



INDIA including Varanasi

This 8-day small group tour package is ideal for the first-time traveller to India. The tour starts and ends in New Delhi.

The tour covers some of the most famous and exotic places in India - New Delhi, Jaipur, Agra and Varanasi. This trip had been designed to give us the complete travel experience. Dining, entertainment, shopping and sightseeing is intertwined with the history and culture of India.

Includes transport, accommodation in 4* hotels for 6 nights, overnight train, an expert guide and breakfast daily.

Price per person twin share: \$2,514.00 for travel in March 2025. \$300.00 deposit at time of booking and nothing to pay until December 2024.

Note: deposit is non refundable

THE ALL-IMPORTANT ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrive Delhi

Meeting and assistance on arrival at the airport, our representative will meet to welcome and escort you by a private chauffeur driven car and transfer to hotel. Delhi, capital city of the Federal Republic of India. It is one of India's fastest growing cities. It has sprawled over the West Bank of the river Yamuna, straddling the river. Delhi blends an historic past and a vibrant present. Delhi has some of the finest museums in the country. New Delhi was proclaimed the capital of India by the British architect Sir Edwin Lutyens (1869-1944) & is treelined & spacious. Legend has it that the Pandavas, the august heroes of the epic Mahabharata, originally founded Delhi, then called Indraprastha, around 1200 B.C. Present day Delhi is built around the ruins of seven ancient cities.

Overnight at your hotel.

Day 2: New Delhi

Morning after breakfast, proceed to Old Delhi & experience rickshaw ride at Chandni Chowk, explore the narrow alleys & colourful markets & local shoppers. Visit the nearby "Jama mosque," which is one of the largest ancient mosque complex of Asia. Then drive past Red Fort built in the year 1648 by Shah Jehan. Visit Raj Ghat, memorial to the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi.

After Lunch at a Local restaurant. Later, you will be taken to New Delhi which includes Humayun's Tomb, memorial of Mughal Emperor Humayun, built in the year 1562. Further we drive past India Gate, memorial built in the year 1931 to commemorate the Indian soldiers who died in the World War I & the Afghan Wars. President's House, the official residence of the President of India, built in the year 1931, Qutub Minar. After complete your sightseeing, transfer to Hotel.

Overnight stay at hotel.

Highlights for Today

- 1.Guided Panoramic Tour of Old and New Delhi.
- 2. Enjoy rikshaw ride (Tri Cycle tour) at hustle bustle Market of Old Delhi.
- 3. Enjoy photography in front of India Gate.

Day 3: Delhi - Jaipur

After breakfast depart by surface to Jaipur, on arrival check in at Hotel. Jaipur Widely known as the 'Pink City. This city is colour washed pink to welcome Prince Albert, the consort of Queen Victoria of England who visited India in 1883 A.D. The city was founded in 1727 A.D by one of the greatest ruler Jai Singh II. Jaipur is surrounded by hills on three sides, crowned by formidable forts and majestic palaces, mansions and gardens. Jaipur is the only city in the world, which is sub-divided in to nine rectangular sectors symbolizing nine divisions of PUSHKAR universe. Jaipur is the first planned city designed in accordance with 'Shilpa Shastra'- epochal treatise of Hindu architecture.

Overnight at hotel.

Day 4: In Jaipur

Today after breakfast explore the Pink City with an excursion to Amber Fort, situated just outside the city, enjoy the experience of ride on elephant back to and from the top of the hill on which the fort is situated. Afternoon sightseeing tour of City Palace in the heart of Jaipur is known for its blend of Rajasthani and Mughal architecture. Not far away is the Central Museum. Jantar Mantar is the largest of the five observatories built by Sawai Jai Singh. The Hawa Mahal or the Palace of Winds was constructed for the royal ladies to watch the royal processions without being seen, all monuments are located in the vicinity of City Palace Complex of Jaipur. Afternoon is kept free to visit the famous Markets of Textiles, Gems, Carpets, and handicrafts. Jaipur is an ideal place for buying souvenirs.

Highlights for Today

- 1. Guided tour of Jaipur also knows as Pink city of Rajasthan.
- 2. enjoy elephant ride/ Jeep ride to climb Amer Fort in Jaipur.
- 3. Enjoy Photography in front of "Jal Mahal" (Water Palace).
- 4. Turban Tying and Palmist activities in Jaipur.
- 5. Visit to colourful Markets of Jaipur.

Day 5: Jaipur - Fatehpur Sikri - Agra

After breakfast drive towards Agra. Enroute visit Fatehpur Sikri, (37 kms from Agra), Old deserted town of Mughal Dynasty –Fatehpur Sikri built in red sandstone in honour of Saint Salim Christi who foretold the birth of 3 sons to Emperor Akbar, is an example of robust stability combined with originality. Later proceed towards Agra.

Agra - beautifully situated on the banks of river Yamuna. It achieved prominence as the capital of the Mughal Emperors from the year 1526 to 1628, remains major tourist destination because of its many splendid Mughal-era monuments, most notably the Taj Mahal, Agra Fort & Fatehpur Sikri, all three are UNESCO World Heritage sites. Upon arrival check in to hotel & relax for a while.

Overnight stay in Agra.

Highlight for today

- 1. Guided tour of Fatehpur Sikri.
- 2. Visit world tallest door also called "Buland Darwaja" at Fatehpur Sikri.

Day 6: Agra - Varanasi

After breakfast we commence our sightseeing tour of Agra visiting Agra Fort, designed and built by Akbar in 1565 A.D., built with barricaded wall of red sandstone; it houses the beautiful Pearl Mosque and numerous palaces including the Jahangir Mahal, Diwan-i-Khas, Diwan-i-Am, Macchhi Bhawan, Nagina Masjid, Meena Bazar, Moti Masjid, Sheesh Mahal, Musamman Burj. The Taj Mahal is visible in all its beauty from one side of the fort. Rest of day is free for shopping in local market of Agra.

Later visit one of most beautiful seven wonders of the world Taj Mahal. Taj Mahal, the architectural modern-day wonder of the world; this monument is a fine example of the fusion of many architectural styles is one of the wonders of the modern world.

Highlight for Today

- 1. Guided tour of Agra.
- 2. Enjoy Tonga Ride (Horse Carriage) to near the Taj Mahal.
- 3. Enjoy taking photographs in front of Taj Mahal.

Evening transfer to railway station to board Overnight Train for Varanasi.

Day 7: Arrive Varanasi

On arrival at Railway station you'll be meet & transferred to your hotel.

After checking in with time to freshen up.. embark on a short trip to Sarnath, a popular Buddhist religious site. One of the four most important sacred sites of Buddhism, it has the deer park where Gautama Buddha first taught the 'Dharma' after attaining enlightenment. Back to Varanasi in the afternoon for city tour including Alamgir Mosque, also known as Beni Madhav Ka Darera, Dasaswamedh Ghat, popular for evening Ganga Aarti, and the Bharat Mata Temple- positioned in the Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapith campus. The evening is scheduled for the mesmerizing ceremony of Ganga Aarti, a lifetime opportunity.

Overnight at hotel.

Highlights for Today

- 1. Guided tour of Holy city Varanasi
- 2. Enjoy boat ride at river Ganges
- 3. Aarti ceremony on Ganges river

<u>Day 8:Varanasi - Delhi – Depart</u>

This morning after breakfast, check-out from hotel & transfer to Varanasi airport to board flight for Delhi. On arrival in Delhi board your flight for home.

NEED TO KNOW ITEMS

Accommodation:

6 nights' accommodation in a combination of 4* deluxe and heritage hotel combinations. 1 night on an overnight train.

Guide Services:

Licensed Guide which are approved by the ministry of Tourism for your sightseeing trip. Guides we use are guest friendly, professional, Cognizant and Hygienic.

<u>Meal Plan</u> - Buffet Breakfast at Hotels Restaurants will be hygienic, healthy with wide ranges of dishes to choose from.

<u>Transport</u> - All transfers and sightseeing by Personal AC Car, driven by friendly, English-speaking chauffer, professional and knowledgeable. The vehicles used are new with perfect condition, clean and with working AC.

Other Inclusions:

- 1/ Warm Welcome at the airport in traditional Indian Style.
- 2/ All Arrivals & Transfers by the tour company representatives.
- 3/ Rickshaw Ride in Old Delhi to explore Hustle Bustle Market of Chandni Chowk.
- 4/ Battery Van ride in Agra to reach near Taj Mahal.
- 5/ Elephant Ride in Jaipur to climb Amer fort.
- 6/ Boat ride in river Ganges.
- 7/ Exclusive shopping tours in local markets to get a feel of real Indian art and culture.
- 8/ All applicable Taxes.

This is a special deal for a very limited time only! Let me know asap if India is on your bucket list.