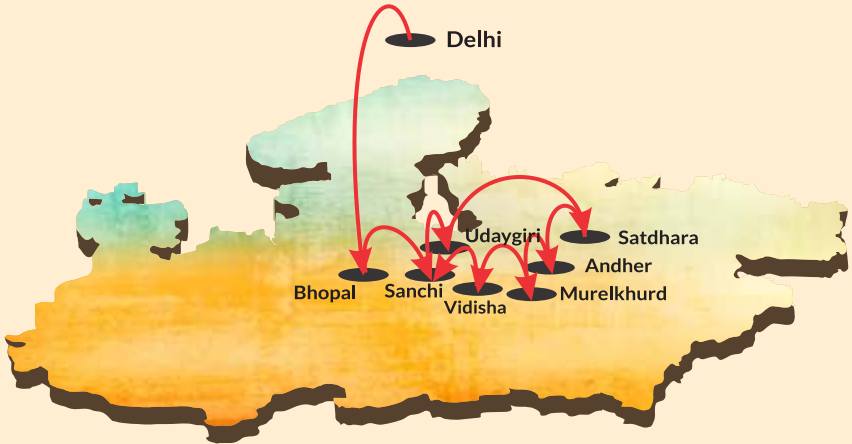




BUDDHIST CIRCUIT TOUR OF MADHYA PRADESH - 4 Nights/ 5 Days



Delhi-Bhopal-Sanchi-Udaygiri-Satdhara Sonari-Andher-Murelkhurd-Vidisha-Sanchi-Bhopal

DAY 1

- Departure from Delhi to Bhopal, morning flight
- Arrival at Bhopal
- Check-in Hotel, Lunch
- Visit to Tribal Museum, Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya
- Sunset at the Upper Lake
- Back to hotel, dinner & overnight stay

Bhopal: Bhopal is the capital city and the administrative headquarters. It is known as the City of Lakes for its various natural and artificial lakes and for being one of the greenest cities in India. It is the 16th largest city in India and 131st in the world.

Tribal Museum: Museum with a collection of tribal clothing, crafts & tools, plus a space for events & performances.

Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya: Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya or National Museum of Humankind or Museum of Man is an anthropology museum located in Bhopal, to present an integrated story of the evolution of man and culture with special reference to India.

STAY OPTIONS IN BHOPAL

- MPT Lake View Residency (MPT property)
- Courtyard by Marriott (Private, 5 star hotel)
- Jehan Numa Palace (Private, 5 star hotel)
- Sayaji Hotel (Private, 5 star hotel)
- Noor-Us-Sabah Palace (Private, 4 star hotel)

DAY 2

- Breakfast
- Departure to Bhimbhetka (50 kms, 1hr)
- Bhimbhetka rock shelter sightseeing
- Lunch
- Bhopal sightseeing (Gohar Mahal, Jama Masjid, etc.)
- Back to hotel, dinner & overnight stay

Bhimbetka rock shelters: The Bhimbetka rock shelters are an archaeological site in central India that spans the Paleolithic and Mesolithic periods, as well as the historic period. It exhibits the earliest traces of human life in India and evidence of Stone Age starting at the site in Acheulian times.

DAY 3

- Breakfast
- Depart to Sanchi (50 kms, 1 hr)
- Check-in hotel, lunch
- Stupa sightseeing at Sanchi
- Sound & Light Show at Sanchi
- Back to hotel, dinner & overnight stay

Sanchi is a Buddhist complex, famous for its Great Stupa, on a hilltop at Sanchi Town in Raisen District of the State of Madhya Pradesh, India. It is located in 46 kilometres north-east of Bhopal, capital of Madhya Pradesh.

STAY OPTIONS IN SANCHI

- MPT Gateway Retreat (MPT property)

DAY 4

- Breakfast
- Sightseeing at Udaygiri, Satdhara, Sonari, Andher, Murelkhurd, Vidisha
- Back to hotel, dinner & overnight stay

The Udayagiri Caves are twenty rock-cut caves near Vidisha from the early years of the 5th century CE. They contain some of the oldest surviving Hindu and Buddhist temples and iconography in India. They are the only site that can be verifiably associated with a Gupta period monarch from its inscriptions.

Satdhara: Satdhara is an archaeological site consisting of stupas and viharas.

Sonari: Sonari is the site of an ancient monastic complex of stupas, positioned on a hill. The stupas were excavated around 1850 by Alexander Cunningham, who discovered boxes containing relics of Buddhist saints here.

Andher: As the Buddhist community flourished around Sanchi, new settlements of worshippers appeared in the region. Although these settlements had a physical and spiritual link to Sanchi, they also built their own stupas and monasteries. The Andher Stupas are a group of three stupas perched atop a hill near Karhod village in Raisen district. The site overlooks the magnificent Murel Khurd Stupas or Bhojpur Stupas.

Murelkhurd: The Bhojpur Stupas, also called Murelkhurd Stupas or Morel Khurd Stupas to avoid confusion with the village and archaeological site of Bhojpur are a group of about thirty stupas at the southeast of Sanchi.

Vidisha: Vidisha is known for its rich cultural heritage and historical monuments that reflects the great artwork of the Gupta Empire. Visited by a large number of tourists, especially historians and art lovers, Vidisha is a popular tourist destination of Madhya Pradesh.

DAY 5

- Early departure to Bhopal
- Fly back to Delhi