

## ASHTAVINAYAKA & GANESHA TEMPLES TRIP INDIA TRIP 2027

### MUMBAI & PUNE, MAHARASHTRA

January 28 to February 9, 2027

In 2027, there will be a rare, long and major conjunction between Jupiter and Mars in Cancer. Jupiter and Mars remain with a degree of each other. Lord Ganesha is the deity for Ketu, and we will seek his blessings for a calm and peaceful Ashvini Jupiter conjunction.

Ashva means eight, and Vinayaka is a name for Lord Ganesha. The Ahtavayayaka pilgrimages visit the 8 Ganesh Temples pilgrimages across Maharashtra, plus other special Ganesh temples, including Siddhi Vinayaka Temple in Mumbai. We will also visit some special Ganesh temples. Goddess Durga is the deity for Rahu.

One of the unique features of the Ahtavayayaka pilgrimages are all covered with Sindoor, a sacred orange/red paste. And all idols of the Ahtavayayaka pilgrimages are Symbhuti. They are self-originated and temples were constructed around them.

Komilla has organized this special pilgrimages for devotees and pilgrims who have had experience in India and have her expert knowledge to help you enjoy this unique journey to get the blessings of Lord Ganesha and a high rank for you. The Ahtavayayaka Temples are in Maharashtra, and we will visit Mumbai and Pune.

### ASHTAVINAYAKA ITINERARY

#### THURSDAY: 28 JANUARY

**ARRIVAL at Mumbai airport – transfer to Mirage Hotel**

Arrival at Mumbai airport, our tour executive will meet and assist you

TRANSFER (included) from Mumbai Airport

• **INFLYBY** This hotel is included in the trip cost for the 28 January night. It is a 5-star hotel with a swimming pool and spa.

• **FREE CHECK-IN** from 12:00 PM

• **RELAX** The day is free for all

• **DINNER** Included 8:00 PM Welcome dinner (included) at the hotel. **HILNERO** 4-night stay in a 5-star hotel.

#### FRIDAY: 29 JANUARY

##### Mumbai to Pune Via Varada Vinayaka Temple

Drive to Pune (4 hours drive)

**8:00 AM** We begin the Ahtavayayaka & Ganesh temple trip on a very special day. The 7 planets, including Rahu and Ketu, are in signs, creating a rare Nagnaswara sign. This rare astrological conjunction creates an auspicious start to our journey.

Varada Vinayaka is the first of the Ahtavayayaka Temples we visit on this special day. Lord Ganesha, whose trunk is to the right, is known as 'Varada' because he grants the wishes of his devotees. Varada Vinayaka is located on the banks of the Varada River in Pune. It is one of the most important Ganesh temples in Maharashtra.

**LUNCH** | Farjays Hotel, Lonavla (included)

**DINNER** | Hotel Crownne Plaza (included)

Overnight stay at Hotel Crownne Plaza, Pune

#### SATURDAY, 30 JANUARY | Pune

##### Shri Mayureswara Vinayaka Temple, Morargon (1 hour drive)

**8:00 AM** Leave for Morargon

Shri Mayureswara Vinayaka Temple is the first of the Ahtavayayaka temples. It is the most important of the Ganesh Temples. Here Lord Ganesha is worshipped in the form of the Ganapati. In the temple, we have both the idols of Lord Ganesha – the old and the new ones. There are many idols of Lord Ganesha here, including the eight avatars of Lord Ganesha: Mahadeva, Mahadeva, Bhairava, and the four other avatars: Vighneshwara and Lambodara – positioned in eight corners of the temple. There are 23 different forms of Lord Ganesha. There are a lot of deities, including Dhama, Achya, Kama, and Mohana. There are also idols of Shakti and Siddhi Vinayaka. The temple is known for its 'Siddhi Vinayaka' and 'Siddhi Vinayaka' idols. There are also idols of Lord Ganesha and a high rank for you.

**LUNCH** | Hotel Crownne Plaza (included)

Overnight stay at Hotel Crownne Plaza, Pune

#### SUNDAY, 31 JANUARY | Pune

##### Siddhivinayak of Siddhatek

**8:00 AM** | Siddhivinayak of Siddhatek

Siddhivinayak of Siddhatek is situated by the sacred river Bhima. This is the third of the eight Ahtavayayaka temples we visit. In this temple, Lord Ganesha is worshipped in the form of the Ganapati. There are many idols of Lord Ganesha here, including the eight avatars of Lord Ganesha: Mahadeva, Mahadeva, Bhairava, and the four other avatars: Vighneshwara and Lambodara – positioned in eight corners of the temple. There are 23 different forms of Lord Ganesha. There are a lot of deities, including Dhama, Achya, Kama, and Mohana. There are also idols of Shakti and Siddhi Vinayaka. The temple is known for its 'Siddhi Vinayaka' and 'Siddhi Vinayaka' idols. There are also idols of Lord Ganesha and a high rank for you.

**LUNCH and DINNER** (included)

Overnight stay at Hotel Crownne Plaza, Pune

#### MONDAY, 1 FEBRUARY | Pune

##### Shri Chintamani Vinayaka Temple, Theur (1/2 hour drive)

**8:00 AM** | Chintamani Temple of Theur

This is a beautiful, serene temple where Lord Ganesha pacifies the mind of his devotees, gives them stability and removes their worries/ anxieties. According to the temple lore, Bhagwan Ganesh retrieved the wish-granting power (Chintamani) for his devotees, who kept it in a pot from the golden city of Gandhara, and how he pacified the unruly mind of the god Brahma, who mistook it on him in Theur. While the temple's location dates back to ancient times, the present structure was built in the 18th century.

**LUNCH and DINNER** (included)

Overnight stay at Hotel Crownne Plaza, Pune

#### TUESDAY, 2 FEBRUARY

##### Shri Maha Ganapati of Ranjanagori | PUNE (1/2 hour Drive)

**8:00 AM** | Shri Maha Ganapati of Ranjanagori

This is where Lord Shiva meditated and worshipped Lord Ganaka for victory over the demon 'Tripurasura'. He established the temple after his victory. The temple is full of exquisite, each representing one of the eight avatars of Lord Ganesha. We learn about the legend behind it, the current structure of the temple and its location in Ranjanagori, the Hill City of Pune.

**EVENING - OPTIONAL** | Parvati Hill Temples are dedicated to Lord Shiva and Parvati. There are five temples atop the Parvati Hill. Doodhghar temple (Shiva and Parvati), Karlye Temple, Vitthalnagar of Lord Ganesha, Khandola temple of Lord Ganesha and the temple of Lord Ganesha. We have to climb around 100 steps to reach the temples.

**LUNCH and DINNER** (included)

Overnight stay at Hotel Crownne Plaza, Pune

#### WEDNESDAY, 3 FEBRUARY | Pune

##### Girijatmaj of Lenayadri and Vigneshwara of Oshar (1/2 hour drive)

**8:00 AM** | Girijatmaj of Lenayadri - 6th Temple (1/2 hour)

Girijatmaj means 'The Son of Parvati' referring to Lord Ganesha. The idol of Lord Ganesha is believed to be in the form of an infant and is known as 'Girijatmaj'. The temple is carved from a single stone and has no supporting pillars. The Girijatmaj temple is within the Lenayadri hills and is one of the most important Ganesh temples in Maharashtra. It is a popular place, more a personal, spiritual journey to honour the Mother Goddess. It is a place where devotees come to seek the blessings of Lord Ganesha and a high rank for you.

**LUNCH and DINNER** (included)

Overnight stay at Hotel Crownne Plaza, Pune

#### THURSDAY, 4 FEBRUARY | Pune

##### Manache Ganapati Temples Five Temples (1/2 hour drive)

**8:00 AM** | The Manache Ganapati Temples

The Manache Ganapati Temples (Most Revered Ganesh 1000) are five specific, highly respected Lord Ganesha temples, traditionally being the Ganesh Chaturthi immersion processions. The Five Manache Ganapati are:

1. Kaba Ganapati: Considered the presiding deity and patron saint of Pune. Its history dates back to 15th century.
2. Tumbel Jyeshthwar: This is one of the oldest Ganapati idols in the city, dating back to 16th century.
3. Gungul Talbe: This Ganapati symbolizes unity and harmony between the Hindu and Muslim communities.
4. Tumbel Ganapati: Known for its large, 13-foot tall idol and traditional decorations.
5. Kesariwada Ganapati: This idol is associated with freedom fighter Laxman Tukank and was established to promote public celebration of the festival.

**EVENING** | Free or Shopping

From The Bangalore, it will take a 30-40-minute drive to the 'Kundakudi Mungun Temple' The Kundakudi Temple is a small temple on a hill, and there are approximately 100-200 steps to reach the temple at the summit. The temple is spectacular.

**LUNCH and DINNER** (included)

Overnight stay at Hotel Crownne Plaza, Pune

#### FRIDAY, 5 FEBRUARY | Mumbai

##### Shri Balalleshwara Ganapati Temple | Palli (1/2 hour drive)

**8:00 AM** | Balalleshwara Vinayaka Temple

Balalleshwara Vinayaka Temple is named after Lord Ganesha's devotee Balali. The original temple was wooden and was later renovated with stone in 1760. The stone temple is shaped like the Dhanwanjat script letter 'Shree' and faces east.

**LUNCH** | Farjays, Lonavla, on the way (included)

**DINNER** (included)

Overnight stay at Gordon House, Mumbai

#### SATURDAY, 6 FEBRUARY | Mumbai

##### Shree Siddhi Vinayaka Ganapati and Shree Maha Lakshmi Temples

**8:00 AM** | Shree Siddhi Vinayaka Ganapati Temple

Shree Siddhi Vinayaka Ganapati Temple is one of the most important pieces of worship in Mumbai. Devotees visit to seek Lord Ganesha to fulfil their wishes, hence the name 'Siddhi Vinayak', meaning 'Ganesh who grants you wishes'. Children especially visit. It is a popular place, more a personal, spiritual journey to honour the Mother Goddess. It is a place where devotees come to seek the blessings of Lord Ganesha and a high rank for you.

**AFTERNOON FREE** | In the heart of Colaba, a buzzing area of Mumbai with wonderful, eclectic shopping and cafes with walking distance.

**LUNCH and DINNER** (included)

Overnight stay at Gordon House, Mumbai

#### SUNDAY, 7 FEBRUARY | Mumbai

##### Shree Mumbā Devi Temple, Gateway of India, Marine Drive

**8:00 AM** | Shree Mumbā Devi Temple

Shree Mumbā Devi Temple is the most beautiful and divine temple. Mumbā Devi is goddess of Mumbai. She is worshipped in the form of a black stone sculpture in the temple, carved in red Sindoor. It is a popular place, more a personal, spiritual journey to honour the Mother Goddess. It is a place where devotees come to seek the blessings of Lord Ganesha and a high rank for you.

**LUNCH and DINNER** (included)

Overnight stay at Gordon House, Mumbai

#### MONDAY, 8 FEBRUARY | Mumbai

##### Bollywood Experience, ISKON Krishna Temple, Juhu

**10:00 AM** | Bollywood Experience and Studio Visit

Watch a film or TV series shoot, depending on what is happening on the day. Get a backstage experience of how Bollywood films are made. Bollywood is one of the world's largest film industries.

**3:30 PM ISKON Krishna Temple, Juhu** (Lunch Cost to be shared)

**8:00 PM FAREWELL DINNER** (included)

Overnight stay at Hotel Residency Towers, Rameshwararam

### HOTEL & MEAL SCHEDULE

Date	Location	Hotel	Lunch	Dinner
28 JAN	MUMBAI	Mirage	No Lunch	Mirage
29 JAN	PUNE	Crownne Plaza	Crownne Plaza	Crownne Plaza
30 JAN	PUNE	Crownne Plaza	Crownne Plaza	Crownne Plaza
31 JAN	PUNE	Crownne Plaza	Crownne Plaza	Crownne Plaza
01 FEB	PUNE	Crownne Plaza	Crownne Plaza	Crownne Plaza
02 FEB	PUNE	Crownne Plaza	Crownne Plaza	Crownne Plaza
03 FEB	PUNE	Crownne Plaza	No Lunch	Crownne Plaza
04 FEB	PUNE	Crownne Plaza	Crownne Plaza	Crownne Plaza
05 FEB	MUMBAI	Farjays - Lonavla	Gordon House	Gordon House
06 FEB	MUMBAI	Gordon House	Gordon House	Gordon House
07 FEB	MUMBAI	Gordon House	Gordon House	Gordon House
08 FEB	MUMBAI	Gordon House	No Lunch - Dinner (included)	Gordon House

Download PDF of Itinerary - Details

### ACCOMMODATIONS

Accommodations in boutique hotels and 4-star hotels.

Most Meals are Included

AIR TRAVEL TO INDIA IS NOT INCLUDED

Check-in: 28 FEBRUARY 2027 - Check-out: 09 February 2027

**EARLY BIRD Sign-up - You can save money & your spot if purchased ahead of time. India Trips tend to close early.**

**Note:** Participants must make arrangements between those who wish to share a room before the purchase - there will be no matching up after the purchase.

**2-PERSON SHARED ROOM - per person**

--- DOES NOT INCLUDE AIRFARE ---

**\$4,800**

Now through 3 September, 2026 - \$4,800 | After 3 September, 2026 - \$5,300

(There is no set end date to purchase, it depends only on availability, such as if someone were to cancel.)

**IMPORTANT** !!! you can purchase a Shared Room and depart with a friend. Due to the different levels of caution, everyone who wishes to share a room must agree before selecting the "shared room" option.

--- TOUR ENDS ---

### ASHTAVINAYAKA & GANESHA TEMPLES TRIP | India Trip 2027 | Shared Room

\$4,800.00 \$4,800.00

ADD TO CART

### COST for Single Room

SINGLE ROOM - per person

--- DOES NOT INCLUDE AIRFARE ---

**\$6,300**

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(There is no set end date to purchase, it depends only on availability, such as if someone were to cancel.)

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### ASHTAVINAYAKA & GANESHA TEMPLES TRIP | India Trip 2027 | Single Room

\$5,800.00 \$6,300.00

ADD TO CART

### Per Person Price includes:

--- Airfare is a fixed double-entry airfare to the hotels mentioned above

--- Complimentary breakfast at the same hotels as above

--- Lunch and dinners as per the schedule above

--- AC Car for the bus/desk and airport transfers with a knowledgeable driver

--- Hotel on 27 January & February 2027, early check-in and late check-out at the hotel

--- Complimentary Mineral Water bottles in the Vehicle

--- Complimentary Wi-Fi Device in the Van

--- All the specialities above

### Tour Cost Per Person DOES NOT include:

--- Any flight fares to India, including domestic flights

--- Lunch & Dinner (either than the above specified), any other chargeable activities

--- Expenses for Camera fee, tips and personal expenses like phone, laundry, postage

--- Hotel on 27 January & February 2027, early check-in and late check-out at the hotel

--- Darshan ticket

--- Anything which is not mentioned in the inclusion list

--- Any other charges which are not mentioned in the inclusion list

### CANCELLATION POLICY

\$300.00 service charge on all refunds - no refunds are available after 1 September, 2027.

--- IMPORTANT ---

Purchasing Travel Insurance as you purchase your airline ticket is vital. Travel insurance is beneficial in all cases, should you become too ill or injured to board a plane home. In addition, Travel insurance typically includes air and medical transportation back to your home - but you must check your policy, though we each policy may differ in what it contains.

It may also be possible to find an insurance company or, depending on your credit card information, purchase insurance for your India Trip, but you must do this on your own. Unfortunately, we cannot issue a refund for your trip purchase.

### Examples from 2020 India Trip



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