

Tour Name: Mumbai, Backwater & Golden Triangle

Tour Duration: 9 Nights/ 10 Days

Tour Map: <https://tinyurl.com/3k9xujbm>

Tour Overview

Embark on the "Mumbai, Backwater & Golden Triangle", a captivating journey that weaves through India's historic and picturesque landscapes. Begin in Mumbai, exploring its colonial heritage and vibrant culture before flying to the tranquil backwaters of Cochin and Alleppey, where traditional houseboats glide through scenic waterways. Continue your adventure in Delhi, where ancient monuments and bustling markets await, then marvel at the timeless beauty of Agra's Taj Mahal and Agra Fort. Discover the pink-hued splendor of Jaipur, with its majestic forts and regal palaces. This tour seamlessly blends India's architectural grandeur with the serene charm of its southern waterways, offering an unforgettable experience of the country's rich history and natural beauty. Enjoy luxurious accommodations, enriching cultural experiences, and the best of Indian hospitality throughout your journey.

Tour Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Mumbai

- Arrival in Mumbai, India's bustling metropolis known for its vibrant culture, colonial-era architecture, and Bollywood glamour.
- Transfer to your hotel and unwind after your journey.

Day 2: Mumbai

- Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before starting your day of sightseeing.
- Iconic arch overlooking the Arabian Sea, symbolizing Mumbai's maritime heritage.
- Built to commemorate the visit of King George V and Queen Mary in 1911, it is a historical landmark.
- UNESCO World Heritage site with rock-cut temples dedicated to Lord Shiva, featuring a large statue of Maheshamurti.
- Accessible by ferry from the Gateway of India, showcasing intricate sculptures and cave architecture dating back to the 5th to 8th centuries.
- UNESCO World Heritage site and historic railway station, an architectural blend of Victorian Gothic Revival and traditional Indian styles.
- Scenic promenade known as the "Queen's Necklace" for its night-time view with streetlights forming a necklace shape along the coast.

- Offers a picturesque view of the Arabian Sea and is a popular spot for evening walks and enjoying the sunset.
- Historic mosque and tomb situated on an islet in the Arabian Sea, built in 1431 in memory of a wealthy Muslim merchant.
- Accessible via a narrow causeway, it is a popular pilgrimage site visited by people of all faiths.

Day 3: Mumbai - Cochin (flight)

- Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before heading to the airport for your flight.
- Fly to Cochin, Kerala's bustling port city known for its cultural blend of Dutch, Portuguese, and British influences, and scenic backwaters.
- Historical area with Chinese fishing nets, introduced by Chinese traders, and St. Francis Church, the oldest European church in India.
- Vasco da Gama was originally buried here before his remains were moved to Portugal.
- Also known as Paradesi Synagogue, it is the oldest active synagogue in the Commonwealth of Nations, dating back to 1568.
- Features beautiful Belgian chandeliers, a gold pulpit, and a hand-painted, willow-patterned floor tiles.
- Built by the Portuguese and presented to the Raja of Cochin, it is famous for its stunning murals depicting scenes from the Ramayana and Mahabharata.
- The palace is a fine example of Kerala-style architecture with colonial influences.

Day 4: Cochin - Alleppey (60kms)

- Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before driving to Alleppey.
- Drive to Alleppey, renowned for its serene backwaters and houseboat cruises through a network of canals, lagoons, and lakes.
- Enjoy a leisurely cruise on a traditional Kerala houseboat (Kettuvallam) through picturesque backwaters, complete with modern amenities.
- Experience rural Kerala life, watch local fishermen at work, and observe paddy fields and village activities along the banks.
- Relax on the pristine shores of Marari Beach, known for its tranquil environment and clean sands.
- Enjoy the serene ambiance, take a swim, or simply relax under the shade of palm trees.

Day 5: Alleppey - Cochin (60kms) / Delhi

- Enjoy breakfast on the houseboat before returning to Cochin.
- Return to Cochin and explore local markets, which offer a variety of goods from spices, handicrafts, and traditional textiles.
- Fly to Delhi, India's capital city known for its rich history, bustling markets, and diverse cultural heritage.
- Famous shopping district in Cochin offering a variety of goods from spices to handicrafts, perfect for buying souvenirs and gifts.

Day 6: Delhi

- Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before starting your day of sightseeing.
- Explore Jama Masjid, one of the largest mosques in India, built by Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan.
- Experience the bustling atmosphere and narrow lanes of Chandni Chowk, a vibrant market offering street food and traditional goods.
- Visit Raj Ghat, the simple but powerful memorial dedicated to Mahatma Gandhi, marked by a black marble platform.
- UNESCO World Heritage site with symmetrical gardens and Mughal architecture, serving as the inspiration for the Taj Mahal.
- Historic fort in the heart of Delhi and a UNESCO World Heritage site, known for its massive walls made of red sandstone.
- Explore the fort's museums, palaces, and halls, including the Diwan-i-Am and Diwan-i-Khas.
- Tallest brick minaret in the world and a UNESCO World Heritage site, part of the Qutub complex, which also includes Alai Darwaza and the Iron Pillar.
- Marvel at the intricate carvings and inscriptions on the Qutub Minar, and visit the surrounding ruins of ancient structures.

Day 7: Delhi - Agra (204kms)

- Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before driving to Agra.
- Drive to Agra and visit the Taj Mahal, a stunning white marble mausoleum built by Emperor Shah Jahan in memory of his wife Mumtaz Mahal.
- Explore the exquisite architecture, beautiful gardens, and intricate marble inlay work of the Taj Mahal, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

- UNESCO World Heritage site with palaces, mosques, and views of the Taj Mahal, known for its massive walls and intricate design.
- Explore the various structures within Agra Fort, including the Jahangir Mahal, Khas Mahal, and Diwan-i-Khas.
- A garden complex situated opposite the Taj Mahal, offering a perfect view of the monument at sunset, providing a peaceful and scenic environment.
- Often referred to as the "Baby Taj", this mausoleum is a jewel box and regarded as a draft of the Taj Mahal.
- Visit the tomb of Itimad-ud-Daulah, featuring beautiful marble screens and intricate inlay work.

Day 8: Agra - Jaipur (245kms)

- Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before driving to Jaipur.
- Witness the beauty of the Taj Mahal at sunrise, as the first rays of sunlight illuminate its white marble facade.
- Drive to Jaipur, the "Pink City" known for its forts, palaces, and vibrant bazaars, with a stop at Fatehpur Sikri.
- En route visit the UNESCO World Heritage site, a former Mughal capital known for its stunning architecture and well-preserved buildings.
- Explore Buland Darwaza, the highest gateway in the world, Panch Mahal, a five-story palatial structure, and the Tomb of Salim Chishti, a revered Sufi saint.

Day 9: Jaipur

- Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before starting your day of sightseeing.
- Majestic fort-palace with Rajput and Mughal architecture, located on a hilltop with beautiful views of the surrounding area.
- Enjoy an elephant ride (subject to availability) to the main entrance, and explore the fort's courtyards, palaces, and halls.
- Royal residence showcasing Rajput and Mughal architecture, with beautifully designed gardens, courtyards, and museums displaying royal artifacts.
- Visit the museum within the City Palace, which houses a collection of royal costumes, textiles, and weapons.
- UNESCO World Heritage site with a collection of architectural astronomical instruments built by Maharaja Jai Singh II.

- Learn about the various instruments used for measuring time, predicting eclipses, and observing celestial bodies.
- Iconic pink sandstone structure with latticed windows, built for royal women to observe street festivities without being seen.
- Admire the intricate design and architecture of Hawa Mahal, also known as the "Palace of Winds".
- Beautiful palace located in the middle of Man Sagar Lake, known for its stunning architecture and serene surroundings.
- Enjoy the picturesque view of Jal Mahal, especially during sunset, reflecting on the calm waters of the lake.

Day 10: Jaipur - Departure

- Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before your departure.
- Oldest museum of Rajasthan, housing an extensive collection of artifacts including paintings, jewelry, carpets, and sculptures.
- Explore the galleries of the Albert Hall Museum, showcasing the rich cultural heritage of Rajasthan.
- Explore local markets for traditional handicrafts, textiles, and jewelry, perfect for buying souvenirs and gifts.
- Visit popular markets such as Johari Bazaar, Bapu Bazaar, and Tripolia Bazaar for a variety of shopping options.
- Transfer to the airport for your onward journey, concluding your tour of Mumbai to Cochin and the Golden Triangle of India.

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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	3,211	1,760	1,576	1,551	1,409	1,395	1,315	1,256
4★ Deluxe	3,790	2,080	1,895	1,871	1,728	1,714	1,635	1,575
5★ Luxury	4,844	2,805	2,437	2,412	2,270	2,256	2,176	2,117

Valid for Travel: 16 April 2027 to 20 September 2027

Persons	Solo	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
3★ Standard	3,077	1,682	1,497	1,473	1,331	1,316	1,237	1,177
4★ Deluxe	3,311	1,822	1,638	1,613	1,471	1,456	1,377	1,317
5★ Luxury	4,296	2,495	2,126	2,102	1,959	1,945	1,866	1,806

Single Room Supplement

3★ Standard: USD 530 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 789 | 5★ Luxury: USD 1,301

Triple Sharing Discount (Per Person)

3★ Standard: USD 42 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 102 | 5★ Luxury: USD 197

Price Includes:

- Assistance on arrival at airport.
- 9 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.

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Price Does Not Include:

- Mumbai - Cochin - Delhi & Jaipur - Mumbai flight fare approx INR 20, 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 9 nights' accommodation

3 Star Hotels

- Mumbai x 2 nights: Hotel Godwin, Colaba/ Hotel Suba Palace
- Cochin x 1 night: The Tower House/ The Killians
- Alleppey x 1 night: Deluxe Houseboat (AC During Night Only)
- Delhi x 2 nights: Dee Marks Hotel & Resorts/ Emerald Hotel
- Agra x 1 night: Howard Plaza the Fern/ Hotel Atulyaa Taj
- Jaipur x 2 nights: ZONE By THE Park/ The Fern Residency

4 Star Hotels

- Mumbai x 2 nights: Fariyas Hotel/ The Gordon House
- Cochin x 1 night: Casino Hotel/ Le Maritime
- Alleppey x 1 night: Premium Houseboat (Full Time AC)
- Delhi x 2 nights: The Hans/ The Royal Plaza
- Agra x 1 night: Radisson Hotel/ Holiday Inn
- Jaipur x 2 nights: Lemon Tree Premier/ The Fern An Ecotel Hotel

5 Star Hotels

- Mumbai x 2 nights: Trident Hotel/ President, Mumbai - IHCL SeleQtions
- Cochin x 1 night: Kochi Marriott Hotel/ Xandari Harbour

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- Alleppey x 1 night: Luxury Houseboat (Full Time AC)
- Delhi x 2 nights: Le Meridien/ The Grand New Delhi
- Agra x 1 night: Courtyard by Marriott/ Trident Hotel
- Jaipur x 2 nights: Hilton Jaipur/ Radisson City Center

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.

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- **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.