

Tour Name: Mumbai & Three Jyotirlinga Temples in Maharashtra

Tour Duration: 7 Nights/ 8 Days

Tour Map: <https://tinyurl.com/mr3s3fmc>

Tour Overview

Embark on a profound journey through Mumbai & Three Jyotirlinga Temples in Maharashtra tour. Begin in Mumbai, where you'll explore ancient rock-cut temples at Elephanta Caves and delve into the city's vibrant heritage at landmarks like CST and Mani Bhawan. Journey to Nashik, famed for the revered Trimbakeshwar Jyotirlinga and mythical sites like Panchavati and Ram Kund. In Aurangabad, discover the architectural marvels of Ellora and the spiritual serenity of Grishneshwar Jyotirlinga. Trek through Bhimashankar's lush forests to its sacred temple, concluding with a cultural exploration of Karla and Bhaja Caves. This tour promises a blend of spiritual enlightenment and cultural immersion across Maharashtra's timeless landscapes.

Tour Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Mumbai

- Upon arrival at Mumbai airport, our representative will warmly welcome you and assist with your transfer to the hotel. (Hotel check-in/out time 12 pm). The remainder of the day is at leisure, allowing you to relax and engage in personal activities. Overnight stay at the hotel in Mumbai.

Day 2: Mumbai

- After a delightful breakfast at the hotel, begin your day with an excursion to Elephanta Caves, a UNESCO World Heritage site known for its ancient rock-cut temples dedicated to Lord Shiva. Marvel at the intricate sculptures and serene ambiance on Elephanta Island. Return to Mumbai for a city tour, visiting:
- Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus (CST): A UNESCO-listed railway station showcasing Victorian Gothic architecture.
- Prince of Wales Museum: Now known as Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya, housing an extensive collection of artifacts from ancient India.
- Mani Bhawan: Mahatma Gandhi's former residence, now a museum showcasing his life and teachings.

- Dhobi Ghat: Witness the world's largest outdoor laundry where Mumbai's washermen (dhobis) work tirelessly. Return to the hotel for an overnight stay in Mumbai.

Day 3: Mumbai - Nashik (170kms)

- Enjoy a delightful breakfast at your hotel in Mumbai before embarking on a spiritual journey to Nashik, known for its deep-rooted spirituality and vibrant culture. Check in at the hotel upon arrival and visit:
- Trimbakeshwar Jyotirlinga Temple: One of the twelve Jyotirlinga temples dedicated to Lord Shiva. Marvel at its intricate architecture, featuring ornate carvings and sculptures reflecting centuries of devotion and craftsmanship.
- Explore the mythological sites associated with Ramayana in the Panchavati area:
- Panchavati Temple Complex: Visit the mythological sites associated with Ramayana, including Tapovan where Lord Ram, Sita, and Laxman stayed during their exile.
- Ram Kund: A sacred tank believed to be the spot where Lord Ram and Sita used to bathe.
- Kalaram Temple: Dedicated to Lord Rama, known for its striking black stone idol.
- Sita Gufaa: A cave where Sita is believed to have stayed during her exile.
- Overnight stay in Nashik.

Day 4: Nashik - Ellora - Aurangabad (200kms)

- After breakfast, depart for Aurangabad via Ellora, exploring significant landmarks along the way:
- Grishneshwar Temple: A prominent Jyotirlinga shrine revered for its spiritual sanctity and historical significance.
- Ellora Caves: A UNESCO World Heritage site renowned for its rock-cut temples and monasteries dating from the 5th to 8th centuries. Admire the Kailasa Temple, carved from a single rock, and intricate sculptures depicting Hindu mythology.
- Daulatabad Fort: An ancient hill fortress known for its formidable defense systems and panoramic views. Explore steeply inclined ramps and fortified gates. Overnight stay in Aurangabad.

Day 5: Aurangabad - Ajanta - Aurangabad (210kms round)

- Enjoy breakfast before embarking on an excursion to Ajanta Caves, renowned for their exquisite Buddhist cave temples and frescoes dating from the 2nd century BCE

to the 6th century CE. Marvel at detailed carvings and vibrant murals depicting the life of Buddha and Jataka tales. Return to Aurangabad to visit:

- Bibi Ka Maqbara: Often referred to as the "Taj of the Deccan," this 17th-century mausoleum replicates Mughal architecture with delicate marble lattice work and serene gardens. Overnight stay in Aurangabad.

Day 6: Aurangabad - Bhimashankar (280kms)

- After breakfast, depart for Bhimashankar, nestled amidst the Sahyadri Mountains. Explore:
- Bhimashankar Jyotirlinga Temple: Dedicated to Lord Shiva, this ancient temple features graceful Naga architecture. Experience the spiritual energy amidst lush forests and waterfalls.
- Bhimashankar Wildlife Sanctuary: Optional visit for nature enthusiasts. Explore diverse flora and fauna, including the Indian Giant Squirrel. Overnight stay in Bhimashankar.

Day 7: Bhimashankar - Mumbai (200kms)

- After breakfast, begin your return journey to Mumbai, with en-route visits to:
- Karla Caves and Bhaja Caves: Explore ancient Buddhist rock-cut caves in Lonavala, dating back to 160 BC, known for intricate carvings and serene surroundings.
- Lohagad Fort: Visit the historic fort offering panoramic views of surrounding hills.
- Bhushi Dam: Enjoy a serene stopover at the picturesque dam known for tranquil surroundings and cascading water. Return to Mumbai for an overnight stay.

Day 8: Mumbai - Departure

- After breakfast at the hotel, transfer to Mumbai airport as per your flight schedule, concluding your journey with cherished memories of Maharashtra's rich spiritual heritage and cultural exploration.

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	2,523	1,371	1,198	1,196	1,066	1,050	978	924
4★ Deluxe	2,855	1,530	1,357	1,355	1,225	1,209	1,137	1,083
5★ Luxury	3,493	2,016	1,690	1,688	1,558	1,542	1,470	1,416

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Single Room Supplement

3★ Standard: USD 327 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 500 | 5★ Luxury: USD 805

Triple Sharing Discount (Per Person)

3★ Standard: USD 19 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 61 | 5★ Luxury: USD 95

Price Includes:

- Assistance on arrival at airport.
- 7 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:

- Any flight tickets.
- 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 7 nights' accommodation

3 Star Hotels

- Mumbai x 2 nights: Hotel Godwin, Colaba/ Hotel Suba Palace
- Nashik x 1 night: Enrise by Sayaji Nashik/ Lily Sarovar Portico

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- Aurangabad x 2 nights: The Fern Residency/ Amarpreet Hotel
- Bhimashankar x 1 night: Neelam Hills Resort/ Blue Mormon Jungle Holiday Resort
- Mumbai x 1 night: Hotel Godwin, Colaba/ Hotel Suba Palace

4 Star Hotels

- Mumbai x 2 nights: Fariyas Hotel/ The Gordon House
- Nashik x 1 night: Regenta Resort Soma Village/ Hotel Express Inn
- Aurangabad x 2 nights: Lemon Tree Hotel
- Bhimashankar x 1 night: Neelam Hills Resort/ Blue Mormon Jungle Holiday Resort
- Mumbai x 1 night: Fariyas Hotel/ The Gordon House

5 Star Hotels

- Mumbai x 2 nights: Trident Hotel/ President, Mumbai - IHCL SeleQtions
- Nashik x 1 night: The Gateway Hotel Ambad/ Beyond By Sula
- Aurangabad x 2 nights: WelcomHotel Rama International/ Vivanta Aurangabad
- Bhimashankar x 1 night: Neelam Hills Resort/ Blue Mormon Jungle Holiday Resort
- 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.

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- 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.

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.