

Tour Name: Historical Caves, Taj Mahal & Valley of Kashmir

Tour Duration: 11 Nights/ 12 Days

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

Tour Overview

Embark on an unforgettable journey through the Historical Caves, Taj Mahal & Valley of Kashmir. Begin amidst the bustling streets and iconic landmarks of Mumbai, including the Gateway of India and Elephanta Caves. Explore Aurangabad's ancient marvels at Ellora and Ajanta Caves, each adorned with centuries-old Buddhist sculptures and paintings. Delhi awaits with its vibrant markets and Mughal-era splendors, from Humayun's Tomb to the towering Qutub Minar. In Agra, marvel at the Taj Mahal, an architectural masterpiece symbolizing eternal love, and delve into the history of Agra Fort. Finally, immerse yourself in the serene beauty of Srinagar and the Himalayan vistas of Gulmarg, experiencing the essence of North India's cultural and natural wonders.

Tour Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Mumbai

- Arrive at Mumbai International Airport and transfer to your hotel. Take time to relax and refresh after your journey.
- In the evening, take a leisurely stroll along Marine Drive, known as the Queen's Necklace, offering panoramic views of the Arabian Sea and Mumbai skyline. Enjoy the serene ambiance as the city lights up.

Day 2: Mumbai

- Start the day with a hearty breakfast at the hotel.
- Explore the bustling Colaba area, home to the iconic Gateway of India.
- Enjoy a boat ride to Elephanta Caves, a UNESCO World Heritage Site featuring ancient rock-cut sculptures depicting Hindu and Buddhist deities. Marvel at the intricate artwork dating back to the 5th to 8th centuries.
- Visit the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya (formerly Prince of Wales Museum) to explore its extensive collection of art, archaeology, and natural history. Highlights include rare artifacts from ancient civilizations and exhibits on India's cultural heritage.
- Discover the historic Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus, a UNESCO World Heritage Site known for its Victorian Gothic architecture and bustling atmosphere.

- Explore the bustling Crawford Market, renowned for its vibrant stalls selling fresh produce, spices, and souvenirs.
- Visit the Dhobi Ghat, the world's largest outdoor laundry, where traditional washermen (dhobis) handwash clothes in open-air troughs.

Day 3: Mumbai - Aurangabad (flight)

- Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before transferring to the airport for your flight to Aurangabad.
- Visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Ellora Caves, marveling at the intricate rock-cut temples dedicated to Buddhism, Hinduism, and Jainism. Highlights include the Kailasa Temple, the largest monolithic structure in the world, showcasing exquisite carvings and architectural brilliance.
- Explore Daulatabad Fort, an ancient hill fortress with impressive defensive architecture and panoramic views of the surrounding landscape. Learn about its strategic importance in medieval India.
- Visit the Aurangabad Caves, rock-cut Buddhist shrines dating back to the 6th and 7th centuries, known for their intricate sculptures and serene ambiance.

Day 4: Aurangabad - Ajanta Caves - Aurangabad (210kms round trip)

- Start the day with breakfast at the hotel.
- Discover the UNESCO-listed Ajanta Caves, renowned for their exquisite Buddhist rock-cut caves adorned with paintings and sculptures depicting the life of Buddha. Marvel at the detailed frescoes and serene atmosphere of these ancient caves.
- Visit Bibi Ka Maqbara, an elegant Mughal-era mausoleum often called the 'Mini Taj Mahal,' known for its stunning architecture and serene gardens. Learn about its historical significance and architectural influences.
- Explore Panchakki, an ancient water mill dating back to the 17th century, known for its ingenious hydraulic engineering and serene surroundings.

Day 5: Aurangabad - Delhi (flight)

- After breakfast, transfer to Aurangabad Airport for your flight to Delhi.
- Upon arrival in Delhi, check-in at your hotel and unwind after your journey.
- Optionally, take a leisurely stroll around the hotel area to get acquainted with the surroundings.
- In the afternoon, visit Connaught Place, a bustling commercial and cultural hub in Delhi, known for its shops, restaurants, and vibrant atmosphere.

- Explore Janpath Market adjacent to Connaught Place, offering a range of handicrafts, garments, and souvenirs.

Day 6: Delhi

- Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before embarking on a full day of exploration in Delhi.
- Visit Jama Masjid, one of the largest mosques in India, known for its stunning architecture and panoramic views of Old Delhi.
- Explore Chandni Chowk on a cycle rickshaw ride, immersing yourself in its bustling marketplaces and street food stalls.
- Visit Raj Ghat, a memorial dedicated to Mahatma Gandhi, marking the spot of his cremation amidst serene gardens.
- Explore Humayun's Tomb, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and early example of Mughal architecture in India. Wander through its garden squares, water channels, and intricate mausoleum.
- Discover Qutub Minar, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the tallest brick minaret in the world, known for its Indo-Islamic architecture and intricate carvings. Visit the nearby Iron Pillar, known for its non-rusting metallurgical composition and ancient inscriptions.
- Drive past Lutyens' Delhi and visit the Lotus Temple, known for its stunning lotus-shaped architecture and tranquil meditation halls.

Day 7: Delhi - Agra - Delhi (200kms one way)

- Early breakfast at the hotel before embarking on a day trip to Agra.
- Explore the iconic Taj Mahal, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and symbol of eternal love, known for its mesmerizing white marble architecture and intricate craftsmanship. Learn about its Mughal history and architectural significance.
- Visit Agra Fort, a UNESCO site showcasing Mughal architecture with its palaces, mosques, and beautiful gardens. Explore the Diwan-i-Khas (Hall of Private Audience) and the Moti Masjid (Pearl Mosque) within the fort complex.
- Visit Mehtab Bagh, a charbagh complex located across the Yamuna River from the Taj Mahal. Enjoy panoramic views of the Taj Mahal from this serene garden, perfect for photography and relaxation.
- Experience shopping in Agra, renowned for its marble handicrafts, leather goods, and local delicacies like petha (a sweet dish). Explore local markets for souvenirs and unique items.

- Return to Delhi in the evening, reflecting on the day's cultural exploration and architectural marvels.

Day 8: Delhi - Srinagar (flight)

- Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before flying to Srinagar, the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir.
- Visit Mughal Gardens, including Shalimar Bagh and Nishat Bagh, known for their terraced lawns, vibrant flowerbeds, and cascading fountains. Experience the serene beauty of these historic gardens.
- Explore the historic part of the city, including the Jama Masjid and Hazratbal Shrine, reflecting the architectural and cultural diversity of Srinagar.
- Embark on a serene Shikara ride on Dal Lake, surrounded by breathtaking views of the Himalayas and floating houseboats. Explore the floating gardens and witness the local way of life on the lake.

Day 9: Srinagar - Gulmarg (56kms)

- After breakfast, drive to Gulmarg, a picturesque hill station renowned for its lush green meadows and skiing opportunities. Enjoy panoramic views of the snow-capped peaks of the Pir Panjal range.
- Take a thrilling ride on the Gulmarg Gondola, one of the highest cable cars in the world, offering stunning views of the valley below and opportunities for adventure sports.
- Optionally, embark on a guided nature walk through Gulmarg's pine forests, learning about the local flora and fauna while enjoying the fresh mountain air.
- Visit the historic St. Mary's Church, built during the British era, known for its architecture and serene surroundings.
- Explore the local market of Gulmarg, offering Kashmiri handicrafts, woolens, and souvenirs. Engage with local artisans and learn about traditional crafts.

Day 10: Gulmarg - Pahalgam (142kms)

- Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before driving to Pahalgam, known as the 'Valley of Shepherds.'
- En route, visit saffron growing fields and Avantipur temples, ancient Hindu temples dedicated to Lord Vishnu.
- Explore Pahalgam's local markets and leisurely stroll along the Lidder River, surrounded by breathtaking scenery.

Day 11: Pahalgam

- Start the day with breakfast at the hotel.
- Explore Betaab Valley, named after the Bollywood film shot here, known for its lush greenery and panoramic views of the Himalayas.
- Visit Aru Valley, a picturesque valley surrounded by snow-capped mountains and scenic landscapes. Enjoy activities like horse riding and nature walks amidst pristine natural beauty.
- Visit Mamleshwar Temple, an ancient Hindu temple dedicated to Lord Shiva, known for its serene ambiance and religious significance.

Day 12: Pahalgam - Srinagar (83kms) - Mumbai (Departure)

- After breakfast, return to Srinagar or fly back to Mumbai, depending on your departure arrangements.
- Depending on your flight schedule, explore local markets for souvenirs or take a short sightseeing tour.
- Transfer to Mumbai International Airport for your departure, concluding your enriching journey through Mumbai, Aurangabad, Delhi, Agra, and the Kashmir Valley.

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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	3,883	2,091	1,893	1,858	1,683	1,676	1,577	1,502
4★ Deluxe	4,881	2,617	2,419	2,384	2,209	2,203	2,103	2,029
5★ Luxury	7,017	3,937	3,482	3,447	3,272	3,265	3,166	3,091

Valid for Travel: 16 April 2027 to 20 September 2027

Persons	Solo	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
3★ Standard	3,807	2,038	1,840	1,805	1,630	1,623	1,524	1,449
4★ Deluxe	4,602	2,481	2,283	2,248	2,073	2,066	1,967	1,893
5★ Luxury	6,867	3,845	3,389	3,354	3,179	3,172	3,073	2,999

Single Room Supplement

3★ Standard: USD 682 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 1,154 | 5★ Luxury: USD 2,227

Triple Sharing Discount (Per Person)

3★ Standard: USD 15 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 147 | 5★ Luxury: USD 318

Price Includes:

- Assistance on arrival at airport.
- 11 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:

- Mumbai - Aurangabad - Delhi - Srinagar - Mumbai flight fare approx INR 21, 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 11 nights' accommodation

3 Star Hotels

- Mumbai x 2 nights: Hotel Godwin, Colaba/ Hotel Suba Palace
- Aurangabad x 2 nights: The Fern Residency/ Amarpreet Hotel
- Delhi x 2 nights: Dee Marks Hotel & Resorts/ Emerald Hotel
- Srinagar x 1 night: RK Sarovar Portico/ Batra Hotel & Residences
- Gulmarg x 1 night: Gulmarg Zahgeer Continental/ Hotel Pine Spring
- Pahalgam x 2 nights: Grand Mumtaz/ Royal Park Hotel
- Mumbai x 1 night: Hotel Godwin, Colaba/ Hotel Suba Palace

4 Star Hotels

- Mumbai x 2 nights: Fariyas Hotel/ The Gordon House
- Aurangabad x 2 nights: Lemon Tree Hotel
- Delhi x 2 nights: The Hans/ The Royal Plaza
- Srinagar x 1 night: Fortune Resort Heevan/ Lemon Tree Hotel
- Gulmarg x 1 night: Heevan Retreat/ The Vintage
- Pahalgam x 2 nights: Heevan/ Pine Spring
- Mumbai x 1 night: Fariyas Hotel/ The Gordon House

5 Star Hotels

- Mumbai x 2 nights: Trident Hotel/ President, Mumbai - IHCL SeleQtions
- Aurangabad x 2 nights: WelcomHotel Rama International/ Vivanta Aurangabad
- Delhi x 2 nights: Le Meridien/ The Grand New Delhi
- Srinagar x 1 night: The Lalit Grand Palace/ Vivanta by Taj Dal View
- Gulmarg x 1 night: The Khyber Himalayan Resort & Spa
- Pahalgam x 2 nights: Araiya Palampur
- 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.
- **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.

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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.