

Amazing Madhya Pradesh

07 Nights / 08 Days

1N Gwalior- 1N Orchha- 2N Khajuraho- 2N Bandhavgarh-1N Jabalpur

PACKAGE HIGHLIGHTS:

- In Gwalior, Gwalior Fort, Man Singh Palace, Jain Sculptures, Teli Temple, Sas Bahu Temple, Archeological Museum, Jai Vilas palace and museum.
- In Orchha, Jehangir Mahal, Rai Praveen Mahal, Dinman Hardaul's Palace, Ram Raja Temple, Chaturbhuj temple.
- In Khajuraho, Western group of Temples, Archaeological Museum, Eastern group of Temples.
- In Jabalpur, Madan Mahal Fort, Bedhaghat, Sangram Sagar and Bajnamath, Rani Durgavati Memorial and Museum, Tilwara Ghat



ITINERARY:

Day 1 - Arrival in Gwalior

On arrival in Gwalior, you will meet and greet by our representative and transfer to the hotel for a stay of 1 night.

Steeped in the splendor of its past, the ancient capital of Gwalior has yet made a successful transition into a modern Indian city, vibrant and bustling. A multitude of reigning dynasties, of the great Rajput clans of the Pratiharas, Kacchwahas and Tomars have left indelible etchings of their rule in this city of palaces, temples and monuments. Gwalior's tradition as a royal capital continued until the formation of present day India, with the Scindias having their dynastic seat here. The magnificent mementoes of a glorious past have been preserved with care, giving Gwalior an appeal unique and timeless.

Later this morning, you will be taken on a tour of the city of Gwalior which starts with a visit to the **Gwalior Fort** rising 100 m above the town the fort hill is almost 3 kms in length. The fort consists of the imposing **Man Singh Palace** known for its tiled & painted decorations of various animals.

One can also see the **Teli Temple**, the **Sas Bahu Temple** and the **Jain Sculptures**.

The next stop on your tour is the **Archeological Museum** with its collection of Hindu and Jain sculptures and copies of the Bagh caves frescoes.

The last stop on your tour of Gwalior is the **Jai Vilas palace and museum**, the palace of the Scindias. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 2 -Gwalior - Orchha (120 kms / 3 hours)

After breakfast, drive to Orchha (120 kms / 3 hrs). On arrival in Orchha, check into hotel for 01 night stay.

Once the capital of the Bundelas, Orchha is now just a village set amidst a complex of well-preserved temples and Palaces. It was built by Bir Singh Deo in 1531.

Later this morning, enjoy a sightseeing tour of Orchha. The tour of Orchha takes you to the **Jehangir Mahal** - the largest of the palaces, the **Raj Mahal** with its murals and the **Rai Praveen Mahal** built near a garden. We can also visit **Dinman Hardaul's Palace** with its interesting story. The temples of Orchha are highly preserved. The two main temples are the **Ram Raja Temple** with its lofty spires and the **Chaturbhuj temple**.

Overnight at the hotel.

Day 3 - Orchha- Khajuraho (172 kms / 4.5 hours)

After breakfast, you will be driven southwards to the temple town of Khajuraho. On arrival in Khajuraho, check into the hotel for a stay of 2 nights.

In the temple architecture of India, the Khajuraho complex remains unique. One thousand years ago, under the generous and artistic patronage of the Chandela Rajput kings, 85 temples, magnificent in form and richly carved, came up on one site, near the village of Khajuraho. The amazingly short span of 100 years, from 950 AD - 1050 AD, saw the completion of all the temples, in an inspired burst of creativity. Today, of the original 85, only 22 have survived the ravages of time; these remain as a collective paean to life, to joy and to creativity; to the ultimate fusion of man with his creator.

Rest of the day will be at leisure.

Overnight at the hotel.

Day 4 - Khajuraho

After breakfast, we will proceed for Khajuraho sightseeing which includes a visit to the **Western group of Temples** consisting of the massive Lakshmana Temple dedicated to Lord Vishnu, the Lakshmi and Varaha temples dedicated to Vishnu's consort Lakshmi, the Khandariya Mahadev temple dedicated to Lord Shiva and the Chausath Yogini temple dedicated to Goddess Kali.

Later this afternoon, you will also visit the **Archeological Museum** with its collection of stone sculptures of the Chandela dynasty, the **Eastern group of Temples** and visit the Jain temples of Parsvnath, Adinath, Shantinath and the Hindu temples of Vamana and Brahma/Hanuman both dedicated to Lord Vishnu.

Overnight at the hotel.

Day 5- Khajuraho - Bandhavgarh (Approx 227 kms/6 hours)

After breakfast, check out from hotel and drive to Bandhavgarh. On arrival check into the hotel for a stay of 2 nights.

Bandhavgarh is a relatively small National Park; compact, yet full of game. The density of the Tiger population at Bandhavgarh is the highest known in India. This is also White Tiger country. These have been found in the old state of Rewa for many years.

Rest of the evening will be at leisure. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 6-Bandhavgarh

This day we will enjoy a morning and evening safari at the National Park.

Besides the tiger, the other animals which can be spotted here are the great Gaur, or Indian Bison, the Sambar and Barking Deer are a common sight, and Nilgai are to be seen in the more open areas of the park.

Overnight at the hotel.

Day 7 - Bandhavgarh - Jabalpur (Approx. 166 kms/ 4 hours)

This day, enjoy a morning safari and later after breakfast, check out from the hotel and drive to Jabalpur. On arrival in Jabalpur, check into the hotel for a stay of 01 night.

Jabalpur was later the seat of the Kalchuri dynasty. The Marathas held sway over Jabalpur until 1817, when the British wrested it from them and left their impression on the spacious cantonment with its colonial residences and barracks. Today Jabalpur is an important administrative centre, abustle with commercial activity.

Time permitting, you can visit the **Madan Mahal Fort** which was built by the Gond ruler, Raja Madan Shah,

in 1116 atop a rocky hill - the fort dominates the skyline and provides a panoramic view of the town and the country side around it.

Later, this evening drive to Bedhaghat (23 kms) to visit the **Marble Rocks**. Boating facilities are available from November to May and while boating by moonlight is a thrilling experience, the Marble Rocks have recently been floodlit, adding a new dimension to their splendor.

Soaring in glittering splendor, The Marble Rocks at Bhedaghat rise to a hundred feet on either side of the Narmada. The serene loveliness of the scene is one of cool quiet, the sunlight sparkling on the marble-white pinnacles and casting dappled shadows on the pellucid waters. These white rocks with views of black and dark green volcanic seams are truly majestic, and produce a magical effect on moonlit nights.

The holy river flows by tranquilly flanked by the towering cliffs which reflect in it like a mirror the changing moods of nature. A little distance away, it becomes turbulent as it plunges in a mighty water fall known as Dhuandhar.

Later return to the hotel in Jabalpur. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 8 -Jabalpur - Mumbai

After breakfast, enjoy a half day sightseeing tour of Jabalpur that includes:

Sangram Sagar and Bajnamath: These medieval constructions were built by the famous Gond King, Sangram Shah, between 1480-1540. **Rani Durgavati Memorial and Museum:** Dedicated to the memory of the great Queen Durgavati, it is her memorial and museum which houses a fine collection of sculptures, inscriptions and prehistoric relics. **Tilwara Ghat:** From where Mahatma Gandhi's ashes were immersed in the Narmada, and venue of the open session of the Tripuri Congress in 1939.

Later proceed to the Jabalpur airport for onward journey.

Come home with wonderful memories of your holiday!