



Tour Name : Ancient Caves, Forts, Taj & Temples

Duration ; 13 Nights / 14 Days

About the tour:

The 14 days tour exploring numerous UNESCO World Heritage Sites, ancient caves paintings, fort palaces & temples will provide the glimpses on India in real. The Itinerary cover the sightseeing of historical places in Mumbai, visit to Ajanta caves, Ellora Caves, Daulatabad fort and Grishneshwar Jyotirlinga in Aurangabad. It combined with The popular golden triangle of India Delhi, Agra and Jaipur, these destination provide you a slice of British, Rajputana and Mughal royalty on the same platter. Witness the immortal beauty of the Taj Mahal, visit the graceful chhatris of Orchha and the sensuous moods of the temples of Khajuraho. Make your way through the sacred city of Varanasi and cruise on the River Ganges to observe ancient spiritual rites.

Outline Itinerary

Day 01: Mumbai

On arrival at Mumbai airport meet with our office executive assistance and transfer to hotel (hotels check in time 1200hr afternoon, early check in subject to rooms availability). Rest time free for personal activities relax. Overnight at hotel.

Day 02: Mumbai

Breakfast at hotel. Excursion to Elephanta Island located 10kms away from the Gateway of India. Motorboats take passengers from Gateway of India to Elephanta Island. These caves house rock cut temples dating back to the 5th century BC.

Later Mumbai city tour. Visit the Gateway of India, Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya (museum). Marine Drive which runs along the shoreline, starting at Nariman Point and up to Malabar Hill. Hanging Gardens laid out in 1881 these formally laid out gardens have a notable collection of hedges shaped like animals. Overnight at hotel.

Day 03: Mumbai - Aurangabad (flight)

Breakfast at hotel transfer to airport to board flight for Aurangabad.

On arrival at Aurangabad airport assistance and transfer to hotel. Later city tour visit the Aurangabad Caves, which are artificial caves that were dug out of soft rock during the 6th and 7th century. Then, visit the Bibi Ka Maqbara - the burial place of Aurangzeb's first wife. Also visit a small archeological museum nearby. Overnight at hotel.

Day 04: Aurangabad - Ajanta - Aurangabad (104kms/ 2hrs approx one way)

Breakfast at hotel.

Full day excursion to Ajanta Caves (Monday closed). The Buddhist Caves of Ajanta were discovered by the British officers in 1819 while tiger hunting. Ajanta Caves were first mentioned in the writings of the Chinese pilgrim Hiuen Tsang who visited India between A.D 629 and 645. The Caves at Ajanta are older than those at Ellora , which date from about 200 B.C to 650 A.D. Thirty beautiful Buddhist Caves with mesmerizing sculptures and paintings depicting Buddha's life as well the lives of the Buddha in his previous births. Five of these Caves are Chaityas (Place of worship) while the other twenty-five are Viharas (monasteries). Ajanta Caves are divided in two categories based on two schools of Buddhist thought - Hinayana Caves and Mahayana Caves.

Evening back to hotel in Aurangabad for overnight stay.

Day 05; Aurangabad - Delhi (flight)

Breakfast at hotel.

Excursion to visit the Ellora Caves (Tuesday closed), a UNESCO World Heritage Site from about 200 B.C. to 650 A.D. There are a total of 34 monasteries and temples at Ellora, belonging to the three different religions, namely - Buddhism, Hinduism and Jainism.

Grishneshwar Jyotirlinga, one of the 12 Jyotirlinga shrines mentioned in the Shiva Purana. The temple is an important pilgrimage site in Shaivism tradition of Hinduism, which considers it as the last or twelfth Jyotirlinga (linga of light).

On way back visit Daulatabad Fort one of the most powerful forts of the medieval Deccan. The defence system that made Daulatabad virtually impregnable comprises fortifications with double and even triple rows of massive walls.

Later transfer to airport to board flight for Delhi. On arrival at Delhi airport assistance and transfer to hotel check in & overnight at hotel.

Day 06; Delhi – Jaipur (265kms/ 5hrs approx)

Breakfast at hotel followed by city tour of Delhi, visiting landmark of Old Delhi which include Red Fort, Jama Masjid, Chandni chowk & Khari Baoli Spice Market. Cycle Rickshaw ride in Chandni Chowk.

Sightseeing of New Delhi which includes Qutab Minar, Humayun Tomb, Lotus Temple & VVIP areas President House, Parliament & India Gate.

Later afternoon drive to Jaipur check in & overnight at hotel.

Day 07; Jaipur

Breakfast at hotel. Visit the majestic Amer Fort and Jaigarh Fort. Enjoy Elephant ride at Amber Fort.

Later city tour visiting City Palace, Observatory, Palace of Winds, Albert Hall Museum and Birla Temple.

Evening visit the colorful bazaars. As per your interest wrap up your day by watching Bollywood movie at the opulent Rajmandir Cinema. Overnight at hotel.

Day 08; Jaipur – Agra (245kms/ 5hrs approx)

Breakfast at hotel drive to Agra enroute visit Abhaneri a small village popular for the amazing step wells and Temple. Also visit Fatehpur Sikri the 16th century ghost town. Further drive to Agra check in & overnight at hotel.

Day 09; Agra – Orchha (220kms/ 5hrs approx)

Sunrise visit Taj Mahal. Breakfast at hotel visit Agra Fort and Itmad-ud-Daula Tomb.

Drive to Orchha enroute visit Gwalior Fort.

Continue drive to Orchha check in & overnight at hotel.

Day 10; Orchha – Khajuraho (178kms/ 4hrs approx)

Breakfast at hotel. Visit wonderful Orchha Fort, Temples and graceful Chhatris.

Afternoon drive to Khajuraho check in at hotel. Evening light & sound show. Overnight at hotel.

Day 11; Khajuraho – Varanasi (Flight 9W-2424, 1405 / 1455hrs)

Breakfast at hotel. Visit eastern, western & southern group of temples. The temple of Khajuraho are India's unique gift to the world, representing, as they do, a paean to life, to love, to joy, perfect in execution and sublime in expression on account of their remarkable erotic sculptures.

Later transfer to airport to board flight for Varanasi.

Arrive Varanasi assistance and transfer to hotel.

Evening Ghats's & temples visit, attend Holy Ganga Aarti. Overnight at hotel.

Day 12; Varanasi

Early morning boat ride and Ghat visit along the Ganges and catch the scene of devotees bathing and praying in the sacred water.

Breakfast at hotel.

City tour of Varanasi visit World famous Benaras Hindu Universit, The Ramnagar Fort Palace & Many Temples.

Afternoon excursion to Sarnath one of the three holiest sites for Buddhists where the Buddha delivered his first sermon in 528 BC. There are many temples here, representing the many cultures where Buddhism is the dominant religious philosophy. Overnight at hotel.

Day 13; Varanasi – Mumbai or Delhi (Flight)

Breakfast at hotel. Time to relax and explore the city with your driver.

Later as per flight schedule transfer to airport to board flight for Mumbai or Delhi.

Arrive Mumbai or Delhi assistance and transfer to hotel. Rest time free and easy to relax or explore the city with your driver. Overnight at hotel.

Day 14; Mumbai or Delhi – Departure

Breakfast at hotel. As per your flight schedule transfer to airport to board flight for your onward destination.

End of our services.

Price details:

Price using 3 star hotels valid from 1st October 2019 till 31st March 2020										
Particular	Per person price staying in SINGLE occupancy rooms			Per person price sharing DOUBLE/ TWIN occupancy rooms			Per person price sharing TRIPLE occupancy rooms (double room with extra bed)			
	Currency	INR	Euro	USD	INR	Euro	USD	INR	Euro	USD
1 person		₹298,206	€ 3,976	\$4,588	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2 person		₹204,412	€ 2,725	\$3,145	₹167,059	€ 2,227	\$2,570	N/A	N/A	N/A
3 person		₹182,176	€ 2,429	\$2,803	₹181,029	€ 2,414	\$2,785	₹138,382	€ 1,845	\$2,129
4 person		₹179,827	€ 2,398	\$2,767	₹178,093	€ 2,375	\$2,740	₹136,033	€ 1,814	\$2,093
5 person		₹165,985	€ 2,213	\$2,554	₹160,790	€ 2,144	\$2,474	₹122,191	€ 1,629	\$1,880
6 person		₹163,348	€ 2,178	\$2,513	₹157,494	€ 2,100	\$2,423	₹119,554	€ 1,594	\$1,839
7 person		₹155,815	€ 2,078	\$2,397	₹148,078	€ 1,974	\$2,278	₹112,021	€ 1,494	\$1,723
8 person		₹150,165	€ 2,002	\$2,310	₹141,016	€ 1,880	\$2,169	₹106,371	€ 1,418	\$1,636
Child 5-11yrs		₹31,147			€ 415			\$479		
Child below 5yrs		Free								
H B supplement		₹13,676			€ 182			\$210		
Additional night in Mumbai		₹9,559	€ 127	\$147	₹5,515	€ 74	\$85	₹4,657	€ 62	\$72

Price using 4 star hotels valid from 1st October 2019 till 31st March 2020										
Particular	Per person price staying in SINGLE occupancy rooms			Per person price sharing DOUBLE/ TWIN occupancy rooms			Per person price sharing TRIPLE occupancy rooms (double room with extra bed)			
	Currency	INR	Euro	USD	INR	Euro	USD	INR	Euro	USD
1 person	₹331,882	€ 4,425	\$5,106	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2 person	₹222,206	€ 2,963	\$3,419	₹167,059	€ 2,227	\$2,570	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
3 person	₹199,971	€ 2,666	\$3,076	₹181,029	€ 2,414	\$2,785	₹151,539	€ 2,021	\$2,331	
4 person	₹197,621	€ 2,635	\$3,040	₹178,093	€ 2,375	\$2,740	₹149,190	€ 1,989	\$2,295	
5 person	₹183,779	€ 2,450	\$2,827	₹160,790	€ 2,144	\$2,474	₹135,348	€ 1,805	\$2,082	
6 person	₹181,142	€ 2,415	\$2,787	₹157,494	€ 2,100	\$2,423	₹132,711	€ 1,769	\$2,042	
7 person	₹173,609	€ 2,315	\$2,671	₹148,078	€ 1,974	\$2,278	₹125,178	€ 1,669	\$1,926	
8 person	₹167,960	€ 2,239	\$2,584	₹141,016	€ 1,880	\$2,169	₹119,528	€ 1,594	\$1,839	
Child 5-11yrs	₹38,853			€ 518			\$598			
Child below 5yrs	Free									
H B supplement	₹17,500			€ 233			\$269			
Additional night in Mumbai	₹13,235	€ 176	\$204	₹7,353	€ 98	\$113	₹6,127	€ 82	\$94	

Price using 5 star hotels valid from 1st October 2019 till 31st March 2020										
Particular	Per person price staying in SINGLE occupancy rooms			Per person price sharing DOUBLE/ TWIN occupancy rooms			Per person price sharing TRIPLE occupancy rooms (double room with extra bed)			
	Currency	INR	Euro	USD	INR	Euro	USD	INR	Euro	USD
1 person	₹403,941	€ 5,386	\$6,214	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2 person	₹268,838	€ 3,585	\$4,136	₹180,603	€ 2,408	\$2,779	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
3 person	₹233,059	€ 3,107	\$3,586	₹181,029	€ 2,414	\$2,785	₹182,225	€ 2,430	\$2,803	
4 person	₹230,710	€ 3,076	\$3,549	₹178,093	€ 2,375	\$2,740	₹179,876	€ 2,398	\$2,767	
5 person	₹216,868	€ 2,892	\$3,336	₹160,790	€ 2,144	\$2,474	₹166,034	€ 2,214	\$2,554	
6 person	₹214,230	€ 2,856	\$3,296	₹157,494	€ 2,100	\$2,423	₹163,397	€ 2,179	\$2,514	
7 person	₹206,697	€ 2,756	\$3,180	₹148,078	€ 1,974	\$2,278	₹155,864	€ 2,078	\$2,398	
8 person	₹201,048	€ 2,681	\$3,093	₹141,016	€ 1,880	\$2,169	₹150,214	€ 2,003	\$2,311	
Child 5-11yrs	₹52,971			€ 706			\$815			
Child below 5yrs	Free									
H B supplement	₹34,926			€ 466			\$537			
Additional night in Mumbai	₹21,324	€ 284	\$328	₹11,765	€ 157	\$181	₹9,559	€ 127	\$147	

Note: Euro & USD prices are subject to change in case of any fluctuation in currency exchange rate. Please check the currency exchange rate of the day for exact price in your currency. In any case our INR price will remain unchanged and shall be treated as final price.

Included in price:

- Garland welcome and assistance on arrival at airport
- 13 Nights / 14 Days accommodation in offered hotels or similar (standard room)
- Daily breakfast at hotel in each package price
- Ferry ticket from Gateway of India (Appolo Bunder) to Elephanta Caves and back.
- Deluxe Air-conditioned private vehicle with English speaking chauffeur as per tour program.
- Monuments Entrances of sightseeing places mentioned in the itinerary (almost all places of tourist interest are included in our itinerary)
- Cycle rickshaw ride in Chandni chowk market in Delhi & in Varanasi
- Elephant ride at Amber Fort
- battery bus transfer in Ajanta & in Fatehpur Sikri.
- Light & sound show at Khajuraho Temple
- Boat ride on Holy River Ganges in Raranasi.
- Government licensed English speaking tour guide on sightseeing days (local guide in each city).
- Applicable GST (government taxes).

Not Included in price:

- Any air fare
- Camera charges at monuments
- Main Meals, Lunch or dinner unless mentioned
- Expenses of personal nature like liquor, laundry, tips, telephone, fax, internet etc.
- Or anything not mentioned above.

Hotels used or similar in above price

Day	City	3* Hotels	4* Hotels	5* Hotels
1	Mumbai	Hotel Suba Palace/ BW Hotel Sahil	Sun-N-Sand Hotel/ Fariyas Hotel	Trident Hotel/ ITC Grand Central
2	Mumbai	Hotel Suba Palace/ BW Hotel Sahil	Sun-N-Sand Hotel/ Fariyas Hotel	Trident Hotel/ ITC Grand Central
3	Aurangabad	Keys Hotel The Aures/ Aurangabad Gymkhana Club	Ambassador Ajanta / VITS Hotel	WelcomHotel Rama International / Lemon Tree Hotel

4	Aurangabad	Keys Hotel The Aures/ Aurangabad Gymkhana Club	Ambassador Ajanta / VITS Hotel	WelcomHotel Rama International / Lemon Tree Hotel
5	Delhi	Madhuban Hotel/ Meridian Plaza	The Royal Plaza/ Country Inn & Suite Saket	Le Meridien/ The Claridges
6	Jaipur	Redfox Hotel/ Park Ocean	Fortune Select Metropolitan/ Lemon Tree Premier	ITC Rajputana/ Hilton Jaipur
7	Jaipur	Redfox Hotel/ Park Ocean	Fortune Select Metropolitan/ Lemon Tree Premier	ITC Rajputana/ Hilton Jaipur
8	Agra	Howard Plaza the Fern/ Atulyaa Taj	Prime Plaza/ Crystal Sarovar Premier	Mansion Grand/ Courtyard by Marriott
9	Orchha	Orchha Resort/ Amar Mahal	Orchha Resort/ Amar Mahal	Orchha Palace and Convention Centre
10	Khajuraho	Ramada/ Clarks Hotel	Ramada/ Clarks Hotel	Radisson Hotel/ Hotel Chandela
11	Varanasi	Meraden Grand/ Amaya Hotel	Rivatas by Ideal/ Palace On Ganges	Radisson Hotel/ Gateway Hotel Taj
12	Varanasi	Meraden Grand/ Amaya Hotel	Rivatas by Ideal/ Palace On Ganges	Radisson Hotel/ Gateway Hotel Taj
13	Mumbai	Hotel Suba Palace/ BW Hotel Sahil	Sun-N-Sand Hotel/ Fariyas Hotel	Trident Hotel/ ITC Grand Central
14	Departure			

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, 7 days prior to arrival date

Cancellation policy:

Note: Written cancellation will accept on all working days, except Sunday, Any cancellation sent on Sunday's will be considered on next working day (Monday).

For the X-mas and New Year period from 20 Dec to 05 Jan the payment is non-refundable.

In case you cancel the trip after commencement, refund would be restricted to a limited amount only which too would depend on the amount that we would be able to recover from the hoteliers/ contractors we patronize. For unused hotel accommodation, chartered transportation & missed meals etc. we do not bear any responsibility to refund.

- Cancellation before 30 days – no cancellation fees only bank charges.
- Cancellation before 29 -15 days – 25% of the invoice plus bank charges.
- Cancellation before 14 –7 days - 50% of the invoice plus bank charges.
- Cancellation before 6 – 3 days - 75% of the invoice plus bank charges.
- Cancellation before 2 days – Now show 90% of the invoice.

Our Liabilities & Limitations:

Please note that after the finalization of the Tour/ service Cost, if there are any Hike in entrance fees of monuments / museums, Taxes, fuel cost or guide charges – by Govt of India, the same would be charged as extra.

Agora Voyages act only in the capacity of agent for the hotels, airlines, transporters, railways & contractors providing other services & all exchange orders, receipts, contracts & tickets issued by us are issued subject to terms & conditions under which these services are provided by them.

All itineraries are sample itineraries, intended to give you a general idea of the likely trip schedule. Numerous factors such as weather, road conditions, the physical ability of the participants etc. may dictate itinerary changes either before the tour or while on the trail. We reserve the right to change any schedule in the interest of the trip participants' safety, comfort & general well being.

Our rates are based on the prevailing rates as negotiated by us with the hotels, airlines etc. Hotels and Airlines retain the right to modify the rates without notice. In case of such changes the rates quoted before the modification, can be changed by us according to the modifications by hotels or airlines. All hotel bookings are based on usual check in and check out time of the hotels until unless indicated in the itinerary.

We shall not be responsible for any delays & alterations in the program or expenses incurred – directly or indirectly – due to natural hazards, flight cancellations, accident, breakdown of machinery or equipment's, breakdown of transport, weather, sickness, landslides, political closures or any untoward incidents.

We shall not be responsible for any loss, injury or damage to person, property, or otherwise in connection with any accommodation, transportation or other services, resulting – directly or indirectly – from any act of GOD, dangers, fire, accident, breakdown in machinery or equipment, breakdown of transport, wars, civil disturbances, strikes, riots, thefts, pilferages, epidemics, medical or custom department regulations, defaults, or any other causes beyond our control.

We do not have any insurance policy covering the expenses for accident, sickness, loss due to theft, or any other reasons. Visitors are advised to seek such insurance arrangements in their home country. All baggage's & personal property/s at all times are at the client's risk.

We will not be responsible for any costs arising out of unforeseen circumstances like landslides, road blocks, bad weather, etc.

Tipping

Tipping is not included in our price. Tipping is optional, and at times expected in travel trade. Obviously there is no limit to how much you can tip and some guests who enjoy and appreciate the services of Guides, driver and other crew will and have tipped much more than our average tipping guideline of about \$10-15 per day.

Trip Comments

When you return from your trip, please share your experience with us. Any photos, suggestions will be appreciated. Although we try our best, Tourism is a trade, which cannot be perfect and there will always remain a room for improvement. Your comments (both criticism and compliments) are invaluable to us and we look forward to hearing from you, upon your return.