

## September 11- 22, 2019

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| <b>Tour Route</b> | Delhi (2) – Jaipur (2) – Agra (2) – Khajuraho (1) - Varanasi (2) – Amritsar (2) - Delhi /Departure |
| <b>Duration</b>   | 11 Nights / 12 days  |
| <b>Train</b>      | 01 (Agra – Jhansi)   |
| <b>Flights</b>    | 04 (Khajuraho–Varanasi; Varanasi–Delhi-Amritsar; Amritsar-Delhi)                                   |

### September 11, 2019 Wednesday, Day 1: Arrive Delhi

Arrive New Delhi, the capital city of India, where you will be greeted by our representative at the airport, and escorted to your hotel.

### September 12, 2019 Thursday, Day 2: Discover Delhi

This morning take a sightseeing tour of Old Delhi, which includes a visit to **Jama Masjid**, the largest mosque in India; drive past **Red Fort**, the place that marked the announcement of India's freedom from the British Raj.

Then discover the modern city of New Delhi. Visit **Gurudwara Bangla Sahib**, the largest Sikh temple of Delhi, with a gold dome, still in active worship; take a Photo stop at **India Gate**, originally known as the 'All India War Memorial', a prominent landmark in Delhi and commemorates the 90,000 soldiers of the British Indian Army who lost their lives in World War I and the Third Anglo-Afghan War; drive past President's House, Parliament House and other Government Secretariat Buildings, the most imposing features of **Lutyen's Delhi**. Later visit **Qutab Minar**, a fine example of Indo-Islamic architecture and the world's tallest brick minaret.

### September 13, 2019 Friday, Day 3: Drive Delhi to Jaipur (260 Kms/ 06 Hrs)

After breakfast, drive to Jaipur – the pink hued capital city of Rajasthan. This city of erstwhile Rajput Maharajas is built in 9 rectangular sectors symbolising 9 divisions of the universe, as per Indian cosmology.

Upon arrival in Jaipur check in to your hotel for 02 nights stay

Evening free at leisure

### September 14, 2019 Saturday, Day 4: Discover Jaipur

Rise early this morning to visit Jaipur's famous Amber Fort. Enroute, take a **guided walk** through the **flower market** of Jaipur seeing the beautiful yellow and orange marigolds and other seasonal flowers being traded. In close vicinity is also the wholesale **vegetable market** where farmers bring fresh produce to begin the days trading. Walking through the

markets brings you to a junction where you will find the interesting and unusual milk traders of Jaipur, who bring their cattle's fresh milk to be tested for quality, priced and traded on the spot. Be amazed at the primitive technique of testing quality of milk by dipping hands into large metal milk containers and evaluating the creaminess of milk supplied !

Later explore the princely city of Jaipur, starting with a morning excursion to **Amber Fort**, a fine amalgamation of Hindu and Muslim architecture and ornamentation, built in the 16th century. An elephant ride (subject to availability) will help you ascend to this hilltop fort; alternatively, you may also choose to climb or drive up to the fort.

This afternoon, visit the **City Palace** complex with its various museums where you can see a beautiful collection of Mughal costumes, weapons and miniature paintings. Then visit the fascinating **Jantar Mantar**, the ancient astronomical observatory built by the Maharaja of Jaipur, which is the largest stone observatory in the world. Also drive past **Hawa Mahal** (Palace of Winds), a remarkable five storied building along the main street of the old city with semi-octagonal and delicate honey-combed sandstone windows.

*Option for Elephant Safari with high tea: Today you have the option to embark on a short drive to Dera Amer for a fascinating elephant safari in the forest alongside an old fort, followed by high tea (at an extra charge of USD 110 per person)*

*Option for Home Hosted Dinner: This evening you have the option to learn more about local lifestyle and culture of India with dinner at an Indian home. Spend time talking to your hosts and learn about their way of life. You may also opt for a unique opportunity to step inside an Indian kitchen. Your hosts will be happy to share their secret recipes and give you some handy tips about Indian cooking ((at extra charge of USD 50 per person – Minimum 2 Pax required)*

### **September 15, 2019 Sunday, Day 5: Drive Jaipur to Agra via Fatehpur Sikri (240 Kms/ 04 Hrs)**

After breakfast, drive to **Fatehpur Sikri**, the red sandstone Mughal palatial complex. Within the complex lies a mosque built by the Mughal Emperor Akbar and dedicated to Sheikh Salim Chisti, a Muslim Sufi Saint who blessed Emperor Akbar with a son.

Continue your drive to Agra, land of the Taj Mahal.

This evening, you will watch a live theatre performance, introducing you to the story of the Taj Mahal. Watch the spectacular performance - "**Mohabbat the Taj** – The saga of love", staging the largest replica of the Taj Mahal, and presenting the legend of love that created this magnificent mausoleum.

### **September 16, 2019 Monday, Day 6: Discover Agra**

This morning, witness the surreal views of the **Taj Mahal**, sparkling in the glittering rays of the Indian sun. Step inside this eternal symbol of love and appreciate the intricate designs and symmetries that rhyme as a poem written in marble. Taj Mahal is an extravagant display of love, built by Shah Jahan in memory of his beloved wife Mumtaz Mahal.

Also, visit the splendid **Agra Fort**, built in red sandstone, encapsulating magnificent palaces, halls of public and private audience and beautiful gardens.

Rest of the day at leisure

*OPTIONAL: This evening you have an option to visit SOS Wildlife Center (at an extra charge of USD 95 per person)*

### **September 17, 2019 Tuesday, Day 7: Train Agra to Jhansi / Drive Jhansi to Khajuraho via Orchha (195 Kms/4.5 Hrs)**

This morning after an early breakfast, you will be transferred to Agra Railway station to catch your train to Jhansi.

Depart           Agra                   0802 Hrs (Train # 12002)

Arrive            Jhansi                   1043 Hrs

Upon arrival at Jhansi, embark on a short drive to Orchha, a medieval riverside town known for its **Palaces** and **Temples**. The word Orchha literally means 'hidden place'. Today, we visit ruins of old palaces such as the tiered Jahangir Mahal, the erstwhile palace of Emperor Jahangir, a fine example of medieval Indo Islamic architecture decorated with paintings and frescoes built in 17th century and the Raj Mahal, which features colorful murals and frescoes from the life of Lord Rama and Krishna and incarnations of Lord Vishnu. Also visit popular temples of the region such as Ram Raja temple, Chaturbhuj temple and Lakshmi Narayan temple. You will also see a spread of Bundela Chhatris (Royal Tombs) of erstwhile rulers of Orchha.

Then continue drive to Khajuraho – a UNESCO world heritage site in central India, famous for its erotic sculptured temples. Upon arrival in Khajuraho, check in to your hotel for overnight stay.

This evening enjoy the evening watching a live Indian classical dance show at an auditorium at Khajuraho

### **September 18, 2019 Wednesday, Day 8:                   Fly Khajuraho to Varanasi**

Enjoy an early morning visit to the enchanting temples of Khajuraho with sculptures that draw their inspiration from the ancient art of Kama sutra. Khajuraho Temples were built by the Chandela kings between 950 AD and 1050 AD.

Later, you will be transferred to the airport to catch your flight to Varanasi, the spiritual capital of India (also known as Kashi and Benaras).

Depart                   Khajuraho                   : 1515 Hrs (Flight# AI 405)

Arrive                   Varanasi                    : 1620 Hrs

Upon arrival in Varanasi check in to your hotel for 02 nights stay

### **September 19, 2019 Thursday, Day 9:                   Day in Varanasi**

Rise early to enjoy a **sunrise boat cruise** on the Holy River Ganges. See the 'bathing ghats' where thousands of pilgrims pay homage to the Sun God by immersing themselves in the holy water of River Ganges, and the 'burning ghats' where cremations are conducted. The ghats of River Ganges in Varanasi are believed to be most sacred, engulfing the entire circle of life and death.

Follow the boat cruise with a **guided walk** through the old city, seeing morning life in the historic and ancient by lanes of Varanasi. You get an opportunity to closely observe some morning rituals at the various small street temples along the way. The most sacred and important temple here is Kashi Vishvanath temple. Return back to hotel for breakfast and freshen up.

This afternoon, visit **Bharat Mata Temple**, the only temple in India that is not dedicated to a God or Goddess. This unique temple is dedicated to Mother India, and features a unique relief map of India, carved out of marble, the largest of its kind in the world.

Then visit **Sarnath**, the place where Lord Buddha gave his first sermon. Sarnath was a renowned school of learning from 6th century BC to 12th century AD. The lion capital of Ashoka pillar at Sarnath is the national emblem of India. Visit the ruins, stupa, Buddhist temple and the Sarnath Museum.

This evening, experience a **rickshaw ride** to the ghats to enjoy the **grand 'Aarti' (Prayer) ceremony** at Dasaswamedh Ghat, conducted every day at sunset by white-robed priests. Spiritually enlightening and fantastically photogenic, this evening Aarti ceremony is a spectacular show with young priests in traditional Indian clothes swaying in seemingly choreographed movements, worshiping the river goddess with incense, flowers and earthen lamps.

#### **September 20, 2019 Friday, Day 10: Fly Varanasi to Amritsar**

Morning free at leisure

This afternoon you will be transferred to Varanasi airport to board your flight to Amritsar via Delhi

Depart Varanasi 16:30 Hrs (Flight # 9W 715)

Arrive Delhi 18:10 Hrs

Upon arrival in Delhi catch your onward flight to Amritsar

Depart Delhi 20:05 Hrs (Flight # 9W 905)

Arrive Amritsar 21:15 Hrs

Upon arrival in Amritsar you will be transferred to your hotel for 02 nights stay

#### **September 21, 2019 Saturday, Day 11: Day in Amritsar**

This morning take a city tour of Amritsar visiting the **Golden Temple** (the most popular Sikh temple in India, coated in real gold), **Jallianwallah Bagh** (famous gardens close to the Golden Temple, which narrate the story of the most horrific pre-independence massacre

in India), **Durgiana Temple** (the largest Hindu temple in Amritsar) and the **Ram Bagh museum**.

Later in the afternoon, proceed to the **India – Pakistan border** at Atari to see the '**lowering of the flags**' ceremony. This unique ceremony involves a drill by Indian Border Security Force and Pakistan Rangers.

**September 22, 2019 Sunday, Day 12: Fly Amritsar to Delhi**

Today visit ethnic Punjabi village- **Sadda Pind** for extraordinary experience of the vibrant tradition of Punjab. To name few of the attractions there in this village are-

- Visit Farmer House and enjoy Chatti di Lassi, Makki di Roti and Sarson da saag.
- Learn how to spin Charkha.
- Visit Phulkari House and learn how to make Phulkari and try your hands making one.
- Visit Nambardar House and learn how to Grind Flour using traditional hand grinder (Chakki).
- Visit Weaver House to learn how to weave.
- Visit Weapon House and buy some traditional swords for memory.
- Visit Wedding Hall to experience traditional Punjab Wedding celebrations.
- Visit Sarpanch House and meet the village Head and he will brief you about his village.
- Visit Paranda House and learn how to make Paranda and try your hands in making one.
- Visit Musician House and listen to some classical Folk Music.

Afterwards you will be transferred to the Amritsar airport for your flight back to Delhi.

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| Depart | Amritsar | 19:00 Hrs (Flight # AI -115) |
| Arrive | Delhi    | 20:10 Hrs                    |

Upon arrival, you will be transferred to the international terminal to board you flight for onward destination.



We hope you enjoy your stay in our Incredible India...we look forward to welcoming you!

## Tour Pricing

| <u>Price Per Person in USD</u> |       |
|--------------------------------|-------|
| Number of Pax                  | Rates |

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|---|-----------|
| Agent Per Person  | USD 1,865 |
| <b>Supplements Per Person in USD</b>                                  |           |
| Single Room Supplement  | USD 510   |
| Airfare (Khajuraho–Varanasi; Varanasi–Delhi-Amritsar; Amritsar–Delhi) | USD 360   |
| Above are cash/check pricing. If credit card 3% will apply.           |           |

## Indicative Hotels

| City      | Hotels           | Room Category      | Nights |
|-----------|------------------|--------------------|--------|
| Delhi     | Novotel Aerocity | Standard           | 2      |
| Jaipur    | Mundota Fort     | Palace Superior    | 2      |
| Agra      | Trident          | Deluxe Garden View | 2      |
| Khajuraho | Radisson         | Deluxe             | 1      |
| Varanasi  | Radisson         | Superior           | 2      |
| Amritsar  | Holiday Inn      | Superior           | 2      |

Note: Above hotel list is indicative only. Depending on availability, either the above mentioned hotels or alternative hotels of similar standard will be provided)

## Inclusions & Exclusions

### PRICE INCLUSIONS

- Accommodation on twin sharing basis
- Meals
  - Daily Breakfast and dinner at hotels
  - Daily Lunch in the city restaurant
- Meeting and assistance on arrival and departures

- Chauffeured air-conditioned vehicles for all transfers, excursions and sightseeing tours
- Accompanying English speaking guide for sightseeing & excursion tours
- Live Taj Show in Agra
- Heritage Walk in Jaipur
- Boat ride in Holy river Ganga in Varanasi
- Monument entrances as per the itinerary
- Train fare from Agra to Jhansi
- All currently applicable taxes
- Entry to Sadda Pind with Lunch
- All currently applicable taxes

#### PRICE EXCLUSIONS

- Expenses of personal nature like laundry, telephone, fax, internet, beverages, camera / video camera fee at monuments, medical expenses, airport departure tax etc.
- Local payments in domestic currency, such as tips and gratuities
- Optional Tours, **quoted as supplement**
- Domestic / International air fare, **quoted as supplement**
- Indian Visa Fees
- Any other services not mentioned in Price Inclusions above

#### SPECIAL NOTES

- Taj Mahal remains closed on Friday**
- Check-in, check-out time at hotels is usually 14:00Hrs / 12:00Hrs
- Price includes only those items specified in the itinerary
- Price is quoted per person, in US Dollars, on twin sharing basis
- In case of any significant foreign exchange fluctuations or amendment in local Government taxes, or any fuel hike, we reserve the right to adjust the tour price accordingly.
- In case of any cancellation, deviation or delay in journey due to weather, traffic, political conditions and / or other force majeure events, we will make alternative arrangements, with client's approval, in the best interest of clients. If such alternative arrangements incur any extra charge, the same shall be borne by the client. The client will not be entitled to refund for any missed sightseeing resulting out of such events, which are beyond our control

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A deposit of \$1000/pp is due no later than April 1, 2019 and final balance by June 11, 2019. Checks to be made out to SAN PATA, if you wish to do a charge card there is an additional 3% charge.