

Tour Name: The Imperial Heritage of India

Tour Duration: 17 Nights/ 18 Days

Tour Map: <https://tinyurl.com/464w395d>

Tour Overview

Embark on a captivating journey with "The Imperial Heritage of India," a tour that unveils the grandeur of India's historic capitals and their majestic monuments. Begin in Mumbai, where you'll explore architectural marvels like the Elephanta Caves and Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus. Soak in the cultural richness of Cochin's colonial charm and tranquil backwaters before delving into Chennai's vibrant heritage and Pondicherry's French allure. Discover the ancient wonders of Hyderabad and the timeless beauty of Kolkata, followed by Varanasi's sacred rituals along the Ganges. Conclude your adventure with the architectural splendor of Agra's Taj Mahal and Jaipur's royal forts, leaving you with unforgettable memories of India's imperial legacy.

Tour Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Mumbai

- Upon arrival at Mumbai airport, you will be greeted by our representative and transferred to your hotel.
- Take some time to relax and recover from your journey.

Day 2: Mumbai Sightseeing

- Start your day with breakfast at the hotel before setting out to explore Mumbai.
- Visit the Elephanta Caves, a UNESCO World Heritage Site renowned for its ancient rock-cut temples dedicated to Lord Shiva, featuring intricate sculptures and carvings.
- Explore the Gateway of India, an iconic monument overlooking the Arabian Sea, constructed to commemorate the visit of King George V and Queen Mary in 1911.
- Marvel at Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus, a UNESCO World Heritage Site with its impressive Victorian Gothic architecture and vibrant railway activities.
- Stroll along Marine Drive, also known as the Queen's Necklace, famous for its beautiful curved coastline and sparkling city lights at night.
- Visit the Colaba markets, a bustling area offering a variety of shops, street food, and local culture, perfect for experiencing Mumbai's lively atmosphere.
- Explore the Prince of Wales Museum (Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya), showcasing artifacts from India's rich history, including sculptures, coins, and textiles.
- Discover the Hanging Gardens of Mumbai, beautifully landscaped terraced gardens offering panoramic views of the Arabian Sea and the city's skyline.

Day 3: Mumbai - Cochin (Flight)

- After breakfast at the hotel, transfer to Mumbai airport for your flight to Cochin.
- Upon arrival in Cochin, check into your hotel and freshen up.
- In the afternoon, start your city tour of Cochin with a visit to Fort Kochi, known for its colonial-era architecture and charming streets lined with heritage buildings.
- Explore Mattancherry Palace, also known as the Dutch Palace, famous for its Kerala murals depicting Hindu temple art and its elegant courtyards.
- Visit the Jewish Synagogue, the oldest active synagogue in the Commonwealth, known for its beautiful hand-painted blue tiles and ancient Torah scrolls.
- See the Chinese Fishing Nets, traditional fishing equipment that has become a symbol of Cochin's maritime heritage, offering a unique glimpse into local fishing practices.
- Enjoy a Kathakali dance performance in the evening, experiencing this traditional Kerala art form characterized by elaborate costumes, vibrant makeup, and expressive storytelling.

Day 4: Cochin - Alleppey (60km)

- Begin the day with breakfast at the hotel before driving to Alleppey.
- Upon arrival in Alleppey, board a traditional houseboat for a scenic cruise through the backwaters.
- Glide through the serene waterways, passing lush paddy fields, coconut groves, and picturesque village scenes, while enjoying a traditional Kerala lunch on board.
- Relax and soak in the tranquil environment as you drift through the unique backwater landscape, spotting local wildlife and enjoying the peaceful surroundings.
- Visit a traditional village along the way, experiencing local life and culture firsthand.

Day 5: Alleppey - Cochin (60km) / Chennai (Flight)

- Disembark from the houseboat and drive back to Cochin after breakfast at the hotel.
- If heading to Chennai, transfer to Cochin airport for your flight.
- If staying in Cochin, you can spend the day at leisure or explore more of the local markets, such as the Jew Town or Broadway, for local handicrafts and souvenirs.
- Optionally, visit the Paradesi Synagogue in Mattancherry, which has a beautiful collection of antique artifacts and a rich history.

Day 6: Chennai - Pondicherry (250km)

- After breakfast at the hotel, drive to Pondicherry, a former French colony known for its charming streets and colonial architecture.
- En route, visit Kanchipuram, renowned for its ancient temples and exquisite silk sarees. Explore the Kailasanathar Temple, dedicated to Lord Shiva, known for its intricate carvings and ancient architectural style.
- In Pondicherry, explore the French Quarter with its colonial buildings, tree-lined streets, and vibrant cafés.

- Visit Auroville, an international community dedicated to sustainable living, known for its unique architecture and the Matrimandir, a golden-domed meditation center.
- Explore Sri Aurobindo Ashram, a spiritual center founded by Sri Aurobindo, where you can learn about his philosophy and enjoy the peaceful surroundings.
- Relax at the serene beaches of Pondicherry, such as Promenade Beach or Paradise Beach, known for their beautiful views and tranquil ambiance.

Day 7: Pondicherry - Chennai (165km) / Hyderabad (Flight)

- Start with breakfast at the hotel before driving back to Chennai.
- En route, visit Mahabalipuram, a UNESCO World Heritage Site known for its rock-cut temples and monuments. Explore the Shore Temple, known for its stunning seaside location and intricate carvings.
- Discover Arjuna's Penance, a massive bas-relief depicting scenes from Hindu mythology, and the Pancha Rathas, a group of five monolithic rock-cut temples.
- Continue to Chennai airport for your flight to Hyderabad.
- Upon arrival in Hyderabad, transfer to your hotel and relax.

Day 8: Hyderabad Sightseeing

- Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before embarking on a city tour of Hyderabad.
- Visit Golconda Fort, famous for its history, architecture, and panoramic views from its ramparts.
- Explore Charminar, an iconic monument and bustling center of Hyderabad, known for its distinctive arches and vibrant bazaar surroundings.
- Tour Salar Jung Museum, home to an extensive collection of art, artifacts, and historical objects, including sculptures, manuscripts, and textiles.
- See the Qutb Shahi Tombs, the mausoleums of the early rulers of Hyderabad, showcasing distinctive architectural styles and beautiful gardens.
- Wander through Laad Bazaar, known for its traditional bangles, jewelry, and vibrant market atmosphere.

Day 9: Hyderabad - Kolkata (Flight)

- After breakfast at the hotel, transfer to Hyderabad airport for your flight to Kolkata.
- Upon arrival in Kolkata, transfer to your hotel and unwind.
- Spend the remainder of the day at leisure, exploring the local markets or enjoying the amenities of your hotel.

Day 10: Kolkata Sightseeing

- Start your day with breakfast at the hotel before exploring Kolkata.
- Visit the Victoria Memorial, a grand monument dedicated to Queen Victoria, featuring impressive architecture and extensive gardens.
- Explore Howrah Bridge, a major transportation link over the Hooghly River, known for its iconic structure and bustling traffic.

- Discover the Indian Museum, the oldest museum in India, with an extensive collection of artifacts, art, and exhibits, including fossils, coins, and ancient sculptures.
- Visit Marble Palace, a historical mansion with stunning marble architecture and a collection of European paintings and antique furnishings.
- Experience the vibrant markets of Kolkata, such as New Market and College Street, known for their lively atmosphere and diverse shopping options.

Day 11: Kolkata - Varanasi (Flight)

- After breakfast at the hotel, catch a flight from Kolkata to Varanasi.
- Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel and freshen up.
- In the evening, witness the Ganga Aarti ceremony on the banks of the River Ganges, a spiritually enriching experience with a vibrant display of lamps, chants, and rituals.

Day 12: Varanasi Sightseeing

- Start your day with an early breakfast and a boat ride on the River Ganges, observing the spiritual rituals and bustling ghats.
- Visit Kashi Vishwanath Temple, one of the holiest temples dedicated to Lord Shiva, renowned for its intricate gold-plated spire.
- Explore Sankat Mochan Hanuman Temple, dedicated to Lord Hanuman, with its lively atmosphere and vibrant devotional activities.
- Visit Sarnath, where Lord Buddha delivered his first sermon, and explore its ancient stupas, the Dhamek Stupa, and the Sarnath Archaeological Museum.
- If time permits, visit Ram Nagar Fort, a historical fort known for its picturesque setting along the Ganges and its collection of antique weapons and artifacts.

Day 13: Varanasi - Delhi (Flight)

- Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before transferring to the airport for your flight to Delhi.
- Upon arrival in Delhi, check into your hotel and relax.
- Spend the rest of the day exploring local markets or enjoying leisure time at the hotel.

Day 14: Delhi Sightseeing

- After breakfast at the hotel, embark on a full-day city tour of Delhi.
- Visit Red Fort, a historical fortification and symbol of India's rich past, known for its massive walls and Mughal architecture.
- Explore Jama Masjid, one of the largest mosques in India, renowned for its grand architecture and vibrant atmosphere.
- Visit Raj Ghat, the memorial of Mahatma Gandhi, a serene and respectful site dedicated to the Father of the Nation.
- See India Gate, a war memorial dedicated to Indian soldiers who died in World War I, surrounded by lush lawns and fountains.

- Tour President's House, an impressive building with its colonial architecture and large gardens.
- Explore Humayun's Tomb, a UNESCO World Heritage Site known for its Mughal architecture and beautiful gardens.
- Visit Qutub Minar, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the tallest brick minaret in the world, showcasing intricate carvings and historical significance.

Day 15: Delhi - Agra (204km)

- Start your day with breakfast at the hotel before driving to Agra.
- Upon arrival, check-in at your hotel and visit the Taj Mahal, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the Seven Wonders of the World, celebrated for its stunning white marble architecture and intricate inlay work.
- Explore Agra Fort, a majestic red sandstone fort with impressive architecture, including the Diwan-i-Am (Hall of Public Audience) and Diwan-i-Khas (Hall of Private Audience).
- Visit Itmad-ud-Daula Tomb, also known as the Baby Taj, notable for its elegant marble inlay work and serene garden setting.

Day 16: Agra - Jaipur (245km)

- After breakfast at the hotel, drive to Jaipur, the Pink City of India.
- En route, visit Fatehpur Sikri, an abandoned Mughal city known for its impressive architecture and historical significance, including the Buland Darwaza and the Panch Mahal.
- Continue your journey to Jaipur and check into your hotel.
- In the evening, explore Jaipur's vibrant local markets, such as Johari Bazaar and Bapu Bazaar, known for their handicrafts, textiles, and traditional Rajasthani artifacts.

Day 17: Jaipur Sightseeing

- Begin your day with breakfast at the hotel before embarking on a full-day city tour of Jaipur.
- Visit Amber Fort, where you can enjoy an elephant ride up to the fort entrance and explore its grand interiors, including the Sheesh Mahal (Mirror Palace) and the Diwan-i-Khas (Hall of Private Audience).
- Explore Hawa Mahal, the Palace of Winds, famous for its unique façade with 953 small windows designed for the royal women to observe street life without being seen.
- Visit City Palace, an opulent residence of the royal family with its beautiful courtyards, museums, and art collections.
- Tour Jantar Mantar, an observatory with impressive astronomical instruments, including the largest stone sundial in the world.
- See Jal Mahal, the Water Palace, set in the middle of Man Sagar Lake, offering picturesque views and opportunities for photography.

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Day 18: Jaipur - Mumbai (Flight)

- After breakfast at the hotel, transfer to Jaipur airport for your flight to Mumbai.
- Alternatively, drive to Delhi Airport to board your onward flight.

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	5,539	3,019	2,733	2,704	2,438	2,355	2,214	2,109
4★ Deluxe	6,673	3,604	3,319	3,289	3,023	2,940	2,799	2,694
5★ Luxury	8,742	5,082	4,402	4,373	4,106	4,023	3,883	3,777

Valid for Travel: 16 April 2027 – 20 September 2027

Persons	Solo	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
3★ Standard	5,321	2,876	2,594	2,567	2,302	2,216	2,076	1,972
4★ Deluxe	5,952	3,221	2,940	2,913	2,647	2,561	2,422	2,317
5★ Luxury	7,766	4,543	3,866	3,839	3,574	3,487	3,348	3,244

Single Room Supplement**3★ Standard: USD 874 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 1,423 | 5★ Luxury: USD 2,409****Triple Sharing Discount (Per Person)****3★ Standard: USD 83 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 177 | 5★ Luxury: USD 375****Price Includes:**

- Assistance on arrival at airport.
- 17 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 - Chennai - Hyderabad - Kolkata - Varanasi - Delhi - Jaipur - Mumbai flight fare approx INR 40,500 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 17 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)
- Chennai x 1 night: ZONE By the Park/ Raj Park
- Pondicherry x 1 night: Shenbaga Hotel/ Anandha Inn Convention Centre
- Hyderabad x 2 nights: Hotel Abode/ Aditya Park
- Kolkata x 2 nights: Golden Tulip/ Polo Floatel
- Varanasi x 2 nights: Meraden Grand/ Hotel Tridev
- Delhi x 2 nights: Dee Marks Hotel & Resorts/ Emarald 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)
- Chennai x 1 night: Accord Metropolitan/ The Park Chennai
- Pondicherry x 1 night: Le Pondy/ Accord Puducherry
- Hyderabad x 2 nights: The Golkonda Hotel/ Lemon Tree Hotel
- Kolkata x 2 nights: The Elgin Fairlawn/ ZONE By The Park
- Varanasi x 2 nights: Rivatas by Ideal/ The Amayaa
- 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
- Alleppey x 1 night: Luxury Houseboat (Full Time AC)

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- Chennai x 1 night: Radisson Blu Hotel GRT Chennai/ Hilton Chennai
- Pondicherry x 1 night: Palais De Mahe/ La Villa
- Hyderabad x 2 nights: ITC Kakatiya, a Luxury Collection/ Trident Hotel
- Kolkata x 2 nights: ITC Sonar, a Luxury Collection/ The Lalit Great Eastern
- Varanasi x 2 nights: Ramada JHV/ Radisson Hotel
- 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.
- 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.