



## **Tailor Made Travel : India**

### *Temples and Caves*

#### *Short Itinerary: Central India*

Ajanta and Ellora: The ancient cave temples of Ajanta and Ellora rank not only as some of the greatest artistic productions to have come out of Indian civilisation but of the whole of mankind. They are the greatest manifestation of art extant to have emerged from the richest period of indigenous art. And a visit to the temples is a must for anyone interested in apprehending something of the unique contribution India has made to World civilisation.

**DAY 1.** Fly to Aurangabad. Daily flights serve this city from Bombay, and Delhi via various Rajasthani cities. On arrival check into the Ambassador Hotel for two nights. Afternoon visit to the Aurangabad Caves, and the Bibika Muquba, an imitation tomb after the model of the Taj Mahal.

**DAY 2.** Morning drive to the Buddhist caves at Ajanta. After a tour of the finest caves both in sculptural and painterly terms we will adjourn for lunch. After lunch proceed to Ellora where the caves are dedicated to Hindu, Buddhist, and Jain deities. Outstanding is the Hindu, Kailasha Temple dedicated to Lord Shiva. Return via the imposing fort at Daulatabad. Overnight Aurangabad.

**DAY 3.** Depart for onward destination

### **Longer Itinerary Temples and Caves**

2 weeks. Delhi - Agra - Gwallior - Orcha - Bhopal - Mandu - Avrangabad - Bombay