

These destinations are definitely blessed with a number of elements that offer guests an insight into traditional India. Commence your journey from the historic city of Delhi to the royal Rajput citadel of Jaipur. Enjoy an elephant ride at Amer fort & shopping in a colourful bazaar. Visit Fatehpur Sikri, the once abandoned city, built by Emperor Akbar. Make a wish at the Dargah (mausoleum) of Sufi saint Salim Chishti. Witness the immortal beauty of the Taj Mahal in Agra. Visit the graceful chhatris (ornamental pavilions) of Orchha. Witness ancient sensuality in the temples of Khajuraho. Make your way through the sacred city of Varanasi & cruise on the River Ganges to observe ancient spiritual rites.



Day 01: Arrival Delhi

We meet you on arrival at Delhi airport and drive you to your hotel. In the afternoon - drive past Red Fort & enjoy a rickshaw ride in Chandni Chowk Bazaar, Khari Baoli spice market. Visit Jama Masjid, Raj Ghat, Qutab Minar, Humayun's Tomb, India Gate, etc. Overnight at hotel.

Day 02: Delhi – Jaipur (265 kms / 5 hrs approx)

Breakfast at hotel, followed by drive to Jaipur. On arrival, check-in at the hotel. Rest of the day at leisure. Overnight at hotel.

Day 03: Jaipur

Breakfast at hotel, visit Amber Fort & enjoy Elephant ride. Later city tour of Jaipur - visit City Palace, Hawa Mahal (Palace of the Winds). Visit an extraordinary (and very accurate) stargazing Observatory called "Jantar Mantar", built by Maharaja Jai Singh, a great astronomer of his time. Overnight at hotel.

Day 04: Jaipur – Fatehpur Sikri – Agra (235 kms / 5 hrs approx)

Breakfast at hotel & then drive to Agra. Enroute visit Fatehpur Sikri. See the graceful buildings including Jama Masjid, Tomb of Salim Chisti & Panch Mahal. Continue drive to Agra - on arrival, check-in at the hotel. Later visit two UNESCO World Heritage Sites: Taj Mahal – One of the Seven Wonders of the World & Agra Fort - build by the famed Mughal Emperor Akbar in 1565 A.D. Overnight at hotel.

Day 05: Agra – Gwalior – Orchha (237 kms / 5 hrs approx)

Breakfast at hotel, followed by drive to Orchha. En route visit Gwalior Fort. This imposing structure inspired Emperor Babar to describe it as "the pearl amongst the fortresses of Hind." Continue drive to Orchha, on arrival check-in at the hotel. Later visit Orchha Fort: A wonderful example of a medieval fort palace. Overnight at hotel.

Day 06: Orchha – Khajuraho (178 kms / 4 hrs approx)

Breakfast at hotel, then drive to Khajuraho & check-in at the hotel. Afternoon sightseeing of Khajuraho – visit Eastern, Western & Southern Group of Temples. Overnight at hotel.

Day 07: Khajuraho – Varanasi (Flight)

Breakfast at hotel, then transfer to airport to board flight for Varanasi. On arrival, assistance & transfer to hotel. In the evening visit Ghats (river banks) & temples & attend Holy Ganga Aarti. Overnight at hotel.

Day 08: Varanasi

Breakfast at hotel, followed by an excursion to Sarnath: one of the three holiest sites for Buddhists. Afternoon city tour includes visit to world-famous – visit World famous Benaras Hindu University, Tulsi Manas Temple, Bharat Mata Temple, Gyanvapi Mosque, Kashi Vishwanath Temple. Overnight at hotel.

Day 09: Varanasi – Delhi (Flight)

Early morning embark on a boat cruise & visit Ghats (river banks) along the Ganges & catch the scene of devotees taking dips & praying in the sacred water. After breakfast, as per flight schedule, transfer to airport to board flight for Delhi. On arrival at Delhi airport, assistance & transfer to hotel. Overnight at hotel

Day 10: Delhi departure

Breakfast at hotel & transfer to international airport to board flight for your home country.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- Airport "Meet and Greet" and private Hotel transfers
- 9 nights accommodation.
- Daily breakfast.
- Private air-conditioned vehicle for 10 days with English speaking chauffeur.
- Local English speaking guide on sightseeing days.
- Monument entrance fees
- One Elephant ride at Amer Fort in Jaipur
- One Early morning boat cruise on the holy River Ganges in Varanasi
- Applicable taxes & VAT.

OTHER DETAILS:

- Khajuraho – Varanasi & Varanasi/ Gaya – Delhi flight fare extra approx US\$-181 per person in economy class.
- Pricing based on the following hotels or similar: The Royal Plaza, Fortune Select Metropolitan, Jaipur, Delhi, Clarks Shiraz, Agra, Orchha Resort, Orchha, Ramada Hotel, Khajuraho, Meraden Grand, Varanasi.
- Hotel upgrades available. Tour can be booked in reverse order too.

Extension:

Bodh Gaya: A religious site & place of pilgrimage associated with the Mahabodhi Temple Complex. It is famous as the place where Gautama Buddha is said to have obtained Enlightenment. In 2002, Mahabodhi Temple became a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES (VARANASI):

Yoga session

Enrol for a 2 hour Yoga class & rejuvenate yourself. Yoga is a Hindu spiritual & ascetic discipline which includes aspects such as breath control & meditation for health benefits & relaxation.

Boat ride on the Ganges

A boat ride along the Ganges is a quintessential Varanasi experience especially early morning as all the colour & clamour of pilgrims bathing & performing puja unfolds before you.

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES (JAIPUR):

Travel in an old military jeep & leave the humdrum of the city behind! Take a jeep safari from Amber Fort to Dera Amer. This ride through the rural countryside is an exciting way to get insights into village life.