

Om Namah Shivaya

Jyotirlinga Darshan Yatra 2020

सौराष्ट्रे सोमनाथं च श्रीशैले मल्लिकार्जुनम्। उज्जयिन्यां महाकालमोङ्कारममलेश्वरम्॥

परल्यां वैद्यनाथं च डाकिन्यां भीमशङ्करम्। सेतुबन्धे तु रामेशं नागेशं दारुकावने॥

वाराणस्यां तु विश्वेशं त्र्यम्बकं गौतमीतटे। हिमालये तु केदारं घुश्मेशं च शिवालये॥

एतानि ज्योतिर्लिङ्गानि सायं प्रातः पठेन्नरः। सप्तजन्मकृतं पापं स्मरणेन विनश्यति॥



Yatra Overview:

Jyotirlinga is considered as one of the prime worship spots for the devotees of Lord Shiva. In Hindu Mythology, it is believed that Jyotirlinga means "The Radiant symbol of the Almighty", so it is the resplendent flame of the almighty solidified to make the worship of it simple. There are a total of 64 Jyotirlingas that are well spread around the landscape of India. However, 12 Jyotirlingas are presumed to be very auspicious and highly revered among them.

These jyotirlingas are positioned in eight states of India, likes of Gujarat, Maharashtra, Tamilnadu, Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand, Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh. As per the Hindu mythologies, visiting Jyotirlingas is an important pilgrimage that wades off all the sins and makes the soul sacrosanct and pure. The devotees visiting these Jyotirlingas become chaste, pure and calm. After visiting these Jyotirlingas, devotees turn home with illuminated and enlightened with highest and divine knowledge. It is also believed that wishes are fulfilled after visiting and having Darshan of these sacred Jyotirlingas. Thus, these Jyotirlingas are visited by Lord Shiva's devotees every year in huge numbers.

Reflecting years of experience, Karnali Excursions has crafted a comprehensive itinerary for Ekadasha Jyotirlinga Darshan. The 22 nights and 23 days itinerary takes you to the 11 sacred Jyotirlingas out of 12 that lie in different states of India. Along with seeking Lord Shiva's blessing, you will experience diverse Indian culture and hospitality.



Rameshworam Jyotirlinga

Yatra Highlights:

- Pilgrimage to Eleven Jyotirlinga out of 12.
- Experience of diverse and authentic Indian culture and lifestyle.
- Visit 11 different states of India by luxury buses, airplane and trains.
- Darshan of some other major attractions besides of Ekadash Jyotirlinga in India.
- Visit Tirupati Balaji, Meenaxi temple, Gangasagar, Puri Jagannath, Kanchipuram, Ellora Cave, Belur Math, Shirdi etc.
- The tour is led Karnali team leader and other support crew.

Yatra Features:

Total Duration:	22 Nights/23 Days
Yatra Grading:	Easy to Moderate
Best Season:	October to March
Yatra Starts/Ends:	In Mumbai, India
Accommodation:	Tourist Standard Hotels

Day-to-day detailed itinerary:

Day 01: Arrival in Mumbai and transfer to Hotel.

Arrival in Mumbai: we will come to receive you at the airport and arrange immediate transfer to hotel. There will be a detailed briefing about the entire Yatra in the evening.

Day 02: Drive from Mumbai -Nashik

After having breakfast, we will drive (212km/5 hrs) to **Bhimashankara Jyotirlinga** near Pune. After darshan, we will drive (208 km/5 hrs) to Nashik. We will overnight in a hotel at Nashik.

Day 03: Drive from Nashik - Shirdi

After breakfast, we will (30km/1 hour) drive to **Tryambakeshwor Jyotirlinga**, and then, we will drive (116km/3 hrs) to Shirdi. After checking in hotel and being freshened up, we will visit Sai Baba Temple in Shirdi.

Day 04: Drive from Shirdi -Aurangabad

After having early breakfast, we will drive (110km/2.5 hrs) to Aurangabad. After checking into hotel and being freshened up, we will drive (31km/1 hr) to **Grishneshwor Jyotirlinga**. We will drive back to Aurangabad. We will spend overnight in a hotel at **Aurangabad**.

Day 05: Drive from Aurangabad - Indore

Today, after having early breakfast, we will drive (440km/8 hrs) to Indore. En-route, we will have a short visit to the famous Ellora Cave. We will spend overnight in a hotel at Indore.

Day 06: Drive from Indore- Ujjain-Indore

Today going to be little longer day as we will drive (80km/2 hrs) to **Aum kareshwor Jyotirlinga**. After darshan, we will drive (140km/3 hrs) to Ujjain. We will attend the Aarati at **Mahakaleshwar Jyotirlinga**, and then we will drive (60km/2 hrs) back to Indore. We will spend overnight in a hotel at Indore.

Day 07: Fly from Indore-Rajkot via Mumbai and drive to Somnath

After breakfast, we will drive to Indore Airport for our connection flight to Rajkot via Mumbai. And then, we will further drive (200km/4 hrs) to Prabhas Patan near Somnath temple. We will spend overnight in a hotel at Somnath.

Day 08: Drive from Somnath-Dwarka

After having Darshan of Somnath Jyotirlinga, we will drive (235km/5 hrs) to Dwarka and check in Hotel at Dwarka. In the evening, we will attend the Aarati of Nageshwar Jyotirlinga. We will also Darshan of Dwarakdish and spend overnight in a hotel at Dwarka.

Day 09: Drive from Dwarka - Ahmadabad

Today is going to be another long driving day as we will be driving (450km/8 hrs) to Ahmadabad. We will spend overnight in a hotel at Ahmadabad, Gujrat.

Day 10: Fly from Ahmadabad-Chennai by flight and then drive to Kanchipuram

First of all, we will drive to Ahmadabad Airport for our flight (2 hrs 35 mins) to Chennai, and then we will drive (75km/2 hrs) to Kanchipuram. After checking into hotel and being freshened up, we will visit the Ekambareshwar Temple (A UNESCO World Heritage Site) for Darshan of **Lailashnath** and **Kamakshi** Temple. We will spend overnight in a hotel at Kanchipuram.

Day 11: Tirupati Balaji Temple Darshan

We will drive (133km/4 hrs) to Tirupati and after darshan; we will either return to Chennai or spend overnight at another suitable place depending upon circumstances.

Day 12: Drive from Chennai - Madurai

After breakfast, we will drive (464km/8 hrs) to Madurai where we will spend overnight in a hotel.

Day 13: Side trip to Rameshwaram Jyotirling and back to Madurai

Today, we will do a side trip to Rameshwaram Jyotirlinga for its Darhan. The return journey is 340km/7 hrs.

Day 14: Fly from Madurai -Hyderabad

Early in the morning, we will visit Meenaxi Temple, and then, after having late lunch, we will drive to Madurai Airport for our flight (2 hrs 30 mins) to Hyderabad. We will spend overnight in a hotel at Hyderabad.

Day 15: Drive from Hyderabad - Shreesailam

After late breakfast, we will drive (268km/5 hrs) to Shreesailam for a visit to Mallikarjuna Jyotirlinga. After darshan, we will check into hotel/Guesthouse.

Day 16: Shreesailam-Hyderabad (by drive)-Bhuwaneshwor (by flight)

We will drive (268km/5 hrs) to Hyderabad Airport for our flight (2 hrs) to Bhubaneswar where we will spend overnight in a hotel.

Day 17: Bhubaneswar darshan and fly to Kolkata

We will drive to Puri; en-route we will visit Konarak Temple. After visiting Jagannath Temple and having Darshan, we will drive to Bhubaneswar Airport for our flight to Kolkata. We will spend overnight in a hotel at Kolkata.

Day 18: Day trip to Gangasagar

Every day is an auspicious day during the Yatra, but today is very special day since we will have the opportunity to take ritual bath in the Gangasagar and perform our rituals. We will return to the hotel at Kolkata after visiting Gangasagar.

Day 19: Kolkata sightseeing and to Jasidih by train

We will visit Kalighat and Ramakrishna Ashram in the morning. After lunch, we will catch up our train to Jasidih. Either we will spend overnight in a hotel at Jasidih or drive to Baidhyanath.

Day 20: Drive by train to Bodh Gaya

We will have Darshan of Baidyanath Jyotirlinga in the morning and explore some of other major not-to-miss sites in the afternoon. We will catch a train to Varanasi after dinner.

Day 21: Check into the hotel at Varanasi

We will drive to hotel from train station. Later in the afternoon, after having our lunch, we will have a Darshan of Kashi Vishwanath Jyotirlinga and Annapurna Temple. We will attend the Ganga Aarati and do boat ride on the Ganga River.

Day 22: Fly to Mumbai and transfer to the hotel

We can ease at leisure or go for shopping in the morning, and then we will drive to airport for our flight to Mumbai. Those who have flight to onward destination may depart to the airport whereas other will spend overnight in a hotel at Mumbai.

Day 23: Trip concludes officially

Today is the officially trip concluding day. Karnali will provide airport transfer for your onward journey.

Tour Cost: US\$ 3,649:00/person for the entire tour

Single Supplementary: US\$ 1,549:00

The cost includes:

- All ground transfers including airport pickup and drops by private tourist buses.
- Hotel accommodation on twin sharing basis inclusive pure vegetarian meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner.
- All domestic flights and 2t/3t A/c train tickets as per itinerary.
- Travel duffel bag and rain poncho.

- Service of professional Karnali team leader and support crew.
- All guided sightseeing and Darshan with all applicable entry fees.
- Domestic flight tickets as specified in the itinerary.
- Comprehensive First Aid Medical Kit.

The cost does not include:

- International flight fares from/to your home country
- India Visa.
- Personal nature expenses, e. g. bar bills, bottled drinks, Internet, telephone, laundry, and etc.
- Puja, Dakshina and Darshan costs in temples.
- Travel and Medical insurance.
- Tips and gratitude.
- Any other costs not mentioned in the cost include section, but may incur due to unforeseen circumstances.



Grinshwor Jyotirlinga Temple

Essential Information Related to Jyotirlinga Darshan Tour:

1. Must bring Documents:

- The most recent and valid passport
- 4 passport size colour photos
- 2 photo copies of the most recent and valid passport
- Cash-less travel and medical insurance policy
- Health certificate

2. Hotel and Power Related Matters:

Infrastructures in these areas are not well developed. Thus, you should not expect or compare it to other more developed destinations. There are occasional shortage of water and power in this region. You may come across situations where water is supplied on a timed basis, morning and evening only.

In this region the hotels may not have generator facilities. In case of any power failure, hotels will provide candles for light.

3. Flight Details:

Please send us your flight details as soon as you book your flights. If there are any last minute changes, please notify us immediately by e-mail. This is very important, as we need to arrange for your airport pickup in Mumbai. Please look for the Karnali Excursions sign board as you come out from the Airport.

4. Passport, India Visa Related Issues:

All foreign passport holders require a valid visa for India. Get this at home by contacting the nearest Indian Embassy or Consulate. Indian Passport holders or OCI cardholder do not require a valid visa in India, but need to travel with the valid passport.

You must be in possession of a current passport with at least 6 months of validity remaining beyond your arrival date in India.

5. Remaining Balance:

The remaining balance is to be paid in USD (US Dollars) or equivalent GBP (Sterling Pounds) cash in Mumbai upon arrival. Unfortunately, Karnali Excursions cannot accept any personal cheques.

6. Additional Funds:

Please plan to bring approximately USD 1200 or GBP 950 per person for your personal use during the Yatra for phone calls, mineral water, souvenirs, etc.)

7. Travel Insurance –Mandatory:

Everyone must carry cash-less travel insurance which covers emergency rescue (both by Air and ground), repatriation and medical expenses. Please bring two hard copies of insurance containing policy number and emergency contact details only. . When you come to New Delhi, please handover one copy to our representative and keep the 2nd copy with you.

8. Preparation, Health and Medical Related:

Although most of the trip will be done by vehicles, it is important that everyone is relatively in good health. If you have any chronic health conditions please consult your doctor prior to leaving for India. Medical facilities are available throughout the journey.

However, taking the health issue into a sheer consideration, Karnali Excursions (P) Ltd. will provide a first aid medical kit and equipment for treating high altitude sickness. Remember to exercise and or hike/walk regularly. Form a habit of drinking at least three litres of water every day. This habit will be extremely helpful to keep you in good shape during the Yatra.

9. Karnali Staffs:

Karnali Excursions (P) Ltd. employs only well professional staffs who have successfully led several trips over many years throughout all over India, Tibet and Nepal. Each trip is staffed with experienced guide who speaks English and Hindi, ensuring a pleasant and smooth journey for the group. Karnali Excursions (P) Ltd. is committed to providing the best and most reliable service for each group for the Journey of a Lifetime.

10. Risk and Liabilities:

Karnali Excursions (P) Ltd will make every effort to ensure that your journey is smooth and as pleasant as possible. However, please be reminded that all programs in India are strictly conducted under the rules and regulations of the Indian government. Therefore, neither Karnali Excursions (P) Ltd. nor its Indian Agent shall be responsible for any changes in the itinerary due to unavoidable circumstances, including: government restrictions, landslides, road blockades, flooding, snowfall, political disturbances, flight cancellations, illnesses or accidents. Any additional costs that may incur as a result of such circumstances shall be taken care of by the yatris.

11. Yatra logistics:

- You will be picked up and dropped off at the airport, so please provide your flight details in advance.
- Every Yatri will be provided a reasonable sized duffle bag for the entire duration of Yatra. This bag will be provided in the evening of the arrival day. Hence, each yatri should have a personal backpack/rucksack to carry personal valuable belongings and handy items. Transfer your necessary items into this duffle bag from the suitcase and remember the duffle bag number.
- Your normal baggage and suitcase will be stored at the hotel in Mumbai or any other designated places until you return from the Yatra.
- Ensure that you have some snacks and minimal supplies along with you in your backpack for personal use as your duffle bag might travel separately with the support vehicle.

- Please bear in mind to bring the adaptor for 220-240 volts for charging any electronic devices.
- WIFI and Internet connection is available in Mumbai. Local SIM card can be bought in the Mumbai airport. You are welcome to use a home-based cell phone. Please make sure that India is in your roaming coverage area.

12. Important Preparation Tips for a Successful and Memorable Yatra:

- Get some hiking and breathing practices.
- Develop habit of drinking plenty of water (at least 3 litres a day).
- Stay mentally focused and physically healthy for a memorable Journey of a lifetime.

See you in the Himalaya for the experience of a Lifetime.....

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