



Tour Name : Best of Maharashtra

Duration ; 09 Nights / 10 Days

About the tour:

This 10 days Best of Maharashtra tour will take you through some of the well-known and interesting places of this state. You will explore the financial capital of India Mumbai & UNESCO world heritage caves of Elephanta, Ajanta, Ellora, Karla & Bhaja. You will also visit ancient holy city Nasik & 2 Jyotirlinga Temples of lord shiva. Small village Sani Signapur famed for door less houses and hill of Lonavala & Khandala are also part of your itinerary.

Outline Itinerary

Day 01; Arrive 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 room's availability).

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 02; Mumbai

Breakfast at hotel, city tour of Mumbai.

Drive to Marine Drive: one of the most beautifully laid boulevards in the city. Afterwards visit to Elephanta caves (Monday closed), from Gateway of India cruise by motorboats to Elephanta Caves. A flight of 100 steps takes you to the top of the hill where it is set. Afterwards in the afternoon cruise back to Gateway of India and then city tour starts visiting Parliament House: The Maharashtra State Assembly (view from outside), Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus (CST), formerly Victoria Terminus, is a UNESCO World Heritage Site (view from outside), Dhobhi Ghat: to see the city's famous open-air laundry in action, Prince of Wales Museum (Monday closed): is a heritage museum comprises of a number of ancient artifacts, Mani Bhawan: here Gandhi laid the foundation for many independence movements. Overnight at hotel.

Day 03; Mumbai – Nashik (170kms/ 4hrs)

Breakfast at hotel, drive to Nashik check in at hotel.

Later city tour visiting the ancient holy city, known for its links to the "Ramayana" epic poem. On the Godavari River is Panchavati, a temple complex. Nearby, Lord Rama was thought to have bathed at Ram Kund water tank. Shri Kalaram Sansthan Mandir is an ancient shrine to Rama, while Rama and Sita are said to have worshipped at Sita Gufaa caves.

Sundarnarayan Temple marks the site of a legend of Lord Vishnu. Tapovan is a pilgrimage site next to the Nasardi River, close to where Lord Rama purportedly lived. Colorful statues of Hindu gods fill ISKCON, a modern temple for the worship of Lord Krishna. The temple complex Muktidham, in white sculpted marble, has painted scenes depicting the lives of Krishna and several chapters of the "Bhagavad Gita," an ancient Hindu scripture. On a small hill to the southwest are the 24 Pandavleni Caves, dating back millennia. They are marked by Buddha carvings, rare inscriptions and cisterns. Vineyards dot the land west of the city.

Also excursion visit to Tryambakeshwar an ancient Hindu temple in the town of Trimbak 28 km from the city of Nashik. It is dedicated to the god Shiva and is one of the twelve Jyotirlingas. Return to the hotel for overnight stay.

Day 04; Nashik – Shirdi - Aurangabad (170kms/ 4hrs)

Breakfast at hotel, drive to Aurangabad via visiting Shirdi. Shirdi is known as home of revered spiritual leader Sai Baba, and as a major pilgrimage site. Devotees gather daily at the Sai Baba Temple complex to honor his legacy. Here, the Samadhi Mandir shrine has an ornate marble statue of Sai Baba, alongside his tomb. Close by are Dwarkamai, a mosque where Sai Baba once lived, and tree-lined Lendi Garden. Continue drive to Aurangabad check in at hotel.

Later city tour, visit Bibi ka Maqbara Built by Azam Shah in 1678, the Bibi ka Maqbara is a son's loving tribute to his mother. Due to its similar design standing spectacularly on the lawns of the landscaped garden with ponds, fountains and water channels, the white marbled monument is popularly known as the mini Taj of the Deccan and Panchakki - which literally means 'Water Mill' by Malik Ambar in 1695. It receives water from an underground channel, with its source being 6 km away in the mountains. An artificial waterfall has been created near the mill, through which this water is discharged on to the wheel to power the flourmill and grind grain for the pilgrims. Overnight at hotel.

Day 05; Aurangabad – Ajanta (105kms/ 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 06; Aurangabad – Ellora (36kms/ 1hrs approx one way)

Breakfast at hotel, excursion to visit Ellora, a UNESCO World heritage sites (Tuesday closed). It houses 34 monasteries and temples with some exclusive uninterrupted sequence of monuments that date back from 600 to 1000 AD. The temples of Ellora are dedicated to Brahmanism, Jainism, and Buddhism. It also has some of the excellent stonework depicting the legends related to Lord Shiva.

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 defense system that made Daulatabad virtually impregnable comprises fortifications with double and even triple rows of massive walls.

Back to hotel in Aurangabad for overnight stay.

Day 07; Aurangabad – Lonavala (290kms/ 6hrs approx)

Breakfast at hotel, drive to Lonavala via visiting Shani Shingnapur. Shingnapur is famous for the fact that no house in the village has doors, only door frames. Despite this, officially no theft was reported in the village. Continue drive to Lonavala check in at hotel. Rest time free and easy to relax. Overnight at hotel.

Day 08; Lonavala/ Khandala

Breakfast at hotel. Sightseeing in Lonavala, a hill station surrounded by green valleys in western India. The Karla Caves and the Bhaja Caves are ancient Buddhist shrines carved out of the rock. These are caves carved from solid granite rocks around 160 BC. It has an Ashoka stambh at the entrance. The caves have rooms for the monks who resided here a prayer hall and a huge stupa. It also has the temple of Ek Veera the goddess of the Koli flock who are the original residents of Mumbai. They feature massive pillars and intricate relief sculptures. South of the Bhaja Caves sits the imposing Lohagad Fort, with its 4 gates. West of here is Bhushi Dam, where water overflows onto a set of steps during rainy season. Overnight at hotel.

Day 09; Lonavala – Mumbai (85kms/ 2hrs approx)

Breakfast at hotel, drive to Mumbai check in at hotel.

Mumbai is shopping paradise. There are bargains to be found everywhere, whether you're looking for antiques, curios, carpets, handicrafts, textiles, Jewelry, or literally anything. Visit Cross Road, West End, Fashion Street, which is in main Mumbai city and Linking Road at Bandra in western Suburban is one of the famous markets for everything. And there are numbers of malls in the western suburban: In orbit Mall and Infinity Mall and other shops in Juhu and other places. Optionally you can do the shopping in famous markets and shops include Dadar, Fort, Colaba Causeway, Cottage Industries, and Handloom Emporiums amongst many others. Afterwards return to the hotel for overnight stay.

Day 10; 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)		
	INR	Euro	USD	INR	Euro	USD	INR	Euro	USD
1 person	₹229,191	€ 3,056	\$3,526	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2 person	₹153,824	€ 2,051	\$2,367	₹124,412	€ 1,659	\$1,914	N/A	N/A	N/A
3 person	₹134,583	€ 1,794	\$2,071	₹131,464	€ 1,753	\$2,023	₹99,289	€ 1,324	\$1,528
4 person	₹135,074	€ 1,801	\$2,078	₹132,077	€ 1,761	\$2,032	₹99,779	€ 1,330	\$1,535
5 person	₹123,750	€ 1,650	\$1,904	₹117,923	€ 1,572	\$1,814	₹88,456	€ 1,179	\$1,361
6 person	₹120,184	€ 1,602	\$1,849	₹113,465	€ 1,513	\$1,746	₹84,890	€ 1,132	\$1,306
7 person	₹114,223	€ 1,523	\$1,757	₹106,014	€ 1,414	\$1,631	₹78,929	€ 1,052	\$1,214
8 person	₹109,752	€ 1,463	\$1,688	₹100,425	€ 1,339	\$1,545	₹74,458	€ 993	\$1,146
Child 5-11yrs	₹21,765			€ 290			\$335		
Child below 5yrs	Free								
H B supplement	₹10,735			€ 143			\$165		
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	₹259,338	€ 3,458	\$3,990	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2 person	₹169,265	€ 2,257	\$2,604	₹124,412	€ 1,659	\$1,914	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
3 person	₹150,025	€ 2,000	\$2,308	₹131,464	€ 1,753	\$2,023	₹111,544	€ 1,487	\$1,716	
4 person	₹150,515	€ 2,007	\$2,316	₹132,077	€ 1,761	\$2,032	₹112,034	€ 1,494	\$1,724	
5 person	₹139,191	€ 1,856	\$2,141	₹117,923	€ 1,572	\$1,814	₹100,711	€ 1,343	\$1,549	
6 person	₹135,625	€ 1,808	\$2,087	₹113,465	€ 1,513	\$1,746	₹97,145	€ 1,295	\$1,495	
7 person	₹129,664	€ 1,729	\$1,995	₹106,014	€ 1,414	\$1,631	₹91,183	€ 1,216	\$1,403	
8 person	₹125,193	€ 1,669	\$1,926	₹100,425	€ 1,339	\$1,545	₹86,713	€ 1,156	\$1,334	
Child 5-11yrs	₹29,118			€ 388			\$448			
Child below 5yrs	Free									
H B supplement	₹13,603			€ 181			\$209			
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	₹321,103	€ 4,281	\$4,940	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2 person	₹208,603	€ 2,781	\$3,209	₹133,235	€ 1,776	\$2,050	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
3 person	₹180,539	€ 2,407	\$2,778	₹131,464	€ 1,753	\$2,023	₹135,809	€ 1,811	\$2,089	
4 person	₹181,029	€ 2,414	\$2,785	₹132,077	€ 1,761	\$2,032	₹136,299	€ 1,817	\$2,097	
5 person	₹169,706	€ 2,263	\$2,611	₹117,923	€ 1,572	\$1,814	₹124,975	€ 1,666	\$1,923	
6 person	₹166,140	€ 2,215	\$2,556	₹113,465	€ 1,513	\$1,746	₹121,409	€ 1,619	\$1,868	
7 person	₹160,179	€ 2,136	\$2,464	₹106,014	€ 1,414	\$1,631	₹115,448	€ 1,539	\$1,776	
8 person	₹155,708	€ 2,076	\$2,396	₹100,425	€ 1,339	\$1,545	₹110,977	€ 1,480	\$1,707	
Child 5-11yrs	₹39,412			€ 525			\$606			
Child below 5yrs	Free									
H B supplement	₹25,735			€ 343			\$396			
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:

- 9 Nights / 10 Days accommodation in offered hotels or similar (standard room)
- Daily breakfast at hotel
- English speaking guide during sightseeing
- Transport by private air conditioned deluxe car for airport transfer, sightseeing and excursion.
- 1-Time monuments entrances mentioned in itinerary
- Bottled drinking water in car.
- Ferry ticket to Elephanta Caves
- Battery bus transfer in Ajanta
- Government taxes

Not Included in price:

- Any international/domestic air/train fare.
- Any expenses of personal nature such as laundry, tips, phone calls, insurance, portage, soft/hard drinks, meals unless not specified etc.
- Camera charges at monuments.
- Anything which is not mentioned in the 'Inclusions' shall not be the part of this package.

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	Nasik	Lily Sarovar Portico/ Holiday Inn Express	Express Inn/ Hi 5 Hotel	The Gateway Hotel Ambad/ The Source at Sula
4	Aurangabad	7 Apple Hotel Aurangabad / Ginger Aurangabad	Ambassador Ajanta / VITS Hotel	WelcomHotel Rama International / Lemon Tree Hotel

5	Aurangabad	7 Apple Hotel Aurangabad / Ginger Aurangabad	Ambassador Ajanta / VITS Hotel	WelcomHotel Rama International / Lemon Tree Hotel
6	Aurangabad	7 Apple Hotel Aurangabad / Ginger Aurangabad	Ambassador Ajanta / VITS Hotel	WelcomHotel Rama International / Lemon Tree Hotel
7	Lonavala	Chandralok Hotel/ Viola Beacon Resort	Countryside - Resort by Meritas/ Citrus Hotel	Fariyas Resort Lonavala/ The Machan
8	Lonavala	Chandralok Hotel/ Viola Beacon Resort	Countryside - Resort by Meritas/ Citrus Hotel	Fariyas Resort Lonavala/ The Machan
9	Mumbai	Hotel Suba Palace/ BW Hotel Sahil	Sun-N-Sand Hotel/ Fariyas Hotel	Trident Hotel/ ITC Grand Central
10	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.

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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.