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17 days, 16 nights

Detailed Itinerary

Day 1 - Arrive Mumbai

On arrival at the airport in Mumbai 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 your wheelchair to the awaiting vehicle, facilitating your smooth transfer to your hotel and assist with check in.

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. You will soon find out that Mumbai is as addictive as the roadside chai that is so popular here. Like a sepia-toned photograph, stately Victorian buildings still look down upon a frenzied city life. Modern Mumbai offers a plethora of dining and shopping options in its mega malls with reserved parking and accessible restroom stops.

Holiday in Mumbai and experience the sheer energy that this city radiates.

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)

Gordon House

Day 2 - Mumbai Explore the city of Mumbai

Following breakfast, the morning unfolds with a visit to the iconic Gateway of India, built to commemorate the visit of King George V and Queen Mary in 1911.

Accompanied by your local guide, you approach the Gateway of India through a cobblestone pathway that bridges your drop-off point and the Gateway. In the comfort of your wheelchair, the flagstones are not too demanding and the curbside parapets are just the perfect height for seated travellers to gaze out at the bobbing yachts and ships or take in the majesty of the architecture.

Continue to the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya (formerly Prince of Wales Museum) and visiting the chambers admire 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 travellers. Every exhibit boasts ramps, elevators whisk you to any of the levels and a tiny but accessible restroom that fits a regular wheelchair is also available.

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

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

Meals included: Breakfast

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Day 3 - Mumbai Visit to the Banganga.

Enjoy the daily activity at the vegetable and flower stalls adorning the sides of the narrow lane as you watch religious pilgrims feeding the holy cow.

A flight of steps will take you down to the banks of the water body. However, the periphery of Banganga also offers an enriching experience as you weave through the slightly bumpy cobblestones, peek into temples and get blessed by priests. It's truly, a once in a lifetime experience.

The rest of the day is at leisure or 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 - Udaipur

This morning, an Enable Travel representative will meet you at your hotel and facilitate your smooth transfer to the airport. The airline staff would help you with all the check in formalities right up to boarding the plane. We shall confirm your pick-up time in advance.

Note: Flight cost is not included.

On arrival at the airport in Udaipur, you will be received by an Enable Travel representative 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

With stunning marble palaces overlooking pristine lakes, all surrounded by the omnipresent Aravalli Hills, Udaipur has

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all the ingredients of a romantic and dreamy destination. Everything you see, touch and smell in this Venice of the East will leave you wanting more.

Meals included: Breakfast

Balunda House

Day 5 - Udaipur

Explore the City Palacefollowed by a visit to 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. Built on top of a hill, its flamboyant architecture will take your breath away. Like poetry in stone, the interiors are adorned with beautiful tiles, paintings and mosaic tile work. From the palace, continue on a walk to the old city market past the ancient Jagdish Temple. There are treasures to be found in this buzzing market, so keep a look out for colourful knick-knacks to take back. You never know what you might find.

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 tranquility of lush green lawns, fountains, pools, flowers, trees and some marble art.

Experience the spray of cool water from the fountains. As you stroll through its many pathways, you may just be lucky enough to get a whiff of seasonal flowers.

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

Meals included: Breakfast

Balunda House

Day 6 - Udaipur

Enjoy a relaxed breakfast at your hotel. The day is free to enjoy the tranquility of the city or you may choose to take the optional excursion to the beautiful Jain temples in 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.

The age-old temple architecture could not imbibe provisions for wheelchair users. However, today the temple staff is happy to carry you up the steps and around the temple in a palanquin chair provided by them.

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Meals included: Breakfast

Balunda House

Day 7 - Udaipur - Jodhpur

Post breakfast, embark on a picturesque drive through the rugged, wooded hills of the Aravallis, to the Blue City of Jodhpur (a journey of 280 km/ approx. 7 hours 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.

On arrival in Jodhpur, check in to your hotel.

Located at the edge of the Thar Desert is a sea of blue brick houses called Jodhpur. Known as the Blue City, it was once the capital of the former princely state of Marwar, and is now the second largest city of Rajasthan. Two massive structures stand guard over Jodhpur - the intimidating Mehrangarh Fort on the west and the stately Palace of Umaid Bhawan on the east. While the graceful palaces, forts and temples bring Jodhpur's historic grandeur alive, exquisite handicrafts, folk dances, musicand the brightly attired people lend a romantic aura to the city.

Meals included: Breakfast

Jagat Niwas

Day 8 - Jodhpur

Enjoy a visit to the Mehrangarh Fort and the clock tower.

After breakfast at the hotel, your morning begins with a tour of the monumental Mehrangarh Fort. Perched on a perpendicular cliff, 400 feet above the skyline of Jodhpur, Mehrangarh Fort appears invincible. With gleaming red sandstone, the Citadel of the Sun is imposing, and undeniably beautiful. Make your way to Lohapol or the Iron Gate, where you will find a number of small handprints made by the wives of the maharaja before they immolated themselves on his funeral pyre as part of the 'sati' ritual. Inside the fort, which 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.

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. Feast your eyes on the typical Indian bright colours, 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 are bound to make new culinary discoveries.

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

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Meals included: Breakfast

Jagat Niwas

Day 9 - Jodhpur-Jaipur

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

A romanticpink hue pervades everything inJaipur. 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 the Amber Fort.

The rest of the day is at leisure.

Meals included: Breakfast

Camellia

Day 10 - Jaipur

Visit Amber, en route photo stop at Hawa Mahal.

After a hearty breakfast at your hotel, begin the exciting day around Amber and a photo stop at the beautiful Hawa Mahal. It would be a great idea to carry a sunhat, sunscreen and sunglasses and use washrooms 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, though, it stands as a silent spectator to a bygone era, overlooking the ruins and sprawling crenellated wallsspread 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 where 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 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 makes its way into the apartments, gardens and landscaping of the palace.

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Meals included: Breakfast

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Day 11 - Jaipur Explore the city of Jaipur at a leisurely pace.

The day begins at a leisurely pace.

You start the day with a tour of the Pink City. The highlights of the tour include a visit to the 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 with an excellent collection of miniature paintings, intricately designed carpets, royal paraphernalia and rare astronomical works. Next, 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 'play-ground' paved the way for modern astronomy.

Time permitting, explore the bustling bazaar of the old city shopping for textiles and jewellery.

Meals included: Breakfast

Camellia

Day 12 - 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**.

Located 40 km from Agra, the ghost town of Fatehpur Sikri was built by Mughal emperor Akbar in 1571 as a mark of gratitude, when he was blessed with an heir to the throne as predicted by the Sufi saint. The picturesque red sandstone walls combine influences from both Hindu and Mughal architecture.

On arrival in Agra, check in to your hotel.

Agra is known for the magnificent and inimitable Taj Mahal. 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

Coral Tree

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Day 13 - Agra Visit Taj Mahal and Agra Fort.

After breakfast, the day begins with an interesting tour of the architectural wonders of the Mughals.

Referred to as one of the wonders of the world, the Taj Mahal in Agra is the epitome of architectural magnificence and aesthetic beauty. A symphony in white marble and a tribute to eternal love, it was built by the Emperor Shah Jahan in memory of his wife Mumtaz Mahal. Everything about the Taj Mahal is soul-stirring and breathtaking.

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.

Continue your tour to the timeless Agra Fort. Originally planned as an impregnable military structure by Akbar, the Agra Fort, over a period of time, acquired all the elegance, lavishness and majesty of an imperial palace. The eastern part of the fort (the only part open to visitors) contains exquisite palaces, audience halls that transport you back in time and mosques built by all the three emperors. The Diwan-i-aam (public audience hall) once housed the fabled peacock throne, which was inset with precious stones including the famous Koh-i-noor diamond.

The rest of the day is at leisure to explore the beautiful city.

Meals included: Breakfast

Coral Tree

Day 14 - Agra - Delhi

Transfer from hotel in Agra to hotel in Delhi, en route visit the tomb of Itmad-ud-Daulah's.

Today, post breakfast, we visit the tomb of Itmad-ud-Daulah followed by our drive to Delhi, 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.

The charisma of times of yore greet you right at the outskirts of the city, as you stop to visit the magnificent Itmadud-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, and was a perfect draft of the iconic Taj Mahal.

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

Delhi, the capital city of India, represents a picture rich with culture, architecture and human diversity. Like two sides of a coin,Old Delhi and New Delhi provide two contrasting yet harmonious parts. With a skyline of futuristic skyscrapers on one side and age-old monuments on the other, the old and new co-exist side by side. Delhi also panders to a variety of palates and food lovers; there is an unlimited variety of cuisines available, from roadside dhabas to fine dining, each with tongue-teasing delicacies that will have you back for more.

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The rest of the afternoon is at leisure.

Meals included: Breakfast

Thikana Home Stay

Day 15 - 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 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.

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.

Once you're done, 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.

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

Following sightseeing, return to your hotel.

Meals included: Breakfast

Thikana Home Stay

Day 16 - Delhi Enjoy a city tour of Old Delhi.

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

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.

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Your introduction to the grand 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.

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, in Delhi and known for its association with the eighth Sikh guru, Guru Har Krishan. If you are lucky and in time, you may get the opportunity to visit the community kitchen that feeds free food to a large number of people every day without and 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 organize transportation for you to pursue any of the optional activities, please let us know in advance.

Meals included: Breakfast

Thikana Home Stay

Day 17 - Depart Delhi

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast at your comfortable hotel.

Check out from your hotel at 1200 hours.

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

Meals included: Breakfast

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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 airports 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 at monuments and places of interest @ INR 1837per person, payable extra over and above the tour cost. (Kindly re-check)
- 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%.



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Price Validity	Category	Twin / Double	Single
7th Apr 2018 - 30th Sep 2018	ECONOMY	INR 1,01,283	INR 1,97,836
7th Apr 2018 - 30th Sep 2018	HERITAGE	INR 1,07,366	INR 1,30,656
7th Apr 2018 - 30th Sep 2018	SUPERIOR	INR 1,19,077	INR 1,45,792
7th Apr 2018 - 30th Sep 2018	DELUXE	INR 1,39,830	INR 1,79,088
7th Apr 2018 - 30th Sep 2018	LUXURY	INR 3,30,819	INR 5,10,420

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