

Madhya Pradesh - Hindustan ka Dil

A trip to MP is hard to contain within a limited number of days. The heart of India has so much to offer and is so diverse that we picked up the best of every city and curated that for you. We have diverse heritage from the Nawabi architecture of Bhopal to the exquisite Hindu and Jain temples of Khajuraho and Orchha and the Buddhist Stupa of Sanchi. Madhya Pradesh houses 9 national parks and 9 rivers and their numerous tributaries flow through it. The birthplace of the mighty Narmada, and the background to history and mythology, Madhya Pradesh is like a fascinating Pandora's box that has been lying hidden in plain sight. That Bhopal was ruled mostly by female rulers, and is referred to as Begum's Bhopal, adds another layer to F5 Escapes' tryst with the large-hearted state.

Itinerary in a nutshell

Day 1 - Reach Indore and proceed to Bhopal. Evening at Lakes

Day 2 - Explore Bhopal's heritage and museums

Day 3 - Sanchi. Khajuraho Light and Sound show.

Day 4 - Khajuraho temple tour. Evening Safari at Panna National Park.

Day 5 - Walk with Pardhis. Pandav Falls. Raneh Falls.

Day 6 - Orchha

Day 7 - Jhansi. Bhopal.

Day 8 - Bhimbetka. Bhojeshwar. Indore.

Day 9 - Fly out.

Dates: 21st -29th December 2019 (8N/9D)

Price: INR 47,000 + 5% GST

Single occupancy surcharge - INR 15000 + 5% GST

Get a discount of INR 1500 if paid in one go.

Seats : 9

Unable to join us on this journey? We have a lot more interesting & experiential women-only group tours all through the year! Check it out here : <http://bit.ly/withF5Escapes> If you have any questions, feel free to contact us on hello@f5escapes.com / 080-47091759.

If these dates, do not suit you, we can plan a customised trip for you and your group. Do reach out to us!

Day 1 - 21 Dec

Arrive in Indore and after a quick lunch proceed to Bhopal. Spend the evening at the Upper Lake. Drive or walk around the VIP road, which is the smaller version of the Marine Drive. Overnight at Bhopal.

Day 2 - 22nd Dec

We take a guided heritage walk through the old Bhopal city and understand the history and architecture. Bhopal was ruled solely by women for over 100 years between 1819 and 1926. The rule of Begums gave the city its waterworks, railways, a postal system and a municipality constituted in 1907.

After lunch visit the Tribal Museum and the Manav Sanghralaya. Overnight at Bhopal.

Day 3 - 23rd Dec

Today we start early as it is a long drive. Visit the Buddhist Stupa and complex at Sanchi on the way. We proceed to Khajuraho and attend the light and sound show at the temple complex. Overnight at Khajuraho.

Day 4 - 24th Dec

After breakfast, we visit the Khajuraho Temple complex and take a guided tour. The Khajuraho temples feature a variety of art work, of which 10% is sexual or erotic art outside and inside the temples; although they are the most famous. After lunch, proceed to Panna National Park and check in. Go for an evening safari. Overnight at Panna.

Day 5 - 25th Dec

After breakfast we go for a jungle walk with the Pardhis. Pardhis are a nomadic community that since the time of the Mughal emperors, have been hired to help in shikar (hunting). However, due to the combined efforts of the Forest Department and NGO's, a large part of the population has given up hunting. Thus, 'Walk with the Pardhis', an initiative not only encourages this reformation, but also aims at providing an alternative source of livelihood for the community.

After lunch with the community, visit some of the beautiful waterfalls and caves of the area. The Pandav caves are steeped in the mythology while the Raneh falls are formed as the Ken cuts deep canyons in granite rocks of different hues.

Proceed to Orchha by late evening. Overnight at Orchha.

Day 6 - 26th Dec

Explore Orchha, an ancient town and the erstwhile capital of Bundelkhand. We visit the famous Raja Ram temple early morning where the state gives a gun salute to the deity after every arti. Go for the water activities like kayaking and rafting on the Betwa river. Shop for the beautiful and Bollywood-famous Chanderi saris, silver jewellery and the Dhokra brass artefacts. Attend the light and sound show to understand the history of the region and sit by the Betwa river. Overnight at Orchha.

Day 7 - 27th Dec

After an early breakfast, leave for Bhopal. But first we visit Jhansi to explore the Rani Mahal museum. Although technically Uttar Pradesh, Jhansi is just 20 kms from Orchha, and was part of the Bundelkhand state as well. Jhansi is important for its legacy of Rani Lakshmi Bai. The world

needs strong women. This will be a long travel day. Reach Bhopal late evening. Overnight at Bhopal.

Day 8 - 28th Dec

After breakfast, we visit the famous rock shelters of Bhimbetka. The Bhimbetka rock shelters are an archaeological site of the Paleolithic, exhibiting the earliest traces of human life on the Indian Subcontinent, and thus the beginning of the Indian Stone Age. Enroute visit the Bhojeshwar temple. After lunch we leave for Indore. In the evening, visit the famous food street of Saraffa. Overnight at Indore.

Day 9 - 29th Dec

After breakfast, check out and catch your respective flights back home. The images and stories are going to be with you forever.

INCLUSIONS:

- All meals and evening tea/coffee starting from lunch on Day 1 till breakfast on Day 9
- Accommodation for 8N/9D on double occupancy.
- All transportation in an AC Tempo Travellers
- All entry charges
- Local guide at Khajuraho, Bhimbetka, Sanchi and Orchha
- A guided heritage walk of Bhopal
- A guided evening safari at the Panna National Park
- A guided jungle/village walk with the Pardhis in Panna
- Permits and tolls
- Your F5 guide

EXCLUSIONS:

- Food, snacks other than mentioned
- Camera charges
- Activity charges other than mentioned - Rafting will cost 2100 for a raft (6 people), Kayaking cost will be around 200 per person.
- Tips and personal expenses
- Medication
- Flights from your city of residence to Indore and return
- Any cost arising due to natural calamities, personal flight delays and aspect beyond our control. We will definitely facilitate an alternative and handle the contingency, the cost being yours.
- 5 % GST.

REFUNDS/CANCELLATION:

If cancelled 90 days or more in advance, cancellation fee is 12% of the trip amount.

25% of the trip cost if cancelled 89 - 60 days in advance.

50% of the trip cost if cancelled 59 to 16 days in advance.

Last 15 days – no show – entire amount will be forfeited.

If you use our services to book flights, cancellation charges of the flights will apply.

Option of Deferred trip:

You have the option of parking the paid amount with us for a future trip, if you wish to cancel joining this trip 60 days or more in advance.

Following conditions apply:

This option is valid only on trip with duration of 5 nights or more

You need to choose the trip you would like to go with instead (the deferred trip) within 2 months of deciding to cancel.

The travel start date of the deferred trip should be within 6 months from the day you decide to cancel.

There can be only one such change and once you decide the deferred trip, the cancellation policy of that trip applies.

You cannot choose a short trip (less than 5 days) as a deferred trip.

DISCLAIMER:

1. 50% of the trip cost is required to confirm the booking.
2. The booking does not include flights as the flight rates are extremely unpredictable. However, we can help you book your flights for the trip
3. All our trips are well-researched, including identifying access to medical facilities. In case of a medical emergency, F5 will assist the traveler in getting medical attention.
4. F5 Escapes is in no way responsible for any untoward incident happening due to the ignorance/negligence of the guests, natural/man-made calamities, accidents or any other events that are out of human control during the trip.
5. F5 reserves the right to cancel the trip under certain conditions – in such a case, the amount will be refunded in full.

Info Tab

Arrival & Departure

This trip is Ex-Indore. Joining us from different city?

Reach Indore on Day 1 by 12PM and book your return journey after 9AM on Day 9.

Note on weather

There will be nip in the air during the morning and the evening. Warm jackets, caps, socks will be required near the river and in the national park. Temperatures can range from 5 to 25 degrees.

**Please note that now a days, climate/ weather is dependent on many factors and unpredictable hence above information might be subject to change during your actual travel days*

NOTE ABOUT SMOKING & ALCOHOL:

Everyone joining is an adult and we realise that we cannot dictate the behaviour on how you should enjoy the trip. All we ask is to drink responsibly. Hangover delays are going to cost a lot, and will not be tolerated at all. So please do not test your limits and enjoy in moderation. Also, do

respect your roommate's comfort levels with the alcohol smell and avoid drinking in the room if she is not comfortable. If you smoke, please do so outside the room, even if the rooms have ashtray.

About your stay

Bhopal - Well appointed rooms in a boutique stay

Khajuraho - Family run stay

Panna - Jungle lodge

Orchha - Riverside heritage place

Indore - Conveniently located hotel

Food!

- Madhya Pradesh is known for its foodie culture. We will be savouring the local delicacies of Bhopal, meals of vegetables plucked fresh from farm in Orchha and local village fare in Panna. The cuisine will be mostly roti, dal, sabzi. We may have continental dishes in Bhopal in one of the meals. Toasts/Omelettes will be available at most places.

Note > Prepare > Accept > Embrace:

- The distance in MP are large, it being one of the largest states in India. So please maintain time as per the trip lead's instructions.
- You have been notified about the days where there will be long hours of travel. Please be mentally prepared
- There will be considerable walking required for heritage walk, Bhimbetka, Khajuraho, falls around Panna and in Orchha.
- Rafting in Orchha will depend upon the wind and river condition at that day
- There is a lot to do in every destination in MP. We have curated the itinerary based on unique flavor of a particular destination that you may not find anywhere else. We will not be able to cover everything each city has to offer, in the time frame we have. So we have picked and chosen for you!

Payment

OPTION 1 :

Please transfer the amount to the following account.

Bank: HDFC Bank, Old airport road, Bangalore

Account type: Current Account

Account number: 50200011453442

IFSC: HDFC0000075

Payee: ZINGARA SOLUTIONS PVT LTD

OPTION 2:

You can pay with your credit/debit card or net banking through this link (2% convenience charges apply): <http://instamojo.com/@f5escapes/>

Option 3: Book your seats here : <https://www.f5escapes.com/tours/north-india/madhya-pradesh-khajuraho-orchha-bhimbetka/>