Experience Incredible India!

Magical Madhya Pradesh (13N / 14D)

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What makes our trips so unique and different? Truly, it isn't just one thing. Insider access, unparalleled service and inspired trip planning are just some of the differences that help create the magical trip you are awaiting.

THE FIRST-HAND EXPERIENCE

Experience some wonderful moments in the captivating Madhya Pradesh. Scenic sunrises, birdcalls, close encounters with the wild and endless hours of soaking in the serenity of sylvan surroundings. Believe it, this is very true...

A STARTLING FEAST FOR BODY AND SOAL

Rich in forests and scenic areas, Madhya Pradesh is a nature and wildlife lovers' paradise. You visit the best of these unspoiled treasures of nature. This trip is designed to offer you the glimpse of Madhya Pradesh covering monuments, world heritage sites, religious places, forts and palaces, wildlife and nature.

THE ONLY TRIP OF ITS KIND

We know that a journey to India is more than visiting its major sites and cities, so we take you to off the beaten treks and less traveled routes. We set the stage for an unforgettable journey - an intoxicating mix of luxury, intensity and tradition.

above & beyond

RESPONSIVENESS

We will do everything we can to make sure you do not get over your head in whatever activity you are doing. We can stop; we can turn around or take a different route. We respond to you, to make sure you are safe, and happy.

REGIONAL EXPERTISE

We've lived and spent years getting to know these regions inside out. Our guides have extensive experience and training understanding the issues confronting this region.

ADAPTABILITY

If you don't see exactly what you'd like to do from our activities list, please ask. We can and will adapt to whatever you would like to try and accomplish. We understand the need to be flexible in our offerings to insure you have a positive experience.

SAFETY AND SECURITY

Your personal safety is the key to our success. Our experience allows you the opportunity to appreciate and enjoy your chosen activity without the worry. Our effort is to get you there and back, safely.

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The Journey

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Day 1: Indore

You arrive in Indore today. This afternoon you will be visiting the Indore city. Indore is known as the city of the Holkars. The city was built by a Holkar Rani Ahilya Bai, one of the famous queens of India. Here you will be visiting some of the famous historical monuments and religious centers – Rajwada, Kanch Mandir and Bada Ganapati.

The Rajwada or the Old Palace is located in the old city; the building is a blend of French, Mughal and Maratha architecture. This 200 year old palace belonged to the Holkar dynasty.

The Kanch Mandir (Glass Temple), which is a Jain mandir (temple), is a marvel in glass. The walls, ceiling, floor, pillars, doors are entirely inlaid with glass creating a stunning kaleidoscope of reflections.

Bada Ganapati, better known for its size than antiquity, this temple houses perhaps the largest Ganesh idol in the world measuring 25 feet from crown to foot. It was built in 1875.

You will be staying in Indore tonight.

Day 2: Indore – Mandu

This morning you will be driving to Mandu. The grandiose and remarkable architecture of Mandu makes it one of the places having the most impressive collection of Afghan art in India. Mandu is located in an evergreen plateau in the middle of lusting vegetation, surrounded everywhere by lakes and splendorous monuments.

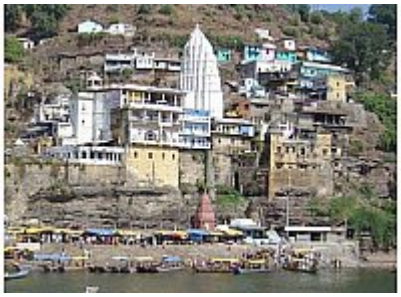
You will be staying in Mandu tonight.

Day 3: Mandu

Continue to explore the town of Mandu today. Mandu is covered with architectonic gems widely spread in the whole perimeter.

You will be staying overnight in Mandu.

Day 4: Mandu - Maheshwar - Omkareshwar – Ujjain



This morning you will be visiting Maheshwar. Maheshwar is a historical town on the banks of river Narmada known for temples, mighty fort-complex standing in quiet beauty, mirrored in the river below and distinctive hand woven sarees called Maheshwari.

Later, drive to Omkareshwar to visit the sacred island, shaped like the holiest of all Hindu symbols, 'Om'. Omkareshwar is situated on the banks of river Narmada, and is one of the 12 revered Jyotirlinga shrines of Shiva.

The significance of this linga is that the linga is not situated below the cupola. The idol of Lord Shiva is situated on the top of the temple. The temple can be reached by ferry from the banks of the river.

In the evening proceed towards Ujjain where you will be staying overnight.

Day 5: Ujjain – Bhopal

Ujjain is a venerated pilgrimage center enshrining Mahakaleshwara, one of the Jyotirlinga manifestations of Shiva. Situated on the banks of the sacred river Shipra, Ujjain which is the modern name of Ujjaini. It is one of the sacred places of the Hindus, and the Kumbh Mela (religious fair) is held here every twelve years.

There are many great mythological legends about Ujjain city. Apart from mythological legends, the city has a long distinguished history. It was governed by the likes of Vikramaditya and Ashoka. Kalidas wrote his souls stirring poetry here.

Visit Mahakaleshwara temple for the darshan of Shree Mahakaleshwara. One of the twelve Jyotirlingas in India, the lingam at the Mahakala is believed to be born of itself (swayambhu) deriving currents of power (shakti) from within itself as oppose to the other images and lingams which are ritually established and invested with the mantra-shakti.

Later in the afternoon we will be driving to Bhopal. Overnight stay in Bhopal.

Day 6: Sanchi – Bhimbetka

This morning you will be visiting the Sanchi Stupas. On the way to Sanchi, you will pass through several towns and small villages. Sanchi is 46 kms north east of Bhopal. It is unique for having the most perfect and well-preserved Buddhist stupas. The remains of Buddhist saints Sariputra and Mahamodgilya are also preserved here. The holy relics are displayed once a year, particularly, on the last Sunday of November during the annual Chetiyagiri Vihar festival.

Make sure you have enough film roles for the camera and the batteries of your digital cameras are fully charged, as you are about to witness a mesmerizing piece of Buddhist art.

Our next stop will be at Bhimbetka. Bhimbetka is a World Heritage Site and is situated south of Bhopal. This is the site of the second oldest cave paintings in the world. The location is beautiful, along the Satpura range of mountains. The area around the caves is forested, which adds to the natural beauty. The Bhimbetka rock shelters exhibit the earliest traces of human life in India; its Stone Age rock paintings are approximately 9,000 years old, making them among the worlds oldest.

You will be staying overnight in Bhopal.

Day 7: Bhopal - Gwalior

A half-day site seen is arranged in Bhopal. Bhopal city is also referred to as the City of Lakes because of the two beautiful lakes. The city has immense archaeological, historical and political importance attached to it. The origin of the city dates back to the eleventh century when Raja Bhoj founded the Bhojpal City. However the Bhopal of today was built during the eighteenth century by Dost Mohammed.

The site seen in Bhopal includes the visit to Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya (National Museum of Mankind) and Bharat Bhawan.

Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya (National Museum of Mankind) is a unique museum situated on a prehistoric site and the only museum in the world scattered with numerous prehistoric painted rock shelters. The cultural diversity and religion of India's tribes is highlighted in the museum. Tribal Habitat is an open-air exhibit; an entire fishing village has been replicated featuring Coastal Village with a Kerala snake boat, Desert Village from Rajasthan as well as a Himalayan Village. The museum is created in about 80 hectares of undulating land on the bank of upper lake of Bhopal.

In a short distance from National Museum of Mankind is the Bharat Bhawan, a complex that carters to an array of art forms, comprises a museum for the arts, an art gallery, a workshop for fine arts, a repertory theatre, indoor and outdoor auditoria, rehearsal rooms and libraries of Indian poetry and classical and folk music. It is designed by the renowned architect Charles Correa.

The National Museum of Mankind and Bharat Bhawan remains closed on every Monday and national holidays.

In the afternoon, arrive at the Bhopal railway station to board the train to Gwalior. You will be reaching Gwalior in the evening where you will be staying overnight.

Day 8: Gwalior

Gwalior is famous for one of the finest living forts in India. Within the fort walls are interesting temples, museums and palaces. The museum collection includes several royal memorabilia like three-and-a-half ton chandeliers, not to mention a carpet the size of a couple of tennis courts and a silver model train, which once chugged on miniature rails round the royal dinner table laden with decanters and cigars.

You will be staying in Gwalior tonight.

Day 9: Gwalior - Sonagiri - Datia – Orchha

Depart for Orchha today. On the way to Orchha, we will stopover at Sonagiri and Datia.

Sonagiri (literally, the golden peak) is 65 Kms from Gwalior and a place sacred to Digambar Jains. There are several white Jain temples scattered around Sonagiri.

Datia is famous for the seven storied palace built by Raha Bir Singh Dev in 1614. It is the representative of one of the finest architectures of the Bundela period. The place also houses the Bundela mural paintings.

You will be staying in Orchha tonight.

Day 10: Orchha – Khajuraho

Orchha is a small town on the bank of river Betwa and is famous for temples that are built by its Bundela rulers in the 16th and 17th centuries and still retain much of their pristine perfection.

In the afternoon, you will depart for Khajuraho. You will reach Khajuraho in the evening. Enjoy the light show in Khajuraho.

You will be staying overnight in Khajuraho.

Day 11: Khajuraho - Ajaygarh – Bandhavgarh

This morning visit western and eastern group of temples in Khajuraho.

The Western group of temples is the best known, because it is to this group that the largest and most typical Khajuraho temple belongs. Kandariya Mahadeo, Chaunsat Yogini, Chitragupta Temple, Vishwanath Temple and Lakshamana Temple belong to the western group.

In the eastern group, the temples are the Brahma temple, which has a four-faced lingam, The Vamana temple which is embellished with images of ravishing apsaras at their alluring best; and finally the Javari temple, with its ornate gateway and lavish carvings.

Depart for Bandhavgarh today. On the way, we will briefly stop to visit the Ajaygarh fort. You will be staying in Bandhavgarh tonight.

Day 12: Bandhavgarh – Jabalpur

Enjoy your day in Bandhavgarh visiting the Bandhavgarh National Park and surroundings. Experience the thrill of coming across a tiger roaming freely in the wilderness of its natural habitat. Witness, experience and appreciate the natural beauty and fascinating landscape of Bandhavgarh National Park.

Depart for Jabalpur in the afternoon. You will be staying overnight in Jabalpur.

Day 13: Jabalpur

The wonder of Jabalpur lies in its Marble Rocks canyon and the torrential waterfall called Dhuandhar (Fumes of water). Soaring in their glittering splendor, the rocks at Bhedaghat rise to a hundred feet on either side of the Narmada river. Enjoy the enticing sight of Marble rocks in the small and old canoe-type ferryboats.

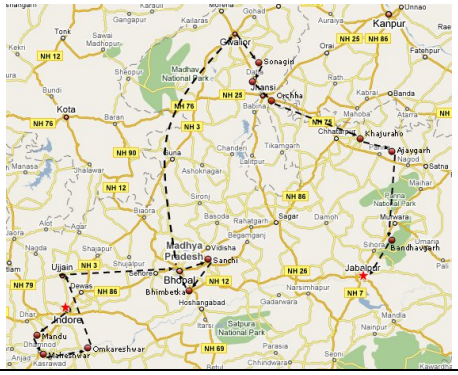
You will be staying overnight in Jabalpur.

Day 14: Jabalpur

After breakfast, checkout from the hotel. You will be transferred to the Airport or Railway station for the onward journey.

Tour concluded today.

The Details



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TOUR CODE
P0108

DATES
Choose your own dates

DURATION
13 Nights / 14 Days

START
Indore 12:00 PM

FINISH
Jabalpur 12:00 PM

GROUP SIZE
Max 4, Avg. 2

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HOTELS
Indore: 1 Night (Tourist Bungalow, Hotel Samrat or equivalent)
Mandu: 2 Nights (Malwa Resort, Malwa Retreat, Hotel Roopmati)
Ujjain: 1 Night (Vikaramaditya, Hotel Shanti, Hotel Shipra or equivalent)
Bhopal: 2 Nights (Hotel Sarthak, Hotel Pleassure Inn, Hotel Palash or equivalent)
Gwalior: 2 Nights (Hotel Tansen Residency, Hotel Landmark or equivalent)
Orchha: 1 Night (Betwa Resort, Betwa Retreat, Sheesh Mahal)
Khajuraho: 1 Night (Hotel Payal, Hotel Jhankar, Hotel Clarks or equivalent)
Bandhavgarh: 1 Night (Mogli Resort, Taal Resort or equivalent)
Jabalpur: 2 Nights (Hotel Krishna, Hotel Kalchuri, Hotel Narmada Jackson or equivalent)

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- A / c accommodation on twin share basis
- Vegetarian breakfast
- Transportation, Train fare from Bhopal to Gwalior
- All taxes

WHAT'S EXCLUDED

- Toll and parking
- Meals, bottled water, drinks and beverages
- Gratuities, tips
- Monuments / park entry fees,
- Camera charges, guide charges, elephant safari
- Laundry, phone calls and all personal expenses
- Visa fees, Air Fare
- Travel Insurance
- Medical cost

BRIEF ITINERARY
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LEVEL OF ACTIVITY
We rate this trip as easygoing to moderate challenging.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS
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