

# THE GRAND CENTRAL ODESSEY (11N/12D)



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## Welcome to the Grand Central Odyssey

**12 Days | 1,500+ Kilometers | One Extraordinary Legacy**

Step into a world where ancient history meets the raw, untamed wilderness. The **Grand Central Odyssey** is not just a tour; it is a meticulously curated journey through the beating heart of India—Madhya Pradesh. Designed exclusively for families who seek the perfect balance of discovery and connection, this circuit spans 3,000 years of human achievement and the majestic reign of the Royal Bengal Tiger.

From the culinary magic of Indore's night markets to the prehistoric whispers of UNESCO cave art, and from the misty heights of the Satpura Range to the medieval riverbanks of Orchha, every mile has been engineered for comfort and wonder. Traveling in our dedicated high-capacity transit and staying in hand-picked, family-friendly retreats, you will experience the "buyout" feel of a private club tour at a budget that makes sense.

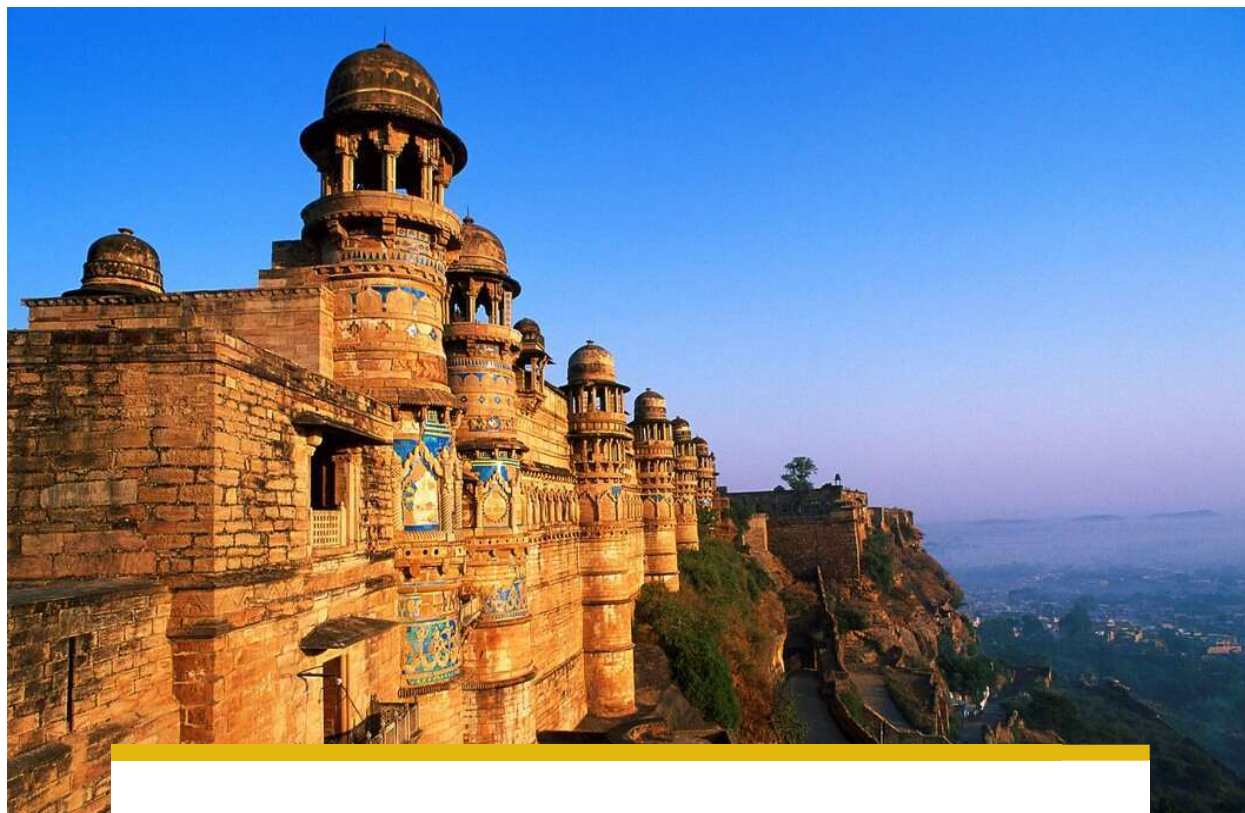
At **Traveltara**, we believe the best stories are told around a shared table. That is why your journey concludes with an exclusive, high-end riverbank

fine-dining experience—a "hi-fi" farewell under the stars that transforms a budget-friendly trip into a lifelong memory.

**This is India, unplugged. This is the heart of the heritage. This is your Grand Central Odyssey.**



*Image taken at Bandhaogarh Nation Scantuary*



## Route Overview & Stay Duration

- **Indore:** 2 Nights (Days 1-2)
- **Bhopal:** 1 Night (Day 3)
- **Pachmarhi:** 2 Nights (Days 4-5)
- **Bandhavgarh:** 2 Nights (Days 6-7)
- **Bhedaghat/Jabalpur:** 1 Night (Day 8)
- **Orchha:** 2 Nights (Days 9-10)
- **Gwalior:** 1 Night (Day 11)

## Phase 1: Malwa Heritage (Indore & Mandu)

- **Day 1: Rail Arrival & Indore Soul**
  - **Protocol:** VIP Platform pickup. Transfer to a 3-star Boutique Hotel (AC, En-suite).
  - **Spot:** Evening at **Sarafa Bazaar** (Jewelry-turned-food market).
- **Day 2: Mandu's Architectural Wonders**
  - **Spots:** **Jahaz Mahal** (Ship Palace) and **Roopmati Pavilion**.
  - **Stay:** 3-Star Boutique Hotel (Indore).

## Phase 2: The Spiritual & Prehistoric Axis (Bhopal & Sanchi)

- **Day 3: Ancient Art & Nawabi Charm (Indore → Bhopal)**
  - **Spots:** UNESCO **Bhimbetka Rock Shelters** and **MP Tribal Museum**.
  - **Stay:** **MPT Lake View Ashoka** (3-Star with panoramic lake views).
- **Day 4: Sanchi Peace & The Satpura Ascent (Bhopal → Pachmarhi)**
  - **Spots:** UNESCO **Sanchi Stupa** (3rd Century BCE). Afternoon drive into the hills.
  - **Stay:** **MPT Highland** or **MPT Satpura Retreat** (Heritage 3-star).
- **Day 5: The Queen of Hills (Pachmarhi)**
  - **Spots:** **Bee Falls, Pandav Caves,** and sunset at **Dhoopgarh**.
  - **Stay:** **MPT Heritage Stay** (Fixed Garden Dinner).

## Phase 3: Wild Heart & Marble Glow (Bandhavgarh & Bhedaghat)

- **Day 6: The Long Forest Transit (Pachmarhi → Bandhavgarh)**
  - **Experience:** Scenic drive with "Rolling Lounge" snacks.
  - **Stay:** **MPT White Tiger Forest Lodge** (3-star, adjacent to the forest gate).
- **Day 7: The Apex Predator (Bandhavgarh)**
  - **Experience:** **2 Private Jeep Safaris** in core zones Tracking Royal Bengal Tigers.
  - **Stay:** **MPT White Tiger Forest Lodge** (MAP Dinner).

- **Day 8: The Marble Canyon (Bandhavgarh → Bhedaghat)**
  - **Spots:** Dhuandhar Falls and the **Moonlight Boat Ride** at the Marble Rocks.
  - **Stay:** **MPT Marble Rocks** (3-star, perched on the canyon edge).

## **Phase 4: Medieval Rivers & Royal Finales (Orchha & Gwalior)**

- **Day 9: The Sacred River (Bhedaghat → Orchha)**
  - **Spot:** Evening Aarti at Ram Raja Temple.
  - **Stay:** **MPT Betwa Retreat** (3-star Heritage rooms/Luxury Tents).
- **Day 10: Frozen Medieval Kingdom (Orchha)**
  - **Spots:** Jahangir Mahal, Raja Mahal murals, and the **Riverside Cenotaphs**.
  - **Stay:** **MPT Betwa Retreat** (Lantern-lit garden dinner).
- **Day 11: Aristocratic Gwalior (Orchha → Gwalior)**
  - **Spots:** **Jai Vilas Palace** (Silver dining train) and **Tomb of Tansen**.
  - **Stay:** **MPT Tansen Residency** (3-star premium heritage style).
- **Day 12: The Fortress & Departure**
  - **Spot:** **Gwalior Fort** (The "Gibraltar of India") and **Man Singh Palace**.
  - **Protocol:** Transfer to Gwalior Airport/Rail Station for final departure

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**Trip starts at just @ Rs. 31'899 /P**  
for minimum group of 4 people

## What is Included (The Traveltara Promise)

- Premium 3-Star Accommodations (11 Nights): Stays in meticulously vetted, highly-rated 3-star properties, featuring Madhya Pradesh Tourism (MPT) heritage hotels, premium city boutiques, and comfortable forest lodges. All rooms are air-conditioned with modern en-suite amenities.
- Curated Dining (MAP Plan): Daily fresh breakfast and pre-arranged, high-quality dinners are provided at your accommodations, ensuring safe and reliable dining after long days of exploration.
- The Traveltara Exclusive: One complimentary, high-end private fine-dining experience on the banks of the Betwa River in Orchha, featuring a curated Bundelkhandi menu under the stars. (as per availability\*)
- Luxury AC Transit: Full-time use of a dedicated, premium air-conditioned transit vehicle for the entire 12-day, 1,500km circuit.
- Transit Logistics: All interstate border taxes, highway tolls, vehicle parking fees, and the professional driver's daily allowance and accommodation are strictly covered.
- Seamless Concierge: VIP railway/airport meet-and-greet at the arrival point in Indore and final drop-off assistance at Gwalior Station/Airport.
- Premium Wildlife Safaris: Two (2) Private Jeep Safaris in the core zones of Bandhavgarh National Park, including all forest department permits, professional guide fees, and gypsy rentals.
- Exclusive Water Experiences: Private moonlight boat ride through the illuminated Marble Rocks at Bhedaghat.
- Monument Access: Standard entry tickets to all primary heritage sites, including the Sanchi Stupa, Bhimbetka Rock Shelters, Mandu Palaces, Orchha Fort Complex, and Gwalior Fort.

## What is Excluded (Guest Responsibility)

- **Daily Lunches:** To provide culinary freedom and avoid interrupting the flow of daytime sightseeing, daily lunches are not included. Your Traveltara Tour Manager will guide you to safe, authentic, and hygienic local restaurants or heritage dhabas each day.
- **Inbound/Outbound Travel:** Flight or train tickets reaching the starting point in Indore (Day 1) and departing from Gwalior (Day 12).
- **Personal Room Charges:** Any room service, laundry, minibar usage, or early check-in/late check-out requests at the hotel properties.
- **Camera & Video Fees:** Specialized equipment and professional camera fees frequently charged by government monuments and wildlife parks.
- **Optional Activities:** Any sightseeing, detours, or activities not explicitly listed in the official day-by-day itinerary.
- **Gratuities:** Voluntary tips for the dedicated driver, local spot guides, and hotel staff.
- **Insurance:** Personal travel, medical, or trip cancellation insurance (highly recommended).

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