

Tour Name: Grand Imperial Monuments & Beach Retreat

Tour Duration: 12 Nights/ 13 Days

Tour Map: <https://tinyurl.com/5n8k3ws5>

Tour Overview

Embark on a journey through the rich tapestry of India's cultural and natural heritage with the "Grand Imperial Monuments & Beach Retreat". Begin amidst the bustling streets and iconic landmarks of Mumbai, where the Gateway of India and Elephanta Caves unveil centuries of history. Journey south to Hyderabad, adorned with the regal charm of Golconda Fort and the serene Buddha Statue amidst Hussain Sagar Lake. Explore the ancient ruins of Hampi, once the majestic capital of the Vijayanagara Empire, adorned with temples like Virupaksha and Vijaya Vittala. Finally, unwind along the tranquil shores of Gokarna, where pristine beaches and the spiritual aura of Mahabaleshwar Temple create an unforgettable coastal retreat.

Tour Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Mumbai

- Arrival in Mumbai and transfer to your hotel. Take some time to relax after your journey.
- Optional evening visit to Marine Drive or Juhu Beach, iconic spots for a leisurely stroll and to experience Mumbai's bustling coastal atmosphere.

Day 2: Mumbai

- Breakfast at the hotel before beginning your exploration of Mumbai.
- Gateway of India: Marvel at this iconic arch monument overlooking the Arabian Sea, built to commemorate the visit of King George V and Queen Mary.
- Elephanta Caves: Take a ferry to Elephanta Island to explore the UNESCO World Heritage site known for its rock-cut temples dedicated to Lord Shiva.
- Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus (CST): Visit this historic railway station, a UNESCO World Heritage site renowned for its Victorian Gothic architecture.
- Marine Drive: Drive along this picturesque promenade, also known as the "Queen's Necklace," offering stunning views of the Arabian Sea.
- Dhobi Ghat: Witness the world's largest outdoor laundry where Mumbai's washermen (Dhobis) wash clothes in the traditional way.
- Evening free for leisure or optional visit to local markets like Colaba Causeway for shopping and dining.

Day 3: Mumbai - Hyderabad (Flight)

- Breakfast at the hotel before flying to Hyderabad, the "City of Pearls".

- Laad Bazaar: Visit the nearby market famous for its colorful bangles and traditional Hyderabad jewelry.
- Drive past Hussain Sagar Lake: Optional Enjoy a boat ride to the Buddha Statue of Hyderabad, a monolithic statue standing on an island in the middle of the lake.
- Optional evening visit to Banjara Hills or Jubilee Hills for shopping and dining.

Day 4: Hyderabad

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Golconda Fort: Discover the history and architectural brilliance of this ancient fort known for its acoustics and light-and-sound shows.
- Qutb Shahi Tombs: Explore the royal necropolis housing the tombs and mosques of the Qutb Shahi dynasty rulers.
- Charminar: Explore this iconic monument and mosque, built in 1591 by Sultan Muhammad Quli Qutb Shah.
- Salar Jung Museum: Visit one of the largest museums in India, housing a diverse collection of art, sculptures, and artifacts from around the world.

Day 5: Hyderabad - Hampi (Flight)

- Breakfast at the hotel before flying to Hampi, a UNESCO World Heritage site known for its ancient temples and ruins.
- Virupaksha Temple: Begin your exploration with this temple dedicated to Lord Shiva, known for its towering gopuram and sacred sanctum.
- Vijaya Vittala Temple: Visit this 15th-century temple complex known for its iconic stone chariot and musical pillars.
- Royal Enclosure: Explore the remnants of the royal quarter that housed the king's palace, audience halls, and administrative buildings.
- Hazara Rama Temple: Admire the intricate bas-reliefs depicting scenes from the Ramayana in this 15th-century temple dedicated to Lord Rama.

Day 6: Hampi

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Hampi Bazaar and Monuments Area: Stroll through the bustling bazaar and explore the various temples, shrines, and monuments scattered around Hampi.
- Achyutaraya Temple: Climb the steps to this hilltop temple offering panoramic views of the surrounding ruins and landscapes.
- Queen's Bath: Visit the ornate royal bathing complex adorned with intricate stucco work and water channels.
- Elephant Stables: Marvel at the grandeur of the royal elephant stables used during the Vijayanagara Empire.

Day 7: Hampi - Gokarna Beach (310kms)

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Drive to Gokarna, a serene coastal town known for its pristine beaches and religious significance.

- Evening free for relaxation on Kudle Beach or Om Beach, renowned for their tranquil atmosphere and scenic beauty.

Day 8: Gokarna Beach

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Relax and enjoy the sun and sand at the beautiful Gokarna Beaches.
- Optional activities include water sports, yoga sessions, or exploring the local cafes and shacks along the coastline.
- Visit the Mahabaleshwar Temple, an ancient Shiva temple located near the beach.

Day 9: Gokarna Beach

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Further explore Gokarna Beaches and enjoy leisure time by the sea.
- Optional activities like a boat ride to Half Moon Beach or Paradise Beach for secluded relaxation and sunset views.

Day 10: Gokarna Beach

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Visit Mirjan Fort, a historic fort known for its architectural grandeur and strategic location.
- Relax and enjoy the day at your preferred Gokarna Beach, soaking in the peaceful coastal vibes and natural beauty.

Day 11: Gokarna Beach

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Explore the temples and markets of Gokarna Town, known for its religious significance and cultural heritage.
- Optional visit to Yana Caves and Rocks, unique geological formations surrounded by lush greenery.

Day 12: Gokarna Beach - Hubli (150kms) / Mumbai (Flight)

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Drive to Hubli for your onward journey or take a flight back to Mumbai.
- Explore local attractions in Hubli or Mumbai, such as museums, gardens, or markets.
- Optional shopping or leisure activities in Mumbai.

Day 13: Mumbai - Departure (Flight)

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Depending on your flight timings, enjoy some last-minute shopping or relaxation.
- Transfer to Mumbai airport for your departure flight, concluding your memorable journey through Mumbai, Hyderabad, Hampi, and Gokarna.

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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	3,425	1,833	1,592	1,696	1,514	1,459	1,363	1,291
4★ Deluxe	4,261	2,239	1,998	2,102	1,920	1,865	1,769	1,697
5★ Luxury	7,312	3,937	3,535	3,639	3,457	3,402	3,306	3,234

Single Room Supplement

3★ Standard: USD 545 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 975 | 5★ Luxury: USD 2,489

Triple Sharing Discount (Per Person)

3★ Standard: USD 63 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 124 | 5★ Luxury: USD 362

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:

- Any flight tickets.
- Any Ayurvedic treatments charges (optional)
- 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**

- Mumbai x 2 nights: Hotel Godwin, Colaba/ Hotel Suba Palace
- Hyderabad x 2 nights: Hotel Abode/ Aditya Park

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- Hampi x 2 nights: Malligi Hotel/ Clarks Inn
- Gokarna x 5 nights: Red Earth Gokarna/ Arthigamya Resort & Spa
- Mumbai x 1 night: Hotel Godwin, Colaba/ Hotel Suba Palace

4 Star Hotels

- Mumbai x 2 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
- Gokarna x 5 nights: Kudle Beach View Resort & Spa/ Namaste Yoga Farm
- Mumbai x 1 night: Fariyas Hotel/ The Gordon House

5 Star Hotels

- Mumbai x 2 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
- Gokarna x 5 nights: SwaSwara/ Kahani Paradise
- Mumbai x 1 night: Trident Hotel/ President, Mumbai - IHCL SeleQtions

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.

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- **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.