



MAJESTIC RAJASTHAN ITINERARY PREPARED

SITES: DELHI-JAISALMER-JODHPUR-JAWAI-UDAIPUR-JAIPUR-AGRA-DELHI

**Guaranteed Departures with Minimum 2 persons
Choice of Luxury or Deluxe hotels**

INDIA - A living Heritage!!!

For the avid traveler, India provides an authentic adventure - stimulating, absorbing, daunting, sometimes moving, and shocking. Here is one of the world's great dramas; an ancient, vast, and crowded land committed to the most formidably challenging exercise in mass democracy. It is a spectacle in which hope, pride, paradox, and uncertainty mingle and struggle. It is conducted on the whole, and to India's credit in the open. The lasting memories of the land are hospitality, kindness, good humor, and generosity. Here is a society of over a 1000 million people, growing by a million a month, divided and united by language, caste, religion, and regional loyalties. It has often been described as a functioning anarchy; and it is in many ways an amiable one of marvelous fluidity and tolerance. Indeed, the true Indian motif is not the Taj Mahal, the elephant or the patient peasant behind the ox drawn plough. It is the crowd, the ocean of faces in the land of multitudes, endlessly stirring, pushing, and moving. It is in this human circulation that one sees India's color, variety, busyness, and senses also its power, vitality, and grandeur!

"Athithi Devo Bhava"

Where the guest is treated as God

Tourcan Vacations works in conjunction with local partners in India. We are contactable 24 hours a day and would be delighted to be of assistance should you have any questions during your stay.

Day to Day Itinerary...

DAY 1: DESTINATION: ARRIVAL IN DELHI

Welcome to India!

Arrive in Delhi, clear immigration, collect your luggage and proceed towards exit gate, where our local representative will be paging for you to assist and assisted transfer to your hotel.

Upon arrival check in at the hotel (Check in begins at 2:00pm).

Enjoy your day at leisure to relax after a long flight connection.

Delhi, the capital of India has a fascinating history and a stimulating present. Delhi has been the seat of a power of a number of dynasties – the Rajputs, the Muslims invaders from the North, the Afghan dynasties followed by Tughlaqs, Sayyads, the Ladies and the Mughals, who continued the Imperial line, until British days. **The old city**, built by Shah Jahan in the 17th century, stands today as an epitome of the whole history of Indo-Islamic architecture. New Delhi, designed and constructed by Sir Edwin Lutyens and Sir Herbert Baker, is a mixture of east and west. The public buildings in red sandstone are in the Mughal style. **New Delhi** has a circular Parliament House and an imposing Central Secretariat in two blocks, which stand at the approaches to Rashtrapati Bhavan, the residence of the President of India. Delhi is today the political, economic, and cultural capital of the world's largest democracy and has also become one of the greatest tourist centers of the world.



Overnight: Hotel The Oberoi – Premier Room

The best hotel in Delhi; an incomparable venue for business or pleasure, The Oberoi, New Delhi, enjoys views of the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Humayun's Tomb on one side and a calming view of the forested golf course on the other. Our 5 star hotel

in Delhi is a storied landmark and a celebrated example of Oberoi's reputation for taking care of its guests.



OR

Overnight: The Claridges – Cabana Room

The Claridges, New Delhi, is ideally located near Delhi's top attractions, including India Gate, Humayun's Tomb, Red Fort and Lotus Temple. Explore cultural gems like Akshardham and the National Museum, and admire architectural marvels like Qutab Minar and Jantar Mantar. Don't miss the spiritual oasis of Jama Masjid and Gurudwara Sri Bangla Sahib. Experience history at Purana Quila and enjoy shopping and dining at Dilli Haat INA. Your stay at The Claridges offers easy access to these iconic destinations.



DAY 2:

DESTINATION: DELHI

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel.

Later meet your guide in the lobby and depart for sightseeing tour of Old and New Delhi with our first destination being the **Jama Masjid**. this is one of the largest mosques in India, and a sight of historical importance. Begun in 1644, the mosque was not completed until 1658. It has three gateways, four angle towers and two minarets standing 40m high and constructed of altering vertical strips of red sandstone and white marble. Then, walk or rickshaw ride through the narrow lanes of **Chandani Chowk & Khari Baowli**-famous spice market in Old Delhi. We then drive past the **Red Fort** (stop for photo from outside) built in red sandstone. The walls of the Red Fort extend for 2 km and vary in height from 18m on the river side to 33m on the city side. Shah Jahan started construction of the massive fort in 1638 and it was completed in 1648. The Red Fort dates from the vary peak of Mughal power. Also visit the **Raj Ghat**, the place where Mahatma Gandhi was cremated and continue towards New Delhi to visit **India Gate** (War Memorial), drive past the **President's House, Parliament House** and the **Secretarial buildings**.



Enjoy lunch at local restaurant fixed menu/buffet – **Chor Bizaare** (Indian cuisine) OR **Connaught Club House** OR similar.

We will then move towards **The Tomb of Mughal Emperor Humayun**. Built in the mid-16th century this is a wonderful early example of Mughal architecture. The elements in its design – a squat building, high arched entrances that let in light, topped by a bulbous dome and surrounded by formal gardens – were to be refined over the years to the magnificence of the Taj Mahal in Agra. **Qutab Minar** a 234 feet high tower. The Qutab Minar is a soaring tower of victory that was started in 1193, immediately after the defeat of the last Hindu kingdom in Delhi. It is nearly 73m (243 feet) high and tapers from a 15m (50 feet) diameter base to just 2.5m (9 feet) at the top. The tower has five distinct stories, each marked by a projecting balcony. The first three stories are made of red sandstone, the fourth and the fifth of marble & sandstone.



Overnight: Hotel The Oberoi – Premier Room OR The Claridges – Cabana Room

Meals: Breakfast & Lunch

DAY 3:

DESTINATION: DELHI/ JAISALMER

FLIGHT 6E 2557: 12:35PM/2:20PM (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

After breakfast at the hotel, check out. Today you head to Jaisalmer.

At approximately 9:30am, meet our representative and you will be transferred to airport to board flight for Jaisalmer.



Depart Delhi on IndiGo Airlines flight 6E 2557 to Jaisalmer. The flight departs at 12:35pm and arrives at 2:20pm (subject to change).

Jaisalmer, an important ancient trading centre because of its strategic location on the camel trade routes, is often described as the 'golden city'. The havelis, built by merchants of the 19th century, are exquisitely carved from golden-yellow sandstone and are

still in a beautiful condition. The fort built by Rawal Jaisal in the 12th century, stands on the 80 meter high Trikuta hill, with beautifully carved Jain temples.

Upon arrival proceed towards exit gate and meet our representative paging for you in visitor’s gallery. You will then be transferred to your hotel.

Immediately after checking in, depart with your local guide to visit **Vyas Chhatris** where you will get the chance to view the majestic sunset.

Overnight: The Suryagarh – Fort Room

Fashionably designed with luxurious interiors, the sixty-two room hotel is proof that contradictions make for a wonderful hospitality experience. This unique juxtaposition of the modern with the medieval is what makes a stay memorable.

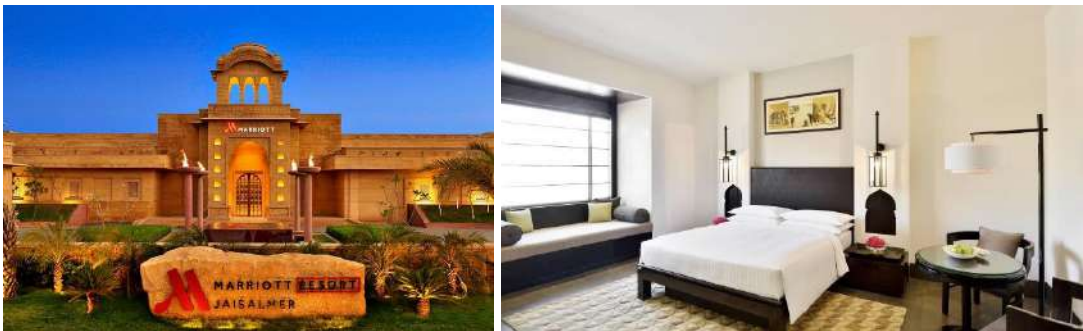


Meals: Breakfast

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Overnight: Marriott Jaisalmer – Deluxe Room

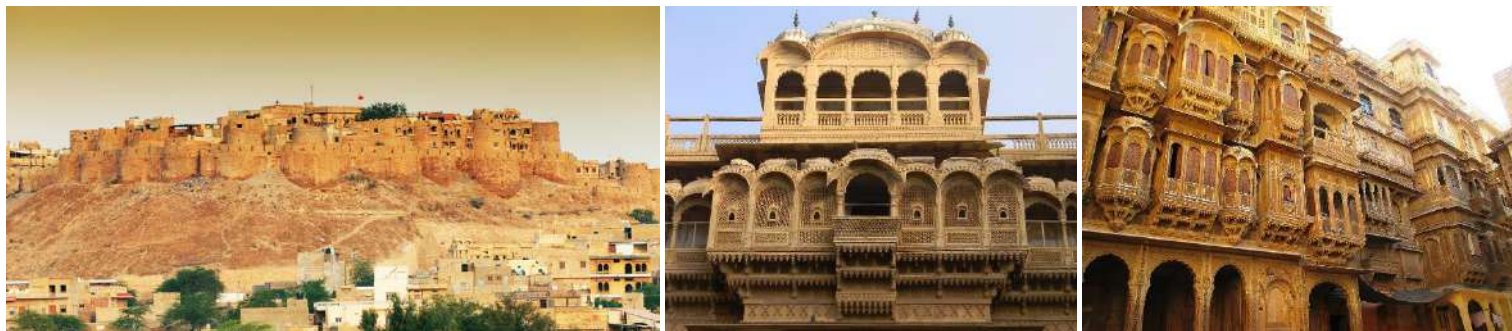
Nestled in the heart of the enchanting Thar Desert, The Jaisalmer Marriott Resort and Spa stands as a testament to opulence blending seamlessly with the awe-inspiring natural beauty of its surroundings. This Golden Retreat of tranquility invites you to embark on an unforgettable journey through the mystical land of Rajasthan, where you can experience the perfect harmony of history, culture and modern comforts together.



Meals: Breakfast

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel.

This morning, meet our local guide in the hotel lobby and depart for sightseeing tour of Jaisalmer to visit **The Fort**. The golden hued fort is a sentinel to the bleak desertscape from its 80-metre-high perch on the hill, housing the entire township within its ramparts. **Nathmalji-Ki-Haveli** – The late 19th century haveli with intricate architecture a display of sheer craftsmanship, **Patwon-Ki-Haveli** – The most elaborate and magnificent of all the Jaisalmer havelis. It has exquisitely carved pillars and extensive corridors and chambers, **Gadi Sagar Lake** – one of the most important tourist attractions in Jaisalmer. Its charm lies in the fact that it was the only source of water for the Jaisalmer city in the olden days. A manmade reservoir, the Gadi Sagar Lake in Jaisalmer, was constructed by Raja Rawal Jaisal, the first ruler of Jaisalmer. In the later years Maharaja Gadsingh rebuilt and revamped the lake.



This afternoon depart to visit **Sam Sand Dunes** to witness the magnificent sunset view over the sand dunes. Also enjoy **camel ride on the dunes**. After your camel ride you'll be driven back to Jaisalmer to overnight.



Overnight: Hotel The Suryagarh – Fort Room OR Marriott Jaisalmer – Deluxe Room

Meals: Breakfast

After breakfast, check out and depart by road for Jodhpur and upon arrival, check in at the hotel.

Jodhpur stands on a range of sandstone hills surrounded by a strong wall nearly 10 kms in length, with seven gates. Dominating the city is an eminence surmounted by a massive fortress. In olden days, the fortress must have been well-nigh impregnable, for the rocky base on which it is built is scraped on every side. Within the walls are royal palaces with priceless jewels and a striking collection of arms.

This evening depart to visit **Clock Tower**, enjoy a tuk tuk ride and short walk through the local and vibrant **bazaar of Jodhpur**. The Sardar Market is located near the clock tower in the city and is quite famous for its textiles in different prints, leather footwear and artifacts. Apart from exploring the local markets, the astonishing arts & crafts will give you a brief overview about the city's true essence.



Overnight: Hotel Taj Umaid Bhawan Palace – Luxury Room

Built between 1928 and 1943, Umaid Bhawan Palace is a magnificent piece of Rajasthan's heritage, and a symbol of new Jodhpur. Home of the erstwhile Jodhpur royal family and currently the world's sixth-largest private residence, the palace has one thing in common with the iconic Taj Mahal at Agra—the palm court marble used in its construction. Perched on Chittar Hill, the highest point in Jodhpur, Umaid Bhawan Palace inspires with exotic views of the historical Blue City, vast sand dunes, and intimidating Mehrangarh Fort.



Meals: Breakfast

OR

Overnight: WelcomHotel – Deluxe Room

The epitome of Rajasthani grandeur and regal hospitality, Jodhpur is the preferred destination of many travellers. Located in this historic city, Welcomhotel Jodhpur is a blissful oasis spread over 40468 m2 and celebrates the regions majestic forts, palaces, royalty and grandeur thru its architecture, interiors, cuisine, rituals & an ethnic mélange of unique experiences.



Meals: Breakfast

DAY 6:

DESTINATION: JODHPUR

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel.

Later meet your guide and depart for guided sightseeing tour to visit the **Mehrangarh Fort**. In olden days, the fortress must have been wellnigh impregnable, for the rocky base on which it is built is scraped on every side. Within the walls are royal palaces with priceless jewels and a striking collection of arms.



Your full day sightseeing tour of Jodhpur includes visits to the Fort, Palaces, and **Jaswant Thada**, an imposing marble memorial built in 1899 and the **Museum located in the Umaid Public Gardens**.

The rest of the day is free for independent activities (transport available).

Overnight: Hotel Taj Umaid Bhawan Palace – Luxury Room OR WelcomHotel – Deluxe Room

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 7:

DESTINATION: JODHPUR/RANAKPUR/JAWAI

DRIVE: 210 KMS/4-5 HRS

After breakfast at hotel, check out and depart by road to **Jawai**.

Enroute visit **Ranakpur Jain Temples**, in a quiet isolated glen, is a remarkable complex of Jain Temples (1440 A.D.). Built during the reign of the liberal and gifted monarch Rana Kumbha, these temples, though belonging to a late period (15th century), when

the peak of the classical age was already past, are a unique example of Jain ecclesiastical architecture. The entire enclosure is encircled by a wall. One temple consists of 29 halls and 426 pillars full of sculptural decoration. No two pillars are alike here. Enjoy lunch at your hotel or a restaurant in Ranakpur.

After lunch drive to **Jawai Bandh** through the great rural life which is awesome as it is etheric, full of colour and character.

Jawai Bandh/Bhera - welcomes you to the thriving hub of leopards i.e. The Jawai Leopard Conservation Zone around Bera area in Rajasthan. It is here, that you can experience the close encounter with this beautiful animal from the cat family.



Upon arrival check in at Camp.

After freshening up, depart for your first **Jeep Safari (wilderness drive)** where you may get the chance to encounter a wild Leopard.

Enjoy dinner at your camp.

Overnight: Sujan Luxury Camp – Tented Suite

Amongst spellbinding, billion-year-old granite rock formations, where leopards roam wild and free, coexisting comfortably with the charismatic communities, is the pioneering SUJÁN JAWAI. Spectacularly set in a dramatic wilderness, the camp celebrates the great outdoors with panache. Spend unforgettable days in the wilderness tracking leopards and other wildlife. Blending sophistication and ecology, there is no better place to discover one of India's most enchanting and breathtakingly beautiful landscapes. A wander with the charismatic Rabari herdsmen is a great chance to immerse yourself in the local culture and gain insight into some of our exemplary conservation and community projects.



Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

OR

Overnight: Godwad Safari Camp – Luxury Tent

Godwad Leopard Safari Camp welcomes you to the thriving hub of leopards i.e. The Jawai Leopard Conservation Zone around Bera area in Rajasthan, India. It is here, that you can experience the close encounter with this beautiful animal from the cat family. Your stay at the Godwad Leopard Safari Camp will be an epitome of tranquility. Virgin rural backdrop and unadulterated natural environment will most certainly make your stay with us a memorable safari holiday etched in your hearts for years to come.



Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

DAY 8:

DESTINATION: JAWAI/UDAIPUR

DRIVE: 175 KMS/3 HRS

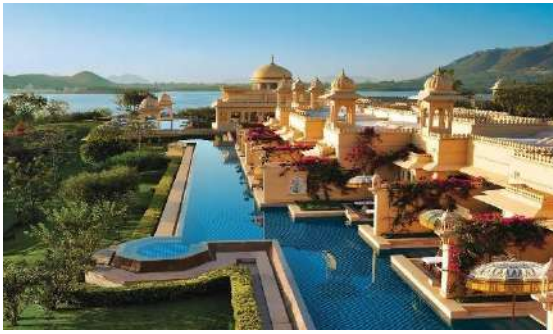
This morning depart for a jeep safari (wilderness drive) or enjoy a nature walk.

Return back to camp for breakfast and check out. Afterwards you'll depart by road to Udaipur through a hilly but beautiful terrain.

Udaipur the visitor finds his dream of India come true for the city combines real beauty with picturesque associations of a great and glorious past. It stands in a valley, amid green hills on the banks of the wide, steel blue lake Pichola. On little islands in the lake, from the water's edge, rise marble palaces of pure white that glisten like fairy castles. Crowning the ridge, in which the city clusters, along the shores of the lake is the palace of the Maharaja. Within the palace is all the magnificence of the East – peacocks in mosaic on the walls, floors inlaid with tiles of rare beauty, and roof gardens affording magnificent views of the panorama below.

Overnight: Hotel Oberoi Udaivilas – Premier Room

In a city fabled for its palaces, The Oberoi Udaivilas can take its place with pride. With views over Lake Pichola to the spectacular City Palace, the hotel itself resembles a grand palace. Landscaped gardens and shady courtyards, decorative fountains and reflection pools, cool marble, ornate carving, inlay work and detailed interiors create a marvellous ambience of days gone by.



Meals: Breakfast

OR

Overnight: Fateh Garh – Renaissance Room

Celebrated as one of the most renowned heritage resorts in Udaipur, Fateh Garh is a heritage palace that oozes fine luxury, sheer comfort and regal magnificence. Hotel Fateh Garh, Udaipur Ranked as one of the best hotels in Udaipur. Nestled within the heart of the city of lakes - Udaipur, Hotel Fateh Garh is a pioneer in sustainable, ethical and responsible tourism. Built on a hilltop facing the city, the design of the hotel draws heavily from the rich Rajasthani heritage and culture, appears no less than a palace. Fateh Garh is a luxury heritage hotel in Udaipur with views of the lake and palace complex, perfectly located to explore the famed sites of the Udaipur city, such as the City Palace, the Monsoon Palace or the beautiful Jagmandir.



Meals: Breakfast

DAY 9:
DESTINATION: UDAIPUR

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel.

Later depart for guide sightseeing tour of city to visit **Saheliyon Ki Bari** (Queen's retreat for her friends) Or also known as Garden of Maidens, a drive around **Fateh Sagar Lake** – a man-made lake, **City Palace** – one of the most important attraction in Udaipur, has several exotic palatial structures that enchant with their carved walls, fantastic walls, latticework, mirror work etc., **Jagdish Temple** – Located in the City Palace complex of Udaipur, this temple is made in the Indo-Aryan style of architecture in 1651 and explore the local market around the temple.



Later stroll around in the market. This evening enjoy **boat ride on Lake Pichola** and visit the **Jag Mandir Palace**. The palace, built of granite and marble, covers four acres and is built almost in the middle of the lake. Visit the Borra Mahal, Khas Mahal and the courts, gardens and fountains.



Overnight: Hotel Oberoi Udaivilas – Premier Room OR Fateh Garh – Renaissance Room

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 10:

DESTINATION: UDAIPUR/JAIPUR

FLIGHT: INDIGO – 7:45AM/8:45AM (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before checking out (Hotel check out time is 12:00pm). After checking out, meet our representative to be transferred to the airport for your flight for Jaipur.



Depart Udaipur on IndiGo airlines flight to Jaipur. The flight departs at 7:45am and arrives at 8:45am (*subject to change*).

Arrive in Jaipur and check in at the hotel. (Hotel check-in time is 2:00pm, early check-in subject to availability/chargeable).

Jaipur: The rose-pink capital of Rajasthan is surrounded on all sides by rugged hills, crowned with forts and enclosed by embattled walls. The Maharaja's palace stands in the center of the city amidst lovely gardens. Houses with latticed windows line the streets, their rose-pink colour lending enchantment to the scene which is almost magical at sunset. Jaipur is aptly called the 'Pink City of India'. It takes its name from the famous Maharana Sawai Jai Singh, who founded the city in 1728.



Jaipur is noted for its craft men skilled in the art of cutting precious stones and famed for its garnets and rubies. It is equally well known for brass inlay work, lacquer work and the printing of muslins. The City Palace which now houses a museum containing rare manuscripts, paintings and an armory; the Observatory with a sundial 90 ft. high; the Museum amidst the Ram Niwas Palace Gardens founded in 1876 with a large collection of antiques; the Palace of Winds a landmark of Jaipur made of pink sand stone and of unique design.

Overnight: Hotel Oberoi Rajvilas – Premier Room

Within these magnificent environs, where wilderness is juxtaposed with art, The Oberoi Rajvilas glitters as a jewel in its setting. Its architectural style, its cool, regal interiors and its 32 acres of formal gardens, echo the colours and majesty of Jaipur. Deluxe rooms, sunken marble baths, air-conditioned tents with lavish bathrooms, romantic villas with private pools and dining pavilions offer an opportunity to live a lifestyle of opulence enjoyed by the Rajput princes.



Meals: Breakfast

OR

Overnight: Sawai Man Mahal – Luxury Room

Majestic with spaces and with a design universe all its own, is the Sawai Man Mahal. This heritage-palace pays tribute to Maharaja Sawai Man Singh II – an Indian prince, diplomat, army-man and polo player – with expressive architecture, restorative ethics, lush pleasure-gardens, haute-cuisine and immersive experiences. Open, airy, cocooned, Sawai Man Mahal celebrates the best of Rajputana heritage.



Meals: Breakfast

DAY 11:
DESTINATION: JAIPUR

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel.

8:30am: Meet your guide in the hotel lobby for your sightseeing tour to visit **Amber (Amer) Fort**, ascent to the fort on Elephant, the former capital of the royal Rajputs. Few fail to be moved by the dramatic Rajputs grandeur of this hilltop fortress-palace 11-km north of Jaipur. Set on the dry wrinkled Aravali Hills, and surrounded by fortified battlements, the palace straddles two sepia-hued tundra hills overlooking Maota Lake, and its sprawling crenelated walls lattice the surrounding hills.



Later depart for sightseeing tour of **Jaipur city** to visit **City Palace & Museum**. The City Palace in the heart of the old city is a blend of Rajasthani and Mughal architecture. The center of the palace is a seven storied building called **Chandra Palace**, with fine views over the gardens and the city, **Solar Observatory** - an astronomical treasure house, with solar devices that still give accurate predictions and **Hawa Mahal** or Palace of the Winds, a five-storied structure of pink sandstone with semi-octagonal and delicately honeycombed windows overlooking the main street of the old city. It was built in 1799 so that veiled royal woman could peer down unseen by the world through its 593 stone screens. Also stroll around in the local pink city market.

You will get an opportunity to visit one of the **Art & Craft factories** and see a demonstration of gem cutting & polishing. Jaipur is noted for its craft men skilled in the art of cutting precious stones and famed for its garnets and rubies. It is equally well known for brass inlay work, lacquer work and the printing of muslins.

This evening, **visit a local Indian home for a cooking demo and dinner**. You will get the opportunity to meet the family, interact with them, try your hand to cook food and dinner.

Overnight: Hotel Oberoi Rajvilas – Premier Room OR Sawai Man Mahal – Luxury Room
Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

DAY 12:

DESTINATION: JAIPUR/FATEHPUR SIKRI/AGRA

DRIVE: 250 KMS/5-6 HRS

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before checking out. You will then meet your driver and depart by road to **Agra**.

Enroute visit **Fatehpur Sikri**, an epic red sandstone city. A city of yesteryear, today lost in the mists of time. Fatehpur Sikri was built by the Mughal Emperor Akbar during 1564 A.D. Mughal Emperor Akbar had no heir. He visited holy men to enlist their prayers for his son. When he visited Sheikh Salim Chishti who was living at the village of Sikri the saint foretold the emperor that he would be blessed with a son. When his son was born, he constructed his capital city and named it Fatehpur Sikri. Later, due to shortage of water and unrest in the North-West, Akbar must abandon this city. The beautiful marvel tomb of Sheikh Salim Chishti still attracts thousands who seek blessings of the revered saint. Other renowned places are Dewane-e-Am, Dewane-e-Khaas, Buland Darwaja, Panch Mahal, Jodha Bai Palace and Birbal Bhawan. Fatehpur Sikri is about 39 K.M. from Agra.



Upon arrival in Agra, check into your accommodation. After checking in, depart to visit the **Taj Mahal** during Sunset (closed on Fridays). The Taj Mahal is a symbol of eternal love, which stands on the banks of River Yamuna. It was built by the 5th Mughal Emperor, Shah Jahan in the year 1631 in memory of his wife, Mumtaz Mahal. It was completed in 22 years.

Enjoy a **buggy/tonga (horse cart) ride** from your hotel up to the Taj Mahal entry gate.

The Taj Mahal is widely recognized as “the jewel of Muslim art in India” and one of the universally admired masterpieces of the world's heritage. It is regarded by many as the finest example of Mughal architecture, a style that combines elements from Persian and Indian architectural styles. In 1983, the Taj Mahal became a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

That been said, the Taj is at its most alluring in the relative quiet of early morning, shrouded in mists and bathed with a soft red glow. As its vast marble surfaces fall into shadow or reflect the sun, its colour changes, from soft grey and yellow to pearly cream and dazzling white; it's well worth visiting at different times. This play of light is an important decorative device, symbolically implying the presence of Allah, who is never represented in anthropomorphic form.

The moods of the Taj vary from dawn to dusk. The Taj Mahal or the Crown of Palaces looks milky white in the soft light that characterizes early morning, while the afternoon sun makes it glisten bright and dazzling in the overhead sunlight, almost looking like a jewel against the opaque blue of the skyline and then comes a moonlit Taj breaking into the night sky, majestic and simply beautiful in a sense that cannot be put into words. It is at this time that it shines like a pearl. (A visit to the Taj Mahal at dawn or dusk is an unforgettable experience).

Overnight: Hotel Oberoi Amarvilas – Premier Room

Located just 600 metres from the Taj Mahal, the world's most exquisite testimony to undying love, it is easy to rekindle romance at The Oberoi Amarvilas. The best hotel in Agra is inspired by Mughal palace designs; with fountains, terraced lawns, reflection pools and pavilions. The Oberoi Amarvilas is a luxury hotel in Agra that offers unrestricted views of Taj Mahal from all rooms and suites, complemented by our warm, personalised hospitality.



Meals: Breakfast

OR

Overnight: ITC Mughal – Mughal Chamber Room

Sprawled over 23 acres of luxurious gardens, ITC Mughal, a Luxury Resort & Spa in Agra is a fitting tribute to the great Mughal builders of the past. The only Indian hotel to have won the prestigious Aga Khan Award for its excellent representation of Mughal architecture. In close proximity to the Taj Mahal, this luxury resort offers 233 opulent rooms and suites, a resplendent spa, signature cuisine offerings and a range of elaborate banqueting facilities. It recreates a paradise for the contemporary Mogul - exemplifying the splendor and perfection that was the hallmark of the Mughal Dynasty.



Meals: Breakfast

DAY 13:

DESTINATION: AGRA/DELHI
DEPART DELHI

DRIVE: APPROX. 220 KMS/4 HRS
FLIGHT: TBA

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel.

Later depart with guide for sightseeing tour of **Agra** to visit **The Agra Fort**: The crescent-shaped fort is enclosed by its 20-metre high, 2.4 km long outer wall. The fort contains a maze of buildings forming a small city within a city. Jehangir's palace commissioned by Akbar was the largest private residence in the fort. The Diwan-i-Aam (hall of public audience) and Diwan-i-Khas (hall of private audience) were built by Shah Jahan for receiving audiences.



We will also visit **Itmad-ud-Daula Tomb** or also known as **BABY TAJ** – The interiors of which are considered better than the Taj. One of the most beautiful Mughal tombs, Itmad-Ud-Daulah's Tomb was built by Nur Jahan, the Empress of Jahangir for her father in 1628. The tomb is a resting place of the powerful personality in Mughal Court, Itmad-Ud-Daulah, whose life is very interesting. Formerly a very poor Persian merchant then named Mirza Ghiyas or Ghiyas Beg he became a minister and a trusted treasure in Akbar's court. After Akbar's death in 1605, his son Jahangir rose into power. Jahangir made Ghiyas Beg his chief minister and honored him with the title of Itmad-Ud-Daulah, the Pillar of State. Later, Jahangir met a beautiful daughter of Ghiyas Beg named Mehr-Un-Nissa and married her. Mehr-Un-Nissa soon played a significant role in the Jahangir's court and was called Nur Mahal, the light of the Place. Owing to her influence, her father and brother were granted with privileges in the court. When Ghiyas beg (Itmad-Un-Daulah) dies in 1622, Nur Mahal decided to build a mausoleum for him. Queen Mumtaz Mahal or the lady of the Taj was also from this prevailing family. The mausoleum is entirely made of white marble and graced with intricate decoration of inlay work, and marble-screen work belonging to the Islamic style. With its tranquil, small garden on the bank of Yamuna River, the tomb stands impressively elegant from a distance.

You will also get the opportunity to visit one of the **marble cutting factories to witness marble carving/cutting demonstration**. Agra is also famous for marble object with precious and semi-precious stone incrustated.

This afternoon, check out of your hotel and depart by road to Delhi.

Upon arrival check in at the hotel and enjoy some time to refresh before enjoying your **farewell dinner**.

Hotel: TBA.

After dinner, transfer to airport to board flight for onward destination.



Flight details TBA.

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

Bon Voyage....!

Tour Cost:

Package Cost: Per Person Valid from Oct.01 – Dec.15, 2024 and Jan.06 – April 15, 2025. Except Festivals.

	Package Cost Per Person: 5* Luxury Hotels	Package Cost Per Person: 5*/ Deluxe Hotels
02 Paying persons	CAD 10995	CAD 6595
Single Room Supplement (applies to 3 rd person)	CAD 7595	CAD 3195
Airfare: Based on present available in Economy class: Delhi/ Jaisalmer & Udaipur/ Jaipur (Subject to change)	CAD 295	CAD 295

Important Information:

- Airport check-in for domestic flights is 2 hrs. and international flight: 3 hrs. prior to departure.
- Driving distance/time is approx., which is subject to road conditions/traffic.
- The flight schedule mentioned above is subject to change.
- Hotel check in time 14:00 hrs./check out 12:00 hrs.

INCLUSIONS:

- ✓ A representative for assistance on arrival and departure transfers at airport.
- ✓ 12 nights+2-3 hrs W&C hotel accommodation on Double/Twin sharing in base/mentioned category of rooms as per hotels mentioned above or similar.
- ✓ Buffet / fixed menu Breakfast at hotels at designated restaurants.
- ✓ All 3 meals in Jawal on fixed menu/buffet.
- ✓ All transfers, excursions and sightseeing will be by air-conditioned Toyota Innova Crysta Or similar vehicle including present applicable road tax, inter-state tax, parking, fuel surcharge as per program.
- ✓ English-speaking local guide for the sightseeing as per program.
- ✓ Present applicable entrance fee at all monuments as per program for one visit only.
- ✓ Rickshaw ride in Delhi.
- ✓ Camel ride in Jaisalmer.
- ✓ Auto rickshaw/Tuk tuk ride in Jodhpur.
- ✓ Jeep safaris in Jawai.
- ✓ Boat ride in Udaipur.
- ✓ Elephant ride in Jaipur.
- ✓ Tonga ride in Agra.
- ✓ Porterage of 1 piece standard bag per person at hotels/airport.
- ✓ Packed drinking water available in the vehicle during. sightseeing/excursion/long drives as per program (not at hotels/restaurant).
- ✓ Departure gift.
- ✓ All currently applicable taxes

EXCLUSIONS:

- × Any Insurance.
- × Optional sightseeing you may choose while on any tour
- × Any other meals or beverages, tipping, laundry, telephone/fax calls, camera/video camera fee at monuments, medical expenses, airport departure tax etc.
- × Airline excess baggage
- × Domestic/Mountain flight in Nepal/International flight/fare.
- × Diwali/Christmas & New Year Gala dinner.
- × All the other services which are not mentioned in the inclusions.
- × Any Expenses arising due to circumstances beyond our control such as flight delays/ cancellations, natural calamities, etc.
- × Any increase in costs beyond our control such as fuel and airfare increase, additional Government levies and taxes etc.



Travel Tips - India

Northern India is home to the capital Delhi, a city brimming with tombs, forts, mosques, and bazaars. Just three hours from Delhi, Agra boasts three UNESCO-listed World Heritage sites including the magnificent white mausoleum of the Taj Mahal by the River Yamuna.

Northwest India shelters Rajasthan, the legendary land of Rajas and Maharajas and the epitome of romantic India with its sand dunes, dusty deserts, ornate palaces, and imposing forts.

Coastal India enjoys a relaxed atmosphere. Goa's Portuguese history is reflected in its cuisine and its Catholic churches. Its laidback air and hippy markets have remained long after the hippies left. Further south, Kerala's secluded backwaters may be experienced at a leisurely pace from a wooden houseboat.

West coast Mumbai showcases colonial architecture and the glamorous world of Bollywood, while Chennai clings on to its artistic and cultural heritage. In Bangalore, a dynamic hub for young IT professionals, the face of modern India is emerging.



Capital

Delhi



Population

1.3 billion



Language

Hindi,
English



Time Zone

GMT+7:00
ITZ (India Time Zone)



Electricity

230v, 50Hz.



Currency

Rupee

Weather: Although predominantly hot, India has different climatic regions, ranging from the glacial north to desert in the west and the tropical coast and islands in the south. The largely tropical weather patterns of India make it subject to natural meteorological events such as drought, cyclones, and flooding.

India is a huge country with diverse weather conditions so please check the weather in advance for the areas you will be visiting.

Etiquette:

Do's:

Do eat using your hands or bread.

Do make sure your head is covered if entering a mosque or Sikh Gurdwara.

Do leave a small amount of food on your plate when you are full. Eating everything off your plate means you are still hungry.

Do fold your hands, bow your head, and say “Namaste” when greeting.

Don't:

Don't wear clothes that are tight or expose too much skin.

Don't use your left hand to touch, eat, or hand something to someone.

Don't take pictures in temples or airports.

Don't show affection in public.

Don't shake someone's hand unless they extend their hand first.

Don't point your feet towards an altar.

Religion: Although approximately 80% of the citizens of India are Hindus, the country has a substantial population of Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists, Jains, Parsis and adherents of tribal faiths.

Tipping Culture: Tipping guides and drivers after tours in India is customary, especially if they do a good job. Guides and personal drivers should tip between 8-10 Dollars or 500-600 rupees per day, depending on the quality of service.

Restaurants and Bars

Before deciding how much to tip in a restaurant in India, you should check the bill for a service charge. If the restaurant has already added 10 percent, you can adjust your gratuity accordingly. Sometimes this charge may simply be used to cover the employees' base salaries, so if service was exemplary, consider leaving a cash tip of 10 percent.

Hotels

At any hotel in India, you will only be expected to tip those who provide you specific service.

If a hotel porter carries your bag to your room, tip 1 dollar or 50 rupee per bag. If you don't want to tip, say no to the baggage service.

Tipping housekeeping is optional, but if you'd like you can leave a small tip of 1-2 dollars or 50-100 rupees per day. Some hotels might have a centralized tipping box, in which you can contribute one large tip for the whole staff. A standard contribution to the tip box is 2 dollars or 100 rupees for every night you stayed at the hotel.

Room service bills might already have service charges added, but you can tip 10 percent if you are not sure.

Valet drivers should be tipped 1 dollar or 50 rupees upon returning your car.