

## Detailed Itinerary

### Day 1 - Arrive Mumbai

On arrival at the airport in Mumbai, the airline staff would escort you through customs, immigration formalities and baggage collection, to the exit at the 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 a smooth transfer to your hotel and assist with check in.

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.

Characterised by its fast pace, flashy lights and glamorous people, Mumbai is the city that never sleeps. You will soon find out that Mumbai is as addictive as the roadside chai that is so popular here. This buzzing cosmopolitan is not only the commercial capital of the country, but a mecca for fashion as well. In all its progressiveness, Mumbai still has an old-world charm that refuses to fade away. Like a sepia-toned photograph, stately Victorian buildings still look down upon a frenzied city life. The city also satiates every types of palate with street food vendors dishing out delicacies that rival high-end eateries.

Note:

- Standard check in time is at 1400 hours.
- Early check in is subject to availability.

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

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

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### Day 2 - Mumbai

#### Explore the city of Mumbai.

Post breakfast, you will be met by your local guide for a visit to the iconic Gateway of India built to commemorate the visit of King George V and Queen Mary in 1911.

Mumbai's most unique landmark borders the Arabian Sea and served not only as an entry port but was also the gate through which the British troops exited India. It also attracts vendors, food stalls and photographers.

Continue to the Prince of Wales Museum visiting the chambers admiring the exquisite exhibits. From natural history to ancient India, religion to modern art, science to entertainment, the museum offers a completely independent experience for the traveller. Allow sufficient time for this visit to feast on its artefacts and learn more about India.

Later, we drive past some of the finest architectural buildings in the Fort area.

The rest of the day is at leisure.

**Meals included:** Breakfast

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### **Day 3 - Mumbai**

#### **Visit Banganga.**

This morning, following a leisurely breakfast, visit the oldest part of the city, which is vibrant and colourful and buzzing with life - Banganga. Don't forget to pack your suntan lotion, sunhat, sunglasses, etc.

The resonance of clinging bells, the chanting of hymns, the soft fragrance of the incense wafting through the air, Banganga is a charming pocket of ancient Hinduism in modern Mumbai. Banganga is located very close to the sea, but its waters are spring-fed and sweet. This cultural hub has provided inspiration to many artists, be it on film or on canvas.

A flight of steps will take you down to the banks of the water body. However, the periphery of Banganga offers as much an enriching experience as you weave through the slightly bumpy cobblestones, step into the temples and get blessed by priests.

Enjoy the noisy daily activity at the vegetable and flower stalls adorning the sides of the narrow lane as you listen to the chatter of the women and hear religious pilgrims feed the holy cow.

The rest of the day is at leisure. You have the choice of taking the Shop Till You Drop tour, visiting some of the finest retail stores in South Mumbai.

If you are in need of some retail therapy, Mumbai is the place for you. Get your hands on some trendy jewellery or even antiques. Find contemporary Indian designers and popular brands and get lost in malls and independent stores. Feel free to go overboard, because Mumbai aims to please.

**Meals included:** Breakfast

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### **Day 4 - Mumbai - Ahmedabad**

Early this morning, you will be transferred to the airport for your flight to Ahmedabad with a packed breakfast.

An Enable Travel representative will meet you at your hotel and will facilitate your transfer to the airport. The airline staff would further facilitate all the check in formalities right up to boarding the plane. We shall inform you in advance about the pick-up time for your departure to the airport.

Note: Flight cost is not included.

On arrival at the airport in Ahmedabad, an airline staff will escort you to the exit at arrival terminal where you will be received by an Enable Travel representative with a placard bearing your name. The representative will guide you to the awaiting vehicle to facilitate a smooth transfer to your hotel and assist with hotel check in.

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.

**Meals included:** Breakfast

The Ummed

### **Day 5 - Ahmedabad**

**Enjoy an early morning heritage tour.**

A heritage tour of the old part of town is probably the best way to experience the milieu of this city's vibrant living culture. Early morning, embark on an exploration of the old city with your local guide.

As you walk through the streets, check out how the locals begin their day - a visit to a temple, feeding the birds and the cow, while some would be busy searching for the best stock to invest in in their regional daily newspaper.

Listen to a prayer call from a mosque, smell the soft fragrance of incense hanging in the air as you pass by a temple, feel the freshness of fruits and vegetables as vendors set up their carts, taste the mouth-watering Indian sweets and savouries as local shopkeepers replenish their counters with the regional specialties. This is your peep into how a day unfolds in the heart of Ahmedabad.

We are sure you would be ravenously hungry by now for a good breakfast. Let's head back to our hotel.

**Explore the city of Ahmedabad.**

The highlight of the morning is a visit to the famous House of Mangaldas Girdhardas (The House of MG), a colonial style mansion replete with courtyards and verandahs where you can relax and breathe in some fresh air. The House of MG is a typical rags-to-riches story of Mangaldas Girdhardas, who rose through the ranks to build this house in the city centre.

Cruise through the beautiful open courtyards with an array of traditional flooring, the conventional Gujarati style wooden swings, a statue here, a sculpture there and some period furniture. What's more, you even get the opportunity to peep into a small textile gallery and admire beautiful heirlooms like Bandhej, Mata Ni Pachedi, Kalamkari and many more. It is a wonderful expression of rich Gujarati heritage, encapsulated in exotic colours, intricate designs and rich weaves.

Later, eat as the locals do, at the traditional Vishalla Restaurant and enjoy a hearty meal with some typical local savouries and tea. Set amidst a typical rural setting, open and expansive, this place is a welcome departure from the busy city.

Vishalla also prides itself on its presentation of Indian culture and tradition in its village-like environment with its museum of old utensils known as Veechar Utensil Museum, the only museum of its kind in the world. Designed and conceptualised by an interior designer, the museum displays a wide collection of utensils ranging from leaves and a gourd jug to stainless steel and glass utensils, metal utensils made of brass, copper, bronze, zinc and German silver, pots, spoons and vessels for churning buttermilk, etc. What makes it so memorable is that the food you now partake is also served in these utensils.

Go around the hut-like museum and touch the utensils that speak of the unmatched art and genius of mankind at a time when people did not have modern facilities. Being able to touch the exhibits is the best part of this visit and one of their crew members is always available with explanations to ensure you have a more fruitful visit.

**Meals included:** Breakfast, lunch

The Ummed

#### **Day 6 - Ahmedabad**

Post breakfast, the day is free to relax. You also have the option to select one of the exciting optional excursions crafted for you.

You could choose to visit the only surviving Sun Temple in Modhera. It is one of the greatest monuments of the Solanki dynasty, whose rulers were believed to be descended from the sun. Its magnificence begins from the outside with the exterior that is intricately carved with demons and deities. Step inside to find 52 sculpted pillars depicting scenes from the Ramayana and the Mahabharata, and a hall with 12 niches that represent the different monthly manifestations of Surya (the sun god).

This is followed by a drive to an architectural wonder, Rani ki Vav - the Queen's Stepwell. On the list of UNESCO's World Heritage Sites, it is a perfect example of necessity leading to an invention wherein arid climate inspired the need for stepwells. The minute and exquisite carvings here are testaments to skilled craftsmanship. A stepwell was not just a water reservoir; it was a place for social gathering for women.

Depending on the time of the day, slanting sun rays accentuate the beauty of these steps as you walk down to the water level below.

**Meals included:** Breakfast

The Ummed

#### **Day 7 - Ahmedabad - Udaipur**

Post a heavy breakfast, you will be driven to City of Lakes, Udaipur (a journey of 260 km / approx. 6-hours drive) through the picturesque countryside of the Aravalli's, past the villages of the Bhils - the warrior tribes.

On arrival into the beautiful city of Udaipur, proceed to check in to your hotel.

With stunning marble palaces overlooking pristine lakes, all surrounded by the omnipresent Aravalli Hills, Udaipur has all the ingredients of a romantic and dreamy destination. Everything you see, touch and smell in the Venice of the East will leave you wanting more.

**Meals included:** Breakfast

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### **Day 8 - Udaipur**

#### **Visit the City Palace, old city market and Saheliyon-ki-Bari.**

After a leisurely breakfast, we begin the day with a visit to sections of the striking City Palace Complex. Amidst 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.

As you leave your vehicle to walk to the City Palace, you can actually feel the roughness of the ash grey stone under your feet. This is the pathway till you enter the main building. Walk past the three-arched gateway known as Tripolia to enter the first courtyard where the royals would get off their elephants, horses and camels.

Experience the low ceilinged narrow corridors that take you up the narrow winding staircases with uneven heighted steps - though ancient, they were an advance strategic mechanism of defence. Can you imagine an enemy being able to breach the palace?

Envisage the dazzling period rooms with colourful mosaic work and miniatures - the most popular art from this city.

From the palace, continue on a walk to the old city market, when suddenly the sound of a bell resonates in your ear. You are now at the Jagdish Temple - one of the landmarks of the old city. Stop by at the temple and inhale the freshness of marigold and rose flowers. And, of course, the roadside flower vendors are always there for you to buy a handful from. Enjoy the treasures of this buzzing local market with its colourful and interesting souvenirs.

Myriad voices of vendors selling almost everything and the local street food aroma surround the air - camera batteries, memory cards, post cards, soft drinks, miniature paintings, the masala chai and the very popular, samosa!

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, it is a good spot to enjoy the tranquility of lush green lawns, fountains, pools, flowers, trees and some marble art.

Experience the spray of coolness, coming from its many fountains, as it caresses your face. As you stroll through its many pathways, you may just be lucky enough to get a whiff of seasonal flowers. Your soul stirs as you listen to a bird

or two tweeting away. Truly a relaxing experience!

The rest of the day is at leisure for you to explore the city as you wish.

**Meals included:** Breakfast

The Oberoi Udaivilas

### **Day 9 - Udaipur**

Have a hearty breakfast at the hotel and take your time to enjoy the peace and tranquility the city offers at the banks of its beautiful lakes and marble palaces. If you so wish, you could also choose to take an optional excursion to the beautiful Jain temples of Ranakpur.

Nesting deep within the forests of the Aravalli's green valleys, around 90 km from Udaipur is the ancient township of Ranakpur. Boasting of some of the most exquisite Jain temples in the country, they are famous for their intricate friezes and sculptures.

A professionally designed audio tour of the main temple complex is worth taking. Take the opportunity of running your fingers over some of the 1,444 carved pillars to notice that no two of them are alike - vertical and intricate carvings, celestial figures, floral motifs, geometrical patterns and much more.

**Meals included:** Breakfast

The Oberoi Udaivilas

### **Day 10 - Udaipur - Jodhpur**

After a sumptuous breakfast at your hotel, embark on your drive to Jodhpur through two of the contrasting faces of Rajasthan (a journey of 280 km / approx. 7 hours drive).

Once you are off the highway and enter the countryside, feel the undulating terrain as you drive through parts of the Aravalli Ranges. This is the more fertile region of Mewar, smeared with lush green fields, farmers with their livestock, mustachioed men in large colourful turbans and women clad in the most vibrant hues, offsetting the harsh and austere landscape of the desert. The countryside is absolutely delightful with blue sky, blazing sun and fresh air.

At some point, your vehicle may be required to slow down to let a herd of cattle cross the road. The soft bleats of the sheep will delight your ears.

As the journey progresses, you gradually transit to the other side of the Aravalli Ranges. Experience the dry and harsh desert -like Marwar belt.

On arrival in Jodhpur, check in to your hotel.

Enveloped in a blanket of one soothing shade, Jodhpur, also called the Blue City, is located on the edge of the Thar Desert and is now the second largest city of Rajasthan. Cradled by the massive Mehrangarh Fort on one side, and the stately Palace of Umaid Bhawan on the other, and dotted with monuments, temples and gardens, Jodhpur is brimming with heritage and culture.

**Meals included:** Breakfast

Umaid Bhawan Palace

### **Day 11 - Jodhpur**

#### **Explore the city of Jodhpur.**

After your breakfast at the hotel, the morning begins with a tour of the monumental Mehrangarh Fort. For a comfortable visit to this fort, a great idea would be to wear proper shoes or sturdy sandals and carry sunscreen, sunhat and sunglasses.

In 1459, Rao Jodha laid the foundation of what was destined to become one of the mightiest forts of all time, Mehrangarh - the citadel of the sun. Today, the beautiful palaces and dazzling period rooms of the fort have been converted into a unique museum that houses an impressive collection of elephant howdahs (seat), palanquins, armory, paintings, turbans and much more.

Even though you will be accompanied by a local guide, you may want to take the audio tour, which is a part of your entrance ticket. The audio tour that begins with a warm welcome in the rich baritone voice of the current Maharaja of Jodhpur transports you back in time as you meander your way through the numerous corridors of medieval to the modern Indian history.

Be prepared to walk on an uneven paved pathway most of the way through the fort, right from the entrance itself. It's a reminder of the days gone by, when the horses' hooves would go clippety-clop over these rocks. As you walk up the hill, soft notes of lilting shehnai music and the heavy beating of drums reach your ears. Yes, you are now at Loha Pol (Iron Gate), the entry gate to the royal palaces.

Navigating through this majestic fort, as you reach the ramparts (the highest point of the fort), feel the freshness of the breeze hitting your face. You can actually hear the distant humming of the city below.

Later, dive into the heart of Jodhpur with a walking tour through the ancient town. This is your opportunity to immerse yourself in the culture and traditions of the area. Learn about interesting legends from the past, peep into the life of locals, and wander through narrow alleyways. The exciting walk ends at the Old Clock Tower, vegetable and spice market where you're bound to make new culinary discoveries.

From here, you will be transferred back to your hotel.

**Meals included:** Breakfast

Umaid Bhawan Palace

### **Day 12 - Jodhpur - Jaipur**

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

A romantic pink hue pervades everything in Jaipur. Nestled between mighty forts and the rugged Aravalli Hills, Jaipur is a bastion of Rajput history and is characterised by sites such as the City Palace Jantar Mantar, Hawa Mahal and Amber Fort. The people of Jaipur are no less enchanting, with several stories at hand waiting to be told to anyone who'd lend an ear. With tales of chivalry and romance set within a dramatic landscape, Jaipur is a dream you would never want to wake up from.

The rest of the evening is at leisure.

**Meals included:** Breakfast

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### **Day 13 - Jaipur**

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

Get ready, post a luxurious breakfast, to explore the pink city. Soaked in myriad shades of pink, the plethora of heritage sites boasts of scholarly intellect, courage and sheer extravagance.

Begin an exciting day around Amber with a photo stop at the beautiful Hawa Mahal. 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. Though not long, through a winding uphill and a bit rough drive, you are taken in your car up to the drop-off point from where you enter the main gate, which opens out into the first courtyard of the palace.

Don't be surprised if you are welcomed into the main courtyard by the beat of drums and bugle of trumpet along with the elephants as they enter the palace from the royal entrance.

As you cruise through the palace, you are likely to overhear multilingual excerpts from a multitude of local guides briefing their own guests, helping you script your own story of the monument.

Within the complex is the Ganesh Pol, an awe-inspiring gateway painted with beautiful images of the elephant-headed god, Ganesh. An amicable synthesis of Rajput and Mughal architecture adorns the apartments, gardens and landscaping of the palace.

Take the rest of the day at leisure to explore and soak in the city.

**Meals included:** Breakfast



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**Day 14 - Jaipur**  
**Explore the city of Jaipur.**

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 artefacts 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. Known for its ingenuity, this scientific 'playground' paved the way for modern astronomy and continues to guide priests, even today, in carrying out astrological predictions that impact different spheres of life.

A surprise awaits you as you listen to your local guide, who explains the usage and accuracy of the different astronomical instruments. Who could have thought that time, calendar and planetary events calculation is possible with such stone structures?

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

**Meals included:** Breakfast

The Oberoi Rajvilas

**Day 15 - Jaipur - Agra**  
**Transfer from hotel in Jaipur to hotel in Agra, en route visit Fatehpur Sikri.**

Following breakfast, drive from the capital of the Rajputs, to the capital of the Mughals, Agra (a journey of 230 km / approx. 7 hours). En route visit the deserted capital of the Mughals, 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.

Embrace and feel the delicately carved pillar at the Hall of Private Audience - a beautiful manifestation of Akbar's secular attempt towards unification of all the religions. Visiting the Turkish queen's palace is an experience that will leave you spellbound. Standing close to the wall facing it, stretching out both your hands, feel the exquisite craftsmanship - every inch of the palace is profusely carved. Each of its stone slab has a different design such as arabesque designs on the pillars of verandah and bell-shaped, floral and herring-bone carvings on the brackets supporting the roof. The dado panels depict scenes of forests and gardens. There are animal motifs and swastik patterns too.

On arrival in Agra, proceed for check in at your hotel.

Agra is most known for the magnificent and inimitable Taj Mahal. This eventful city has so much more to offer to those who are curious. The city is still associated with the mighty Mughals, who, besides being great rulers, were

ingenious architects. Their legacy is awe-inspiring till today and is evident through the massive mausoleums, grand forts and lavish palaces.

**Meals included:** Breakfast

The Oberoi Amarvilas

**Day 16 - Agra**  
**Visit the Taj Mahal and Agra Fort.**

Your day begins with breakfast after which we begin with a tour to what can only be described as a symphony in white marble - the Taj Mahal.

The Taj Mahal is considered as the epitome of love, built by the Mughal emperor Shah Jahan in the memory of his beautiful wife Mumtaz Mahal. The perfect symmetry, the ethereal glow, its unimaginable scale and the exquisite detailing covering every inch of marble justifies it as one of the most spectacular wonders of the world.

In order to protect the Taj Mahal from vehicular pollution, tourist vehicles are allowed only up to the designated parking zone, which is a short distance away from the Taj Mahal entrance. Here onwards, we are expected to board battery operated vehicles (golf cart / bus) to reach the main entrance of the Taj and back.

Pack in some good humour and patience as vehicle allocation follows a rotational system. Beware of the cacophony of the persistent vendors at the parking lot and the Taj Mahal entrance.

Your local guide shall be there to enhance your experience by guiding you through all the finer nooks and crannies of the Taj.

Additionally, sound was used to express ideas of paradise. The interior of the mausoleum has a reverberation time of 28 seconds, providing an atmosphere where the words of the Hafiz, as they prayed for the soul of Mumtaz, would linger in the air.

Truly a symphony in white marble, the Taj Mahal's magical serenity almost merges with the calmness of the river Yamuna, that it stands on.

Words fail us as we describe the exterior decorations of the Taj Mahal as among the finest in Mughal architecture. Worth caressing are its calligraphic panels, its abstract forms, its recessed arches, its lattice screens, vegetative motifs and passages from the Quran that comprise some of the decorative elements.

We will now head 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 - a perfect synthesis of civic and military architecture. 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 and visualise the fabled peacock throne, which incorporated virtually all the important gems of the imperial treasury here, as well as the beautiful Diwan-i-Khas, or Private Audience Hall within the fort.

As you move towards the fort entrance, be ready to hear the excited and forceful vendors hawking away cheap souvenirs.

Go back in time as you walk up the ridged ramp which was once used by royalty to enter or exit the fort on horsebacks. Put your ear to the hollow walls in the summer palace and hear voices reverberating in the room.

Experience the masterpiece of acoustics in the Hall of Public Audience, which showed that the emperor was loud and clear enough for all those present there. If you are lucky, with not many people around, you could easily hear the finest of the sounds from a distance.

The rest of the day is at leisure for individual activities.

**Meals included:** Breakfast

The Oberoi Amarvilas

### **Day 17 - Agra - Delhi**

**Transfer from hotel in Agra to hotel in Delhi, en route visit the Tomb of Itmad-ud-Daulah.**

This morning, after breakfast, we visit the Tomb of Itmad Ud Daulah (also known as Baby Taj) followed by our drive back to Delhi. You will drive via the Express Highway (a journey of 202 km / approx. 4.5-hours drive). Along the way, there are provisions to stop for a cup of chai or coffee and to use fairly clean washrooms.

On arrival in Delhi, proceed for check in to your hotel.

The charisma of times of yore greets you right at the outskirts of the city, as you stop to visit the magnificent Tomb of Itmad-ud-Daulah, 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 and a perfect draft of the iconic Taj Mahal.

Delhi is more than just the capital of India. From the grand monuments to the chaotic markets, every part of the city has its own story to tell. What's most fascinating is that Delhi is a city that bridges two contrasting worlds. On one hand, Old Delhi is a labyrinth of narrow lanes surrounded by charming havelis and imposing mosques. In contrast, the imperial city of New Delhi is composed of spacious, tree-lined avenues and imposing government buildings. High on adrenaline, the city has much to offer you.

The rest of the day is at leisure.

**Meals included:** Breakfast

The Imperial New Delhi

## **Day 18 - Delhi**

### **Explore the city of Delhi.**

Following breakfast, start a mesmerising tour of the City of Djinns 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, 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 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 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.

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!

This tour day promises to be action packed so if there's time at hand, you can shop at the Emporio designer mall.

Following today's sightseeing tour, return to your hotel.

**Meals included:** Breakfast

The Imperial New Delhi

### **Day 19 - Delhi**

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

This morning, following a leisurely breakfast, take in the smells and sounds of Old Delhi with a 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. Bizarre horns, 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.

The rest of the day is at leisure for you to explore the city. If you want us to provide you with transport at an additional charge, please let us know a day in advance.

**Meals included:** Breakfast

The Imperial New Delhi

### **Day 20 - Depart Delhi**

Enjoy breakfast at your comfortable hotel and spend the morning at leisure. Check out from your hotel at 1200 hours.

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

**Meals included:** Breakfast



## Treasures Of India - Vision Impaired

20 days, 19 nights

## 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 mentioned 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.
- Travel insurance.
- Porterage at airport - 2 pieces of baggage per person.

## Exclusions

- Any transport to Mumbai / from Delhi. Your tour price starts ex - Mumbai.
- Air, train or bus fare from / to your originating city of stay, unless specified.
- Internal flights.
- 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 2,112 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 those mentioned in inclusions.
- Goods and Services Tax of 5%.

**Accommodation**

**Mumbai** 3 nights

**Taj Mahal Towers**

Deluxe Room

- Bar
- Air Conditioner
- Restaurant
- Cafe
- Room service
- Business Center
- Pool
- Gym
- Internet



**Ahmedabad** 3 nights

**The Ummed**

Deluxe Room

- Air Conditioner
- Restaurant
- Room service
- Business Center
- Pool
- Gym
- Internet



**Udaipur** 3 nights

**The Oberoi Udaivilas**

Deluxe Room

- Bar
- Air Conditioner
- Restaurant
- Room service
- Business Center
- Pool
- Gym
- Internet



**Jodhpur** 2 nights

**Umaid Bhawan Palace**

Deluxe Room

- Bar
- Air Conditioner
- Restaurant
- Room service
- Business Center
- Pool
- Gym
- Internet



**Jaipur** 3 nights

**The Oberoi Rajvilas**

Deluxe Room

- Air Conditioner
- Restaurant
- Room service
- Business Center
- Cafe
- Pool



**Agra** 2 nights

**The Oberoi Amarvilas**

Deluxe Room

- Bar
- Air Conditioner
- Restaurant
- Room service
- Business Center
- Pool
- Cafe
- Gym
- Internet



**New Delhi** 3 nights

**The Imperial New Delhi**

Deluxe Room

- Bar
- Air Conditioner
- Restaurant
- Room service
- Business Center
- Pool
- Gym
- Internet





**Price**

Price Validity	Category	Twin / Double	Single
7th Apr 2018 - 30th Sep 2018	ECONOMY	INR 1,23,994	INR 1,45,219
7th Apr 2018 - 30th Sep 2018	HERITAGE	INR 1,30,077	INR 1,56,901
7th Apr 2018 - 30th Sep 2018	SUPERIOR	INR 1,41,872	INR 1,72,186
7th Apr 2018 - 30th Sep 2018	DELUXE	INR 1,65,732	INR 2,10,977
7th Apr 2018 - 30th Sep 2018	LUXURY	INR 3,57,410	INR 5,43,530