

# INDIA

Jaisalmer Fort, Jaisalmer

Jain temples, Ranakpur

Agra Fort, Agra

Mehrangarh Fort, Jaisalmer

Taj Mahal, Agra

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Jaswant Thad, Jodhpur



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Travel



### Day 1

Arrive in New Delhi and spend the remainder of the day at leisure.



New Delhi skyline at sunset

### Day 2

Tour the Old and New Delhi metropolis and visit the Qutab Minar Tower, a minaret built in the 12th century that forms part of the Qutab complex, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Drive past India Gate (war memorial) and the Embassy region, significant government buildings dating back to 1921 – 1930, President House and Parliament House. Transfer to Agra in the evening.



India Gate (War Memorial) at New Delhi

### Day 3

Visit the world-famous Taj Mahal (closed on Fridays), built by Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan in memory of his queen Mumtaz Mahal to enshrine her mortal remains.

### Day 3 (cont.)

Visit and marvel at the colossal Agra Fort, built by Mughal Emperor Akbar over the period 1565-1573 A.D. The complex was subsequently expanded by his son Shah Jahan. The prominent edifices inside the Fort include the Jahangiri Mahal, Khas Mahal, Anguri Bagh, and gardens with intricate geometric patterns, the ornamental bath Shish Mahal and Musamman Burj.



The world famous Taj Mahal

Travel to Jaipur in the afternoon. Enroute visit the Abhaneri Step Wells. These large wells were created in ancient times to harvest rain water. These tanks were used as cool places of retreat and as water reservoirs during parched times of the year. The Chand Baori well is a sight to behold; it is one of India's deepest and largest wells. This colossal, yet delicately carved well is located in front of the Harshat Mata Temple.



Abhaneri Step Wells of Jaipur



#### Day 4

Visit Amber Fort, with a photo stop at one of Jaipur's landmarks, the Hawa Mahal (Palace of Winds). It is a five-storey high red sandstone structure complete with over 950 windows made in such a way that the breeze constantly circulates through these windows.



Hewa mahal at Amber Fort, Jaipur

On the return journey, there will be a photo stop at the Jal Mahal (Water Palace) located in the middle of the Man Sagar Lake in Jaipur city. When the lake is full, four of the five storeys of this building end up being dipped under water, with only the top floor being visible!

This will be followed by a tour of Jaipur City with visits to the Museum and the City Palace complex built between 1729 and 1732, the seat of the Maharajas' reign. Marvel at the exquisite buildings, courtyards and gardens which form part of the wider palace complex



City Palace at Jaipur

#### Day 5

Transfer to Jodhpur. Later, visit one of the largest forts in India, the Mehrangarh Fort. Built around 1460, the fort is situated 125 metres above the city and is enclosed by imposing thick walls. Inside its boundaries are several palaces known for their intricate carvings and expansive courtyards. The Moti Mahal, Phool Mahal, Sheesh Mahal, Sileh Khana and Daulat Khana are positively worth visiting.



Mehrangarh Fort at Jodhpur

This will be followed by a visit to Jaswant Thada, the Royal cenotaph, and the Clock Tower Market where you can find a vast array of locally made goods and produce.

#### Day 6

Transfer to Jaisalmer and tour the Gadsisar Tank (lake) built in 1400, once the water supply of the entire city.

Next stop is the Jaisalmer Fort. Built in 1156 A.D., it is one of the largest fortified cities in the world. There are homes, stalls and bazaars hidden in the laneways of the fort. Within the fort lies a group of beautifully carved Jain temples built between the 12th and 15th centuries. The tour includes a visit to Patwon Ki Haveli, a traditionally constructed mansion with beautiful stone hand carvings and architectural significance.



**Day 6 (cont.)**



The Jaisalmer Fort Jaisalmer

**Day 7**

Transfer to Manvar Resort and enjoy a Jeep safari on the sand dunes. Proceed to the Manvar Desert Camp. Check-in to your standard non-air-conditioned tent. Spend a relaxing evening around a bon fire with local folk music and dances to entertain you.



Desert Camp at Manvar

**Day 8**

Join the early morning Camel Safari across the desert dunes and take in the beauty of the sunrise.

Drive to Ranakpur (5.5-hour drive), renowned for the Jain temples marvellously carved in amber stone.

**Day 8 (cont.)**

Despite being over 500 years old, the Jain temples are well preserved. Sprawling over 4,000 square metres, the temples are an astounding creation of 29 halls, 80 domes and 1444 pillars, all uniquely carved.



The Jain Temples at Ranakpur

This will be followed by a visit to Jaswant Thada, the Royal cenotaph, and the Clock Tower Market where you can find a vast array of locally made goods and produce.

**Day 9**

Transfer to Udaipur and visit the Jagdish Temple and continue on to the City Palace, with its magnificent carved balconies, arches and decorated pillars. The palace overlooks the blue waters of the Pichola Lake.



The Saheliyon-ki-Bari gardens



### Day 10

Transfer to Delhi and spend the remainder of the day at leisure.



New Delhi at sunset

### Day 11

Enjoy a pleasant trip home with fond memories of incredible India, its sights and its people.

#### Package Inclusions/exclusions

Price includes the following:

- All transfers, tours and intercity driving legs by air-conditioned transport as per the itinerary.
- 10 nights' accommodation based on Double/Twin sharing at hotels listed above or similar.
- Daily breakfast at the hotel's coffee shop during fixed timings (except at the Manvar Camp where breakfast, lunch and dinner will be provided).
- English speaking local city Guide during city tours as per the itinerary.
- Shared boat ride in Udaipur.
- Current available airfares for sector Udaipur-Delhi including taxes (please note that airfares are subject to change).

#### Package Inclusions/exclusions (cont.)

Price excludes the following:

- International airfares.
- Visas and associated fees.
- Travel Insurance.
- Lunches/Dinners (except at the Manvar Camp as noted in the itinerary).
- Purchase of alcoholic or other beverages.
- Camera fees.
- Tips to Driver/Guides/Porters
- Expenses of a personal nature (e.g., telephone calls, mini-bar purchases, etc.).
- Any other items not specified above as being included in the quoted price.

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