

TOUR NAME: CENTRAL INDIA TOUR - 1

TOUR DAYS: 28 NIGHTS & 29 DAYS.

DELHI (ARRIVAL) – AGRA – ORCHHA – KHAJURAHO – PANCHMADI – SANCHI - UJJAIN - MANDU - MAHESHWAR – OMKARESHWAR - AJANTA - AURANGABAD - HYDERABAD - BIJAPUR - BADAMI - HAMP - BANGALORE (DEPART)

TOUR LODGING INFO: 26 Nights Hotels + 02 Overnight Trains

Accommodation will be provided on room with breakfast basis. For Lunch and dinner there would be an additional supplement. Our aforementioned quoted tour cost is based on Standard Category comprising of Budget - 2 star hotels. Hotel list is as follows:-

PLACES COVERED	NUMBER OF NIGHTS	STANDARD HOTELS
DELHI	02 NIGHTS	ASTER INN
AGRA	02 NIGHTS	TAJ INN
ORCHHA	02 NIGHT	SHEESH MAHAL
KHAJURAHO	02 NIGHTS	USHA BUNDELA
PANCHMARHI	02 NIGHTS	AMALTAS (MPTDC HOTEL)
SANCHI	01 NIGHT	GATEWAY RETREAT (MPTDC HOTEL)
UJJAIN	02 NIGHTS	SHIPRA RESIDENCY (MPTDC HOTEL)
MANDU	02 NIGHTS	MALWA RESORT (MPTDC HOTEL)
MAHESHWAR	01 NIGHT	NARMADA RESORT (MPTDC HOTEL)
OMKARESHWAR	01 NIGHT	NARMADA RESORT (MPTDC HOTEL)
AJANTA	01 NIGHT	FARDAPUR (MTDC HOTEL)
AURANGABAD	01 NIGHT	NEW BHARATI
AURANGABAD – HYDERABAD	01 OVERNIGHT TRAIN	
HYDERABAD	02 NIGHTS	PEPPERMINT
BIJAPUR	01 NIGHT	MADHUVAN INTERNATIONAL
BADAMI	02 NIGHTS	BADAMI COURT
HAMP	01 NIGHT	HAMP
HOSPET – BANGALORE	01 OVERNIGHT TRAIN	
BANGALORE	01 NIGHT	NANDHANA GRAND

TOUR PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- Accommodation on twin sharing basis.
- Daily Buffet Breakfast.
- Train fare between Satna – Pipariya, Aurangabad - Hyderabad & Hospet – Bangalore by A/c Sleeper Class
- All transfers / tours and excursions by AC chauffeur driven vehicle.
- All currently applicable taxes.

TOUR PACKAGE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Meals at hotels except those listed in above inclusions.
- Entrances at all sight seeing spots.
- Expenses of personal nature such as tipping, porters, laundry, telephones, etc.
- Flight charges if any.
- Service of one English speaking local guide during all sightseeing tours.
- All others those not mentioned in the above inclusions



TOUR ITINERARY:

DAY 01 – ARRIVE DELHI

(Check in time 1200 Hrs) Upon arrival at Delhi, our Executive will meet you at the Airport followed by transfer from Airport to Hotel. Overnight stay at Hotel in Delhi.

DAY 02 – DELHI

Morning after breakfast city tour of Old & New Delhi including Red Fort, Jama Mashid Mosque, Humayun's Tomb, Bahai Lotus Temple, Chandi Chowk Market. Rest of time free for own activities. Overnight stay at Delhi

DAY 03 – DELHI – AGRA (203 KMS/04 HRS)

Morning after breakfast city tour of Old & New Delhi including Raj Ghat, Red Fort(photo-stop), India Gate, President House (from outside), & Qutab Minar. Later drive to Agra on arrival check in to the hotel. Overnight stay at hotel.

DAY 04 – AGRA

Morning sightseeing of Agra visiting the fabled Taj Mahal. Wonder at the marvel of this marble monument to love, built by Emperor Shah Jahan as a tomb for his beloved wife. Also, visit Agra Fort, which was built by Akbar the Great. Overnight stay at Hotel in Agra.

DAY 05 – AGRA – ORCHHA (240 KMS/06 HRS)

Morning after breakfast drive to Orchha via Gwalior Fort. Upon arrival check in to the hotel. Rest of time free at leisure. Overnight stay at hotel.

DAY 06 – ORCHHA

Day free for own activities. Overnight stay at Hotel in Orchha.

DAY 07 – ORCHHA – KHAJURAHO (175 KMS/ 05 HRS)

Morning after breakfast drive to Khajuraho. Upon arrival check in to the hotel. Overnight stay at hotel.

DAY 08– KHAJURAHO

After breakfast visit the Eastern Group of Temple, which includes the famous Jain Temples, followed by visit to Southern group of Temples like the Chaturbhuj and the Duladeo Temples. Overnight stay at Hotel in Khajuraho.

DAY 09– KHAJURAHO- SATNA (120Kms/03 Hrs) PIPARIYA (RJPB CLA EXPRESS: 1220/1817) PANCHMADI

Morning after breakfast transfer to the railway station to connect train for Pipariya. Upon arrival meet with our representative and drive to Panchmadi 55 kms/02 Hrs approx. On arrival check in to the hotel. Overnight stay at Hotel.

DAY 10– PANCHMADI

Morning visit Panchmarhi wildlife sanctuary to its north-east. The park has an elevation of 320-1,352m with tall sandstone mountains, narrow gorges, ravines, waterfalls, streams and dense forests near the Mahadev hills in the Pachmarhi plateau. The area boasts of two unique species of tree – the sal and the teak besides wide varieties of ferns, mango trees, butterflies and birds. Overnight stay at hotel.

DAY 11– PANCHMADI – SANCHI (255 KMS / 06 HRS)

Morning after breakfast drive to Sanchi via Bhimbetka. Upon arrival check in to the hotel. Rest of time free at leisure. Overnight stay at hotel.

DAY 12– SANCHI – UJJAIN (235 KMS/5.5 HRS)

Morning after breakfast visit Archeological Museum, Ashoka Pillar erected by Ashoka, this stone pillar stands close to the southern gateway of the Great Stupa no 1. Marked by aesthetic beauty, the lavishly carved Ashoka pillar is known for its amazing structural balance. Later drive to Ujjain, upon arrival check in to the hotel. Overnight stay at hotel.



DAY 13– UJJAIN

The whole day will be dedicated towards visiting the various tourist places in Ujjain. Your itinerary will include Kaliadeh Palace, Observatory (Veda Shala), Harsiddhi Temple and Mahakaleshwar Temple. Overnight stay at hotel.

DAY 14– UJJAIN – MANDU

(140 KMS/3.5 HRS)

Morning after breakfast drive to Mandu, another major sightseeing destination in Madhya Pradesh. Upon arrival check in to the hotel. Rest of time free at leisure. Overnight stay at hotel.

DAY 15– MANDU

Today's tour programme allows you to spend the whole day sightseeing Mandu. Leave after breakfast and witness the striking beauty of Mandu's numerous temples that beautifully portray life and its pleasures in stone. Later, retire to the hotel for the night. Overnight stay at hotel.

DAY 16– MANDU – MAHESHWAR

(40 KMS/1 HR)

Morning after breakfast drive to Maheshwar. Upon arrival check in to the hotel. Maheshwar was a glorious city at the dawn of Indian civilization when it was Mahishmati, capital of king Kartivirjun. This temple town on the banks of the river Narmada finds mention in the epics of Ramayana and Mahabharata. Revived to its ancient position of importance by the Holkar queen Rani Ahilyabai of Indore. Maheshwar's temples and mighty fort-complex stand in quiet beauty, mirrored in the river below. Today, Maheshwar is also known for its distinctive handwoven sarees called Maheshwari. Overnight stay at hotel.

DAY 17– MAHESHWAR – OMKARESHWAR

(55 KMS / 1.5 HRS)

Morning after breakfast drive to Omkareshwar. Upon arrival check in to the hotel. Omkareshwar is a sacred island shaped place or in the shape of 'Om.' Situated on the bank of Narmada River, it houses one of the 12-revered Jyotirlinga shrines of Shiva. Rest of day explore sacred shrines, the works of Nature complement those of man to provide a setting awe-inspiring in its magnificence. Overnight stay at hotel.

DAY 18– OMKARESHWAR – AJANTA

(310 KMS / 10 HRS)

Morning after breakfast drive to Ajanta. Upon arrival check in to the hotel. Rest of time free at leisure. Overnight stay at hotel.

DAY 19– AJANTA – AURANGABAD

(110 KMS/2.5 HRS)

Morning after breakfast visit the rock-cut caves of Ajanta nestle in a panoramic gorge, in the form of a gigantic horseshoe. Among the finest examples of some of the earliest Buddhist architecture, caves-paintings and sculptures, these caves comprise Chaitya Halls, or shrines, dedicated to Lord Buddha and Viharas, or monasteries, used by Buddhist monks for meditation and the study of Buddhist teachings. Later drive to Aurangabad. Upon arrival check in to the hotel. Overnight stay at hotel.

Note: Ajanta Caves are closed on Monday & Ellora Caves are closed on Tuesday).

DAY 20– AURANGABAD – HYDERABAD (AJANTA EXPRESS: 2240/0855 +1)

Morning after breakfast excursion to Ellora cave excavated out of the vertical face of an escarpment, are 26 kms. north of Aurangabad. Extending in a linear arrangement, the 34 caves contain Buddhist Chaityas, or halls of worship, and Viharas, or monasteries, Hindu and Jain temples. Spanning a period of about 600 years between the 5th and 11th century AD, the earliest excavation here is of the Dhumar Lena (cave 29). The most imposing excavation is, without doubt, that of the magnificent Kailasa Temple (Cave 16) which is the largest single monolithic structure in the world. Evening transfer to the railway station to connect train for Hyderabad. Overnight board at Train.

DAY 21– HYDERABAD

Upon arrival at Hyderabad airport our representative will meet you followed by transfer to the hotel. (Overnight stay in Hyderabad)



DAY 22: HYDERABAD SIGHTSEEING

After breakfast depart for the sightseeing of Hyderabad visiting - Charminar Fort. Built by Mohammad Quli Qutb Shah to commemorate the end of a devastating epidemic Mecca Masjid it is the sixth largest mosque in India, which was constructed in 1598 by a king Abdullah Qutb Shah. Further we will visit Golconda fort - dome-shaped structures, was once the capital of the Seven-Shahi kings, build in Muslim style architecture. Later we will visit Salar Jung museum, which keeps 35.000 exhibits like sculptures, woodcarvings, devotionals objects and Persian miniature paintings. (Overnight stay in Hyderabad)

DAY 23: HYDERABAD TO BIJAPUR (410 KMS / 10 HRS)

Check out from the hotel after breakfast and drive towards Bijapur. On arrival check in the hotel and depart for the sightseeing of Bijapur visiting - Gol Gombas. Gol Gombaz is the second largest dome in the world, 124 feet in diameter. The architecture of this building is unique with the four minarets being the four staircases leading to the top dome. (Overnight stay in Bijapur)

DAY 24: BIJAPUR TO BADAMI (170 KMS / 04 HRS)

Check out from the hotel after breakfast and drive towards Badami. On arrival check in the hotel and depart for the sightseeing of the earliest monument of Badami in the Southern Fort area, which consist of a group of 16 caves. (Overnight stay in Badami)

DAY 25: DAY EXCURSION TO AIHOLE AND PATTADACKAL

After breakfast depart for the day excursion to Aihole picturesque village on the banks of the Malapragha River. Here we visit a group of temples, dating from the Chalukyan periods. After, we marvel at the Jain Meguti Temple (634 AD) on top of a hill, from where you have a fantastic view of whole Aihole. Further visit the village Pattadakal that is situated 20 km from Badami and was used in particular for the royal coronation ceremonies in the early days. There are numerous temples with the remains of the earliest ones dating back to the 3rd and 4th century. Here we see southern and northern styles monuments at the same time. Further, we catch a sight of the Rashtrakuta Jain Temple and two Mandapa hallways with twin carved elephants at the entrance. (Overnight stay in badami)

DAY 26: BADAMI TO HAMPI (175 KMS / 03 HRS)

Check out from the hotel after breakfast and drive towards Hampi. The ruins of the 14th century of the ancient city of Hampi. The splendid remains of palaces and gateways of the broken city tell a tale of men infinite talent and power of creativity together with his capacity for senseless destruction. We visit the Vittala Temple from the 16th century, a World Heritage Site distinctive by the fantastic sculptural work on its walls. Further, we stroll along Hampi bazaar, which leads to the Royal Center. At Royal Center you get a glimpse of the Lotus Mahal and Elephant Stables, a combination of Hindu and Islamic styles. We complete the day of sightseeing with a visit of an archaeological museum marveling at the collection of sculptures from local ruins, Neolithic tools, 16th-century weaponry and large floor model of the Vijayanagar ruins. On arrival check in the hote. (Overnight stay in Hampi)

DAY 27: HAMPI TO HOSPET RAILWAY STATION

6591 Hampi express; DEP: Hospet/19.50hrs; ARR: Bangalore/06.10 hrs

Check out from the hotel and drive towards Hospet railway station to board the onward train to Bangalore. (Overnight in the train)

DAY 28: ARRIVE BANGALORE

On arriving Bangalore railway station transfer to hotel and check into the hotel. (Overnight stay in Bangalore).
(Transport only for transfers.)

DAY 29: BANGALORE

Morning after breakfast transfer to the airport to connect flight for your onward destination. **DEPART**

(End of Service)

