/ Kyriad Hotel Vijayapura by OTHPL
- Badami x 2 nights: Morpho Banashree Resort
- Hospet/ Hampi x 2 nights: Heritage Resort/ Royal Orchid Central Keerti

5 Star Hotels

- Delhi x 2 nights: Le Meridien/ The Grand New Delhi
- Agra x 1 night: Courtyard by Marriott/ Trident Hotel
- Jaipur x 2 nights: Trident Hotel/ Hilton Jaipur
- Hyderabad x 2 nights: ITC Kakatiya, a Luxury Collection/ Trident Hotel
- Gulbarga x 1 night: Kyriad Hotel Gulbarga by OTHPL/ Mastiff Select
- Bijapur x 1 night: The Fern Residency/ Kyriad Hotel Vijayapura by OTHPL
- Badami x 2 nights: Morpho Banashree Resort
- Hospet/ Hampi x 2 nights: Evolve Back, Hampi

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.
- **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.