

Tour Name: Mumbai to Bhopal Visit Ancient Caves, Temples & Mughal Monuments

Tour Duration: 11 Nights/ 12 Days

Tour Map: <https://tinyurl.com/3ypa4225>

Tour Overview

Embark on an unforgettable journey through the heartlands of India with the "Mumbai to Bhopal Visit Ancient Caves, Temples & Mughal Monuments." This immersive tour takes you from the bustling metropolis of Mumbai, where ancient Elephanta Caves and vibrant markets await, to the serene banks of Nashik's Godavari River, home to sacred temples and historic caves. Traverse to Aurangabad, a treasure trove of UNESCO-listed Ajanta and Ellora Caves, before venturing through Burhanpur's storied forts and Maheshwar's tranquil ghats on the Narmada. Discover Mandu's romantic legends and Bhopal's cultural tapestry, culminating in the timeless allure of Sanchi Stupa and Bhimbetka Caves, showcasing India's rich heritage and natural splendor.

Tour Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Mumbai

- On arrival, assistance and transfer to the hotel.
- Freshen up and relax after your journey.
- Visit Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya (formerly the Prince of Wales Museum), showcasing a diverse collection of ancient artifacts, artworks, and exhibits.
- Explore the bustling Colaba Causeway, a popular shopping street filled with stalls selling everything from jewelry to handicrafts.
- Stroll along Marine Drive, the "Queen's Necklace," a scenic promenade along the Arabian Sea.

Day 2: Mumbai City Tour

- Delight in breakfast at the hotel.
- Visit the iconic Gateway of India, a historic monument built during the British Raj.
- Take a boat ride to Elephanta Caves, a UNESCO World Heritage Site with rock-cut sculptures depicting Hindu deities.

- Take a leisurely stroll through the historic Kala Ghoda district, known for its art galleries, museums, and cultural spaces.
- Explore Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus, a Victorian Gothic architectural masterpiece and UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- Dive into local culture at Crawford Market, a bustling marketplace known for its fresh produce and vibrant atmosphere.
- Enjoy a heritage landmarks drive-past and walking tour of South Mumbai, including landmarks like the Bombay High Court and the University of Mumbai.
- Conclude with a visit to the Hanging Gardens for panoramic city views and serene surroundings.

Day 3: Mumbai to Nashik (170kms/4hrs)

- Enjoy breakfast at the hotel.
- Depart for Nashik and check in at the hotel upon arrival.
- Visit Trimbakeshwar Temple, a Jyotirlinga site dedicated to Lord Shiva and a significant pilgrimage destination.
- Indulge in a wine tasting experience at Sula Winery, where you'll tour the vineyards and sample a variety of wines.

Day 4: Nashik to Aurangabad (170kms/4hrs)

- Start with a hearty breakfast.
- Explore Panchvati temple complex, including Sita Gufa, a cave where Sita is believed to have stayed during her exile; Kapileswara Temple, an ancient Shiva temple; and Kalaram Temple, known for its black statue of Lord Rama.
- Drive to Aurangabad.
- Check in at the hotel in Aurangabad.
- Rest and visit the local market in Aurangabad, known for its Paithani sarees and Himroo shawls.

Day 5: Aurangabad Excursion: Ellora Caves

- Enjoy breakfast at the hotel.

- Embark on a full-day excursion to Ellora Caves, a UNESCO World Heritage Site with 34 rock-cut temples and monasteries representing Buddhist, Hindu, and Jain traditions.
- Visit the Kailasa Temple, an architectural marvel carved out of a single rock.
- Explore Daulatabad Fort, a 12th-century fort with a complex defense system.
- Return to Aurangabad and visit Aurangabad Caves, ancient rock-cut Buddhist shrines.
- Visit Bibi ka Maqbara, often called the "Taj of the Deccan" for its resemblance to the Taj Mahal.
- See Panchakki, an ancient water mill with a fascinating engineering mechanism.

Day 6: Aurangabad to Burhanpur (220kms/5hrs approx)

- Savor breakfast at the hotel.
- Depart for Burhanpur, visiting Ajanta Caves en route, a UNESCO World Heritage Site with exquisite Buddhist paintings and sculptures dating back to the 2nd century BCE.
- Continue the drive to Burhanpur.
- Check in at the hotel in Burhanpur.

Day 7: Burhanpur to Maheshwar via Asirgarh and Omkareshwar (175kms/4hrs approx)

- Begin with breakfast at the hotel.
- City tour of Burhanpur, including the Shahi Qila, a Mughal-era fort and palace.
- Visit Jama Masjid, an ancient mosque with stunning architecture.
- Drive to Maheshwar, stopping at Asirgarh Fort.
- Explore the historical Asirgarh Fort with breathtaking views.
- Continue to Maheshwar.
- Arrive in Maheshwar and check in at the hotel.

Day 8: Maheshwar to Mandu to Indore (125km/3hrs approx)

- Visit the Maheshwar Fort complex after breakfast, known for its exquisite handloom saris and the sacred Narmada River.
- Drive to Mandu, a historical fortress town.
- Explore Jahaz Mahal (Ship Palace), a palace that appears to float on water.
- Visit Hindola Mahal (Swinging Palace), an architectural marvel with sloping walls.
- Explore Rani Roopmati Pavilion, offering panoramic views of the surrounding landscape.
- Visit Hoshang Shah's Tomb, India's first marble structure and an architectural inspiration for the Taj Mahal.
- Explore Jami Masjid, a grand mosque modeled after the great mosque of Damascus.
- Visit Baz Bahadur's Palace, known for its picturesque setting.
- See Rewa Kund, a historic reservoir connected to Baz Bahadur's Palace.
- Continue to Indore and check in at the hotel.

Day 9: Indore to Ujjain to Bhopal (255kms/5hrs approx)

- Enjoy breakfast at the hotel.
- Depart for Ujjain, one of the seven sacred cities in Hinduism.
- Visit Mahakaleshwar Temple, one of the twelve Jyotirlingas.
- Explore Kal Bhairav Temple, dedicated to the fierce manifestation of Lord Shiva.
- Visit Harsiddhi Temple, an ancient temple with significant religious importance.
- Drive to Bhopal and check in at the hotel.

Day 10: Bhopal Excursion: Bhimbetka & Bhojpur (45kms/1hr approx one way)

- Start with breakfast at the hotel.
- Excursion to Bhimbetka, a UNESCO World Heritage Site with prehistoric rock shelters and cave paintings.
- Continue to Bhojpur and visit the Bhojeshwar Temple, known for its massive Shiva Lingam.

- Return to Bhopal and tour the city, including Taj-ul-Masajid, one of the largest mosques in India.
- Visit Shaukat Mahal, a blend of Gothic and Islamic architectural styles.
- Enjoy the serene surroundings of Upper Lake, Bhopal's oldest man-made lake.

Day 11: Bhopal Excursion: Sanchi & Udayagiri (50kms/1hr approx)

- Enjoy breakfast at the hotel.
- Visit Bhoj Wetland, a Ramsar site with rich biodiversity and a haven for bird watchers.
- Proceed to Sanchi, another UNESCO World Heritage Site known for its ancient Buddhist stupas and monasteries.
- Explore the Great Stupa, a large hemispherical dome containing relics of the Buddha.
- Visit the Ashoka Pillar, an elegant stone column with inscriptions by Emperor Ashoka.
- Explore the Sanchi Museum, housing a collection of artifacts from the site.
- Visit Udayagiri rock-cut caves, known for their intricate sculptures and carvings.
- Return to Bhopal for an overnight stay.

Day 12: Bhopal Departure

- Enjoy breakfast at the hotel.
- Transfer to the airport as per your flight schedule.

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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	3,942	2,123	1,841	1,788	1,583	1,566	1,451	1,365
4★ Deluxe	4,413	2,350	2,069	2,016	1,810	1,793	1,678	1,592
5★ Luxury	5,599	3,227	2,687	2,634	2,429	2,411	2,296	2,210

Valid for Travel: 16 April 2027 to 20 September 2027

Persons	Solo	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
3★ Standard	3,896	2,058	1,777	1,724	1,519	1,501	1,386	1,300
4★ Deluxe	4,345	2,305	2,023	1,970	1,765	1,747	1,633	1,547
5★ Luxury	5,519	3,166	2,626	2,573	2,368	2,351	2,236	2,150

Single Room Supplement

3★ Standard: USD 458 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 702 | 5★ Luxury: USD 1,270

Triple Sharing Discount (Per Person)

3★ Standard: USD 48 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 82 | 5★ Luxury: USD 151

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:

- Bhopal - Mumbai flight fare approx INR 6, 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
- Nashik x 1 night: Enrise by Sayaji Nashik/ Lily Sarovar Portico
- Aurangabad x 2 nights: The Fern Residency/ Amarpreet Hotel
- Burhanpur x 1 night: MPT Tapti Retreat/ Hotel Grand Shivam
- Maheshwar x 1 night: MPT Narmada Resort/ Aamantran at Fort Maheshwar
- Indore x 1 night: Citrus Hotels/ Pride Hotel
- Bhopal x 3 nights: The Fern Residency/ Lake View Ashok

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
- Burhanpur x 1 night: MPT Tapti Retreat/ Hotel Grand Shivam
- Maheshwar x 1 night: MPT Narmada Resort/ Aamantran at Fort Maheshwar
- Indore x 1 night: Lemon Tree Hotel/ Effotel by Sayaji Indore
- Bhopal x 3 nights: Noor Us Sabha Palace/ Sayaji Bhopal

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
- Burhanpur x 1 night: MPT Tapti Retreat/ Hotel Grand Shivam
- Maheshwar x 1 night: Ahilya Fort
- Indore x 1 night: Indore Marriott Hotel/ Sheraton Grand Palace
- Bhopal x 3 nights: Jehan Numa Palace/ Courtyard by Marriott

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.