

Tour Name: Must See Monuments, Temples & Beach Tour of India

Tour Duration: 20 Nights/ 21 Days

Tour Map: <https://tinyurl.com/2623sjm7>

Tour Overview

Embark on the "Must See Monuments, Temples & Beach Tour of India" tour for an immersive exploration spanning India's cultural tapestry and natural splendor. Begin in Mumbai, where the bustling cityscape meets colonial-era architecture. Journey through ancient wonders like the Ajanta and Ellora Caves, marveling at intricate rock-cut temples and Buddhist artistry. Experience Hyderabad's regal charm and UNESCO World Heritage sites before delving into Odisha's architectural treasures and serene coastal retreats. Culminate in Goa, where palm-fringed beaches and Portuguese heritage await, offering a perfect blend of relaxation and exploration. This tour promises an enriching odyssey through India's diverse landscapes, from monumental heritage sites to picturesque coastal havens.

Tour Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Mumbai

- Arrive at Mumbai's Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport and transfer to your hotel. Take in the bustling sights and sounds of India's financial capital.
- Rest and relax after your journey, preparing for the adventure ahead.

Day 2: Mumbai

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Begin your day with a visit to the Gateway of India, an iconic monument overlooking the Arabian Sea. Marvel at its Indo-Saracenic architecture and bustling waterfront.
- Take a ferry to Elephanta Caves, a UNESCO World Heritage site on Elephanta Island. Explore the ancient rock-cut temples dedicated to Lord Shiva, adorned with intricate sculptures and reliefs depicting Hindu mythology.
- Optional: Explore the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya (formerly Prince of Wales Museum), showcasing a vast collection of ancient artifacts and art pieces.

Day 3: Mumbai - Aurangabad (Flight)

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Fly to Aurangabad, known for its rich history and architectural marvels.
- Visit Bibi Ka Maqbara, often referred to as the "Taj of the Deccan." Admire this mausoleum built in memory of Aurangzeb's wife, which resembles the Taj Mahal with its stunning white marble façade.
- Explore Panchakki, a historic water mill dating back to medieval times, known for its ingenious engineering and serene surroundings.
- Optional: Visit Daulatabad Fort, an ancient hill fortress known for its impressive defense mechanisms and panoramic views.

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

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Embark on a full-day excursion to Ajanta Caves, a masterpiece of Buddhist religious art and architecture. Marvel at the intricately carved caves adorned with ancient frescoes and sculptures depicting the life of Buddha.
- Witness the artistic achievements of ancient India in these rock-cut caves, showcasing the zenith of Indian artistry and spiritual devotion.
- Optional: Visit the Aurangabad Caves, ancient rock-cut Buddhist caves showcasing intricate carvings and serene Buddhist sculptures.

Day 5: Aurangabad - Hyderabad (Flight)

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Fly to Hyderabad, the "City of Pearls," blending historic charm with modern vibrancy.
- Visit Golconda Fort, a colossal citadel known for its acoustic marvels and strategic architecture. Explore its royal chambers, mosques, and the breathtaking view from the top.
- Optional: Explore the Qutb Shahi Tombs, an impressive necropolis complex known for its Indo-Islamic architecture and serene ambiance.

Day 6: Hyderabad

- Breakfast at the hotel.

- Begin your day with a visit to Charminar, Hyderabad's iconic monument and a bustling hub of activity. Ascend its minarets for panoramic views of the Old City.
- Explore Salar Jung Museum, housing one of the world's largest private collections. Admire rare artifacts, including sculptures, paintings, and manuscripts spanning centuries and continents.
- Optional: Visit the Chowmahalla Palace, a symbol of Hyderabad's Nizami culture, featuring opulent architecture, courtyards, and royal artifacts.

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

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Take a day trip to Warangal, exploring its UNESCO-listed sites. Visit the formidable Kakatiya Fort, a symbol of the region's medieval power and architectural prowess.
- Discover the intricate stone carvings of Thousand Pillar Temple and the archaeological treasures of Warangal Fort, reflecting the glory of the Kakatiya dynasty.
- Optional: Explore Ramappa Temple, a stunning example of Kakatiya architecture known for its intricate carvings and unique floating bricks.

Day 8: Hyderabad - Bhubaneswar (Flight)

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Fly to Bhubaneswar, the "Temple City of India," renowned for its ancient Hindu temples and vibrant culture.
- Visit Lingaraj Temple, dedicated to Lord Shiva and one of the finest examples of Kalinga architecture. Explore its vast courtyard, adorned with intricately carved sculptures and sanctums.
- Discover Mukteshwar Temple, a gem of Orissan architecture known for its exquisite torana arches and delicate carvings depicting mythical themes.
- Optional: Explore Khandagiri and Udayagiri Caves, ancient rock-cut Jain and Buddhist caves offering insights into Odisha's ancient history and religious practices.

Day 9: Bhubaneswar - Puri (60kms)

- Breakfast at the hotel.

- Drive to Puri, a sacred coastal city famous for the Jagannath Temple and its annual Rath Yatra festival.
- Visit Jagannath Temple, dedicated to Lord Jagannath (Lord of the Universe). Explore its towering spires, sacred halls, and witness the rituals of devotion and reverence.
- Optional: Relax on Puri Beach, known for its golden sands and vibrant local culture. Visit the Sri Chaitanya Math, a prominent religious institution overlooking the Bay of Bengal.

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

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Enjoy a scenic drive to Chilika Lake, Asia's largest brackish water lagoon and a haven for migratory birds.
- Embark on a boat ride to explore the lake's biodiversity, mangrove islands, and visit Kalijai Temple, nestled on a tiny island in the midst of the lake.
- Optional: Explore Satpada, a serene village on the shores of Chilika Lake, known for dolphin sightings and scenic landscapes.

Day 11: Puri - Bhubaneswar/ Bangalore (Flight)

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Fly to Bangalore, the "Garden City" of India, celebrated for its pleasant climate and vibrant lifestyle.
- Visit Lalbagh Botanical Garden, spanning 240 acres and home to a stunning variety of tropical plants, fountains, and the iconic glasshouse.
- Optional: Explore Tipu Sultan's Summer Palace, an elegant wooden structure known for its Indo-Islamic architecture and historical significance.

Day 12: Bangalore - Mysore (150kms)

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Drive to Mysore, known for its royal heritage and silk sarees.
- Explore Mysore Palace, a grand example of Indo-Saracenic architecture. Admire its opulent interiors, intricate carvings, and the grand Durbar Hall.
- Visit Chamundi Hill, home to the ancient Chamundeshwari Temple offering panoramic views of Mysore city and the surrounding countryside.

- Optional: Experience the Mysore Dasara Festival (seasonal), a cultural extravaganza showcasing Mysore's royal traditions, music, and dance.

Day 13: Mysore - Shravanabelagola - Hassan (140kms)

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Enroute to Hassan, visit Shravanabelagola, famous for the colossal Gommateshwara Statue, a monolithic statue of Lord Bahubali standing tall at 57 feet. Witness the spiritual ambiance and architectural marvels of Jain heritage.
- Continue to Hassan and explore the exquisite Hoysala temples at Belur and Halebid, renowned for their intricate carvings, celestial dancers, and scenes from Hindu epics.
- Optional: Visit Sravanabelgola Jain Math, a revered Jain monastery offering insights into Jain traditions and teachings.

Day 14: Hassan - Hampi (330kms)

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Drive to Hampi, the ancient capital of the Vijayanagara Empire and a UNESCO World Heritage site.
- Visit Virupaksha Temple, dedicated to Lord Shiva, and marvel at its towering gateway and ornate sculptures depicting Hindu deities.
- Explore the Royal Enclosure, a vast complex of palaces, temples, and administrative buildings showcasing the empire's architectural grandeur and administrative prowess.
- Optional: Visit Hemakuta Hill Temples, offering panoramic views of Hampi's ruins and a serene setting for sunset.

Day 15: Hampi

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Continue exploring Hampi's architectural wonders and historical sites. Visit Lotus Mahal, a striking example of Indo-Islamic architecture with its lotus-shaped arches and symmetrical design.
- Explore Elephant Stables, once used to house the royal elephants, and Hazara Rama Temple known for its exquisite bas-reliefs depicting scenes from the Ramayana.

- Optional: Explore Achyutaraya Temple, known for its intricate carvings and panoramic views of Hampi's landscape.

Day 16: Hampi - Lakkundi - Gadag - Badami (150kms)

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Drive to Badami, stopping at Lakkundi to admire its medieval temples adorned with intricate carvings and ornate step wells.
- Visit Gadag, known for its ancient temples including the Trikuteshwara Temple, an architectural marvel of the Chalukya dynasty showcasing intricate sculptures and ornamental motifs.
- Continue to Badami and explore the Badami Cave Temples, carved out of sandstone cliffs and dedicated to Hindu deities. Admire the detailed carvings depicting gods, goddesses, and mythological narratives.
- Optional: Visit the Banashankari Temple, dedicated to the goddess Banashankari, known for its unique architectural style and religious significance.

Day 17: Badami, Aihole & Pattadakal

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Explore Badami's rock-cut cave temples, carved out of sandstone cliffs and dedicated to Hindu deities. Admire the detailed carvings depicting gods, goddesses, and mythological narratives.
- Visit Aihole, an archaeological treasure trove known as the "cradle of Indian architecture." Discover its early Hindu and Jain temples showcasing diverse architectural styles.
- Explore Pattadakal, a UNESCO World Heritage site renowned for its Chalukyan temples blending North Indian Nagara and South Indian Dravidian architectural elements.
- Optional: Visit Mahakuta Temple, known for its ancient Shiva linga and tranquil surroundings.

Day 18: Badami - Goa (250kms)

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Drive to Goa, India's coastal paradise known for its sandy beaches, Portuguese heritage, and vibrant culture.

- Relax on the beaches or explore Old Goa, a UNESCO World Heritage site with churches including Basilica of Bom Jesus and Se Cathedral, reflecting Goa's colonial past and religious heritage.
- Optional: Visit the Mangueshi Temple, one of Goa's largest and most revered temples dedicated to Lord Shiva, known for its traditional Hindu architecture and spiritual ambiance.

Day 19: Goa

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Enjoy a full-day excursion exploring North Goa's beaches such as Calangute and Baga. Relax on the sun-kissed sands or indulge in water sports activities.
- Visit Aguada Fort, a 17th-century Portuguese fort offering panoramic views of the Arabian Sea and an insight into Goa's maritime history.
- Optional: Explore the Anjuna Flea Market, a vibrant market offering handicrafts, clothing, and local cuisine.

Day 20: Goa

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Explore South Goa's serene beaches including Colva and Palolem, known for their pristine beauty and tranquil ambiance.
- Visit historical sites such as Basilica of Bom Jesus and Se Cathedral in Old Goa, marveling at their Baroque architecture and rich cultural heritage.
- Optional: Take a river cruise on the Mandovi River, enjoying Goan folk dances, music, and a scenic sunset view.

Day 21: Goa - Departure (Flight)

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Transfer to Goa's Dabolim Airport for your onward journey, reflecting on the diverse cultural and architectural wonders experienced during your tour of India.

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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	6,461	3,493	3,008	3,095	2,762	2,632	2,461	2,333
4★ Deluxe	7,767	4,177	3,692	3,778	3,446	3,316	3,144	3,016
5★ Luxury	11,329	6,243	5,455	5,542	5,210	5,079	4,908	4,780

Single Room Supplement

3★ Standard: USD 909 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 1,531 | 5★ Luxury: USD 3,330

Triple Sharing Discount (Per Person)

3★ Standard: USD 108 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 193 | 5★ Luxury: USD 533

Price Includes:

- Assistance on arrival at airport.
- 20 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:

- Mumbai - Aurangabad - Hyderabad - Bhubaneswar - Bangalore flight fare approx INR 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 20 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
- Bhubaneshwar x 1 night: Hotel Hindusthan International/ Swosti Grand
- Puri x 2 nights: Toshali Sands/ The Hans Coco Palms
- Bangalore x 1 night: Royal Orchid Central/ Ramada Bangalore
- Mysore x 1 night: Sandesh the Prince/ Regenta Central Herald by Royal Orchid Hotels
- Hassan x 1 night: The Ashhok/ Pearl Hotel
- Hampi x 2 nights: Malligi Hotel/ Clarks Inn
- Badami x 2 nights: Badami Court/ Clarks Inn
- Goa x 3 nights: The Fern Residency Miramar/ Zone Connect Hotel Parra

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
- Bhubaneshwar x 1 night: Fortune Park Sishmo/ Lemon Tree Premier
- Puri x 2 nights: MAYFAIR Heritage/ Mayfair Waves
- Bangalore x 1 night: Lemon Tree Premier/ Gokulam Grand Hotel & Spa
- Mysore x 1 night: Fortune Park JP Palace/ Royal Orchid Brindavan Garden
- Hassan x 1 night: Hosyala Village Resort/ Rosetta by Ferns – Sakleshpur

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- Hampi x 2 nights: Heritage Resort/ Royal Orchid Central Keerti
- Badami x 2 nights: Morpho Banashree Resort/ WADA1
- Goa x 3 nights: Lemon Tree Hotel Candolim/ The Chances Resort & Casino

5 Star Hotels

- Mumbai x 2 nights: Trident Hotel/ President, Mumbai - IHCL SeleQtions
- 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
- Bangalore x 1 night: ITC Gardenia, a Luxury Collection/ Vivanta Bengaluru, Residency Road
- Mysore x 1 night: Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel
- Hassan x 1 night: Hosyala Village Resort/ Rosetta by Ferns – Sakleshpur
- Hampi x 2 nights: Evolve Back, Hampi
- Badami x 2 nights: Morpho Banashree Resort/ WADA1
- Goa x 3 nights: Alila Diwa Goa/ Kenilworth Resort & Spa, Utorda Beach

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.

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- 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.