

Tour Name: Culture and Heritage Tour of India

Tour Duration: 14 Nights/ 15 Days

Tour Map: <https://tinyurl.com/5n7yhmdc>

Tour Overview

Embark on a captivating journey through Central India with our "Culture and Heritage Tour of India" tour. This immersive itinerary takes you through the vibrant cities of Delhi, Ahmedabad, Kevadia, Maheshwar, Indore, Bhopal, Khajuraho, Prayagraj, and Varanasi, each brimming with rich historical treasures and cultural wonders. Discover the majestic Qutub Minar and the iconic Humayun's Tomb in Delhi before delving into Ahmedabad's Sabarmati Ashram and the intricate Adalaj Stepwell. Marvel at the Statue of Unity in Kevadia and explore the ancient temples and forts of Maheshwar and Indore. From the exquisite temples of Khajuraho to the spiritual aura of Varanasi, this journey promises an unforgettable exploration of India's diverse heritage and timeless spirituality.

Tour Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Delhi

- Arrive in Delhi and transfer to your hotel for check-in and relaxation.

Day 2: Delhi - Ahmedabad (Flight)

- Start the day with breakfast at the hotel.
- Visit Qutub Minar: Marvel at the tallest brick minaret in the world, a UNESCO World Heritage site, known for its intricate carvings and historical significance.
- Explore Humayun's Tomb: Discover the Mughal architecture and lush gardens that inspired the Taj Mahal.
- Drive past India Gate: Pay homage to Indian soldiers who died in World War I, and see the President's House and Parliament House from outside.
- Fly to Ahmedabad and transfer to the hotel.

Day 3: Ahmedabad

- After breakfast, visit Sabarmati Ashram: Explore Mahatma Gandhi's former residence and understand his philosophy of non-violence and Indian independence.
- Discover Adalaj Stepwell: Admire the five stories of intricate carvings and learn about its historical significance as a water conservation project.

- Explore Sidi Saiyyed Mosque: Known for its beautifully carved stone lattice windows depicting the Tree of Life and other intricate patterns.
- Visit Jama Masjid: Explore the historic mosque known for its stunning architecture and spiritual significance.
- Explore Hutheesing Jain Temple: Admire the architectural beauty and intricate marble carvings of this historic Jain temple.

Day 4: Ahmedabad - Kevadia (200kms)

- Drive to Kevadia after breakfast.
- Enroute visit Vadodara: Explore the cultural and historical landmarks of this vibrant city, including the Laxmi Vilas Palace and Sayaji Baug.
- Visit Statue of Unity: Marvel at the world's tallest statue dedicated to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, offering panoramic views from the observation deck.
- Explore the Valley of Flowers: Discover the floral diversity and natural beauty surrounding the Statue of Unity complex.

Day 5: Kevadia - Maheshwar (265kms)

- Depart for Maheshwar after breakfast.
- Enroute visit Champaner-Pavagadh Archaeological Park: Explore the UNESCO World Heritage site known for its medieval Islamic architecture and ancient monuments.
- Visit Mandu: Explore the historical fortifications, palaces, and architectural marvels from the medieval era, including Jahaz Mahal, Rani Roopmati Pavilion, and Baz Bahadur's Palace.

Day 6: Maheshwar

- After breakfast, visit Maheshwar Shiva Temple: Admire the intricate carvings and architectural grandeur of this ancient temple dedicated to Lord Shiva.
- Explore Maheshwar Ghats: Witness the daily rituals and spiritual practices along the riverbanks, offering a glimpse into local traditions.
- Visit Maheshwar Fort: Explore the historic fort overlooking the Narmada River, once the residence of Queen Ahilyabai Holkar.
- Excursion to explore Omkareshwar Temple: Visit one of the 12 revered Jyotirlinga shrines, located on an island in the Narmada River.

Day 7: Maheshwar - Indore (145kms)

- Drive to Indore after breakfast.
- Visit Rajwada Palace: Explore the blend of Maratha and Mughal architecture, housing artifacts and paintings reflecting the region's royal heritage.
- Explore Sarafa Bazaar: Experience the bustling night market known for its delicious street food, offering a taste of local delicacies and vibrant atmosphere.
- Visit Kanch Mandir: Discover the intricately designed Jain temple adorned with glass mosaics and mirrors, reflecting Jain architectural brilliance.
- Explore Annapurna Temple: Visit the historic temple dedicated to Goddess Annapurna, known for its spiritual significance and architectural beauty.

Day 8: Indore - Bhopal (255kms)

- After breakfast, travel to Bhopal.
- Enroute visit Ujjain: Explore the ancient temples including Mahakaleshwar Jyotirlinga Temple and Kal Bhairav Temple, known for their religious significance.
- Visit Bhojpur Temples: Explore the archaeological site housing ancient temples dedicated to Lord Shiva, featuring intricate carvings and historical inscriptions.

Day 9: Bhopal

- After breakfast, excursion to Bhimbetka Caves: Explore the UNESCO World Heritage site known for its prehistoric rock shelters and ancient cave paintings, depicting early human life and cultural evolution.
- Explore Upper Lake (Bada Talab): Enjoy a boat ride on the serene lake, surrounded by lush greenery and offering panoramic views of the cityscape.
- Visit Taj-ul-Masajid: Marvel at one of India's largest mosques, known for its impressive architecture and peaceful ambiance.
- Explore Bharat Bhavan: Discover the multi-disciplinary arts complex showcasing contemporary art, music, and theater, promoting cultural diversity and creativity.
- Visit Shaukat Mahal and Sadar Manzil: Explore the architectural marvels reflecting a unique blend of Indo-Islamic and European styles.

Day 10: Bhopal - Khajuraho (380kms)

- Drive to Khajuraho after breakfast.

- Enroute visit Sanchi: Explore the UNESCO World Heritage site known for its Buddhist stupas, monasteries, temples, and pillars dating back to the 3rd century BCE.
- Visit Udaigiri Caves: Discover the ancient rock-cut caves, adorned with intricate sculptures and inscriptions, showcasing early Gupta period architecture and art.

Day 11: Khajuraho - Prayagraj (300kms)

- After breakfast, travel to Prayagraj.
- Visit Western Group of Temples: Admire the intricately carved sculptures and architectural marvels depicting Hindu deities and mythological scenes, offering insights into medieval temple architecture.
- Visit Anand Bhawan: Explore the historic mansion where Jawaharlal Nehru, India's first Prime Minister, spent his childhood days, now converted into a museum showcasing the Nehru-Gandhi family's memorabilia.

Day 12: Prayagraj - Varanasi (120kms)

- Drive to Varanasi after breakfast.
- Attend the evening Ganga Aarti ceremony at Dashashwamedh Ghat: Experience the spiritual rituals and cultural fervor as lamps are lit and prayers are offered to the sacred river Ganges.

Day 13: Varanasi

- Early morning, embark on a boat ride on the Ganges to witness sunrise rituals and observe the daily activities along the ghats, reflecting the spiritual essence of Varanasi.
- Visit Sarnath: Explore the archaeological site where Lord Buddha delivered his first sermon, visiting the Dhamek Stupa and Mulagandha Kuti Vihar.

Day 14: Varanasi - Delhi (Flight)

- Fly back to Delhi after breakfast.
- Optional leisure time for shopping or exploring Delhi's cultural landmarks.

Day 15: Delhi - Departure

- Transfer to the airport for your departure flight, concluding your Culture & Heritage Discovery Land Tour with cherished memories of India's rich history, diverse cultures, and spiritual heritage.

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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	4,725	2,555	2,229	2,333	2,059	2,003	1,854	1,743
4★ Deluxe	5,414	2,911	2,585	2,689	2,415	2,359	2,210	2,099
5★ Luxury	7,222	4,142	3,509	3,613	3,339	3,283	3,134	3,023

Valid for Travel: 16 April 2027 to 15 September 2027

Persons	Solo	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
3★ Standard	4,611	2,467	2,142	2,246	1,972	1,916	1,767	1,656
4★ Deluxe	5,134	2,744	2,419	2,523	2,249	2,192	2,044	1,932
5★ Luxury	6,774	3,875	3,242	3,346	3,072	3,016	2,867	2,756

Single Room Supplement

3★ Standard: USD 580 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 913 | 5★ Luxury: USD 1,796

Triple Sharing Discount (Per Person)

3★ Standard: USD 71 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 98 | 5★ Luxury: USD 210

Price Includes:

- Assistance on arrival at airport.
- 14 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:

- Delhi - Ahmedabad & Varanasi - Delhi flight fare approx INR 9, 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 14 nights' accommodation

3 Star Hotels

- Delhi x 2 nights: Dee Marks Hotel & Resorts/ Emerald Hotel
- Ahmedabad x 2 nights: Rivera Sarovar Portico/ SK Lords Eco Inn
- Kevadia x 1 night: Statue of Unity Tent City 1 - Royal Cottages/ The Fern Sardar Sarovar Resort
- Maheshwar x 2 nights: MPT Narmada Resort/ Aamantran At Fort Maheshwar
- Indore x 1 night: Citrus Hotels/ Pride Hotel
- Bhopal x 2 nights: The Fern Residency/ Lake View Ashok
- Khajuraho x 1 night: Ramada/ SYNA Heritage Hotel
- Prayagraj x 1 night: Hotel Allahabad Regency/ Hotel Milan Palace
- Varanasi x 2 nights: Meraden Grand/ Hotel Tridev

4 Star Hotels

- Delhi x 2 nights: The Hans/ The Royal Plaza
- Ahmedabad x 2 nights: Lemon Tree Premier/ Ramada by Wyndham
- Kevadia x 1 night: Statue of Unity Tent City 1 - Royal Cottages/ The Fern Sardar Sarovar Resort
- Maheshwar x 2 nights: MPT Narmada Resort/ Aamantran At Fort Maheshwar

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- Indore x 1 night: Lemon Tree Hotel/ Effotel by Sayaji Indore
- Bhopal x 2 nights: Noor Us Sabha Palace/ Sayaji Bhopal
- Khajuraho x 1 night: Ramada/ SYNA Heritage Hotel
- Prayagraj x 1 night: WelcomHeritage Badi Kothi/ Hotel Kanha Shyam
- Varanasi x 2 nights: Rivatas by Ideal/ The Amayaa

5 Star Hotels

- Delhi x 2 nights: Le Meridien/ The Grand New Delhi
- Ahmedabad x 2 nights: Taj Skyline Ahmedabad/ Hyatt Regency
- Kevadia x 1 night: Statue of Unity Tent City 1 - Royal Villa
- Maheshwar x 2 nights: Ahilya Fort
- Indore x 1 night: Indore Marriott Hotel/ Sheraton Grand Palace
- Bhopal x 2 nights: Jehan Numa Palace/ Courtyard by Marriott
- Khajuraho x 1 night: The Lalit Temple View
- Prayagraj x 1 night: WelcomHeritage Badi Kothi/ Hotel Kanha Shyam
- Varanasi x 2 nights: Ramada JHV/ Radisson Hotel

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.