

Tour Name: Three Jyotirlinga & Caves in Maharashtra

Tour Duration: 9 Nights/ 10 Days

Tour Map: <https://tinyurl.com/yzyh7s4f>

Tour Overview

Embark on Three Jyotirlinga & Caves in Maharashtra, a tour that unveils the rich tapestry of India's cultural and historical heritage. Begin amidst the vibrant streets of Mumbai, where the Gateway of India and Elephanta Caves narrate tales of ancient civilizations. Journey onward to Nashik, steeped in spiritual fervor with its revered Jyotirlinga temple and scenic vineyards. Aurangabad beckons with the UNESCO-listed Ajanta and Ellora Caves, showcasing breathtaking Buddhist artistry and architectural marvels. Pune, the cultural capital, offers a blend of history and modernity, while Lonavala's serene landscapes and ancient caves provide a tranquil retreat. Conclude in Mumbai, where the echoes of Siddhivinayak Temple and bustling streets bid farewell to an enriching exploration of Maharashtra's cultural legacies.

Tour Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Mumbai

- Arrive in Mumbai, India's bustling financial capital known for its vibrant culture and colonial architecture. Check-in to your hotel and unwind after your journey.

Day 2: Mumbai

- Begin your day at the Gateway of India, a majestic arch overlooking the Arabian Sea. This iconic monument holds historical significance as the ceremonial entrance to India for British Viceroys. Marvel at the intricate Indo-Saracenic architecture and bustling waterfront.
- Take a ferry to Elephanta Caves, a UNESCO World Heritage site on Elephanta Island. Explore the intricately carved rock-cut temples dedicated to Lord Shiva, showcasing Hindu mythological sculptures and stunning cave architecture.
- Visit the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya (formerly Prince of Wales Museum), a treasure trove of ancient artifacts, decorative arts, and archaeological finds that span centuries of Indian history. Immerse yourself in the rich cultural heritage of India through its diverse exhibits.

Day 3: Mumbai - Nashik (170kms)

- Drive to Nashik, an ancient holy city situated on the banks of the Godavari River. Nashik is known for its temples, ghats, and as a pilgrimage site for Hindus.
- Visit Trimbakeshwar Temple, one of the 12 sacred Jyotirlingas of Lord Shiva, nestled in the Brahmagiri Hills. The temple's architecture and religious significance draw pilgrims from around the country, offering a serene spiritual experience.
- Explore Sula Vineyards, a picturesque winery offering guided tours amidst rolling vineyards. Engage in wine tasting sessions, learning about the art of winemaking while enjoying panoramic views of the vineyard-dotted landscape.

Day 4: Nashik - Aurangabad (170kms)

- Visit the Kalaram Temple, a striking black stone temple dedicated to Lord Rama, known for its impressive architecture and spiritual ambience. Admire the intricate carvings and vibrant atmosphere of this revered Hindu temple.
- Travel to Aurangabad, named after the Mughal emperor Aurangzeb. This city is a gateway to several UNESCO World Heritage sites and historic monuments, blending Mughal and Maratha architectural styles.

Day 5: Aurangabad

- Full day excursion to Ajanta Caves, a UNESCO World Heritage site renowned for its ancient Buddhist cave paintings and sculptures. These 2nd-century caves depict the life and teachings of Buddha through intricate frescoes and carvings, offering a glimpse into India's rich artistic and spiritual heritage.

Day 6: Aurangabad - Pune (240kms)

- Drive to Pune, Maharashtra's cultural capital and a vibrant city known for its history, academia, and modern infrastructure.
- En route: Visit Bhimashankar Jyotirlinga Temple, located in the dense forests of the Sahyadri Range. This temple dedicated to Lord Shiva offers a tranquil retreat amidst natural beauty and religious fervor, attracting devotees and nature enthusiasts alike.

Day 7: Pune - Lonavala (220kms)

- Travel to Lonavala, a charming hill station nestled in the Sahyadri mountains. Known for its lush greenery, cascading waterfalls, and pleasant climate, Lonavala is a popular weekend getaway.

- Explore Karla Caves, ancient Buddhist rock-cut caves adorned with intricate sculptures and stupas. These caves provide insights into India's ancient architectural and religious heritage, offering a serene setting for spiritual contemplation.
- Visit Bhaja Caves, another set of rock-cut Buddhist caves known for their historical significance and well-preserved architecture. Admire the detailed carvings and serene surroundings, surrounded by scenic hills and tranquil atmosphere.

Day 8: Lonavala

- Day at leisure in Lonavala to relax and immerse yourself in the natural beauty of the region.
- Visit Tiger's Point, a scenic viewpoint offering panoramic vistas of the Western Ghats and valleys below. Capture stunning photographs amidst the lush greenery and misty landscapes, enjoying the fresh mountain air.
- Relax at Bhushi Dam, a popular spot for picnics and leisure activities. Dip your feet in the refreshing waters of the dam or simply unwind amidst the serene atmosphere and scenic beauty.

Day 9: Lonavala - Mumbai (85kms)

- Return to Mumbai, the bustling metropolis known for its energy and diversity, marking the end of your scenic journey through Maharashtra's cultural and natural wonders.
- En route: Visit Khandoba Temple in Jejuri, renowned for its vibrant festivals and cultural significance dedicated to Lord Khandoba, a deity revered by the local community for centuries.

Day 10: Mumbai - Departure

- Optional visit to Siddhivinayak Temple, one of Mumbai's most revered temples dedicated to Lord Ganesha. Seek blessings for a safe journey ahead amidst the temple's peaceful ambiance.
- Departure from Mumbai with fond memories of your exploration of Maharashtra's Jyotirlinga Temples and Hill Caves, enriched with cultural, historical, and natural wonders that have left a lasting impression on your journey.

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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	3,069	1,677	1,456	1,470	1,314	1,359	1,263	1,191
4★ Deluxe	3,537	1,893	1,672	1,686	1,530	1,575	1,479	1,407
5★ Luxury	4,470	2,549	1,456	1,470	1,314	1,359	1,263	1,191

Single Room Supplement**3★ Standard: USD 402 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 654 | 5★ Luxury: USD 1,095****Triple Sharing Discount (Per Person)****3★ Standard: USD 32 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 80 | 5★ Luxury: USD 124****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.

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 9 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
- Pune x 1 night: The HHI Pune/ Royal Orchid Golden Suites
- Lonavala x 2 nights: Citrus Hotels/ Sarovar Portico
- 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
- Pune x 1 night: Lemon Tree Premier City Center/ The Orchid Hotel
- Lonavala x 2 nights: The Fern/ Resort by Meritas
- 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
- Pune x 1 night: Blue Diamond - IHCL SeleQtions/ Hyatt Regency Pune & Residences
- Lonavala x 2 nights: Fariyas Resort Lonavala/ Della Adventure Resorts
- 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.
- 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.

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- **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.