



Tour Name : Colonial India & Backwater

Duration ; 13 Nights / 14 Days

About the tour:

Witness the world's most incredible diversity, while exploring "Colonial India & Backwater" in the company of Agora Voyages. This two week tour begin in Delhi, a city that boasts of a living history & heritage of close to three millennia. See the monument of love, the iconic Taj Mahal and explore the sacred city of Varanasi. Witness the culture that fused European philosophies with Indian tradition in Kolkata the colonial city developed by the British East India Company. Discover colonial Madras through the buildings the British left behind. Walk thru the French Colony quiet, clean streets, lined with bougainvillea-draped townhouses numbered in an almost logical manner. Witness the remnant of colonial buildings made by the Dutch, Portuguese and English in the colourful kaleidoscope of cultures, religions and backwater in Cochin. Finally reach Mumbai the home to Bollywood and the largest number of Billionaires in India.

Outline Itinerary

Day 1; Arrive Delhi

On arrival at IGI airport assistance and transfer to hotel. Rest time free and easy to relax. Overnight at hotel.

Day 2; Delhi

Breakfast at hotel, city tour of Delhi. Visit Old Delhi which include Red Fort, Jama Masjid, Chandni chowk & Khari Baoli Spice Market. Enjoy Cycle Rickshaw ride. After lunch visit New Delhi which includes Qutab Minar, Humayun Tomb, Lotus Temple. Drive thru VVIP areas which includes President House, Parliament house, India Gate & War Memorial within India Gate. Overnight at hotel.

Day 3; Delhi - Varanasi (flight)

Breakfast at hotel transfer to airport to board flight for Varanasi one of India's oldest and holiest cities. Evening boat ride to witness the the magical Aarti Ceremony performed at Dasashwamedh Ghat. Overnight at hotel.

Day 4; 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 University, The Ramnagar Fort Palace. 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 5; Varanasi - Kolkata (flight)

Breakfast at hotel transfer to airport to board flight for Kolkata. On arrival at Kolkata airport meet with our office executive assistance and transfer to hotel. Rest time free for personal activities relax. Overnight at hotel.

Day 6; Kolkata

Breakfast at hotel. Full day city tour visiting historical landmarks the magnificent Fort William, Victoria Memorial, Netaji Bhawan, Howrah Bridge, Zoological Gardens & Dakshineswar Kali Temple. Overnight at hotel.

Day 7; Kolkata - Chennai (flight)

Breakfast at hotel. As per flight schedule transfer to airport to board flight for Chennai. On arrival at Chennai airport meet with our office executive assistance and transfer to hotel. Later city tour of Chennai the colonial city which includes few Churches, Fort St. George, Museum and government buildings. Also visit Kapaleeshwarar Temple, Arulmigu Sri Parthasarathy Temple, Marina Beach & Dakshina Chitra a living-history museum. Overnight at hotel.

Day 8; Chennai - Kanchipuram - Mahabalipuram - Pondicherry (235kms/ 5hrs approx)

Breakfast at hotel drive to Pondicherry via visiting Kanchipuram & Mahabalipuram Temples. Arrive Pondicherry check in at hotel. Overnight at hotel.

Day 9; Pondicherry - Chennai (160kms/ 2hrs approx)

Breakfast at hotel sightseeing of French colony, churches, Temple and Aurobindo Ashram. Afternoon drive to Chennai check in at hotel. Overnight at hotel.

Day 10; Chennai - Cochin (flight)

Breakfast at hotel. As per flight schedule transfer to airport to board flight for Cochin. On arrival at assistance and transfer to hotel.

Laler half day city tour of Cochin that has managed to preserve the remnants of its colonial past with utmost care. Explore the Fort Kochi & smell the seawater and fish, hung over nets and locals on the beach. Visit the church of St Francis, the oldest European church in India, then walk to the town's waterfront site of the iconic Chinese fishing nets and the many fish stalls. Later visit Mattancherry Palace, which was built by the Portuguese in 1557 as a gift to the Raja of Kochi, and the town's fine synagogue. The area here is also known for its many antique and souvenir shops. End the day with a mesmeric sunset cruise around the bustling harbour. Overnight at hotel.

Day 11; Cochin - Alleppey (60Kms/ 1.3hrs approx)

Breakfast at hotel, drive to Alleppey to join a private houseboat for 4hrs cruise. Board a houseboat from here and enjoy the cruise through the enchanting backwaters. Alleppey, also called the Venice of East, interlocked with a large number of canals and bridges. Houseboat comprises double/ twin bed room, with attached bathrooms, running water, and a lounge area in which to relax and enjoy the sights on the shore. Start sail through scenic backwaters, passing through one of the few areas in the world where farming is done below sea level. Witness local life with children swimming and playing in the water, women attending to their daily chores and men fishing from their canoes. Lunch on board during the 4hrs cruise. After boat cruise enjoy canoy ride for 1hr then drive back to Cochin, Overnight at hotel.

Day 12; Cochin - Mumbai (flight)

Breakfast at hotel transfer to airport to board flight for Mumbai the commercial capital of India. On arrival assistance and transfer to hotel. Rest time free for personal activities relax, you can take a walk to have a glance of the city, visiting local markets and restaurants. Overnight at hotel.

Day 13; Mumbai

Breakfast at hotel. Drive thru Marine Drive one of the most beautifully laid boulevards in the city. Parliament House, the Maharashtra State Assembly (view from outside), Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus (CST), formerly Victoria Terminus, a UNESCO World Heritage Site (view from outside). Visit Dhobhi Ghat to see the city's famous open-air laundry in action, Prince of Wales Museum (Monday closed), a heritage museum comprises of a number of ancient artifacts, Mani Bhawan, also known as Gandhi Museum, here Gandhi laid the foundation for many independence movements. Mount Mary Church, an ancient church, built in 1640 and then rebuilt in 1761, The Basilica of Our Lady of the Mount is also an important religious place in Mumbai. In the evening, visit Iskcon Temple dedicated to Lord Krishna, the architectural splendour of the ISKCON Temple is adorned with murals and sculptures. Overnight at hotel.

Day 14; Mumbai - Departure (flight)

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

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	₹277,015	€ 3,694	\$4,262	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2 person	₹198,191	€ 2,643	\$3,049	₹155,728	€ 2,076	\$2,396	N/A	N/A	N/A
3 person	₹180,250	€ 2,403	\$2,773	₹172,233	€ 2,296	\$2,650	₹130,299	€ 1,737	\$2,005
4 person	₹174,496	€ 2,327	\$2,685	₹165,041	€ 2,201	\$2,539	₹124,545	€ 1,661	\$1,916
5 person	₹163,471	€ 2,180	\$2,515	₹151,259	€ 2,017	\$2,327	₹113,520	€ 1,514	\$1,746
6 person	₹160,924	€ 2,146	\$2,476	₹148,076	€ 1,974	\$2,278	₹110,973	€ 1,480	\$1,707
7 person	₹154,987	€ 2,066	\$2,384	₹140,655	€ 1,875	\$2,164	₹105,036	€ 1,400	\$1,616
8 person	₹150,535	€ 2,007	\$2,316	₹135,090	€ 1,801	\$2,078	₹100,584	€ 1,341	\$1,547
Child 5-11yrs	₹31,941			€ 426			\$491		
Child below 5yrs	Free								
H B supplement	₹12,941			€ 173			\$199		
Additional night in Delhi	₹5,882	€ 78	\$90	₹3,309	€ 44	\$51	₹2,696	€ 36	\$41

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	₹317,235	€ 4,230	\$4,881	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2 person	₹218,596	€ 2,915	\$3,363	₹155,728	€ 2,076	\$2,396	N/A	N/A	N/A
3 person	₹200,654	€ 2,675	\$3,087	₹172,233	€ 2,296	\$2,650	₹146,157	€ 1,949	\$2,249
4 person	₹194,901	€ 2,599	\$2,998	₹165,041	€ 2,201	\$2,539	₹140,403	€ 1,872	\$2,160
5 person	₹183,875	€ 2,452	\$2,829	₹151,259	€ 2,017	\$2,327	₹129,377	€ 1,725	\$1,990
6 person	₹181,328	€ 2,418	\$2,790	₹148,076	€ 1,974	\$2,278	₹126,831	€ 1,691	\$1,951
7 person	₹175,392	€ 2,339	\$2,698	₹140,655	€ 1,875	\$2,164	₹120,894	€ 1,612	\$1,860
8 person	₹170,939	€ 2,279	\$2,630	₹135,090	€ 1,801	\$2,078	₹116,442	€ 1,553	\$1,791
Child 5-11yrs	₹39,882			€ 532			\$614		
Child below 5yrs	Free								
H B supplement	₹18,971			€ 253			\$292		
Additional night in Delhi	₹11,029	€ 147	\$170	₹5,515	€ 74	\$85	₹4,657	€ 62	\$72

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	₹434,882	€ 5,798	\$6,690	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2 person	₹291,096	€ 3,881	\$4,478	₹168,228	€ 2,243	\$2,588	N/A	N/A	N/A
3 person	₹260,654	€ 3,475	\$4,010	₹172,233	€ 2,296	\$2,650	₹193,118	€ 2,575	\$2,971
4 person	₹254,901	€ 3,399	\$3,922	₹165,041	€ 2,201	\$2,539	₹187,364	€ 2,498	\$2,883
5 person	₹243,875	€ 3,252	\$3,752	₹151,259	€ 2,017	\$2,327	₹176,338	€ 2,351	\$2,713
6 person	₹241,328	€ 3,218	\$3,713	₹148,076	€ 1,974	\$2,278	₹173,792	€ 2,317	\$2,674
7 person	₹235,392	€ 3,139	\$3,621	₹140,655	€ 1,875	\$2,164	₹167,855	€ 2,238	\$2,582
8 person	₹230,939	€ 3,079	\$3,553	₹135,090	€ 1,801	\$2,078	₹163,403	€ 2,179	\$2,514
Child 5-11yrs	₹65,471			€ 873			\$1,007		
Child below 5yrs	Free								
H B supplement	₹43,088			€ 575			\$663		
Additional night in Delhi	₹20,588	€ 275	\$317	₹10,294	€ 137	\$158	₹8,578	€ 114	\$132

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 below offered hotels or similar (standard room)
- Daily breakfast at hotel in each package price
- Deluxe Air-conditioned private vehicle with English speaking chauffeur as per tour program.
- Monuments Entrances of sightseeing places mentioned in the itinerary
- Activities charges mentioned in the itinerary
- 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	Delhi	Madhuban Hotel/ Meridian Plaza	The Royal Plaza/ Country Inn & Suite Saket	Le Meridien/ The Claridges
2	Delhi	Madhuban Hotel/ Meridian Plaza	The Royal Plaza/ Country Inn & Suite Saket	Le Meridien/ The Claridges
3	Varanasi	Meraden Grand/ Amaya Hotel	Rivatas by Ideal/ Palace On Ganges	Ramada JHV/ Radisson Hotel
4	Varanasi	Meraden Grand/ Amaya Hotel	Rivatas by Ideal/ Palace On Ganges	Ramada JHV/ Radisson Hotel

5	Kolkata	Regenta Orko's/ The Fern Residency	The Peerless Inn/ The Fern Residency	ITC Sonar, a Luxury Collection/ The Lalit Great Eastern
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7	Chennai	Raj Park/ MGM East Woods	The Raintree/ Accord Metropolitan	ITC Grand Chola/ The Leela Palace
8	Pondicherry	Shenbaga Hotel/ Annamalai International	Le Pondy/ The Windflower Resort & Spa	Palais De Mahe/ La Villa
9	Chennai	Raj Park/ MGM East Woods	The Raintree/ Accord Metropolitan	ITC Grand Chola/ The Leela Palace
10	Cochin	The Dune Hotel/ Abad Plaza	Casino Hotel/ The Avenue Regent	Xandari Harbour/ Le Meridien
11	Alleppey	Deluxe Houseboat (AC during night)	Premium Houseboat	Luxury Houseboat
12	Mumbai	Hotel Suba Palace/ BW Hotel Sahil	Sun-N-Sand Hotel/ Fariyas Hotel	Trident Hotel/ ITC Grand Central
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.