

Tour Name: Golden Triangle with Goa, Hampi & Kerala Backwater

Tour Duration: 17 Nights/ 18 Days

Tour Map: <https://tinyurl.com/4v8jvr5s>

Tour Overview

Embark on an unforgettable journey with the Golden Triangle with Goa, Hampi & Kerala Backwater Tour, spanning from the historical heartland to the scenic coastlines. Begin in Delhi, India's bustling capital, exploring its iconic landmarks and vibrant culture. Witness the majestic Taj Mahal at sunrise in Agra and delve into Jaipur's royal heritage. Transition from the architectural marvels of Hampi to the serene backwaters of Kerala, experiencing traditional houseboat cruises and lush tea plantations. Discover the diverse wildlife of Thekkady's Periyar Sanctuary and the colonial charm of Cochin. This comprehensive tour blends India's rich cultural tapestry with its breathtaking natural landscapes, offering a truly immersive experience.

Tour Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Delhi

- Arrive in Delhi and transfer to your hotel.
- Delhi, India's bustling capital, welcomes you with its vibrant mix of history, culture, and modernity.
- Free time to relax or explore the local area on your own.

Day 2: Delhi

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Explore Delhi's historical landmarks:
- Marvel at Qutub Minar, the tallest brick minaret in the world, adorned with intricate carvings that narrate tales of history and conquest.
- Visit Humayun's Tomb, an early example of Mughal architecture set in Persian-inspired gardens, a precursor to the Taj Mahal.
- Experience Lotus Temple's serene atmosphere, known for its lotus-shaped design and tranquil ponds, a symbol of peace and unity.

- Pay homage at India Gate, a war memorial honoring Indian soldiers, set amidst landscaped gardens and the majestic Rashtrapati Bhavan.
- Drive through Rajpath, Delhi's ceremonial boulevard, flanked by imposing government buildings and lush green lawns.
- Discover Akshardham Temple's grandeur, showcasing Hindu art, culture, and spirituality with its intricately carved sculptures and musical fountain show.

Day 3: Delhi - Agra (210kms)

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Head to Agra, home to architectural wonders:
- Witness the Taj Mahal at sunrise, an epitome of love with its pristine white marble and intricate inlay work, reflecting the changing hues of the sky.
- Explore Agra Fort, a UNESCO World Heritage site, a red sandstone fortress housing palaces, mosques, and courtyards with a view of the Taj Mahal.
- Discover Itmad-ud-Daulah's Tomb, the 'Baby Taj,' featuring delicate marble lattice work, a jewel box in Agra's architectural crown.
- Enjoy shopping for local handicrafts and souvenirs in Agra's bustling markets, known for marble inlay work, leather goods, and textiles.

Day 4: Agra - Jaipur (245kms)

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Travel to Jaipur, the 'Pink City' known for its royal palaces and vibrant culture:
- Visit Fatehpur Sikri, a perfectly preserved Mughal city showcasing Indo-Islamic architecture, including the Buland Darwaza and Panch Mahal.
- Marvel at Abhaneri Stepwell, Chand Baori, a stunning 9th-century stepwell with intricate carvings and a labyrinth of steps.
- Explore Jaipur City Palace, a royal residence featuring courtyards, museums, and the elegant Peacock Gate, blending Rajasthani and Mughal architecture.
- Admire Jal Mahal, a palace floating on Man Sagar Lake, offering panoramic views of the Aravalli hills and serene reflections in the water.

Day 5: Jaipur

- Breakfast at the hotel.

- Immerse yourself in Jaipur's cultural and architectural wonders:
- Ascend Amber Fort on an elephant (optional), exploring palaces, gardens, and intricate mirror work in the Sheesh Mahal.
- Wander through City Palace's ornate courtyards, museums, and the elegant Chandra Mahal, still a royal residence.
- Marvel at Hawa Mahal, the 'Palace of Winds,' with its unique five-story facade and 953 windows designed for royal ladies to observe street life.
- Visit Jantar Mantar, a UNESCO-listed astronomical observatory with giant sundials and instruments, an architectural marvel of scientific precision.
- Explore Albert Hall Museum, showcasing Jaipur's history and art in an Indo-Saracenic building, featuring an impressive collection of artifacts.

Day 6: Jaipur - Goa (flight)

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Fly to Goa, known for its beaches, Portuguese heritage, and vibrant culture:
- Enjoy panoramic views of the Arabian Sea from Dona Paula viewpoint, a picturesque spot with legends of romance.

Day 7: Goa

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Visit Old Goa Churches including Basilica of Bom Jesus and Se Cathedral, showcasing Baroque architecture and relics of St. Francis Xavier.
- Wander through Fontainhas Latin Quarter's narrow streets lined with colorful Portuguese-style houses, capturing the old-world charm.
- Visit Calangute, Baga, or Palolem beaches for sunbathing, water sports, and beachside activities, experiencing Goa's vibrant beach culture.
- Optional excursion to Dudhsagar Waterfalls to witness its majestic cascades amidst lush greenery, a thrilling off-road adventure (seasonal access).

Day 8: Goa - Badami (184kms)

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Drive to Badami, known for its rock-cut cave temples:

- Explore Badami Cave Temples carved out of sandstone cliffs, showcasing intricate sculptures of Hindu deities, including the famous 18-armed Nataraja.
- Visit Banashankari Temple, a 7th-century Dravidian temple dedicated to Banashankari Devi, revered by locals and set by a picturesque pond.

Day 9: Badami

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Discover more of Badami's historical and architectural gems:
- Explore Aihole, known as the 'Cradle of Indian Architecture,' with over 125 stone temples displaying various architectural styles from different eras.
- Visit UNESCO-listed Pattadakal, renowned for its group of 8th-century temples blending North and South Indian architectural styles, a testament to Chalukyan craftsmanship.
- Explore Mahakuta Group of Temples, dedicated to Lord Shiva amidst serene surroundings, known for its tranquil ambiance and sacred water tank.

Day 10: Badami - Hampi (180kms)

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Travel to Hampi, a UNESCO World Heritage site known for its ancient ruins:
- Visit Virupaksha Temple, a 7th-century temple dedicated to Lord Shiva, with intricate carvings and a towering gopuram, still an active worship site.
- Explore Vittala Temple with its iconic stone chariot and musical pillars that produce sounds when struck, a masterpiece of Vijayanagara architecture.
- Discover Hampi Bazaar and Royal Enclosure, remnants of the Vijayanagara Empire, with impressive structures like the Queen's Bath and Mahanavami Dibba.

Day 11: Hampi

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Continue exploring Hampi's archaeological wonders:
- Admire Lotus Mahal, known for its Indo-Islamic architecture, and nearby Elephant Stables, where the royal elephants were housed.
- Visit Hazara Rama Temple, featuring bas-reliefs depicting scenes from the Ramayana and processions of elephants, horses, and soldiers.

- Explore the Underground Shiva Temple, partially submerged and known for its mysterious atmosphere and serene surroundings.
- Visit the Queen's Bath, a royal bathing complex with an ornate exterior and an inviting pool, once used by the Vijayanagara queens.
- Discover the grandeur of the Stepped Tank, an architectural marvel with geometric steps leading down to the water, used for religious ceremonies.
- Visit the Sasivekalu Ganesha and Kadalekalu Ganesha, two impressive monolithic sculptures of Lord Ganesha, showcasing intricate carvings and artistry.
- Trek up Hemakuta Hill for panoramic views and explore lesser-known shrines, offering a serene escape and spectacular sunset vistas.

Day 12: Hampi - Hubli (170kms)/ Cochin (flight)

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Travel to Cochin by flight or Hubli by road, depending on your itinerary.

Day 13: Cochin - Munnar (130kms)

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- City tour of Cochin:
 - Explore Fort Kochi's historic area with Portuguese, Dutch, and British colonial influences, including the famous Chinese fishing nets.
 - Visit the Jewish Synagogue, adorned with hand-painted tiles and antique artifacts, a testament to Cochin's multicultural heritage.
 - Discover Mattancherry Palace, known for its murals depicting scenes from the Ramayana and exhibits of royal artifacts.
 - Stroll through the local markets, offering a glimpse into Cochin's vibrant culture and an opportunity to purchase spices, textiles, and souvenirs.
- Drive to Munnar, a hill station known for its tea plantations and scenic beauty.

Day 14: Munnar

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Explore more of Munnar's natural attractions:

- Enjoy breathtaking views at Top Station and Echo Point, where the mist-covered hills and valleys create a picturesque setting.
- Visit the Tea Museum to learn about tea processing and Munnar's tea industry history, with a chance to taste freshly brewed tea.
- Enjoy boating at Mattupetty Dam amidst lush hills and forests, offering scenic views and opportunities for bird watching.
- Optional visit to Eravikulam National Park for Nilgiri Tahr and nature trails, a haven for wildlife enthusiasts (seasonal access).
- Visit Kundala Lake for boating and picnicking amidst scenic landscapes, a serene spot for relaxation and leisure activities.

Day 15: Munnar - Thekkady (110kms)

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Drive to Thekkady, home to Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary and spice plantations:
- Take a boat cruise on Periyar Lake to spot elephants, tigers, and birds in their natural habitat, a unique wildlife experience.
- Visit spice plantations to learn about cardamom, pepper, cinnamon, and cloves, with a chance to purchase fresh spices.
- Optional evening Kalaripayattu show, showcasing traditional Kerala martial arts, a display of strength and skill.

Day 16: Thekkady

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Experience more of Thekkady's natural beauty and cultural heritage:
- Trek through Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary on a guided nature walk, exploring the rich flora and fauna of this biodiverse region.
- Afternoon boat safari to further explore the wildlife and scenic beauty of Periyar Lake.

Day 17: Thekkady - Alleppey (130kms)

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Drive to Alleppey, known for its backwaters and houseboat cruises:

- Embark on a traditional Kerala houseboat cruise through Alleppey's serene backwaters, witnessing village life and lush paddy fields along the way.
- Enjoy the tranquility and scenic beauty of the backwaters, a unique and relaxing experience.

Day 18: Alleppey - Cochin (60kms)

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Return to Cochin, Kerala's commercial capital:
- Explore Fort Kochi's historic area with Portuguese, Dutch, and British colonial influences, including the famous Chinese fishing nets.
- Optional visits to Jewish Synagogue, Mattancherry Palace, and local markets, offering a glimpse into Cochin's multicultural heritage.
- Departure: Transfer to the airport for your onward journey, concluding your journey through North and South India's cultural and natural wonders.

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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	5,084	2,832	2,500	2,618	2,368	2,312	2,177	2,076
4★ Deluxe	6,191	3,383	3,051	3,169	2,919	2,863	2,728	2,627
5★ Luxury	8,858	4,958	4,392	4,511	4,261	4,205	4,070	3,969

Valid for Travel: 16 April 2027 to 15 September 2027

Persons	Solo	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
3★ Standard	4,843	2,663	2,330	2,449	2,199	2,143	2,008	1,907
4★ Deluxe	5,555	3,049	2,717	2,835	2,585	2,529	2,394	2,293
5★ Luxury	7,285	4,143	3,578	3,696	3,446	3,390	3,255	3,154

Single Room Supplement

3★ Standard: USD 787 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 1,343 | 5★ Luxury: USD 2,669

Triple Sharing Discount (Per Person)

3★ Standard: USD 103 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 187 | 5★ Luxury: USD 426

Price Includes:

- Assistance on arrival at airport.
- 17 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.
- 1-Time boat safari in Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary with naturalist.
- Bottled drinking water in car.

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- Government taxes.

Price Does Not Include:

- Jaipur - Goa & Hubli - Cochin flight fare approx INR 10, 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 17 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
- Goa x 2 nights: The Fern Residency Miramar/ Zone Connect Hotel Parra
- Badami x 2 nights: Badami Court/ Clarks Inn
- Hampi x 2 nights: Malligi Hotel/ Clarks Inn
- Cochin x 1 night: The Tower House/ The Killians
- Munnar x 2 nights: Abad Copper Castle/ Elysium Garden Hill Resort
- Thekkady x 2 nights: Abad Green Forest/ Hotel Treetop
- Alleppey x 1 night: Deluxe Houseboat (AC During Night Only)

4 Star Hotels

- Delhi x 2 nights: The Hans/ The Royal Plaza
- Agra x 1 night: Radisson Hotel/ Holiday Inn

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- Jaipur x 2 nights: Lemon Tree Premier/ The Fern An Ecotel Hotel
- Goa x 2 nights: Lemon Tree Hotel Candolim/ The Chances Resort & Casino
- Badami x 2 nights: Morpho Banashree Resort/ WADA1
- Hampi x 2 nights: Heritage Resort/ Royal Orchid Central Keerti
- Cochin x 1 night: Casino Hotel/ Le Maritime
- Munnar x 2 nights: Elixir Hills Resort/ Tea County Munnar
- Thekkady x 2 nights: Amritara Shalimar Spice Garden/ The Elephant Court
- Alleppey x 1 night: Premium Houseboat (Full Time AC)

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: Hilton Jaipur/ Radisson City Center
- Goa x 2 nights: Alila Diwa Goa/ Kenilworth Resort & Spa, Utorda Beach
- Badami x 2 nights: Morpho Banashree Resort/ WADA1
- Hampi x 2 nights: Evolve Back, Hampi
- Cochin x 1 night: Kochi Marriott Hotel/ Xandari Harbour
- Munnar x 2 nights: Chandys Windy Woods/ Blanket Hotel & Spa
- Thekkady x 2 nights: Spice Village/ Hills & Hues
- Alleppey x 1 night: Luxury Houseboat (Full Time AC)

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.