

Tour Name: Mughal Monuments and Spiritual Cities

Tour Duration: 14 Nights/ 15 Days

Tour Map: <https://tinyurl.com/3ctezc3n>

Tour Overview

Mughal Monuments and Spiritual Cities offer a captivating journey through India's rich heritage and spiritual legacy. Starting in Delhi, explore the majestic Red Fort, Jama Masjid, and the vibrant streets of Chandni Chowk, before marveling at the Taj Mahal's grandeur in Agra. Travel through Gwalior and Orchha to admire their historic forts and temples, then immerse yourself in Khajuraho's intricate carvings. Experience the spiritual heartbeat of Varanasi with its sacred Ganges rituals, followed by a pilgrimage to Bodhgaya's Mahabodhi Temple. Conclude your journey with visits to Patna, Kolkata, and Bhubaneswar, uncovering ancient temples and cultural treasures that echo the grandeur of bygone empires.

Tour Itinerary

Day 1: Arrival in Delhi

- Upon arrival at Delhi airport, you'll be warmly welcomed and transferred to your hotel. After check-in, take time to relax and unwind from your journey. Delhi, a city where ancient traditions blend with modernity, offers a vibrant mix of culture and history.

Day 2: Delhi Exploration

- Start the day with breakfast at the hotel before embarking on your Delhi exploration.
- Visit the Red Fort, a UNESCO World Heritage site and a symbol of Mughal grandeur with its imposing walls and stunning architecture.
- Explore Jama Masjid, one of India's largest mosques, renowned for its exquisite Mughal architecture and expansive courtyard.
- Wander through Chandni Chowk, one of Delhi's oldest markets, to experience its bustling lanes, local shops, and street food.
- Pay your respects at Raj Ghat, the serene memorial dedicated to Mahatma Gandhi, marking his cremation site.

- Marvel at Humayun's Tomb, an architectural precursor to the Taj Mahal, with its beautiful Mughal gardens and intricate design.
- Conclude your day with a visit to the Qutub Minar, a towering 73-meter tall minaret, and the Lotus Temple, known for its serene lotus-shaped structure.
- Drive past the Presidential House, Parliament House, and India Gate, key landmarks reflecting India's political heritage.

Day 3: Delhi to Agra (210km)

- Start with breakfast at the hotel before driving to Agra.
- Visit the Taj Mahal, a UNESCO World Heritage site and an epitome of Mughal architecture, renowned for its breathtaking beauty and intricate marble work.
- Explore the Agra Fort, a majestic fortress with stunning palaces, mosques, and courtyards that served as a royal residence.
- Conclude with a visit to the Itmad-ud-Daula Tomb, also known as the "Baby Taj," featuring intricate marble inlay work and elegant design.

Day 4: Agra to Orchha via Gwalior (220kms)

- After breakfast, drive to Orchha with a stopover in Gwalior.
- Explore Gwalior Fort, a formidable structure offering panoramic views of the city and housing several historic temples and palaces.
- Continue to Orchha and check in at your hotel.
- Visit the Orchha Fort complex, including Jahangir Mahal, built by Bir Singh Deo to honor Mughal Emperor Jahangir.
- Explore Raj Mahal, known for its stunning frescoes, and Rai Parveen Mahal, celebrated for its elegant design.
- Discover the numerous temples and cenotaphs around Orchha, each narrating tales of the region's historical grandeur

Day 5: Orchha to Khajuraho (180kms)

- Begin with breakfast at the hotel before heading to Khajuraho.
- Visit the Khajuraho temples, a UNESCO World Heritage site renowned for their elaborate carvings and sculptures depicting various aspects of life.

- After checking in at your hotel, enjoy the captivating light and sound show at the Western Group of Temples, which narrates the history and legends associated with Khajuraho.

Day 6: Khajuraho to Varanasi (Flight)

- After breakfast, take a flight to Varanasi.
- Upon arrival, check in at your hotel.
- In the evening, witness the Ganga Aarti ceremony on the banks of the Ganges River, a mesmerizing ritual with floating lamps and devotional chants.

Day 7: Varanasi Sightseeing

- Start with an early morning boat ride on the Ganges River, observing the city's awakening with devotees performing their rituals.
- Explore Varanasi's narrow, winding lanes, rich with spiritual and historical significance.
- Visit Banaras Hindu University, a prominent educational institution with an extensive campus.
- Explore Bharat Mata Temple, dedicated to Mother India, and Tulsi Manas Temple, known for its exquisite marble work and religious texts.
- Visit Sarnath Temple complex, where Lord Buddha delivered his first sermon, and explore the ancient ruins and serene environment.
- If time permits, visit Ram Nagar Fort and Museum to learn about Varanasi's royal history and cultural heritage.

Day 8: Varanasi to Bodhgaya (255kms)

- Start the day with breakfast before driving to Bodhgaya.
- Check in at your hotel upon arrival.
- Visit the Mahabodhi Temple complex, a UNESCO World Heritage site where Buddha is believed to have attained enlightenment under the Bodhi Tree.
- Explore the various monasteries around the Mahabodhi Temple, each showcasing different architectural styles from Buddhist traditions around the world.

Day 9: Bodhgaya to Patna via Nalanda and Rajgir (170kms)

- After breakfast, drive to Patna with stops at Rajgir and Nalanda.

- In Rajgir, explore Vulture's Peak and the significant Buddhist ruins, associated with Buddha's teachings and meditative retreats.
- Continue to Nalanda, the site of an ancient center of learning and one of the world's earliest residential universities. Visit the impressive ruins of Nalanda University, reflecting India's educational heritage.
- Arrive in Patna in the evening and check in at your hotel.

Day 10: Patna to Kolkata (Flight)

- Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before flying to Kolkata.
- On arrival, check in at your hotel.
- Start your city tour with the Victoria Memorial, an iconic Indo-Saracenic structure surrounded by lush gardens.
- Walk across Howrah Bridge, a symbol of Kolkata connecting the city to Howrah.
- Visit the Indian Museum, one of India's oldest and largest museums, showcasing a vast collection of antiques and artifacts.
- Explore Marble Palace, noted for its marble walls, floors, and sculptures.
- End the day sampling Bengali cuisine and exploring bustling local markets.

Day 11: Kolkata to Bhubaneswar (Flight)

- Begin with breakfast before taking a flight to Bhubaneswar.
- Check in at your hotel upon arrival.
- Visit Lingaraja Temple, dedicated to Lord Shiva and known for its architectural grandeur.
- Explore Mukteshwar Temple, famous for its exquisite carvings and intricate designs.
- Visit Rajarani Temple, known for its beautiful sculptural work and erotic carvings.
- Conclude with a visit to Dhauli Stupa, a Buddhist site marking Emperor Ashoka's transformation post the Kalinga War.

Day 12: Bhubaneswar to Puri via Konark (60kms)

- Start with breakfast at the hotel before embarking on a drive to Puri.
- En route, visit Konark Sun Temple, a UNESCO World Heritage site shaped like a colossal chariot with intricate stone carvings.

- Explore Raghurajpur artisan village, known for its Pattachitra paintings, and Pipili, famous for its vibrant applique work.
- Arrive in Puri and visit Jagannath Temple, dedicated to Lord Jagannath, his sister Subhadra, and his elder brother Balabhadra.

Day 13: Puri to Chilika Lake (55kms)

- After breakfast, take an excursion to Chilika Lake, Asia's largest brackish water lagoon.
- Sail through the tranquil waters of Chilika Lake, observing a variety of migratory birds such as flamingos, herons, and pelicans.
- Enjoy the serene environment and stunning views of the lake and surrounding landscapes before returning to Puri in the evening.

Day 14: Free Day in Puri

- Spend the day at leisure on Puri's beautiful beaches.
- Indulge in optional water sports activities, take a leisurely stroll along the sandy shores, or simply relax and unwind amidst the scenic coastal backdrop.

Day 15: Departure from Delhi

- Start with breakfast before transferring to Bhubaneswar airport for your flight to Delhi.
- On reaching Delhi, board your onward flight, concluding your journey with cherished memories of India's classical culture, historical grandeur, and spiritual depth.

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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	4,737	2,562	2,236	2,315	2,060	2,011	1,873	1,769
4★ Deluxe	5,566	3,000	2,674	2,752	2,498	2,449	2,310	2,207
5★ Luxury	7,146	4,082	3,485	3,564	3,309	3,261	3,122	3,018

Valid for Travel: 16 April 2027 to 20 September 2027

Persons	Solo	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
3★ Standard	4,557	2,461	2,152	2,238	1,989	1,935	1,800	1,699
4★ Deluxe	5,187	2,814	2,505	2,591	2,342	2,288	2,153	2,052
5★ Luxury	6,731	3,861	3,280	3,367	3,117	3,064	2,929	2,828

Single Room Supplement

3★ Standard: USD 655 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 1,046 | 5★ Luxury: USD 1,815

Triple Sharing Discount (Per Person)

3★ Standard: USD 71 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 107 | 5★ Luxury: USD 239

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:

- - Khajuraho - Varanasi, Patna - Kolkata - Bhubaneswar - Delhi flight fare approx 20500 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 14 nights' accommodation

3-Star Hotels

- Delhi x 2 nights: Dee Marks Hotel & Resorts/ Emerald Hotel
- Agra x 1 night: Howard Plaza the Fern/ Hotel Atulyaa Taj
- Orchha x 1 night: Orchha Resort/ Amar Mahal
- Khajuraho x 1 night: Ramada/SYNA Heritage Hotel
- Varanasi x 2 nights: Meraden Grand/ Hotel Tridev
- Bodhgaya x 1 night: The Imperial/ Hotel Taj Darbar
- Kolkata x 2 nights: Golden Tulip/ Polo Floatel
- Bhubaneshwar x 1 night: Hotel Hindusthan International/ Swosti Grand
- Puri x 3 nights: Toshali Sands/ The Hans Coco Palms

4-Star Hotels

- Delhi x 2 nights: The Hans/ The Royal Plaza
- Agra x 1 night: Radisson Hotel/ Holiday Inn
- Orchha x 1 night: Orchha Resort/ Amar Mahal
- Khajuraho x 1 night: Radisson Hotel/ Hotel Chandela
- Varanasi x 2 nights: Rivatas by Ideal/ The Amayaa
- Bodhgaya x 1 night: Marasa Sarovar Premiere/ The Royal Residency

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- Kolkata x 2 nights: The Elgin Fairlawn/ ZONE By The Park
- Bhubaneshwar x 1 night: Fortune Park Sishmo/ Lemon Tree Premier
- Puri x 3 nights: MAYFAIR Heritage/ Mayfair Waves

5-Star Hotels

- Delhi x 2 nights: Le Meridien/ The Grand New Delhi
- Agra x 1 night: Courtyard by Marriott/ Trident Hotel
- Orchha x 1 night: Orchha Palace and Convention Centre
- Khajuraho x 1 night: The Lalit Temple View
- Varanasi x 2 nights: Ramada JHV/ Radisson Hotel
- Bodhgaya x 1 night: Hyatt Place Bodh Gaya
- Kolkata x 2 nights: ITC Sonar, a Luxury Collection/ The Lalit Great Eastern
- Bhubaneshwar x 1 night: Mayfair Lagoon/ Trident Hotel
- Puri x 3 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.

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- 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.

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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.