

## Detailed Itinerary

### Day 1 - Arrive Delhi

Welcome to Delhi! On arrival at the airport in Delhi, as you exit the arrival terminal, an Enable Travel representative will meet you with a placard bearing your name. The representative will now guide your wheelchair to the awaiting vehicle, facilitating your smooth transfer to your hotel and assist with check-in.

A labyrinth of historic relics, kitschy bazaars and bustling cityscapes, Delhi is a metropolis of manifold character. India's capital and a major gateway to the country, contemporary Delhi is a stirring amalgamation of fast spiralling skyscrapers, mega structures, historic pride, heritage monuments and an ethereal legacy. But its history isn't without delectable oomph. Home to a vast palate of nizami, punjabi, fusion and international cuisines, it's a food lover's paradise. With an unending line of food vendors orchestrating a symphony of fragrances, allow the city to treat you to its versatile and rich flavours - from the street food of North India to gourmet fare, roadside dhabas to fine dining.

The day is at leisure allowing you to relax and unwind in the comfort of your hotel.

**Meals included:** None (meals on your own)

The Loft

### Day 2 - Delhi

#### Enjoy a city tour of Old and New Delhi.

You will be picked up by your local guide for your day's excursion. Please don't forget to pack your suntan lotion, sunhat, etc.

Your introduction to the old city begins with a short drive around the locality enveloping the Jama Masjid, the largest mosque in India. Situated on a mound in the heart of the erstwhile capital of the Mughals, this impressive red sandstone structure projects beautifully into the Old Delhi skyline with a courtyard capable of holding 25,000 devotees. Due to a huge flight of stairs, the monument is not accessible. However, after seeing the whole structure, you are not missing much inside the monument as the mosque is quite plain inside. The main charm of the old Delhi is actually around the monument as you get to experience all the hustle-bustle of the old city.

Drive past the Red Fort. Once the residence of the Mughal Kings till 1857, the Red Fort was the pride of the Mughal Empire, built at the pinnacle of the reign. Head to the calm and serene Raj Ghat - the cremation site of Mahatma Gandhi. Raj Ghat with its sublime expanse of lush green trees affords a perfect ode to one of the greatest souls ever. It is bound to leave you with an aftertaste of inspiration.

Proceed to visit Bangla Sahib - the Sikh Temple. Gurudwara Bangla Sahib is one of the most prominent Sikh Gurudwara, or Sikh house of worship, in Delhi. If you are lucky and in time, you may not only get the opportunity to visit the main prayer hall but also the community kitchen that feeds free food to a large number of people every day without any discrimination. What's more, major part of the work in the kitchen is done (including cooking service and cleaning) by volunteers.

Drive past the imposing 42-metre tall India Gate (War Memorial Arch), the Parliament House and the Rashtrapati Bhavan (the President's Residence), a structure epitomising India's strength, democratic traditions and secular character.

We now head to the magnificent Tomb of Humayun, a perfect culmination of distinctly evolved Mughal architecture in the Indian subcontinent, inspiring the Taj Mahal.

This impressive structure is built on a monumental scale, grandeur of design, square garden (charbagh) setting inspired by the description of paradise in the Holy Quran, with no precedence in the Islamic world for a mausoleum such as this.

A beautiful synthesis of Persian architecture and Indian traditions, exemplified by the arched alcoves, corridors, the high double dome, the kiosks, giving it a pyramidal outline from distance. As you face the tomb, appreciate perfect symmetry - the cornerstone of Mughal architecture.

The initial path leading you to the main complex of Humayun's tomb has some slightly bumpy patches of cobbled stones, which gradually smoothen out into fine sandstone gravel, leading up to the base of the plinth carrying the main mausoleum.

Though the principal edifice on the plinth is inaccessible to wheelchairs, it is anyway viewed better from a distance.

We drive through the lively streets of South Delhi and head to the captivating 13th century Qutub Minar. A well ramped complex with easy access to most parts within the precincts, the foundation of this masterpiece in stone was laid by Qutbu'd-Din Aibak in AD 1199, to which were added three more storeys by his successor and son-in-law, Shamsu'd-Din Iltutmish.

Qutub Minar, the leaning tower of India (it leans 2 feet off its axis) located ideally in the lush green complex still stands tall despite being hit several times by lightning and earthquakes. Though, it was the first formal entry of Islamic rule in India, its various structures offer very interesting insights into its architecture.

The day is action-packed and busy, you may still get some time to indulge in retail therapy at the designer mall - Emporio.

Following your fill of sightseeing, return to the hotel.

**Meals included:** Breakfast

The Loft

### **Day 3 - Delhi-Agra**

**Transfer from hotel in Delhi to hotel in Agra, en route visit Itmad-ud-Daulah's and Agra Fort.**

After a hearty breakfast, it's time for a scenic and smooth drive to explore the renowned, ancient capital city of the Mughals - Agra, via the Express Highway (a journey of 202 km / approx. 5hour drive). There are provisions along the way to stop for a cup of tea or coffee along with fairly clean washrooms, which might not be totally wheelchair-

friendly. Conversely, we suggest reducing your intake of beverages for this journey due to paucity of designated wheelchair toilets.

The reservoir of epic stories and wondrous romance, Agra is enveloped in a tapestry of magic and allure. Known to the world as the city of the Taj Mahal, Agra is a story woven by the Mughals with their political design and artistic propensity. The architectural splendour of the mausoleums, forts and palaces is a vivid reminder of the opulence of the empire that came to shape the ethos of the region for centuries to come. From the Taj Mahal to the massive Agra Fort, Agra is rife with beauty, opulence and an unfound grace.

The charisma of times of yore greets you right at the outskirts of the city, as you stop to visit the magnificent Itmad-ud-Daulah's Tomb, popularly known as the 'Baby Taj'. Filled with gardens, mini structures and heritage monuments, this elegant tomb is the first structure of its kind to be constructed of pure marble in Mughal India - a perfect draft of the iconic Taj Mahal.

The complex itself is very well ramped right up to the last platform. But there is no wheelchair accessibility to the final enclosure where the cenotaphs lie.

We don't think you would mind taking a washroom break before heading off to Agra Fort, an outstanding example of Mughal art and architecture. An impregnable military structure built by Akbar, the Agra Fort luxuriated with the elegance, lavishness and majesty of an imperial palace. Relive the era as you step into the seat of power and the stronghold of the Mughal Empire.

Absorb the glory of this imposing, red sandstone structure, as you cruise conveniently through most of its well ramped palaces, pavilions and courtyards.

**Meals included:** Breakfast

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#### **Day 4 - Agra- Jaipur** **Explore the Taj Mahal.**

Your day begins after a sumptuous breakfast with a visit to the Taj - the epitome of marvellous Mughal architecture. Celebrated for its structural magnificence and aesthetic beauty, partake in the poetry of the beautiful Taj and the lost love stories that surround the mausoleum, as it sits reminiscing by the gurgling Yamuna. A symphony in white marble, this is truly a tribute to eternal love.

Accompanied by your local guide, seated in your wheelchair, you can comfortably bridge the gap between the drop-off point and the entrance to the Taj Mahal complex. However, if possible, subject to having obtained prior permission on the day of visit, our vehicle can go right up to the entrance gate of the Taj Mahal complex.

The complex itself is very well ramped right up to the last platform. But there is no wheelchair accessibility to the final enclosure where the cenotaphs lie.

**Transfer from hotel in Agra to hotel in Jaipur, en route visit Fatehpur Sikri.**

In the afternoon take the scenic road from the capital of the Mughals to the capital of the Kachwaha Rajputs - Jaipur (a journey of 230 km / approx. 7 hours).

Just before leaving our Agra hotel, it would be a great idea to use washrooms, as those are not very likely to be available en route to Jaipur. Make a stop at the deserted fort of Fatehpur Sikri, a brilliant fusion of both Hindu and Mughal architecture. Located just 40 km from Agra, it is an enchanting folly that changed the landscape of the region, a mesmerising capital city built by Akbar in honour of Sufi saint Sheikh Salim Chisti only to be deserted within 14 years to fall to slow, poetic ruin. Ramps are placed at appropriate spots, ensuring comfortable mobility throughout the monument complex.

On arrival in Jaipur, proceed to check in at your hotel.

Jaipur, one of the most enticing places in India, is nestled between mighty forts and the rugged Aravalli Hills. It is known as the 'Pink City' as its prominent buildings are washed in this colour. Steeped in Rajput history and characterised by sites such as the City Palace with its astronomical Observatory, Hawa Mahal and the beautiful Amber Fort, Jaipur is a bustling capital city and a business centre with all the trappings of a modern metropolis, yet flavoured strongly with an age-old charm that never fails to surprise a traveller.

**Meals included:** Breakfast

Camellia

**Day 5 - Jaipur**

**Discover the Amber Palace Fort with a photo stop at Hawa Mahal followed by a city tour of Jaipur.**

After a hearty breakfast at your hotel begin an exciting day around the with a photo stop at the beautiful Hawa Mahal. It would be a great idea to carry a sunhat, sunscreen and sunglasses on sightseeing, and use washrooms just before you head out.

The 'Palace of Winds' is a five-storey spectacle with a dazzling pyramidal facade and overhanging windows. The journey now continues on to the ancient Amber palace. Perched atop a ridge just outside Jaipur city, Amber is surrounded by fortified battlements, overlooking the Maota Lake. Built in the 17th century, it was once the seat of power before the birth of the City Palace. Today, though, it stands as a silent spectator to a bygone era, overlooking the ruins and sprawling crenulated walls spread over the Aravalli.

Though not long, through a winding uphill and a bit rough drive, you are taken in your car up to the main gate. You can tour sections of the palace that is famous for its excellence in design and ornate decor.

With a bit of assistance through a steep ridged ramp, you can easily enter the palace and explore the second courtyard. The palace staffs are happy to carry you in your wheelchair to some of the other areas of the palace connected with a reasonable number of steps. There are also places where wheelchair accessibility is possible through some easy ramps.

Within the complex, view the Ganesh Pol, an awe-inspiring gateway painted with beautiful images of the elephant-headed god, Ganesh. You will not help but notice as you move through the halls of the princes the merging of Rajput and Mughal architectural styles making its way into the apartments, gardens and landscaping of the palace.

The highlights of the tour include a visit to sections of the City Palace a repository of Rajasthani artefacts and culture. It houses a remarkable collection of Rajasthani costumes, and armoury of Mughals and Rajputs, an art gallery, intricately designed carpets, royal paraphernalia and rare astronomical works. Next, you proceed to the awe-inspiring Jantar Mantar, a stone astrological and astronomical observatory built in the 18th century. Known for its ingenuity, this scientific 'playground' paved the way for modern astronomy.

**Meals included:** Breakfast

Camellia

#### **Day 6 - Jaipur - Jodhpur**

Following breakfast, drive through rustic countryside to the royal capital city of the Marwars, Jodhpur (a journey of 335 km / approx 7 hours). On arrival, proceed for check in to the hotel.

Jodhpur, the 'Blue City', is located on the edge of the Thar Desert, cradled by the massive Mehrangarh Fort on one side, and the stately Palace of Umaid Bhawan on the other. Dotted with monuments, temples and gardens, it is brimming with heritage and culture. Steeped in history, this city is seemingly stuck in a medieval era. There are countless festivities that celebrate the rich past and culture of this princely state. The annual Marwar Festival is a brilliant example.

The rest of the day is at leisure to explore the city on your own.

**Meals included:** Breakfast

Jagat Niwas

#### **Day 7 - Jodhpur**

**Explore the Mehrangarh Fort, followed by a city tour of Jodhpur.**

After your breakfast at the hotel, proceed for a tour of Jodhpur starting with the mighty Mehrangarh Fort. While Rajasthan is sprinkled generously with a number of forts, Mehrangarh Forts stands out from the lot. Perched on top of a 125-metre high hill, the fort is as imposing as it is magnificent. Get ready to be immersed in legends that whisper through the walls of this monument. Visit the ramparts where you will discover antique artillery that defended the fort during its time. Inside the fort, this is still run by the Maharaja of Jodhpur, visit sections of the palaces with their delicate friezes and respective museums, displaying treasures of the royal family.

Though you will be accompanied by a local guide, you may want to take the audio tour, as it is a part of your entrance

ticket. Due to the architectural layout of this majestic fort, only a few sections are accessible using a wheelchair, which are really worth the visit.

The entry to the fort is slightly rough through a pretty uneven walkway; the wheelchair can reach the elevator which will take you straight to the point that offers a bird's eye view of the blue houses. You can now head to the Daulat Khana Chowk, one of the most important courtyards, which is a part of the museum. As you sail through this area, listen to the royal family's anecdotes in the wonderfully scripted audio tour, gaze at the craftsmanship that was once described by Rudyard Kipling as "The Work of Angels & Giants" and get transported back in time. With a bit of assistance, you could also visit some of the adjoining sections of the museum around the courtyard.

Seated like a Royal on your comfortable wheelchair, how about getting lost into the heart of Jodhpur? Yes, we are talking about your visit to the century-old clock tower - a prominent landmark surrounded by the vibrant sights and smells of Sardar Market, which is marked by triple gateways at its northern and southern ends. Plunge into the old city's commercial heart with crowded alleys and bazaars selling vegetables, Mathaniya's red chilli, spices, bamboo, wooden handicrafts and sweets. And don't forget to sample the uniquely stimulating flavours of tea as well as the uniquely popular Makhania lassi for a true Rajasthani experience.

Though the entry to the clock tower is through an uneven cobbled pathway, its age-old character more than makes up for this. Post this eventful day, we will head back to the hotel.

**Meals included:** Breakfast

Jagat Niwas

### **Day 8 - Jodhpur - Ranakpur - Udaipur**

**Transfer from hotel in Jodhpur to hotel in Udaipur, en route visit Ranakpur Temples.**

Post a sumptuous breakfast, this morning, embark on a picturesque drive through the rugged, wooded hills of the Arvallis, to Udaipur, the 'City of Lakes' (a journey of 280 km/ approx 7 hour drive) with an en route visit to Ranakpur.

Hidden deep in the Aravalli hills, some 90 km from Udaipur, is Ranakpur. It boasts of some of the most exquisite Jain temples in the country famous for their intricate friezes and sculptures. 1,444 intricately carved marble pillars spread out over 48,000 sq ft make this one of the most impressive temples you will ever see. What's most interesting is that no two pillars are alike. Two Jain temples dedicated to Neminath and Parsvanath and a Sun Temple a little distance away are also noteworthy.

The age-old temple architecture could not imbibe provisions for Wheelchair Bound travellers. However, today the temple staffs are happy to carry you up the steps and around the temple in a palanquin chair provided by them.

On arrival, check in to the hotel.

Romance feels most at home at Udaipur. With its rolling hills, fairy tale palaces, age-old temples, havelis and quaint streets, this Venice of the East is sure to take your breath away.

**Meals included:** Breakfast

Pahuna Haveli

### **Day 9 - Udaipur**

#### **Embark on a city tour of Udaipur.**

After a leisurely breakfast the day begins with your local guide taking you to visit some of the sections of the striking City Palace Complex. Amidst the blocks of pastel-coloured buildings, the City Palace surfaces towards the sky through the rooftops. Lattice balconies and intricately carved windows adorn the exterior of the grand palace, while sparkling mosaic tiles and stain glass embellish its interior.

Subject to having obtained prior permission from the City Palace Museum authorities, our vehicle can go right up to the entrance of the museum. With an elevator in place, some of the ornate courtyards (Manak Chowk & Mor Chowk), silver gallery and beautiful rooms such as, Priyatam Niwas are very much accessible.

From the palace we continue onto the Old City market past the ancient Jagdish Temple. There are treasures to be found in this buzzing market, so watch out for colourful and interesting souvenirs that you could take back.

Later in the afternoon, we visit Saheliyon Ki Bari, the Garden of the Maids of Honour, designed as a peaceful retreat outside the old city of Udaipur. Built by Maharana Sangram Singh II for the 48 girls that he received as part of his dowry, this quiet garden presents a perfect fusion of Indian and English architecture. Away from the city humdrum, a good spot to enjoy the tranquillity of lush green lawns, fountains, pools, flowers, trees and some marble art. Most parts of this garden are easily accessible for all travellers.

The afternoon is at leisure for you to explore the city as you wish.

**Meals included:** Breakfast

Pahuna Haveli

### **Day 10 - Depart Udaipur**

Today, after breakfast, bid farewell to your wonderful tour and proceed to the airport for your onward journey.

**Meals included:** Breakfast

## Inclusions

- Accommodation as per hotels mentioned in the itinerary.
- All transfers by air-conditioned vehicle as mentioned in the itinerary.
- All excursions and sightseeing tours by air-conditioned vehicle as mentioned in the itinerary.
- Meals as mentioned in the itinerary.
- English speaking local guide during sightseeing as mentioned in the itinerary.
- Assistance of an Enable Travel representative at airports.
- All currently applicable taxes, i.e. Hotel tax and Transportation tax.
- Porterage at airport - 2 pieces of baggage per person.
- Travel insurance

## Exclusions

- Air, train or bus fare from / to your originating city of stay, unless specified.
- Any meals / en route meals unless specified.
- Any additional sightseeing tours other than the mentioned in inclusions.
- Items of personal nature, viz, tips, porterage, room service, laundry, mineral water, alcoholic or non alcoholic beverages, phone calls, additional sightseeing tours and excursions not included in the itinerary, still or video camera fees, etc.
- Any increase in fuel cost, government taxes, entrance fees, intra and interstate taxes, etc. The tour price will be amended in accordance.
- Entrance fees at monuments and places of interest @ INR 2640 per person, payable extra over and above the tour cost.
- Any items / services not specifically mentioned under inclusions.
- Supplement charges applicable for long weekends and festivals.
- Goods and Services tax of 5%

**Accommodation**

**New Delhi**

2 nights

**The Loft**

Economy Room

@ Internet



**Agra**

1 night

**Coral Tree**

@ Internet



**Jaipur**

2 nights

**Camellia**

Economy Room

Bar

Room service

Restaurant

Pool



**Jodhpur**

2 nights

**Jagat Niwas**

Economy Room

Air Conditioner

Room service

@ Internet



**Udaipur**

2 nights

**Pahuna Haveli**

Superior Room

Air Conditioner

Room service

Gym



**Price**

| Price Validity               | Category | Twin / Double | Single       |
|------------------------------|----------|---------------|--------------|
| 1st Oct 2019 - 31st Mar 2020 | ECONOMY  | INR 99,416    | INR 1,25,427 |
| 1st Oct 2019 - 31st Mar 2020 | HERITAGE | INR 99,524    | INR 1,25,104 |
| 1st Oct 2019 - 31st Mar 2020 | SUPERIOR | INR 1,17,869  | INR 1,60,774 |
| 1st Oct 2019 - 31st Mar 2020 | DELUXE   | INR 1,46,239  | INR 2,12,935 |
| 1st Oct 2019 - 31st Mar 2020 | LUXURY   | INR 3,64,384  | INR 6,49,472 |