



**Tour Name : Ancient Caves with Temple & Backwater**

**Duration ; 15 Nights / 16 Days**

**About the tour:**

On this 16 days tour explore the Ancient Caves of Ajanta & Ellora, visit the marvelous Temple of South India, and rejuvenate in the Backwater of Kerala. You will also visit Hyderabad the city blessed with extraordinary wealth of historic monuments. All airport transfers, sightseeing and excursion will be provide in an air conditioned vehicle, with private government licences local tour guide in each city. You will travel in flight on Mumbai - Aurangabad - Hyderabad - Chennai sectors.

## **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. As per flight schedule transfer to airport to board flight for Aurangabad.

On arrival at airport assistance and transfer to hotel.

Later city tour of Aurangabad, 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 - Hyderabad (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 Hyderabad.

On arrival at Hyderabad 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 06: Hyderabad**

Breakfast at hotel, explore this wondrous capital, a 400 year-old metropolitan city teeming with bustling-bazaars and Muslim monuments. Visit to Golconda Fort, Qutub Shahi tombs, Salar Jung Museum, Hussain Sagar, Charminar, Grand Mecca Masjid. Overnight at hotel.

#### **Day 07: Hyderabad - Chennai (flight)**

Breakfast at hotel. As per flight schedule transfer to airport to board flight for Chennai.

On arrival at Chennai airport assistance and transfer to hotel. Later sightseeing of colonial Chennai which includes Churches, Fort, Museum and government buildings. Also visit Marina beach. Overnight at hotel.

#### **Day 08: Chennai - Kanchipuram - Mahabalipuram - Pondicherry (235kms/ 5hrs approx)**

Breakfast at hotel drive to Pondicherry via visiting Kanchipuram & Mahabalipuram Temples. On arrival in Pondicherry check & overnight at hotel.

#### **Day 09: Pondicherry**

Breakfast at hotel sightseeing of French colony, churches, Temple and Aurobindo Ashram. Rest time free and easy to relax on the beach. Overnight at hotel.

**Day 10: Pondicherry - Chidambaram - Gangai Konda Cholapuram - Darasuram - Thanjore (185kms/ 4hrs approx)**

Breakfast at hotel drive to Thanjore via visiting Chidambaram - Gangai Konda Cholapuram - Darasuram Temple. On arrival check in & overnight at hotel.

**Day 11: Thanjore - Trichy (60kms/ 1.5hrs approx)**

Breakfast at hotel visit Brihadeshwara Temple & Thanjore Fort. Drive to Trichy check in at hotel. Later visit Rock Fort Temple & Srirangam Temple. Overnight at hotel.

**Day 12: Trichy - Madurai (140kms/ 3hrs approx)**

Breakfast at hotel drive to Madurai check in at hotel.

Later sightseeing of Meenakshi Temple, Tirumalai Nayak Mahal & Vaniyur Mariamman Teppakulam Temple. Overnight at hotel.

**Day 13: Madurai - Periyar (Thekkady) (160kms/ 3hrs approx)**

Breakfast at hotel drive to Periyar check in at hotel.

Late afternoon spice plantation tour and village visit. Overnight at hotel.

**Day 14: Periyar (Thekkady)**

Breakfast at hotel explore the park by boat. The special animals in this region include wild elephants, nilgiri langur monkeys, sambar deer, wild bison, and colorful birds. Overnight at hotel.

**Day 15: Thekkady – Alleppey (135kms/ 3hrs approx)**

Breakfast at hotel drive to Alleppey. Board a houseboat from here and glide over the enchanting backwaters of Kerala. Houseboat stay includes lunch & dinner on board.

**Day 16: Alleppey – Cochin (60kms/ 1.5hrs approx)**

After breakfast disembark houseboat and drive to Cochin.

City tour of Cochin - one of few places in India that has managed to preserve the remnants of its colonial past with utmost care. Visit The Chinese fishing nets, St. Francis Church, Santa Cruz Basilica, Jewish Synagogue and the Mattancherry Palace.

Later in evening/ night 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	₹355,412	€ 4,739	\$5,468	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2 person	₹250,191	€ 3,336	\$3,849	₹204,640	€ 2,729	\$3,148	N/A	N/A	N/A
3 person	₹225,314	€ 3,004	\$3,466	₹224,703	€ 2,996	\$3,457	₹171,809	€ 2,291	\$2,643
4 person	₹222,857	€ 2,971	\$3,429	₹221,631	€ 2,955	\$3,410	₹169,352	€ 2,258	\$2,605
5 person	₹207,279	€ 2,764	\$3,189	₹202,160	€ 2,695	\$3,110	₹153,775	€ 2,050	\$2,366
6 person	₹204,174	€ 2,722	\$3,141	₹198,278	€ 2,644	\$3,050	₹150,669	€ 2,009	\$2,318
7 person	₹195,716	€ 2,610	\$3,011	₹187,706	€ 2,503	\$2,888	₹142,211	€ 1,896	\$2,188
8 person	₹189,373	€ 2,525	\$2,913	₹179,777	€ 2,397	\$2,766	₹135,868	€ 1,812	\$2,090
Child 5-11yrs	₹56,221			€ 750			\$865		
Child below 5yrs	Free								
H B supplement	₹13,897			€ 185			\$214		
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	₹406,115	€ 5,415	\$6,248	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2 person	₹275,318	€ 3,671	\$4,236	₹204,640	€ 2,729	\$3,148	N/A	N/A	N/A
3 person	₹250,441	€ 3,339	\$3,853	₹224,703	€ 2,996	\$3,457	₹193,215	€ 2,576	\$2,973
4 person	₹247,984	€ 3,306	\$3,815	₹221,631	€ 2,955	\$3,410	₹190,758	€ 2,543	\$2,935
5 person	₹232,407	€ 3,099	\$3,575	₹202,160	€ 2,695	\$3,110	₹175,181	€ 2,336	\$2,695
6 person	₹229,301	€ 3,057	\$3,528	₹198,278	€ 2,644	\$3,050	₹172,075	€ 2,294	\$2,647
7 person	₹220,844	€ 2,945	\$3,398	₹187,706	€ 2,503	\$2,888	₹163,618	€ 2,182	\$2,517
8 person	₹214,500	€ 2,860	\$3,300	₹179,777	€ 2,397	\$2,766	₹157,275	€ 2,097	\$2,420
Child 5-11yrs	₹69,288			€ 924			\$1,066		
Child below 5yrs	Free								
H B supplement	₹19,485			€ 260			\$300		
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	₹539,897	€ 7,199	\$8,306	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2 person	₹358,978	€ 4,786	\$5,523	₹219,934	€ 2,932	\$3,384	N/A	N/A	N/A
3 person	₹318,806	€ 4,251	\$4,905	₹224,703	€ 2,996	\$3,457	₹243,076	€ 3,241	\$3,740
4 person	₹316,349	€ 4,218	\$4,867	₹221,631	€ 2,955	\$3,410	₹240,619	€ 3,208	\$3,702
5 person	₹300,772	€ 4,010	\$4,627	₹202,160	€ 2,695	\$3,110	₹225,042	€ 3,001	\$3,462
6 person	₹297,667	€ 3,969	\$4,579	₹198,278	€ 2,644	\$3,050	₹221,937	€ 2,959	\$3,414
7 person	₹289,209	€ 3,856	\$4,449	₹187,706	€ 2,503	\$2,888	₹213,479	€ 2,846	\$3,284
8 person	₹282,866	€ 3,772	\$4,352	₹179,777	€ 2,397	\$2,766	₹207,136	€ 2,762	\$3,187
Child 5-11yrs	₹88,038			€ 1,174			\$1,354		
Child below 5yrs	Free								
H B supplement	₹33,456			€ 446			\$515		
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 of our office representative at airport
- 15 Nights/ 16 days accommodation in mentioned hotels or similar
- Daily breakfast at hotel.
- Accommodation in Alleppey Houseboat includes all meals.
- Bottled drinking water in car
- Private English speaking guide in each cities on sightseeing days.
- Private chauffer driven air-conditioned deluxe car for airport transfers, sightseeing & excursion as per program.
- 01 Time monument entrance fees mentioned in the itinerary. (Almost all places of tourist interest are included in our itinerary)
- Kathakali dance show ticket
- Boat safari on Pariyar River in Thekkady.
- 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	Hyderabad	Aditya Park/ Red Fox Hotel	Lemon Tree Hotel/ Fortune Park Vallabha	ITC Kakatiya, a Luxury Collection/ Trident Hotel
6	Hyderabad	Aditya Park/ Red Fox Hotel	Lemon Tree Hotel/ Fortune Park Vallabha	ITC Kakatiya, a Luxury Collection/ Trident Hotel
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
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10	Thanjore	Grand Gardenia/ Oriental Towers	Sangam Hotels/ Ideal River View Resort	Svatma
11	Trichy	Red Fox Hotel/ Grand Gardenia	Sangam Hotels	Sangam Hotels
12	Madurai	Astoria by Sparsa/ Madurai's Residency	GRT Regency/ Fortune Pandiyan Hotel	Heritage Madurai/ The Gateway Hotel Pasumalai
13	Thekkady	Abad Green Forest/ Hotel Treetop	The Elephant Court/ Cardamom County	Spice village/ Cardamom County
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		Hotel Treetop	Cardamom County	Cardamom County
15	Alleppey	ATDC Houseboat/ Dream Boats	ATDC Houseboat/ Dream Boats	Xandari Riverscapes/ Lakes & Lagoons/ Spice Route Premium
16	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.