

Tour Name: Three Jyotirlinga Temples in Maharashtra

Tour Duration: 4 Nights/ 5 Days

Tour Map: <https://tinyurl.com/2p9r9dtv>

Tour Overview

Embark on a soul-stirring journey through the "Three Jyotirlinga Temples in Maharashtra" tour. Begin in Mumbai, where the spiritual odyssey unfolds with a visit to the revered Trimbakeshwar Temple in Nashik, dedicated to Lord Shiva. Continue to Aurangabad, where the ancient Grishneshwar Temple and the awe-inspiring Ellora Caves await, showcasing extraordinary rock-cut architecture and spiritual heritage. Explore the Ajanta Caves, adorned with intricate Buddhist paintings, and pay homage at the Taj Mahal-inspired Bibi Ka Maqbara. Conclude your pilgrimage at Bhimashankar, nestled in the Sahyadri Mountains, home to the serene Bhimashankar Temple and vibrant wildlife sanctuary. This journey offers profound insights into Maharashtra's spiritual richness and cultural heritage.

Tour Itinerary

Day 1: Mumbai - Nashik (170kms)

- Begin your day with a delightful breakfast at your hotel in Mumbai, gearing up for a spiritual journey.
- Travel to Nashik, a city known for its deep-rooted spirituality and vibrant culture, surrounded by vineyards and temples.
- Visit Trimbakeshwar Temple, one of the twelve Jyotirlinga temples dedicated to Lord Shiva. Marvel at its intricate architecture, featuring ornate carvings and sculptures that reflect centuries of devotion and craftsmanship.

Day 2: Nashik - Ellora - Aurangabad (200kms)

- Enjoy a sumptuous breakfast at your hotel in Nashik before continuing your pilgrimage to Aurangabad.
- Visit Grishneshwar Temple, another significant Jyotirlinga shrine revered by devotees for its spiritual sanctity and historical significance.
- Explore Ellora Caves, a UNESCO World Heritage site renowned for its rock-cut temples and monasteries dating back to the 5th to 8th centuries. Admire the impressive Kailasa Temple, carved from a single rock, and explore the intricate sculptures depicting Hindu mythology.

- Discover Daulatabad Fort, an ancient hill fortress strategically perched atop a hill. Explore its intricate defense systems, including steeply inclined ramps and fortified gates, offering panoramic views of the surrounding countryside.

Day 3: Aurangabad - Ajanta - Aurangabad (210kms round)

- After a fulfilling breakfast, embark on an excursion to Ajanta Caves, renowned for their exquisite Buddhist cave temples and frescoes dating from the 2nd century BCE to the 6th century CE. Marvel at the detailed carvings and vibrant murals depicting the life of Buddha and various Jataka tales.
- Return to Aurangabad and visit Bibi Ka Maqbara, often referred to as the "Taj of the Deccan." Built in the 17th century by Emperor Aurangzeb, this mausoleum bears striking similarities to the Taj Mahal with its Mughal architecture, including delicate marble lattice work and serene garden settings.

Day 4: Aurangabad - Bhimashankar (280kms)

- Start your day with a hearty breakfast at your hotel in Aurangabad, preparing for a scenic drive to Bhimashankar.
- Arrive in Bhimashankar, nestled amidst the lush Sahyadri Mountains, known for Bhimashankar Temple dedicated to Lord Shiva. Experience the serene ambiance and spiritual energy of this sacred pilgrimage site, surrounded by thick forests and serene waterfalls.
- Explore Bhimashankar Wildlife Sanctuary, a protected area renowned for its rich biodiversity. Trek through dense forests, spotting diverse flora and fauna, including the Malabar giant squirrel and rare orchids, amidst the tranquil natural surroundings.

Day 5: Bhimashankar - Mumbai (200kms)

- Enjoy a leisurely breakfast at your hotel in Bhimashankar.
- Begin your return journey to Mumbai, savoring the scenic landscapes and peaceful moments that Maharashtra offers.
- Conclude your tour upon arrival in Mumbai, filled with cherished memories of exploring the sacred Jyotirlinga temples and experiencing the rich cultural heritage of Maharashtra.

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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	1,492	811	812	693	609	601	554	519
4★ Deluxe	1,674	891	891	772	689	680	634	599
5★ Luxury	1,871	1,266	997	878	795	786	740	705

Single Room Supplement**3★ Standard: USD 145 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 248 | 5★ Luxury: USD 339****Triple Sharing Discount (Per Person)****3★ Standard: USD 19 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 29 | 5★ Luxury: USD 29****Price Includes:**

- Assistance on arrival at airport.
- 4 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.

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- Gratuities and optional activities.
- Anything not mentioned in inclusions.

Hotels used or similar for 4 nights' accommodation

3 Star Hotels

- Nashik x 1 night: Enrise by Sayaji Nashik/ Lily Sarovar Portico
- Aurangabad x 2 nights: The Fern Residency/ Amarpreet Hotel
- Bhimashankar x 1 night: Neelam Hills Resort/ Blue Mormon Jungle Holiday Resort

4 Star Hotels

- Nashik x 1 night: Regenta Resort Soma Village/ Hotel Express Inn
- Aurangabad x 2 nights: Lemon Tree Hotel
- Bhimashankar x 1 night: Neelam Hills Resort/ Blue Mormon Jungle Holiday Resort

5 Star Hotels

- Nashik x 1 night: The Gateway Hotel Ambad/ Beyond by Sula
- Aurangabad x 2 nights: WelcomHotel Rama International/ Vivanta Aurangabad
- Bhimashankar x 1 night: Neelam Hills Resort/ Blue Mormon Jungle Holiday Resort

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.

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- 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.

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- 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.