

## Detailed Itinerary

### Day 1 - Arrive Delhi

On arrival at airport in Delhi. Following customs, immigration formalities and baggage collection, as you exit the arrival terminal, an Enable Travel representative will meet you with a placard bearing your name. The representative will guide you 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, Delhi is a food lover's haven. 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.

Note:

**Standard check in time is at 1400 hours.**

**Early check in is subject to availability.**

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

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

Thikana Home Stay

### Day 2 - Delhi

#### Explore the city of Delhi.

Following breakfast, start a mesmerising tour of the City of Djinn with a visit to Imperial Delhi, accompanied by your local guide. Soak in the grandiose of the city with a drive past the imposing 42 meters tall India Gate a War Memorial Arch, set amidst the sprawling gardens. With its eternal flame and the names inscribed on its arch, it affords a perfect tribute to 82,000 soldiers of the Indian Army who died in the First World War.

Drive past the Parliament House and the Rashtrapati Bhavan (the President's Residence), a structure epitomizing India's strength, its democratic traditions and secular character.

Your experience at these national monuments will only be outshined as you head next to the magnificent Tomb of Humayun. Considered a forerunner to the Taj Mahal, the Persian red sandstone structure evokes another era and is bound to lure you with its majestic, old world charm.

We drive through the busy streets of Delhi catching a glimpse of a bustling life not ready to stop at any point of time. We visit the Qutab Minar, the leaning tower of India (it leans 2 feet off its axis) located in a lush green complex. Though, it was the first formal entry of Islamic rule in India, its various structures offers very interesting insights into its architecture.

The day is actionpacked 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

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### **Day 3 - Delhi**

#### **Enjoy a city tour of Old Delhi.**

This morning, following a leisurely breakfast, take in the sights and sounds of Old Delhi with the visit to the magical old town.

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 sand stone 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.

Later, drive pass 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. 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.

The rest of the day is at leisure for independent activities. If you require us to organise transportation for you to pursue any of the optional activities, please let us know in advance.

**Meals included:** Breakfast

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### **Day 4 - Delhi - Agra**

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

After a hearty breakfast, it's time for a scenic and a smooth drive to explore the renowned, ancient capital city of the Mughals - Agra, via the Express Highway (a journey of 202 km / 4.5 hours drive approx.). 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 friendly 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.

On arrival, check in to your hotel.

The rest of the day is at leisure.

**Meals included:** Breakfast

Coral Tree

### **Day 5 - Agra**

#### **Enjoy a visit to the Taj Mahal and Agra Fort .**

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, however, with no wheel chair 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.

The rest of the day on is at leisure.

**Meals included:** Breakfast

Coral Tree

#### **Day 6 - Agra - Jaipur**

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

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

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 a 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. It steeped in Rajput history and characterised by sites such as the City Palace with its astronomical observatory, Hawa Mahal and the beautiful Amber Fort, 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 7 - Jaipur**

**Visit Amber and photo stop at Hawa Mahal.**

A hearty breakfast, begin an exciting day around Amber 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 Jaipur's City Palace. Today, it stands as a silent spectator to a bygone era, overlooking the ruins and sprawling crenulated wallspread 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 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 staff is 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, see 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 rest of the day is at leisure to explore and soak in the city.

**Meals included:** Breakfast

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### **Day 8 - Jaipur** **Explore the city of Jaipur.**

Spend a memorable day exploring the royal city of Jaipur at a leisurely pace.

The day begins with a tour of the Pink City, an abode of maharajas. The highlights of the tour include a visit to sections of the City Palace, a repository of Rajasthani artifacts and culture. It houses a remarkable collection of Rajasthani costumes and armory 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 Observatory, a stone astrological and astronomical observatory built in the 18th century. It is known for its ingenuity, this scientific 'playground' paved the way for modern astronomy.

Late in the afternoon, explore the bustling bazaar of the old city to shop for the famous Jaipuri textiles and jewellery.

**Meals included:** Breakfast

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### **Day 9 - Jaipur - Delhi**

Post breakfast, a scenic drive back to Delhi (260 km / 6½ hours approx.) allows you soak in all that you have seen and experienced in your trip across the myriad landscapes of Indian grandeur. You could take refreshment stops along the way.

On arrival, proceed to check in at your hotel.

**Meals included:** Breakfast

Hotel Ibis

### **Day 10 - Depart Delhi**

Breakfast at the hotel, after which you have the morning to relax.

Check out from your hotel at 1200 hours.

Today, you bid farewell to your tour, continuing onwards to your next destination.

**Meals included:** Breakfast

## Inclusions

- Accommodation at hotels mentioned or similar.
- Transfers by AC vehicle as mentioned in the itinerary.
- All excursions and sightseeing tours by AC vehicle as mentioned in the itinerary.
- Meals as specified in the itinerary.
- Services of an English speaking local guide for the sightseeing tours as per itinerary.
- Assistance of an Enable Travel representative at airports.
- All currently applicable taxes i.e. Hotel tax and Transportation tax.
- Porterage at airports - 2 pieces of baggage per person.
- Travel insurance.

## Exclusions

- Any transport to / from airport in Delhi. Your tour price starts ex Delhi.
- 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 those mentioned in the 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 @ INR 776 per person, payable extra over and above the tour cost.
- Any items or services not specified in the itinerary under 'HOLIDAY PRICE INCLUDES' header.
- Supplement charges applicable for long weekends and festivals.
- Any rides, safaris, boating charges, additional sightseeing tours other than the mentioned in inclusions.
- Goods and Services Tax of 5%.

**Accommodation**

**New Delhi**

3 nights

**Thikana Home Stay**

Economy Room

 Room service

@ Internet



**Agra**

2 nights

**Coral Tree**

@ Internet



**Jaipur**

3 nights

**Camellia**

Economy Room

 Bar

 Room service

 Restaurant

 Pool



**New Delhi**

1 night

**Hotel Ibis**

Economy Room

 Bar

 Room service

 Air Conditioner

 Business Center

 Restaurant

 Pool

@ Internet



**Price**

Price Validity	Category	Twin / Double	Single
1st Oct 2018 - 31st Mar 2019	HERITAGE	INR 62,111	INR 85,435
1st Oct 2018 - 31st Mar 2019	ECONOMY	INR 64,974	INR 1,01,654
1st Oct 2018 - 31st Mar 2019	SUPERIOR	INR 75,474	INR 1,31,222
1st Oct 2018 - 31st Mar 2019	DELUXE	INR 98,955	INR 1,54,703
1st Oct 2018 - 31st Mar 2019	LUXURY	INR 3,59,691	INR 6,68,761