

Tour Name: Must See Places in Eastern Himalaya, Maharashtra & Hyderabad Region in India

Tour Duration: 21 Nights/ 22 Days

Tour Map: <https://tinyurl.com/yc87yf6j>

Tour Overview

Embark on a captivating journey through Must See Places in Eastern Himalaya, Maharashtra & Hyderabad Region in India. Starting in Kolkata, delve into the city's rich colonial past and vibrant cultural tapestry. Journey to the majestic Eastern Himalayas, exploring the tranquil hill stations of Darjeeling and Pelling, before immersing yourself in the bustling streets of Gangtok. Witness UNESCO World Heritage Sites in Hyderabad and delve into Hampi's ancient ruins. Discover the architectural wonders of Badami and Goa's serene beaches, culminating in a comprehensive exploration of Eastern India's diverse landscapes, history, and cultural treasures.

Tour Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Kolkata

- Arrive in Kolkata and transfer to your luxury hotel. Relax and enjoy an introductory evening exploring local cuisine and culture.

Day 2: Kolkata

- Victoria Memorial: Explore the grandeur of Victoria Memorial, an architectural marvel housing a museum with exhibits showcasing Kolkata's history under British rule.
- Howrah Bridge: Walk along the bustling Howrah Bridge, an iconic cantilever bridge connecting Kolkata with Howrah over the Hooghly River.
- Indian Museum: Visit the Indian Museum, one of the oldest and largest museums in India, featuring an extensive collection of artifacts and art.

Day 3: Kolkata - Bagdogra (Flight) / Darjeeling (75kms)

- Fly to Bagdogra and drive to Darjeeling, a picturesque hill station famed for its tea estates and panoramic views of the Himalayas.
- Himalayan Mountaineering Institute: Learn about mountaineering history and view mountaineering artifacts at this prestigious institute.

- Tibetan Refugee Self Help Center: Witness Tibetan handicrafts and learn about the Tibetan refugee community's contributions.

Day 4: Darjeeling

- Tiger Hill Sunrise: Wake up early for a mesmerizing sunrise over the snow-capped peaks of Mount Kanchenjunga from Tiger Hill.
- Batasia Loop & Ghoom Monastery: Visit Batasia Loop to witness the toy train's spiral route and explore Ghoom Monastery, home to a majestic statue of Maitreya Buddha.
- Darjeeling Himalayan Railway Joyride: Experience a scenic ride on the UNESCO-listed Darjeeling Himalayan Railway, also known as the "Toy Train."

Day 5: Darjeeling - Pelling (72kms)

- Drive to Pelling, a tranquil town in Sikkim known for its Buddhist monasteries and stunning Himalayan vistas.
- Rabdentse Ruins: Explore the ruins of Rabdentse, the ancient capital of Sikkim, amidst dense forests and panoramic mountain views.
- Khecheopalri Lake: Visit the sacred Khecheopalri Lake, known as the "Wishing Lake," revered by Buddhists and surrounded by lush greenery.

Day 6: Pelling - Gangtok (130kms)

- Travel to Gangtok, Sikkim's capital nestled in the Eastern Himalayas.
- Namgyal Institute of Tibetology: Discover the history and culture of Tibet and the Himalayas through the institute's extensive collection of artifacts and manuscripts.
- Rumtek Monastery: Visit Rumtek Monastery, a prominent seat of Tibetan Buddhism, known for its traditional architecture and religious artifacts.

Day 7: Gangtok

- Tsomgo Lake: Explore the glacial Tsomgo Lake, nestled at an altitude of 12,400 feet and revered by locals for its spiritual significance.
- Handicrafts & Flower Show: Visit the Directorate of Handicrafts & Handloom and the Flower Exhibition Center to admire local craftsmanship and colorful blooms.

Day 8: Gangtok - Kalimpong - Bagdogra (60kms) / Mumbai (Flight)

- Drive to Kalimpong, a charming hill station known for its orchids, scenic viewpoints, and colonial-era architecture.

- Deolo Hill: Enjoy panoramic views of the Himalayas and the Teesta River from Deolo Hill, the highest point in Kalimpong.
- Zang Dhok Palri Phodang Monastery: Visit this serene monastery known for its rare Buddhist scriptures and intricate wall paintings.

Day 9: Mumbai

- Gateway of India & Elephanta Caves: Begin your Mumbai exploration at the iconic Gateway of India, a historic monument overlooking the Arabian Sea. Take a ferry ride to Elephanta Island to explore the ancient Elephanta Caves, designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- Marine Drive & Chowpatty Beach: Relax at Marine Drive, also known as the Queen's Necklace, and experience the lively atmosphere of Chowpatty Beach.

Day 10: Mumbai - Aurangabad (Flight)

- Fly to Aurangabad, gateway to the UNESCO-listed caves of Ajanta and Ellora, showcasing India's rich rock-cut architecture.
- Bibi Ka Maqbara: Visit this mausoleum, often referred to as the "Mini Taj," known for its striking resemblance to the Taj Mahal.

Day 11: Aurangabad - Ajanta Caves (200kms round)

- Ajanta Caves: Marvel at the exquisite rock-cut sculptures and mural paintings depicting Buddhist religious artistry at the Ajanta Caves, dating back to the 2nd century BCE.
- Daulatabad Fort: Explore the impressive Daulatabad Fort, known for its formidable defense mechanisms and panoramic views of Aurangabad.

Day 12: Aurangabad - Hyderabad (Flight)

- Fly to Hyderabad, a city blending Nizami splendor with modernity and renowned for its vibrant culture and historical landmarks.
- Salar Jung Museum: Explore one of the largest museums in India, housing a diverse collection of artifacts from around the world, including art, sculpture, and manuscripts.

Day 13: Hyderabad

- Charminar & Laad Bazaar: Explore the iconic Charminar, Hyderabad's signature monument, and wander through Laad Bazaar known for its traditional bangles and intricate jewelry.

- Golconda Fort: Visit Golconda Fort, an impressive citadel with acoustic marvels and sweeping views of Hyderabad's skyline.

Day 14: Hyderabad - Warangal UNESCO World Heritage Sites (300kms round)

- Warangal Fort & Kakatiya Temples: Discover the architectural wonders of Warangal Fort and the Kakatiya temples, exemplifying medieval South Indian craftsmanship and history.
- Thousand Pillar Temple: Visit the Thousand Pillar Temple, known for its intricate stone carvings and unique architectural style.

Day 15: Hyderabad - Hampi (Flight)

- Fly to Hampi, a UNESCO World Heritage site dotted with ancient temples and ruins amidst a surreal boulder-strewn landscape.
- Vijaya Vittala Temple & Stone Chariot: Marvel at the intricate carvings and the famous stone chariot at the Vijaya Vittala Temple complex.
- Hampi Bazaar & Virupaksha Temple: Explore Hampi Bazaar and visit the Virupaksha Temple, dedicated to Lord Shiva, for a glimpse into Hampi's rich history and vibrant culture.

Day 16: Hampi

- Elephant Stables & Lotus Mahal: Visit the Elephant Stables and Lotus Mahal, exquisite examples of Vijayanagara architecture. Explore the underground Shiva temple and the Queen's Bath for more insights into Hampi's royal past.
- Achyutaraya Temple & Matanga Hill: Climb Matanga Hill for panoramic views of Hampi's temple complexes, including the Achyutaraya Temple, known for its intricate carvings and historical significance.

Day 17: Hampi - Lakkundi - Gadag - Badami (150kms)

- Drive to Badami via Lakkundi and Gadag, visiting ancient temples and archaeological sites that highlight the Chalukyan dynasty's architectural brilliance.
- Banashankari Temple: Visit the Banashankari Temple, known for its unique architectural style and religious significance.
- Badami Cave Temples: Explore the rock-cut cave temples of Badami, showcasing intricate carvings and sculptures depicting Hindu mythological narratives.

Day 18: Badami, Aihole & Pattadakal

- Aihole & Pattadakal Temples: Explore the ancient temple complexes of Aihole and Pattadakal, renowned for their experimental Chalukyan architecture and historical significance.
- Sangameshwara Temple & Durga Temple: Visit the Sangameshwara Temple, an architectural marvel, and the Durga Temple, known for its intricate carvings and unique apsidal structure.

Day 19: Badami - Goa (250kms)

- Drive to Goa, India's beach paradise known for its Portuguese heritage, vibrant culture, and serene coastal landscapes.
- Old Goa Churches: Explore UNESCO-listed churches in Old Goa such as Basilica of Bom Jesus and Se Cathedral, reflecting Goa's colonial legacy.
- Spice Plantation Tour: Enjoy a guided tour of a spice plantation, learning about Goa's rich agricultural traditions and sampling fresh spices.

Day 20: Goa

- Local Village Tour: Immerse yourself in Goan village life with visits to local markets, artisan villages, and traditional Goan homes.
- Dolphin Watching & Boat Cruise: Embark on a dolphin-watching cruise along the Arabian Sea, followed by a scenic boat ride through mangrove-lined rivers.

Day 21: Goa

- Beach Leisure & Water Sports: Relax on Goa's golden beaches or indulge in water sports activities such as parasailing, jet skiing, and banana boat rides.
- Sunset River Cruise: Experience a sunset river cruise on the Mandovi River, serenaded by traditional Goan music and enjoying a sumptuous dinner.

Day 22: Goa - Departure (Flight)

- Enjoy a leisurely breakfast at your hotel before transferring to Goa International Airport for your onward journey, concluding your enriching exploration of Eastern Himalaya, Maharashtra, and the Deccan region 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	6,471	3,486	3,056	3,178	2,843	2,766	2,585	2,450
4★ Deluxe	8,254	4,366	3,936	4,059	3,723	3,647	3,466	3,330
5★ Luxury	11,403	6,397	5,619	5,741	5,405	5,329	5,148	5,012

Single Room Supplement

3★ Standard: USD 1,000 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 1,902 | 5★ Luxury: USD 3,370

Triple Sharing Discount (Per Person)

3★ Standard: USD 119 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 251 | 5★ Luxury: USD 532

Price Includes:

- Assistance on arrival at airport.
- 21 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:

- Kolkata - Bagdogra - Mumbai - Aurangabad - Hyderabad - Hampi flight tickets approx 25500 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 21 nights' accommodation

3-Star Hotels

- Kolkata x 2 nights: Golden Tulip/ Polo Floatel
- Darjeeling x 2 nights: Summit Swiss Heritage Resort & Spa/ Udaan Himalayan Suites & Spa
- Pelling x 1 night: Summit Newa Regency & Spa/ Magpie Pachhu Village Resort
- Gangtok x 2 nights: Summit Namnang Courtyard & Spa/ Summit Norling Resort & Spa
- 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
- 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

- Kolkata x 2 nights: The Elgin Fairlawn/ ZONE By the Park
- Darjeeling x 2 nights: Elgin Hotel/ TRamada by Wyndham
- Pelling x 1 night: The Elgin Mount Pandim/ Chumbi Mountain Retreat & Spa
- Gangtok x 2 nights: Elgin NorKhill/ Denzong Regency
- 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
- Hampi x 2 nights: Heritage Resort/ Royal Orchid Central Keerti
- Badami x 2 nights: Morpho Banashree Resort/ WADA1

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- Goa x 3 nights: Lemon Tree Hotel Candolim/ The Chances Resort & Casino

5-Star Hotels

- Kolkata x 2 nights: ITC Sonar, a Luxury Collection/ The Lalit Great Eastern
- Darjeeling x 2 nights: Mayfair/ Ging Tea House
- Pelling x 1 night: The Elgin Mount Pandim/ Chumbi Mountain Retreat & Spa
- Gangtok x 2 nights: Mayfair Spa Resort & Casino/ Tashiling Residency Hotel & Spa
- 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
- 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.

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- 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.