

**TOUR NAME: CENTRAL INDIA TOUR
TOUR DAYS: 29 NIGHTS & 30 DAYS.**

**DELHI (ARRIVAL) – AGRA – ORCHHA – KHAJURAHO – SANCHI - UJJAIN - MANDU - MAHESHWAR –
OMKARESHWAR - AJANTA - AURANGABAD - HYDERABAD - BIJAPUR - BADAMI - HAMPI –
CHITRADURGA - SHARAVANBELAGOLA - BANGALORE (DEPART)**

TOUR LODGING INFO: 28 Nights Hotels, 01 Overnight Train

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. Hotel list is as follows:-

PLACES COVERED	NO OF NIGHTS	STANDARD HOTELS
DELHI	02	ASTER INN
AGRA	02	TAJ RESORTS
ORCHHA	02	SHEESH MAHAL
KHAJURAHO	02	USHA BUNDELA
SANCHI	02	GATEWAY RETREAT (MPTDC HOTEL)
UJJAIN	02	SHIPRA RESIDENCY (MPTDC HOTEL)
MANDU	03	MALWA RESORT (MPTDC HOTEL)
MAHESHWAR	01	NARMADA RESORT (MPTDC HOTEL)
OMKARESHWAR	01	NARMADA RESORT (MPTDC HOTEL)
AJANTA	01	FARDAPUR (MTDC HOTEL)
AURANGABAD	01	NEW BHARATI
OVERNIGHT TRAIN	01	
HYDERABAD	02	HOTEL GOLKONDA
BIJAPUR	01	MADHIVAN INTERNATIONAL
BADAMI	02	HERITAGE RESORTS
HAMPI	01	HAMPI BOULDERS
CHITRADURGA	01	NAVEEN RESIDENCY
SHARAVANBELAGOLA	01	HOTEL RAGHU
BANGALORE	01	NANDHANA GRAND

Hotels check-in & check-out time is 1400 and 1200 Hrs respectively at most hotels

TOUR PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- Accommodation on Twin room basis in the listed hotels (or) equivalent
- Daily breakfast
- All internal transportation driven by private chauffeur vehicle as per the itinerary
- Overnight Train tickets from Aurangabad - Hyderabad (III AC Class)
- All Applicable taxes

TOUR PACKAGE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Meals at hotels except those listed in above inclusions
- Still Camera/Video Camera, entrance, and extra activities charges
- Expenses of personal nature such as tipping, porters, laundry etc
- Anything not mentioned in inclusions

DETAILED ITINERARY :

DAY 01 : ARRIVAL 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 Raj Ghat, Red Fort(photo-stop), Jama Mashid Mosque, Chandi Chowk Market. Drive past India Gate &, President House. Continue visit Humayun's Tomb. Overnight stay at Delhi

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

Morning after breakfast visit Bahai Lotus Temple & Qutab Minar. Continue drive towards Agra on arrival check in to the hotel. Overnight stay at hotel.

DAY 04 : AGRA

Morning sightseeing of Agra visiting the fabled Taj Mahal (closed on Friday). 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. Visit a very beautiful monument called Baby Taj Mahal , It is Mughal's Prime Minister Etmad ud Daulla's tomb. 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- SANCHI - (10 Hrs)

Morning after breakfast drive to Sanchi. On arrival check in to the hotel. Overnight stay at Hotel.

DAY 10 : SANCHI

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

DAY 11 : SANCHI – UJJAIN - (235 KMS/5.5 HRS)

Morning after breakfast drive to Ujjain, upon arrival check in to the hotel. Overnight stay at hotel.

DAY 12 : 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 13 : 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 14 : 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 15 : MANDU

Day free for leisure activity. 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 Kartivarjun. 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, cave-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 (Train)

Train# 17063 AJANTA EXPRESS (Aurangabad 22.45) / Secunderabad Jn (08.55)

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 Board Overnight train to Hyderabad

DAY 21 : HYDERABAD

Upon arrival at Hyderabad Railway station, 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)

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 in Badami)

DAY 25 : DAY EXCURSION TO AIHOLE AND PATTADACKAL

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 – GADAG, LAKKUNDI – HAMPI - (185km/5.5hr)

Drive towards Gadag and here we visit to Lakkundi as its is known for the chalukya style temples is one of the fine architectural feasts of the kalyana chalukya period 10 the century and visit the Brahma Jinalaya, Kashivishvanatha Temple & Nanneshwara Temple. Continue your drive to 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.. On arrival check in the hotel. Spend your time in Bird watching in the resort .(Overnight stay in Hampi)

DAY 27 : HAMPI – CHITRADURGA - (155 KM/4.5hr)

Morning 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. And depart to Chitradurga (Optional) Visit Chitradurga **Fort** The old walled Town houses the impressive fort, built on the north eastern base of a cluster of rocky hills, qualifying it to be a *Giridurga*, or hill fortress. Known as *Yelu Suthina Kote*, the fort is fortified by seven circular walls, three of which are on the ground and four on the hill. Chitradurga fort is said to have had 19 majestic doors, 38 smaller doors, 35 special entry points and four secret entrances. (Over night in Chitradurga)

DAY 28 : CHITRADURGA - SRAVANABELAGOLA - (195 KM /5.5hr)

Depart from hotel and drive to Sravanabelagola - As you approach this sacred Jain site, marvel at the extraordinary 18m-high high naked male statue set on top of a hill and visible from miles around. If you feel you can, join the many pilgrims and climb the 700 steps to reach this finely carved statue of the saint, Gommateshwara, dating back nearly 1800 years and symbolizing the renunciation of worldly possessions. Visit **Belur** Once the Hoysala capital during the 11th and 12th centuries, admire the fine architecture of the Channakeshava temple from this period, whose gopura (tower) reigns over a small town, often packed with pilgrims. The temple boasts intricate bas-reliefs whose detailing includes depictions of birds and animals, dancing figures and episodes from the great epics. **Halebid** On first viewing you may wonder how this small village could once have been the capital of the powerful Hoysala dynasty. Though the city may have been destroyed, the Hoysala Temple is testimony to its former greatness as it is covered in exquisite carvings. Raised on a star-shape base the temple contains fine images and friezes showing scenes from the epics, such as the Ramayana. (Overnight in Sravanabelagola)

DAY 29 : SRAVANABELAGOLA – BANGALORE

Depart from hotel and Drive to Bangalore also known as the Garden city, the capital city of Karnataka, is a veritable melting pot of various races and cultures. The city's landscape is dotted with laid out parks, gardens and long avenues of blossoming trees. Emerging as the hi-tech capital of India, it still retains a charm that is totally Indian. There are numerous 'not-to-be-missed' sights in Bangalore such as the magnificent Vidhana Soudha, sprawling Cubbon Park, and colourful Lalbagh .Overnight in Bangalore

DAY 30 : BANGALORE AIRPORT

Morning after breakfast checkout from the hotel and drive to Bangalore airport to connect your flight to Mumbai .

END OF SERVICES.