

Detailed Itinerary

Day 1 - Arrive Delhi

You will arrive at New Delhi International Airport. The airline staff would escort you through customs, immigration formalities and baggage collection, to the exit at arrival terminal where an Enable Travel representative will receive 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 (check-in time 1200-1400 hrs/ early check-in are subject to availability).

A smooth check-in would also involve one of the staff members familiarising you with the layout of the room and the amenities within the hotel premises.

A megacity with myriad faces, Delhi, the capital of India, has the allure of history and the liveliness of kitschy bazaars. A gateway to the country, today's Delhi is a potpourri of mixed cultures, mega structures, haunting antiquity and an ethereal legacy. Home to an unparalleled variety of Nizami, Punjabi, fusion and international cuisines, Delhi is a food lover's paradise. Swim through the numerous chowks and bylanes brimming with food vendors and stalls, restaurants and food carts that paint the air with rich aromas and delectable flavours - from the street food of North India to gourmet fare, Delhi answers to every craving with aplomb.

Unwind in the comfort of your hotel or explore your neighbourhood for the day.

Meals included: None (meals on your own)

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Day 2 - Delhi

Enjoy a city tour of Old and New Delhi.

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

A word of advice: before leaving your hotel, we suggest you pack your suntan lotion, sunhat, etc.

Your introduction to the grand old city begins with a visit to the Jama Masjid, the largest mosque in India. Situated on a mound in the heart of the erstwhile capital of the Mughals, this red sandstone structure projects beautifully into the Old Delhi skyline with a courtyard capable of holding 25,000 devotees. Lady travellers will be handed over gowns as a protocol to visit the mosque.

For a short but exciting adventurous ride, hop on to the most characteristic means of transport in India, the cycle rickshaw - a manually peddled three-wheeler. Systematic chaos i.e. traffic, an occasional bump, organised chaos, crowds, a maze of narrow alleys, soothing fragrances, pungent smells, stray dogs and the holy cow - all this and much more comes your way as your cycle rickshaw skilfully meanders through the bylanes of the walled city of Shahjahanabad.

After having experienced all the hustle and bustle of Old Delhi, we now switch over to the calm and serene Raj Ghat - the cremation site of Mahatma Gandhi. Raj Ghat with its sublime expanse of lush green trees and simplistic austerity, affords a perfect ode to one of the greatest souls ever. It is bound to leave you with an aftertaste of inspiration.

We now head to the Red Fort. As you disembark from your vehicle, stay unfazed if you are approached by some of the vendors and all the cacophonous sounds that ring into your ears - we happen to be in one of the busiest parts of the city. The residence of the Mughal Kings till 1857, the Red Fort is a remarkable monument carved out of red sandstone and was the pride of the Mughal empire, built at the pinnacle of their reign. Bring home a piece of history as you take in the intricate detailing of its Halls of Private and Public Audience.

This afternoon, we 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-metre tall India Gate (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 the 82,000 soldiers of the Indian Army who died in the First World War.

We now drive past the Parliament House and the Rashtrapati Bhavan (the President's Residence), a structure epitomising India's strength, democratic traditions and secular character.

Our next destination is 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 stand facing the tomb, visualise perfect symmetry - the cornerstone of Mughal architecture.

Run your fingers over the intricate patterns carved on the red sandstone lattice screens and feel the dexterity of the stone artisans of yore to be able to create fine masterpieces on stone - a perfect marriage of skills and simplistic tools.

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 arrive at the 13th century buff sandstone tower, the Qutab Minar. In AD 1199, Qutbu'd-Din Aibak laid the foundation of this masterpiece in stone, 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.

As you touch the pillars in the Quwwat ul Islam mosque, you realise the haphazard placement of stones and columns carrying figures or patterns from Hindu temple architecture. This is indicative of the non-existence of any architectural plan preceding the construction of Qutub Minar.

Run your fingers over the calligraphic arches and feel the intricacy of the patterns carved on its various curves. India gets its first crude arch! If time permits, enjoy some shopping at the Emporio designer mall.

After a satisfying day of sightseeing, return to the hotel.

Meals included: Breakfast

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Day 3 - Delhi Departure

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

Check out from your hotel at 1200 hrs.

Today, you bid farewell to your Delhi 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 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 all airports - 2 pieces of baggage per person.
- Travel Insurance

Exclusions

- Cost of international / domestic airfares
- Airport taxes
- Any transport to / from airport in Delhi. Your tour price starts ex Delhi.
- Visa fees
- 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 & 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 187 per person, payable extra over and above the tour cost.
- Any items / 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

2 nights

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Economy Room

 Room service

 Internet



Price

Price Validity	Category	Twin / Double	Single
23rd Mar 2018 - 30th Sep 2018	ECONOMY	INR 17,230	INR 22,430
23rd Mar 2018 - 30th Sep 2018	SUPERIOR	INR 17,881	INR 23,730
23rd Mar 2018 - 30th Sep 2018	HERITAGE	INR 19,375	INR 26,720
23rd Mar 2018 - 30th Sep 2018	DELUXE	INR 20,480	INR 27,630
23rd Mar 2018 - 30th Sep 2018	LUXURY	INR 27,006	INR 38,654