

Tour Name: Incredible Monuments, Caves & Temples Tour from Mumbai

Tour Duration: 10 Nights/ 11 Days

Tour Map: <https://tinyurl.com/52rycku6>

Tour Overview

"Incredible Monuments, Caves & Temples Tour from Mumbai" offers a captivating journey through India's rich tapestry of history, culture, and natural splendor. Begin in Mumbai, where you'll explore the city's vibrant landmarks and the ancient Elephanta Caves, followed by a flight to Aurangabad to witness the grandeur of the Ellora and Ajanta Caves. Discover Aurangabad's historical treasures, including Bibi ka Maqbara and Panchakki. Next, immerse yourself in Hyderabad's cultural and architectural marvels, from the majestic Golconda Fort to the ornate Charminar. Conclude your adventure in Odisha, where you'll marvel at the intricacies of the Konark Sun Temple, explore the artistic village of Raghurajpur, and enjoy the tranquil beauty of Chilika Lake. This tour seamlessly blends India's monumental heritage with its stunning landscapes, offering an unforgettable experience.

Tour Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Mumbai

- Upon arrival at Mumbai airport, you will be greeted by our representative who will assist you with the transfer to your hotel. Check-in and enjoy some leisure time to relax and acclimate to the vibrant atmosphere of Mumbai.

Day 2: Mumbai

- Start your day with breakfast at the hotel before embarking on an excursion to the Elephanta Caves (closed on Mondays). These rock-cut temples are known for their impressive sculptures of Hindu deities, including the colossal Trimurti.
- Enjoy a city tour of Mumbai, beginning with a visit to CST (Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus), a UNESCO World Heritage Site with striking Victorian Gothic architecture.
- Explore the Prince of Wales Museum, now known as the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya, housing a rich collection of artifacts, art, and antiques.
- Visit Mani Bhawan, Mahatma Gandhi's residence during his visits to Mumbai, now a museum dedicated to his life and work.
- Experience Dhobi Ghat, an open-air laundry where you can see traditional washing techniques in action.

- Conclude with a visit to the Kala Ghoda Art Precinct, known for its vibrant art galleries, cultural spaces, and historic buildings.

Day 3: Mumbai - Aurangabad (Flight)

- Start your day with breakfast at the hotel before transferring to the airport for your flight to Aurangabad.
- Upon arrival in Aurangabad, transfer to your hotel and check-in.
- Visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Ellora Caves, renowned for its elaborate rock-cut temples and monasteries spanning Buddhist, Hindu, and Jain traditions. The site includes the Kailasa Temple, a stunning monolithic rock-cut temple dedicated to Lord Shiva.
- Explore the Grishneshwar Temple, one of the twelve Jyotirlinga shrines dedicated to Lord Shiva, known for its intricate carvings, spiritual ambiance, and historical significance.
- Tour Daulatabad Fort, a formidable 12th-century fortress known for its advanced defensive architecture, including a complex series of fortifications, moats, and gates, offering panoramic views of the surrounding landscape.

Day 4: Aurangabad - Visit Ajanta Caves (200kms round)

- Start with breakfast at the hotel before embarking on a full-day excursion to the Ajanta Caves.
- Marvel at the Ajanta Caves, a UNESCO World Heritage Site featuring ancient Buddhist cave paintings and sculptures that depict the Jataka tales and various aspects of Buddhist teachings. The caves are renowned for their artistic and historical value, including well-preserved frescoes and intricate carvings.
- Return to Aurangabad in the evening and relax at your hotel.

Day 5: Aurangabad - Hyderabad (Flight)

- Start your day with breakfast at the hotel before visiting Bibi ka Maqbara, often referred to as the 'Mini Taj Mahal,' an exquisite mausoleum built by Aurangzeb in memory of his wife, featuring similar architectural elements to the Taj Mahal.
- Visit Panchakki, an ancient water mill that demonstrates sophisticated engineering for water supply and milling, showcasing the ingenuity of medieval water management systems.
- Explore Aurangabad Caves, a group of 12 rock-cut Buddhist shrines known for their historical importance and architectural beauty, including intricate carvings and ancient sculptures.

- Transfer to the airport for your flight to Hyderabad.
- Upon arrival in Hyderabad, transfer to your hotel and check-in. Enjoy some leisure time to explore the local area or relax at the hotel.

Day 6: Hyderabad

- Begin with breakfast at the hotel before starting your exploration of Hyderabad.
- Visit Golconda Fort, an impressive 16th-century fortress known for its acoustics, grand gateways, and panoramic views of the city.
- Explore the Qutubshahi Tombs, a necropolis with tombs of the Golconda Sultanate rulers, showcasing Indo-Islamic architecture.
- Admire the Charminar, an iconic 16th-century monument with four grand minarets, situated in the heart of the old city.
- Visit Mecca Mosque, one of the largest mosques in India, renowned for its grandeur and intricate design.
- Discover the Salarjung Museum, which houses an extensive collection of art, artifacts, and antiques from around the world.
- Explore Chowmohalla Palace, a former royal residence with beautifully restored rooms and exquisite architectural details.

Day 7: Hyderabad - Visit Warangal UNESCO World Heritage Sites (300kms round)

- Start with breakfast at the hotel before embarking on a day trip to Warangal.
- Visit the Ramappa Temple, a UNESCO World Heritage Site known for its exquisite carvings and architectural innovation, including floating bricks used in construction.
- Explore Warangal Fort, with its massive stone gateways, ancient temples, and the Kakatiya Kala Thoranam (ornamental arch).
- Discover the Thousand Pillar Temple, renowned for its intricately carved pillars and the Chalukyan architectural style.
- Return to Hyderabad in the evening and relax at your hotel.

Day 8: Hyderabad - Bhubaneswar (Flight)

- Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before transferring to the airport for your flight to Bhubaneswar.
- Upon arrival in Bhubaneswar, transfer to your hotel and check-in.

- Visit the Lingaraj Temple, a major Hindu temple dedicated to Lord Shiva, known for its grand architecture and detailed carvings.
- Explore the Dhauili Stupa, a significant Buddhist site where Emperor Ashoka is said to have embraced Buddhism, featuring a large stupa and rock edicts.

Day 9: Bhubaneswar - Puri (60kms)

- Start with breakfast at the hotel before driving to Puri.
- Enroute, visit the Konark Sun Temple, a UNESCO World Heritage Site famous for its intricate Sun God chariot architecture and detailed sculptures.
- Stop at Pipili village, known for its vibrant applique work, where artisans create colorful and decorative textiles.
- Explore Raghurajpur village, renowned for its traditional Pattachitra paintings and craft workshops.
- Enjoy a walk along Chandrabhaga Beach, known for its serene beauty and historical significance.
- Explore the Jagannath Temple (accessible only to Hindus), an important pilgrimage site known for its grand Rath Yatra (chariot festival).
- Arrive in Puri and check-in at your hotel.

Day 10: Puri - Chilika Lake (55kms one way)

- Begin with breakfast at the hotel before embarking on an excursion to Chilika Lake.
- Enjoy a scenic drive through picturesque landscapes to reach Chilika Lake, the largest brackish water lagoon in Asia and a vital habitat for numerous species of birds.
- Experience a boat ride on Chilika Lake, which provides an opportunity to witness a diverse array of migratory birds such as the flamingos, pintails, and teals, especially during the winter months. The tranquil waters and lush surroundings offer a serene environment for birdwatching and photography.
- Visit the island of Kalijai, located within the lake, which features a temple dedicated to the local goddess Kalijai, attracting pilgrims and tourists alike. The island's scenic beauty and cultural significance add a unique dimension to your visit.
- Explore the fishing villages around the lake, where you can observe local fishermen engaging in traditional fishing methods and gain insights into their way of life.
- Return to Puri in the afternoon, where you can relax at your hotel or explore local markets and beaches at your leisure.

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Day 11: Puri - Bhubaneswar/Mumbai (Flight)

- Start your day with breakfast at the hotel before transferring to Bhubaneswar airport.
- Catch your flight to Mumbai and, from Mumbai, board your connecting flight for your onward destination.
- Conclude your tour with cherished memories of the monuments and temples visited.

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	3,339	1,814	1,587	1,596	1,433	1,409	1,320	1,253
4★ Deluxe	3,871	2,086	1,860	1,868	1,706	1,682	1,593	1,526
5★ Luxury	5,393	3,038	2,636	2,645	2,482	2,458	2,369	2,302

Single Room Supplement

3★ Standard: USD 496 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 755 | 5★ Luxury: USD 1,501

Triple Sharing Discount (Per Person)

3★ Standard: USD 48 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 88 | 5★ Luxury: USD 238

Price Includes:

- Assistance on arrival at airport.
- 10 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.

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- Bottled drinking water in car.
- Government taxes.

Price Does Not Include:

- Mumbai - Aurangabad - Hyderabad - Bhubaneswar flight fare approx ₹15500 per person in economy class.
- Camera charges at monuments if any.
- Meals other than mentioned in 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 10 nights' accommodation

3 Star Hotels

- Mumbai x 2 nights: Hotel Godwin, Colaba/ Hotel Suba Palace
- Aurangabad x 2 nights: The Fern Residency/ Amarpreet Hotel
- Hyderabad x 3 nights: Hotel Abode/ Aditya Park
- Bhubaneswar x 1 night: Hotel Hindustan International/ Swosti Grand
- Puri x 2 nights: Toshali Sands/ The Hans Coco Palms

4 Star Hotels

- Mumbai x 2 nights: Fariyas Hotel/ The Gordon House
- Aurangabad x 2 nights: Lemon Tree Hotel
- Hyderabad x 3 nights: The Golkonda Hotel/ Lemon Tree Hotel
- Bhubaneswar x 1 night: Fortune Park Sishmo/ Lemon Tree Premier
- Puri x 2 nights: MAYFAIR Heritage/ Mayfair Waves

5 Star Hotels

- Mumbai x 2 nights: Trident Hotel/ President, Mumbai - IHCL SeleQtions

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- Aurangabad x 2 nights: WelcomHotel Rama International/ Vivanta Aurangabad
- Hyderabad x 3 nights: ITC Kakatiya, a Luxury Collection/ Trident Hotel
- Bhubaneshwar x 1 night: Mayfair Lagoon/ Trident Hotel
- Puri x 2 nights: MAYFAIR Heritage/ Mayfair Waves

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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- **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.

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.