



CHHATTISGARH HERITAGE CIRCUIT

7 Nights / 8 Days

Itinerary

Day 1 - Arrival Raipur ? Sirpur Day Trip ? Raipur

The group arrives at Swami Vivekananda Airport, Raipur in the morning. After a warm welcome by the tour representative, transfer to the hotel for a quick freshen-up and an early lunch. By midday, depart for Sirpur — 78 kilometres east of Raipur on NH 30 — a smooth, comfortable drive of approximately 1 hour 45 minutes through the Mahanadi river plains.

Sirpur, known in antiquity as Shripur, was the capital of the Somavamshi dynasty between the 5th and 12th centuries AD and one of the most important Buddhist centres of learning in Central India. The 7th-century Chinese monk-scholar Huen Tsang documented this city in his celebrated travelogue, and ASI excavations have since revealed an extraordinary landscape of monasteries, stupas, and viharas. The entire site is flat and level — ideal for senior visitors. Visits include the Surang Tila Buddhist Monastery Complex with its excavated viharas and brick stupa; the Lakshmana Temple, a masterpiece of 7th-century brick temple architecture; and the Gandharvapur Monastery complex. Return to Raipur by early evening.

Day 2 - Raipur to Bhoramdeo

After a relaxed breakfast and check-out, depart for Bhoramdeo — 120 kilometres northwest of Raipur via Kabirdham. As the highway gives way to forest roads and the sal canopy closes in, the landscape shifts entirely into the forested Maikal hills. Check in at the Bhoramdeo Jungle Retreat, set within the forested buffer of the Bhoramdeo Wildlife Sanctuary. After freshening up, enjoy a leisurely riverside picnic lunch by the forest stream.

In the afternoon, visit the Bhoramdeo Temple — rightly called the Khajuraho of Chhattisgarh. Built in the 11th–12th century AD by the Nagavamshi kings in the Nagara architectural style, the temple is celebrated for its extraordinary stone sculptures including the famous erotic carvings on its outer walls. The complex is compact and level, approached easily from the motorable road. The nearby Chherni Temple and the Madwa Mahal — a royal marriage pavilion of exceptional sculptural beauty — complete the visit.

Day 3 - Bhoramdeo to Kanker

After breakfast and check-out, depart for Kanker — approximately 155 kilometres southward through the thickening forests and deepening tribal landscape of central Chhattisgarh. The route marks a beautiful transition from the Maikal hill forests into the Bastar plateau — one of the most ecologically

and culturally significant regions of peninsular India.

Arrive by early afternoon and check in at Kanker Palace — a living heritage property and the ancestral seat of the royal family of Kanker. Guests are hosted by the royal family themselves, sharing meals, conversation, and the unhurried rhythms of a household that carries centuries of history in its walls and courtyard. For senior travellers, an evening at Kanker Palace — hearing stories of the princely era and absorbing the warmth of genuine royal hospitality — is one of the most memorable nights of the entire journey.

Day 4 - Kanker to Jagdalpur via Chitrakote Falls & Boating

After breakfast and a warm farewell to the Kanker Palace family, depart for the Bastar heartland. The drive of approximately 220 kilometres from Kanker to Chitrakote takes around 4 hours through the densely forested districts of Kondagaon. A midway comfort and refreshment halt is planned en route. Arrive at Chitrakote Falls by early to mid afternoon — India's broadest waterfall, a magnificent horseshoe-shaped cascade of the Indravati River over a basalt cliff. In September the monsoon charges the falls to their most spectacular. Viewing terraces and level pathways make this entirely accessible for senior visitors. After time at the falls, enjoy river boating on the Indravati for a close-up perspective of the cascade from the water — completely safe and deeply memorable. Late lunch at a riverside eatery before continuing the final 38 kilometres to Jagdalpur.

Day 5 - Kanger Valley NP · Teerathgarh · Dhurwa Dera · Dudmaras

A full and richly layered day within the extraordinary Kanger Valley National Park — one of India's most biodiverse protected forest areas, just 35 kilometres from Jagdalpur. First stop is Teerathgarh Falls — a spectacular multi-tiered cascade on the Kanger River plunging through dense jungle in magnificent full monsoon flow. The approach involves a gentle stepped descent manageable at the group's own comfortable pace. From Teerathgarh, proceed to the Kanger Valley Underground Caves — ancient limestone caverns celebrated for their million-year-old stalactite and stalagmite formations. Both Kotumsar and Dandak Caves are electrically lit, guided, and have levelled pathways throughout.

By midday, proceed to Dhurwa Dera on the Kanger River for bamboo raft rafting — flat rectangular bamboo pole rafts navigated with a punting pole by local boatmen. This is unhurried, completely safe, and uniquely memorable. Lunch is served at Dhurwa Dera in the riverside forest setting. The afternoon is reserved for Dudmaras — a village on the fringes of Kanger Valley National Park identified by UNESCO as the single most potential village in all of India for rural tourism. Dudmaras is a living Gond

tribal settlement; a walk through it is a quiet, genuine encounter with tribal architecture, daily life, and the deep relationship between this community and its forest.

Day 6 - Dholkal Trek + Danteshwari Devi Temple, Dantewada

An early departure after breakfast for Dantewada district, approximately 80 kilometres south of Jagdalpur through the forests of southern Bastar. The Dholkal Ganesha Trek covers approximately 4 to 4.5 kilometres each way through dense Bailadila forest, with a gradual ascent to a hilltop ridge. At the summit, an ancient Ganesha idol stands in near-complete solitude — with sweeping views over the Bailadila hills and the unbroken forest of south Chhattisgarh below.

Following the trek, proceed to the Danteshwari Devi Temple in Dantewada town — one of the most revered shrines in Chhattisgarh and one of the 52 Shakti Peethas of India. Maa Danteshwari is the kuldevi of the Bastar royal family and is venerated with profound devotion across the region. Return to Jagdalpur by evening.

Day 7 - Jagdalpur ? Narayanpal ? Kondagaon ? Gangrel

Departure morning from Jagdalpur after breakfast. The return journey begins with a visit to the Narayanpal Temple — an 11th-century Vishnu temple built by the Nagavamshi rulers on the banks of the Indravati River. Narayanpal is one of Bastar's most important and least-visited temple sites — a beautifully carved stone temple standing in quiet dignity on the riverbank with the forest on the opposite bank. The visit involves only level walking and is entirely comfortable for the group.

From Narayanpal, proceed to Kondagaon for the group's handicraft stopover at the Shabari Handicraft Emporium — the most important curated destination for authentic Bastar craft including Dhokra lost-wax metalwork, Bell Metal craft, Gondh and tribal painting, terracotta, and Bastar ironwork. Allow 45 minutes to one hour. Continue northward to Gangrel and check in at Bardiha Lake View Cottages — a relaxed property set beside the Gangrel reservoir on the Mahanadi River, offering a restful overnight before the final departure day.

Day 8 - Gangrel to Raipur |

A relaxed final morning. After a leisurely breakfast and check-out at Bardiha Lake View Cottages, the drive to Raipur is a comfortable 80 kilometres — approximately 1 hour 30 minutes. Arrive Raipur comfortably with time to spare. If time and energy permit, the group may take a stroll through the city markets for any last-minute browsing before transfer to Swami Vivekananda Airport for the departure flight.

Tour Ends



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