

Tour Name: Grand Imperial Monuments & Backwater of Kerala Tour from Mumbai

Tour Duration: 12 Nights/ 13 Days

Tour Map: <https://tinyurl.com/3s4sw7jv>

Tour Overview

Embark on the "Grand Imperial Monuments & Backwater of Kerala Tour from Mumbai," a journey that seamlessly blends the rich historical tapestry of India with the tranquil beauty of its southern landscapes. Begin your adventure in the bustling city of Mumbai, exploring its iconic landmarks and vibrant culture. Travel to Hyderabad and Hampi, where ancient monuments and stunning architecture tell tales of a glorious past. Fly to the serene backwaters of Kerala, enjoying a peaceful houseboat cruise in Alleppey and relaxing on the pristine Mararikulam Beach. Immerse yourself in traditional Kerala culture with Ayurvedic therapies and culinary experiences. This tour promises a perfect blend of heritage, culture, and relaxation, offering an unforgettable exploration of India's diverse splendors.

Tour Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Mumbai

- Arrival at Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport.
- Meet and greet by our representative.
- Private transfer to your hotel in Mumbai.
- Check-in and relax after your journey.

Day 2: Mumbai

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Visit the Gateway of India, an iconic arch monument overlooking the Arabian Sea, built in 1924 to commemorate the visit of King George V and Queen Mary to India.
- Take a boat ride to Elephanta Caves, an island featuring rock-cut temples dedicated to Lord Shiva, showcasing intricate sculptures and carvings dating back to the 5th to 8th centuries.
- Explore Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus (CSMT), a UNESCO-listed Victorian Gothic railway station, known for its intricate carvings, turrets, and blend of Indian and Victorian Gothic Revival architecture.

- Wander through Crawford Market, a vibrant marketplace offering fresh produce, spices, and souvenirs, housed in a historic colonial building with a beautiful clock tower.
- Discover the Prince of Wales Museum (Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya), which houses an extensive collection of art, artifacts, and natural history exhibits, including sculptures, decorative arts, and miniature paintings.
- Stroll along Marine Drive, known as the Queen's Necklace for its stunning evening lights and cool sea breeze, and enjoy the panoramic view of the Arabian Sea.
- Return to the hotel for an overnight stay.

Day 3: Mumbai - Hyderabad (Flight)

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Private transfer to Mumbai airport.
- Fly to Hyderabad.
- Arrival in Hyderabad and transfer to your hotel.
- Check-in and refresh at the hotel.
- Evening at leisure to explore local markets or relax.
- Overnight stay in Hyderabad.

Day 4: Hyderabad

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Experience the historic Golconda Fort, known for its acoustic system and majestic ramparts. Enjoy a mesmerizing light and sound show in the evening, narrating its rich history.
- Discover the Qutb Shahi Tombs, a royal necropolis showcasing a blend of Persian and Indian architectural styles, with intricately carved stone structures set amidst beautiful gardens.
- Visit the iconic Charminar, a historic monument offering panoramic views of the city. Explore Laad Bazaar nearby, famous for bangles, pearls, and traditional crafts.
- Explore Chowmahalla Palace, the former royal residence of the Nizams, known for its opulent architecture, exquisite chandeliers, and vintage car collection.

- Visit Salar Jung Museum, home to one of the largest private collections of antiques, including sculptures, paintings, and manuscripts from various civilizations.
- Return to the hotel for an overnight stay.

Day 5: Hyderabad - Hampi (Flight)

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Private transfer to Hyderabad airport.
- Fly to Hampi.
- Arrival in Hampi and transfer to your hotel.
- Overnight stay in Hampi.

Day 6: Hampi

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Discover the famous Vittala Temple, renowned for its musical pillars that produce melodious sounds and its exquisite stone chariot, a masterpiece of Dravidian architecture.
- Experience the sacred Virupaksha Temple, dedicated to Lord Shiva, known for its intricate carvings and vibrant religious rituals, standing tall as one of the oldest functioning temples in India.
- Visit the Hampi Archaeological Museum, discovering artifacts from the Vijayanagara Empire that offer insights into the region's rich history, including sculptures, coins, and ancient inscriptions.
- Explore the Royal Enclosure, with remains of palaces, halls, and water structures that once served as the heart of the Vijayanagara Empire, reflecting the grandeur of its royal past.
- Visit the Lotus Mahal, a delicate and beautiful structure showcasing a blend of Hindu and Islamic architectural styles, used as a socializing area for the royal women.
- Marvel at the Elephant Stables, used to house royal elephants during the Vijayanagara Empire, featuring unique Indo-Islamic architecture with massive domes and arched entrances.
- Explore the Hemakuta Hill Temples, a cluster of ancient temples offering panoramic views of Hampi's ruins and surrounding landscapes, with unique architecture and serene ambiance.

- Trek to Matanga Hill for stunning sunset views of Hampi's monuments against the backdrop of the Tungabhadra River, offering a breathtaking panorama of the entire region.
- Return to the hotel for an overnight stay in Hampi.

Day 7: Hampi - Cochin (Flight)

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Private transfer to Hampi airport.
- Fly to Cochin.
- Arrival in Cochin and transfer to your hotel.
- Visit Mattancherry Palace (Dutch Palace), known for its Kerala murals depicting Hindu temple art, portraits, and exhibits from the Kochi Rajas.
- Explore the Jewish Synagogue & Jew Town, showcasing hand-painted tiles and historical artifacts in the oldest active synagogue in the Commonwealth of Nations.
- Enjoy a traditional Kathakali Dance Performance in the evening, experiencing the vibrant culture and art of Kerala.
- Overnight stay in Cochin.

Day 8: Cochin - Alleppey

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Witness the iconic Chinese Fishing Nets along the coast, offering insights into traditional fishing methods and picturesque views.
- Visit Fort Kochi & St. Francis Church, the burial site of Vasco da Gama, reflecting European colonial architecture.
- Transfer to Alleppey and check-in at your houseboat or hotel.
- Explore Alleppey Beach, relaxing on the sandy shores or engaging in water sports activities.
- Overnight stay in Alleppey.

Day 9: Alleppey - Mararikulam Beach

- Breakfast on board the houseboat or at the hotel.

- Enjoy a tranquil houseboat cruise through the scenic backwaters of Alleppey, observing local life and lush landscapes.
- Transfer to Mararikulam Beach and check-in at your beach resort.
- Relax on the serene Mararikulam Beach, perfect for leisurely walks and enjoying the sunset.
- Overnight stay at Mararikulam Beach.

Day 10: Mararikulam Beach

- Breakfast at the beach resort.
- Enjoy leisure time or additional beach activities such as swimming, beach volleyball, or sunbathing.
- Overnight stay at Mararikulam Beach.

Day 11: Mararikulam Beach

- Breakfast at the beach resort.
- Enjoy leisure time for relaxation or beach activities, such as kayaking, fishing, or yoga on the beach.
- Overnight stay at Mararikulam Beach.

Day 12: Mararikulam Beach - Mumbai (Flight)

- Breakfast at the beach resort.
- Check-out from the resort.
- Private transfer to Cochin airport.
- Fly to Mumbai.
- Arrival in Mumbai and transfer to your hotel.
- Check-in and overnight stay in Mumbai.

Day 13: Mumbai - Departure (Flight)

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Check-out from the hotel.
- Private transfer to Mumbai airport.

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- Departure from Mumbai for your onward journey.

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	3,562	1,888	1,691	1,741	1,583	1,542	1,458	1,395
4★ Deluxe	4,549	2,396	2,199	2,249	2,091	2,050	1,966	1,903
5★ Luxury	7,051	3,831	3,462	3,511	3,353	3,312	3,228	3,165

Single Room Supplement

3★ Standard: USD 739 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 1,218 | 5★ Luxury: USD 2,457

Triple Sharing Discount (Per Person)

3★ Standard: USD 62 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 185 | 5★ Luxury: USD 429

Price Includes:

- Assistance on arrival at airport.
- 12 Nights' accommodation in mentioned hotels or similar.
- 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:

- Mumbai - Hyderabad - Vijayanagar & Hubli - Cochin - Mumbai flight fare approx INR 20,500 per person in economy class.
- Camera charges at monuments if any.

- Any Ayurvedic treatments charges (optional)
- 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

- Mumbai x 3 nights: Hotel Godwin, Colaba/ Hotel Suba Palace
- Hyderabad x 2 nights: Hotel Abode/ Aditya Park
- Hampi x 2 nights: Malligi Hotel/ Clarks Inn
- Cochin x 1 night: The Tower House/ The Killians
- Alleppey x 1 night: Deluxe Houseboat (AC During Night Only)
- Marari x 3 nights: EL Oceano Beach Villas/ La Plage Marari

4 Star Hotels

- Mumbai x 3 nights: Fariyas Hotel/ The Gordon House
- Hyderabad x 2 nights: The Golkonda Hotel/ Lemon Tree Hotel
- Hampi x 2 nights: Heritage Resort/ Royal Orchid Central Keerti
- Cochin x 1 night: Casino Hotel/ Le Maritime
- Alleppey x 1 night: Premium Houseboat (Full Time AC)
- Marari x 3 nights: Abad Turtle Beach Resort/ Marari Sands Beach Resort

5 Star Hotels

- Mumbai x 3 nights: Trident Hotel/ President, Mumbai - IHCL SeleQtions
- Hyderabad x 2 nights: ITC Kakatiya, a Luxury Collection/ Trident Hotel
- Hampi x 2 nights: Evolve Back, Hampi
- Cochin x 1 night: Kochi Marriott Hotel/ Xandari Harbour

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- Alleppey x 1 night: Luxury Houseboat (Full Time AC)
- Marari x 3 nights: Xandari Pearl/ Marari Beach Resort

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

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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.