

INDIA

NEW DELHI // VARANASI // AGRA // JAIPUR
// PUSHKAR // JODHPUR // UDAIPUR

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DAY 1 - ARRIVE

Welcome to India, a country that requires little introduction. Unrivalled cultures awash throughout the huge sub-continent, giving rise to phenomenal food, warm people, incredible diversity and immersive architecture influenced by religion, pride, patriotism and history. Arrive any time throughout the day and meet your group leader in your hotel in the heart of New Delhi. Tonight we'll venture out as a group for our welcome dinner and our first chance to sample that famous Indian Cuisine.

Accommodation: The Florence Inn (Twin/Double)
Activities: Welcome Dinner
Optional Activities: N/A
Meals: Dinner

DAY 2 - DELHI TO VARANASI

After breakfast, we'll head out with our local guide through the streets of Delhi and get our first real introduction into Indian life. Our first stop is a beautiful Sikh Temple, you'll then step into the huge mass kitchen, where Sikh's provide free meals daily to residents of the city. Watch how thousands of Chapatti's are made and stir the giant curry pots yourself. After lunch, we'll then head to the illustrious Lotus Temple. In the evening we'll take our first overnight train to the oldest inhabited city in the world...Varanasi.

Accommodation: Overnight Train (A/C Class)
Activities: Delhi City Tour with Local Guide
Optional Activities: N/A
Meals: Breakfast & Packed Dinner

DAY 3 - VARANASI

Prepare for a real attack on the senses as we visit one of the holiest cities in the world. After we arrive, we'll check into a traditional homestay, feast on breakfast and relax before our venture into the madness. Our new local legend will guide us around the streets before we finish with a relaxing sunset cruise on the river and watch the daily Brahmin Ceremony on the banks on the Ganges. We'll finish the day with a family dinner at the homestay and get some well deserved rest.

Accommodation: Varanasi Homestay (Multi-Share)
Activities: Varanasi Heritage Walk, Sunset Boat Cruise, Ganga Aarti/Burning Ghats
Optional Activities: N/A
Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

DAY 4 - AGRA

After breakfast we'll check out and head to the airport to take a flight to Delhi before jumping on the bus for a 4 hour journey to Agra, home to a wonder of the world. On arrival we'll check into our hotel and then take Tuk Tuks to a quiet garden south of the Taj to view this magnificent structure away from the crowds at sunset. Tomorrow we'll head inside, but today is all about enjoying the beauty that this building has to offer. We'll grab dinner in the evening and get an early night as we are up for sunrise tomorrow.

Accommodation: Maple Grand
(Twin/Double)

Activities: Domestic Flight & Sunset
at the Taj Mahal

Optional Activities: Sunrise Boat
Cruise Varanasi, Agra Fort
Meals: Breakfast



DAY 5 - TO JAIPUR

An early start today as we wake up at the crack of dawn to head to the Taj Mahal in an attempt to beat the crowds and see this place in almost perfect silence. Your local guide will show you around and we'll get to walk inside and learn all the secrets that most people don't know about what makes the Taj Mahal just that bit more special. After, we'll head back to the hotel for breakfast and jump on a day train to Jaipur to complete our visit to the Golden Triangle. On arrival to Jaipur we'll make our way to our stunning traditional accommodation in the heart of the old town and then watch a Bollywood movie the way the director intended it to be watched, in one of the grandest theatres in the world.

Accommodation: Hotel Kalwara
(Twin/Double)

Activities: Sunrise at the Taj
Mahal, Bollywood Movie

Optional Activities: N/A
Meals: Breakfast



DAY 6 - JAIPUR

After breakfast in the hotel, our guide will meet us to take us on an orientation walk of the old town. We'll get to visit the local market, understand the origins of the "Pink City", meet some locals and market traders, learn all about the spices that are synonymous to Indian cooking and view the excellent Palace of the Winds. We'll then all jump in Tuk Tuks to visit Galta-Ji, or otherwise known as the Monkey Temple. A temple built into the hills that is the home to hundreds of grey long tailed Asian monkeys. We'll then come back to Jaipur where you will then have the rest of the day free to explore the other sites of this famous city.

Accommodation: Hotel Kalwara
(Twin/Double)

Activities: Jaipur Orientation Walk, Galta-
Ji Monkey Temple

Optional Activities: Leopard Safari, Jantar
Mantar, Jaipur City Palace, Amber Fort
Meals: Breakfast



DAY 7 - PUSHKAR & SUNSET ON THE LAKE

After breakfast in the morning, we'll then take the bus to Pushkar, known as the holiest town in India after Varanasi. Pushkar is a backpacker's paradise with amazing food, beautiful markets, rolling landscapes, hiking and unrivalled sunsets over the holy central lake. Tonight we sleep in the desert in a purpose built campsite with huge tents fitted with comfortable beds. In the afternoon, a local Brahmin will induct you to Pushkar properly with a blessing on the lake, we'll then grab a drink at a lakeside cafe before heading back to camp to sleep under the stars.

Accommodation: Camp Land's End (Twin/Double)

Activities: Pushkar Orientation Walk & Brahmin Blessing by Holy Lake

Optional Activities: N/A
Meals: Breakfast



DAY 8 - PUSHKAR

Take an optional sunrise hike to a temple for imperious views of the city and lake at sunrise or take up some yoga on the deck of the infinity pool, the morning is truly yours. Around noon, we'll shuttle everyone into Pushkar for free time to explore the town at your leisure. Browse the markets, take a yoga class, or simply read a book on the steps by the lake. We'll then head back to camp to take a camel safari through the desert at sunset. On returning we'll work with some local villagers to learn how to cook traditional Indian cuisine.

Accommodation: Camp Land's End (Twin/Double)
 Activities: Camel Desert Safari, Cooking with Locals
 Optional Activities: Sunrise Hike, Yoga Class
 Meals: Breakfast & Dinner



DAY 9 - TRAVEL TO JODHPUR

Today we take an afternoon train to the home of the blue city, Jodhpur. On arrival in the evening, we'll transfer to our traditional Haveli accommodation. Our Haveli is situated in the middle of the blue city where the walls are painted blue throughout this labyrinth of buildings in the shadow of the ever imposing Mehrangarh Fort. After checking in, we'll meet on the rooftop for dinner to catch our first glimpse of one of our favourite cities in Rajasthan.

Accommodation: Gouri Haveli (Twin/Double)
 Activities: N/A
 Optional Activities: Sunrise Yoga
 Meals: Breakfast

DAY 10 - JODHPUR

We'll give you the morning free to relax after the travelling yesterday. We'll meet in the early afternoon and walk to the Mehrangarh fort together with our local guide. After, we'll walk through the blue city and stop off at the Jodhpur stepwell, an impressive feat of ancient stone work before walking around the clock tower market to sample some famous Saffron Lassi and delicious samosas. We'll then make our way back to our accommodation to finish the day.

Accommodation: Gouri Haveli (Twin/Double)
 Activities: Mehrangarh Fort, Blue City Tour, Jodhpur Step-Well visit, Market & Food Tour
 Optional Activities: Sunrise Yoga, Flying Fox Zipline, Blue City Photography Walking Tour
 Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

DAY 11 - TRAVEL TO UDAIPUR

Today we'll be taking an 8am bus to Udaipur and arriving around 2pm, perfect for checking in to your central accommodation. Udaipur is known as the "White City" as well as the city of lakes and you'll see why on arrival, it is also the location for filming the James Bond film, Octopussy! The lakes and palace like structures provide a perfect balance between the hectic and the tranquil and no better way to experience this is with a walk through the markets and old town and finishing with a private sunset cruise on the lake. After, we'll then head to one of our favourite rooftop restaurants for dinner with a view.

Accommodation: Raj Palace (Twin/Double)

Activities: Udaipur Orientation Walk, Private Sunset Boat Cruise on Lake Pitchola

Optional Activities: N/A

Meals: Breakfast



DAY 12 - LOCAL VILLAGE VISIT, BIKE TOUR & FREE TIME

An early start today as we head out of town to take a fantastic bike ride through typical Indian Villages. Our local guide is from the village and so will introduce you to the ways the locals live, teach you about their survival, culture and heritage as well as show us the local temples important to village life. We'll also get to visit a local school during our time in this area. After, we'll head back to town to check out and we'll give you the rest of the day free to take one last trip around the markets or grab a beer in a rooftop. We'll be taking our final overnight train tonight, so make sure to make the most of your final day in Rajasthan.

Accommodation: Overnight Train (A/C Class)

Activities: Bike Ride with Village Visit, School Visit

Optional Activities: Udaipur City Palace

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 13 - OLD DELHI FOOD TOUR & 'WEDDING STREET'

We'll arrive back into New Delhi in the morning, drop off our bags at the hotel and grab some breakfast. In the evening our final local legend will accompany us to Old Delhi, a city lost in time but abound with scrumptious delicacies. Our guide will educate us on the area, fill our bellies with Indian sweets and snacks and then arrange for us to take Rickshaws through Chowa Chowak to Mutton Street for us to finish with some of the most delicious skewers and Islamic food available. We'll then head to a bar for our final night together before making our way back to our accommodation for a well-earned rest.

Accommodation: The Florence Inn (Twin/Double)

Activities: Old Delhi Food tour, Rickshaw Rides

Optional Activities: N/A

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

DAY 14 - DEPART

Your local guide can help you arrange transport to the airport to whatever destination you are off to next. We hope we have shown you why India is a dream location for most people, why Indian food should be on the top of everyone's cuisine bucket lists and why India holds so much more than you could have ever imagined. Have a safe journey to where-ever you are off to next and always remember to #exploremore.

Accommodation: N/A

Activities: N/A

Optional Activities: N/A

Meals: Breakfast