

TREASURES OF INDIA

13 DAYS / 12 NIGHTS



India has been attracting travelers from far and wide with its wealth of culture and tradition. Its people are a harmonious blend of castes and creed. A traveler coming to India never goes back home unsatisfied. There is always a place to match your tastes and liking.

ITINERARY

DAY 1 DELHI

Arrive in Delhi and after entry formalities transfer by our local representative to your hotel. Rest of the day at leisure.

DAY 2 DELHI

A full day city tour will include Old and New Delhi. Visit 2 monuments from Delhi's past: Humayun's Tomb and Qutub Minar. Drive past the imposing India Gate and the Parliament House. Visits in Old Delhi include the Red Fort and the Palace of the Mughal Empire, the memorial site of Mahatma Gandhi-Raj Ghat, Jama Masjid, the largest mosque in India, and Chandni Chowk, the bustling and colorful market of the old city. (B)

DAY 3 DELHI • VARANASI

Transfer to the airport for your flight to Varanasi. In the afternoon proceed to Sarnath, the birthplace of Buddhism. Return to the hotel in the afternoon (B)

DAY 4 VARANASI

Early this morning leave your hotel for a sunrise boat excursion on the holy River Ganges. See Varanasi come alive along the banks of the river. Varanasi will be one of the most extraordinary experiences of your visit to India. On the return, visit the bazaars and Kashi Vishwanath Temple, a sacred shrine dedicated to Lord Shiva. In the evening, return to the Ganges to witness the Arti ceremony. (B)

DAY 5 VARANASI • KHAJURAHO

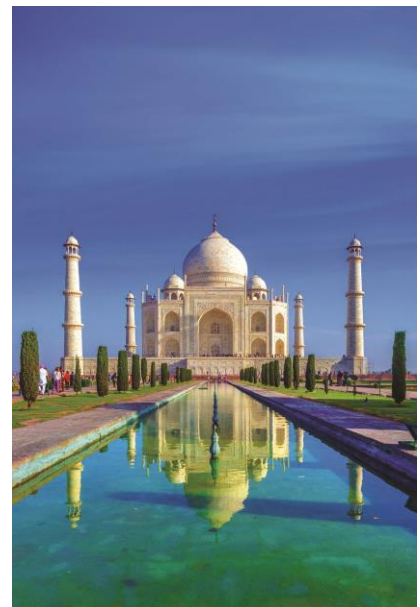
Transfer to the airport and flight to Khajuraho. Arrive and visit the famed temples where part of the carvings were influenced by « Kama Sutra », the famous treatise of erotic arts written by Vatsyayana. (B)

DAY 6 KHAJURAHO • ORCHA (180 km) • AGRA

This morning depart for Jhansi railway station (4hrs), en route visiting the fascinating temples of Orcha. Board your train to Agra. Arrive and transfer to your hotel. (B)

DAY 7 AGRA • FATEHPUR SIKRI • JAIPUR (240 km/6hrs)

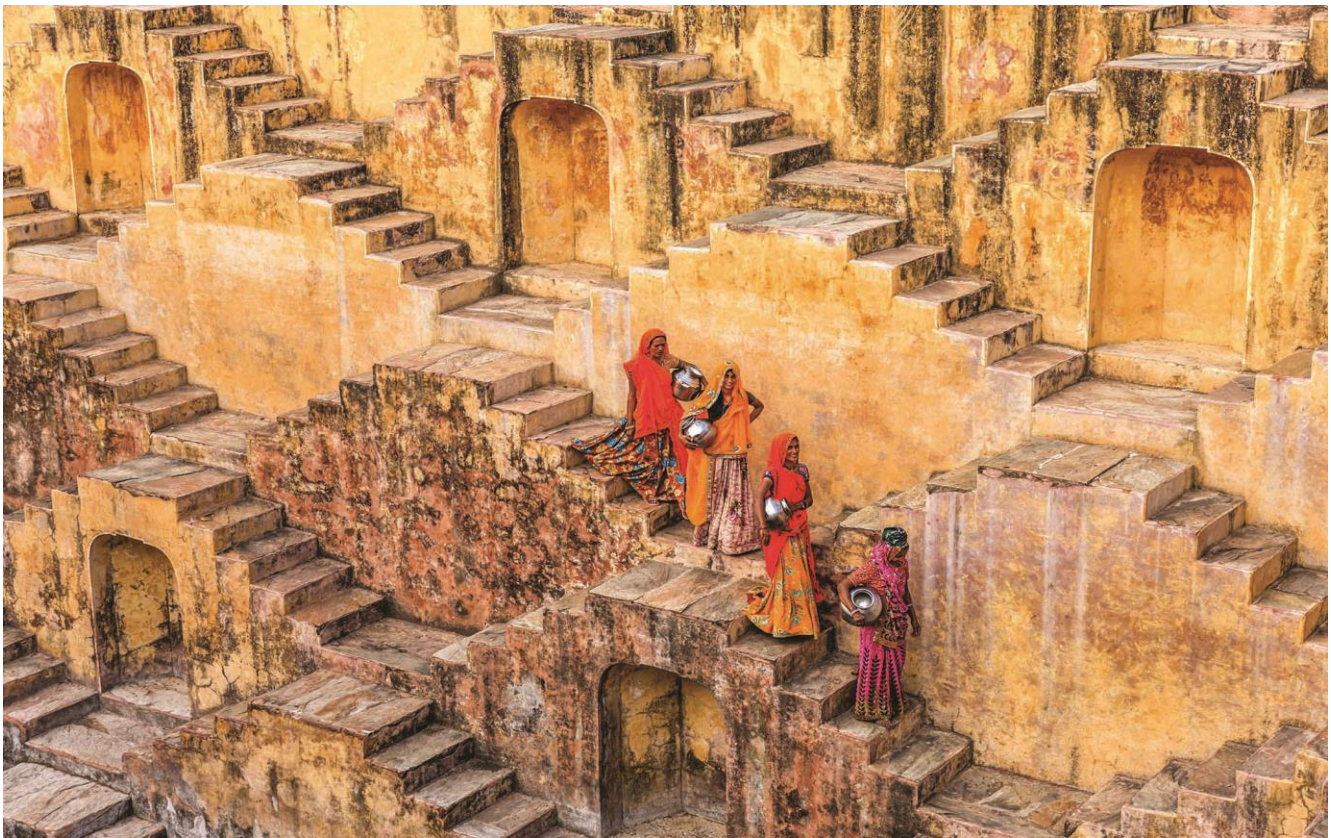
At sunrise, visit the Taj Mahal (**closed on Friday**), built by an emperor in memory of his beloved queen. Visit the Agra Fort and continue to Jaipur. Stop to visit Fatehpur Sikri. A fort palace that was the onetime capital of the Mughal Empire and is now a UNESCO world heritage site. The deserted red sandstone city, an outstanding example of Mughal architecture built by the Great Mughal Emperor Akbar as his capital and palace in the late 16th century and abandoned after 15 years due to scarcity of water. Continue the drive to Jaipur and upon arrival check in at the hotel. Jaipur – the capital of Rajasthan province is known for its arts and crafts, jewelry, hand-painted fabrics and stone sculptures; it is one of North India's finest examples of a planned city embodying the best of Rajput and Mughal architecture. (B)



DAY 8 JAIPUR

This morning head out to visit Amber Fort. Before the City Palace was constructed in Jaipur, Amber was the seat of power. The Fort is surrounded by fortified battlements and overlooks the Moat Lake. Once you are on top, stroll through the sprawling complex of courtyards and halls. Many of the rooms have delightful wall paintings with precious stones and mirrors inlaid in the walls. Most fascinating, perhaps, is the Sheesh Mahal (hall of mirrors) where a single lamplight is reflected in the many mirrors, lighting up the room.

Visit the City Palace Museum housing an imposing blend of traditional Rajasthani and Mughal Art, and the awe inspiring Jantar Mantar, an accurate observatory built in 1726 AD. Make a stop at Hawa Mahal (Palace of Winds) for a photo. Five stories in height and built of red and pink sandstone, it is thought that the women of the royal harem used the many casements to observe everyday life without being seen. (B)



DAY 9 JAIPUR • UDAIPUR (395 km/6hrs)

This morning after breakfast, drive to Udaipur. Dotted with marble palaces, hibiscus laden gardens and fountain pavilions, Udaipur appeals to the imagination of poets and painters, travelers and writers like no other city in the country. The city's inherent romance and beauty and its remarkable past redolent with episodes of heroism and splendor continue to enthrall the visitor even today. Udaipur, the City of Dawn, looms up like a vision in white. It is a truly enchanting city. (B)



DAY 10 UDAIPUR

Morning after breakfast around 0930 proceed on a city tour, starting with the opulent City Palace. Standing on a crest overlooking Lake Pichola, this majestic palace is a stunning blend of medieval European and Chinese architecture, surmounted by balconies, towers, cupolas and terraces with wonderful views of the city and lake. The entrance is through Hathi Pol (elephant gate) along the main street of the old city. The main part of the palace is now a museum with a large and eclectic collection. Stop off next at the three-storey Jagdish Temple, a wonderful Indo-Aryan temple built by Maharana Jagat Singh in 1651. Climb up stone steps flanked by sculpted elephants and admire the intricate pillars, carved ceilings, stunning frescoes and the massive black, stone image of Vishnu as Jagannath, Lord of the Universe.

Afternoon at leisure to enjoy the facilities at hotel. Transport is available should you wish to explore the shopping options. Evening take a boat-cruise (non-exclusive) on Lake Pichola, covering the City Palace and Jag Mandir - a refuge of the rebel Mughal prince Shah Jahan, soon to be the creator of the incomparable Taj Mahal. (B)

DAY 11 UDAIPUR • MUMBAI

Transfer to the airport for your flight to Mumbai. Arrive and transfer to your hotel.

Bombay also known as Mumbai is the economic powerhouse of India. It is young, its lively and a confluence of varied cultural currents and cross currents have given Mumbai a unique position of the most multi-ethnic city of India. Mumbai is the most populous city in India, and the fourth most populous city in the world, with a total metropolitan area population of approximately 20.5 million. Mumbai is also the country's financial and commercial hub and has a principal port on the Arabian Sea. It is also the hub of Indian film industry, which has played a pivotal role in the development of cinematography. "Bollywood", as it is called, produces the second most number of pictures in the world every year, next only to Hollywood, U.S.A. Mumbai claims to be the world's largest production centre for films.

Afternoon start on a city tour. Visit the Prince of Wales museum built in grand Indo Saracenic style, drive past Marine drive, visit the Jain temple, Mani Bhawan where Mahatma Gandhi used to stay, and Dhobi Ghat, the outdoor laundry. Drive past the Flora Fountain, the colourful Crawford Market and Victoria Terminus train station. (B)

DAY 12 MUMBAI

Morning after breakfast proceed on a guided tour of the Elephanta Caves. An hour away from Mumbai by ferry, the Elephanta Caves are a network of sculpted caves located on Elephanta Island or Gharapuri (meaning the city of caves) in Mumbai Harbour. The island, located on an arm of the Arabian Sea, consists of two groups of caves - the first is a large group of 5 Hindu caves, the second a smaller group of 2 Buddhist caves. The rock cut architecture of the caves has been dated to between the 5th and 8th centuries.

Return to the hotel with afternoon at leisure to relax or take a stroll along the Colaba Causeway; the everyday carnival at the market here is a shopping experience like no other in Mumbai. (B)

DAY 13 MUMBAI

Transfer to the airport for your departure flight. (B)



INCLUSIONS

- 12 night accommodation in double occupancy
- Domestic flights as per itinerary: Delhi-Varanasi-Khajuraho & Udaipur-Mumbai
- Train ticket Jhansi-Agra in air-conditioned chair car compartment
- Return airport transfers to/from hotels.
- Ground transportation in air conditioned vehicle (Toyota Innova or similar)
- English speaking local guides (private guide)
- 11 buffet breakfasts
- Sightseeing as per itinerary
- Entrance fees to sights – as per itinerary
- One rickshaw ride in Old Delhi
- Shared boat ride on Ganges in Varanasi
- Sound and light show in Khajuraho

Not included · International airfare and airport taxes · Gratuities to hotel personnel, guides and drivers · Beverages · Optional excursions · Visa for India \$. · Camera fees for certain sites



This is a privately guided tour with private car & driver. A local guide will be provided in each city. When driving to the next city, only the driver will be in the vehicle with the travelers.

Prices in CAD\$, per person, double occupancy, starting from	
Daily departures 2021	Land package
January 6 – March 31	4749
April 1 – September 20	4149
Single traveler supplement	On request

Hotels or similar

CITY	HOTEL NAME	ROOM CATEGORY	NIGHTS
Delhi	Taj Palace Delhi 5*	Superior Room	02
Varanasi	Radisson Hotel 4*	Superior Room	02
Khajuraho	Radisson Hotel 4*	Deluxe room	01
Agra	Taj Hotel Convention Centre 4*	Superior Room	01
Jaipur	Trident Jaipur 4*	Deluxe Garden View Room	02
Udaipur	Trident Udaipur 4*	Deluxe Garden View Room	02
Mumbai	The Gorden House 4*	Country room	02

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