

Detailed Itinerary

Day 1 - Arrive Delhi

You arrive at New Delhi International Airport. 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 now guide your wheelchair 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 is subject to availability).

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.

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 - Delhi

Enjoy a city tour of Old Delhi and New 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.

In 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 face the tomb, visualise 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 busy streets of Delhi catching a glimpse of a bustling life not ready to stop at any point of time. We arrive at the stone tower of Qutab Minar, a well ramped complex with easy access to most parts within the precincts. In AD 1199, Qutub-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.

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 - Agra

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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 smooth drive to explore the renowned, ancient capital city of the Mughals - Agra, via the Express Highway (a journey of 202 km / 4.5-hr 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 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.

The rest of the afternoon is at leisure.

Meals included: Breakfast

Coral Tree

Day 4 - Depart Agra - Delhi

Visit Taj Mahal and Agra Fort followed by transfer to airport in Delhi.

Your day begins after a sumptuous breakfast with a visit to the Taj - the epitome of marvellous Mughal architecture. 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.

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.

Celebrated for its structural magnificence and aesthetic beauty, symbolically, the Taj Mahal complex was conceived as a replica on earth of the house of Mumtaz in paradise.

Additionally, sound was also 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, its magical serenity almost merges with the calmness of the river Yamuna.

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-e-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 meant the emperor was loud & 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.

In the evening, a scenic drive back to Delhi (202 km/ 6 1/2 hrs approx) allows you soak in all that you have experienced in your trip across the myriad landscapes of Indian grandeur. You could take refreshment stops along the way. Upon arrival, proceed to Delhi Airport. You bid farewell to your tour, continuing onwards to your next destination.

Meals included: Breakfast

Inclusions

- Accommodation as per hotels mentioned in the itinerary.
- All transfers by air-conditioned Toyota Innova as mentioned in the itinerary.
- All excursions and sightseeing tours by air-conditioned Toyota Innova as mentioned in the itinerary.
- Meals as mentioned in the itinerary.
- English speaking local guide during sightseeing at all sightseeing places.
- 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

- 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 to the monuments and places of attractions payable extra @ INR 429 per person, over and above the tour cost.
- Any items / services not specifically mentioned in the 'Tour Price Includes' column.
- Supplement charges applicable for long weekends and festivals.
- Any rides, safaris, boating charges, additional sightseeing tours other than the mentioned in inclusions.
- 5% Govt. Service Tax.

Accommodation

New Delhi

2 nights

Thikana Home Stay

Economy Room

 Room service

@ Internet



Agra

1 night

Coral Tree

@ Internet



Price

Price Validity	Category	Twin / Double	Single
20th Apr 2018 - 30th Sep 2018	ECONOMY	INR 27,390	INR 34,020
20th Apr 2018 - 30th Sep 2018	SUPERIOR	INR 28,430	INR 36,100
20th Apr 2018 - 30th Sep 2018	HERITAGE	INR 29,730	INR 38,700
20th Apr 2018 - 30th Sep 2018	DELUXE	INR 31,434	INR 40,808
20th Apr 2018 - 30th Sep 2018	LUXURY	INR 70,021	INR 1,13,116