



Magnificent India

TOUR DAYS: 11 DAYS

USA– DELHI – AGRA – CHAMBAL – JAIPUR - DELHI – USA

TOUR SUMMARY:

See the best of North India on this unforgettable 11-day tour. Travel from Delhi, the bustling national Capital, to Agra, home of the Taj Mahal, and explore Chambal for wildlife. Continue to Jaipur, the imperial pink city before returning back to Delhi..

TOUR PRICE:- **New York**

21 Feb, 14 Mar, 21 Mar 2018 – 10 Oct, 24 Oct, 14 Nov 2018

Per person on twin sharing	USD 1799
Single room supplement	USD 395

04, 25 April 2018 – 05, 26 Sep 2018

Per person on twin sharing	USD 1599
Single room supplement	USD 295

HOTELS:

CITIES	NIGHTS	DELUXE HOTELS
Delhi	02 Night	Leela Kempinski
Agra	02 Night	Courtyard by Marriott
Chambal (Dholpur)	01 Night	Raj Niwas
Jaipur	03 Nights	Indana Palace

TOUR PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- 08 Nights accommodation at listed hotels or similar
- On arrival meeting & assistance by our representative
- Indian Traditional welcome
- Daily buffet breakfast
- Special Rajasthani Dinner in Jaipur
- Transportation/Transfers in an air-conditioned deluxe coach
- Sightseeing & entrance fees as per the itinerary
- Shoe Covers at the Taj Mahal
- English speaking Tour Director
- International air fare from New York including all taxes

TOUR PACKAGE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Items of a personal nature, Tips & gratuities
- Visa fees
- Optional tours
- Travel Insurance
- International Airfare for land only packages
- Any item not mentioned as included

TOUR ITINERARY

DAY 01: DEPARTURE USA

Today make your own way to the airport to depart on your overnight flight to India. Enjoy in-flight meals and services

DAY 02: DELHI ARRIVAL

The capital of India is a bustling metropolis that successfully combines the ancient and the modern in its folds. Delhi can broadly be divided into two parts, Old Delhi and New Delhi. Old Delhi was the capital of Delhi's Muslim rulers notably the Mughals between 17th & 19th centuries. New Delhi on the other hand is referred to as the



Imperial city when the British decided to move their capital from Calcutta in 1911. On arrival you will be met transferred to the hotel for a non-alcoholic welcome drink.

Accommodation: Overnight in Delhi

DAY 03: DELHI

Breakfast: At hotel

Morning: Your adventure begins this morning in Old Delhi (optional), take a morning walk through the city visit Delhi's famous Jama Masjid (Great Mosque) and climb the minaret for a bird's eye view of the Old City. Walk through Chandni Chowk, one of India's oldest and busiest markets, and learn the history of the Sikh religion at the important Gurdwara, (Sikh place of worship) Gurdwara SisGanj. Enjoy rikshaw ride in Shahjahanbad enroute stop for photos at the colourful spice market.

This afternoon visits the **Qutab Minar**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, a stunning 240-foot minaret, the tallest in the world, surrounded by an elaborate complex built in the Indo-Islamic architectural tradition.

Accommodation: Overnight in Delhi

Meals Included: Breakfast

DAY 04: DELHI - AGRA

(210 KMS / 04 HRS)

Breakfast: At hotel

Morning: After breakfast drive to the medieval city of Agra, home of the world-famous Taj Mahal. Agra is one of India's prime tourist destinations for specifically this reason, though its attractions also extend to an array of other impressive historical sights. The Taj, however, is in a league of its own and needless to say is a must-see for any visitor to the city. Commissioned by the Mughal emperor Shah Jahan in the 15th century as a memorial to his beloved wife Mumtaz Mahal, it is an architectural masterpiece of exquisite craftsmanship and perfect proportions. Enjoy your afternoon at leisure or perhaps book an optional tour to the Tomb of Itmad-Ud-Daulah.

Optional: Tomb of Itmad-Ud-Daulah- 35 USD / 50 CAD per person

Known as the "Baby Taj", the first Mughal structure totally built from marble. In addition, visit the Sikandra, the sandstone and marble tomb of Akbar which blends Islamic, Hindu, Buddhist, Jain and Christian motifs and styles.

Accommodation: Overnight in Agra

Meals Included: Breakfast

DAY 05: AGRA

Early Morning: Early this morning visit the **Taj Mahal** (closed on Fridays). Often considered the pinnacle of Mughal art in India, the Taj was built by Emperor Shah Jahan for his beloved wife Mumtaz Mahal. When declaring it a world heritage site, UNESCO described it as "the jewel of Muslim art in India". There are few words that can describe the magnificence of this monument. Marvel as light and colors transform this stunning monument in the beautiful rising sun's rays. Return to the hotel for breakfast. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure or perhaps book an optional tour to Agra Fort.

Breakfast: At hotel

Optional: Agra Fort - 40 USD / 55 CAD per person

Known as the Red Fort of Agra, this walled imperial city was founded in 1565 by the Emperor Akbar (1556-1605) and is a well-deserving UNESCO World Heritage site, located just 2.5 kilometers from the famous Taj Mahal. Its palaces, grand mosques and elaborate public hall are crafted from pink-red sandstone and are testament to an era when Indo-Muslim art, strongly marked by influences from Persia, was at its height. Emperor Shah Jahan, who built the Taj Mahal for his deceased wife, was imprisoned by his son Aurangzeb in Agra Fort. He is said to have died in the Musamman Burj, a marble tower he himself built, with one of the most alluring views of the Taj Mahal.

Accommodation: Overnight in Agra

Meals Included: Breakfast

**DAY 06: AGRA - CHAMBAL****(75 KMS / 1.5 HRS)**

Breakfast: At hotel

Morning: After breakfast drive to Chambal. With a rich heritage stretching back many millennia the Chambal Valley has much to offer and the Chambal Safari helps visitors discover the many facets of this ancient land. Accompanied by experienced local guides and naturalists, guests may explore the Chambal Valley at their own pace: on boats, jeeps, camels or on foot.

Optional: The River Safari 90 USD / 120 CAD per person

Set against a stunning backdrop, framed by the ravines and sandbanks, the calm waters of the Chambal River are best explored on boats. The gentle pace of the River Safari is designed to provide spectacular sightings of the gharials, muggers & turtles basking in the sun; the many migratory and resident birds flying sorties; the occasional glimpses of the Gangetic river dolphins breaking surface.

The National Chambal Sanctuary is 01 hr drive from the hotel.

Optional: Jeep Safari-Sarus Trail 90 USD / 120 CAD per person

The Sarus Crane Conservation Reserve starts around one hr drive from the hotel, extending to about 100 km. It is a widespread wetland area, interspersed by cultivated fields, where large numbers of the Sarus Cranes breed. Although not a protected area, since 1999 the Supreme Court of India, recognizing its importance as a habitat has designated the area a reserve with restrictions on development. Several species of wetland birds and raptors are also found along the course of this safari.

Accommodation: Overnight in Chambal

Meals Included: Breakfast

DAY 07: CHAMBAL – JAIPUR**(280 KMS / 06 HRS)**

Breakfast: At hotel

Morning: This morning, depart for the "Pink City" of Jaipur - Rajasthan's capital, the origin of Jaipur's nickname becomes immediately apparent as we enter the old city walls and greet the pink-colored buildings that rise at every turn. Jaipur is an excellent place to enjoy unparalleled shopping and people watching. You may want to spend time in the oldest and busiest of markets in the walled city, Johori Bazaar, a true feast for the senses. Aromatic spices fill the air, while oxcarts, rickshaws, cows, bejeweled women and men with shocking pink turbans jostle through the labyrinthine streets.

Dinner: Authentic Rajasthani dinner

Accommodation: Overnight in Jaipur

Meals Included: Breakfast & Dinner

DAY 08: JAIPUR

Breakfast: At hotel

Morning: After breakfast take a half-day tour of the city visiting the Maharaja's City Palace where you will see the Mubarak Mahal, the Museums of Textiles, the Diwan-e-Khas and Diwan-e-am. The City Palace forms one of the most famous tourist attractions and a major landmark in Jaipur. The beautiful palace was built by Maharaja Sawai Jai Singh during his reign. Among the various forts and palaces of Jaipur, the City Palace stands apart, with its outstanding art and architecture. Afterwards drive past the Hawa Mahal - an impressive bee hive like tower with a beautiful façade for a photo stop. Enjoy your afternoon at leisure or perhaps pre book one of our optional tours.

Optional: Half a day tour of Amber Fort – 55 USD / 75 CAD per person

Amber Fort, officially known as the 'Amer Palace', is one of the most famous forts of Rajasthan attracting around 4000 to 5000 visitors a day during peak tourist season. The palace was named after the small town of Amer, where it is situated - only eleven kilometres from Jaipur. Perfectly picturesque, this 16th century hillside residence is well preserved, boasting grand pavilions and mirrored halls that open onto flourishing gardens and



courtyards. Although the palace's main construction started in 1592 by Maharaja Man Singh, it was added to over the years by successive rulers and continued to be occupied by them until Jaipur was built.

Optional: Visit of Jantar Mantar –45 USD / 70 CAD per person

Jantar Mantar, literally meaning "instruments for measuring the harmony of the heavens" is the oldest in India. Each instrument has a specific purpose and gives an accurate reading. The impressive Jantar Mantar, an astronomical observatory built in the early 1700s by Maharaja Jai Singh II, the astronomer to which this city owes its name. The term "Jantar Mantar" literally means "instruments for measuring the harmony of the heavens". It houses various architectural and astrological instruments that have caught the interests of astronomers, historians and architects around the world. It is considered to be one of the largest observatories ever built.

Optional: Traditional Indian Cooking Lesson –70 USD / 90 CAD per person

Enjoy a lesson on Indian style cooking, interact with a local family and learn about the mysteries and secrets of Indian Cooking

Accommodation: Overnight in Jaipur

Meals Included: Breakfast

DAY 09: JAIPUR –

Breakfast: At hotel

Optional: Pedal to Heritage –60 USD / 80 CAD per person

This specially designed morning cycle tour of Old and New Jaipur aims at providing a 'green way' of exploring the waking up of the Pink City. We start early to avoid traffic at the iconic Statue Circle with a safety briefing and time to gear up for the ride. The tour heads northwards to M.I Road where we begin by tasting a famous Lassi (churned yogurt shake) to build our energy up for the tour. Afterwards we'll enter the walled city cycling past its mansions; we will see the city waking up and the temple services starting. We will stop at the market to climb up to its roof for a bird's eye view of the city afterwards we will ride along through twisting lanes to visit the chief deity of the city 'Govind Dev Ji' and attend a morning Aarti ceremony. The next stop will be the morning vegetable market before heading south to Albert Hall, which currently is a government museum. On the way we'll make pit-stops to taste local snacks.

Duration: 2.5 to 3 hrs

Start Time: March to Oct: 6 AM
Nov to Feb: 7 AM

Group Size: One tour leader for a maximum of 10 guests. If there are more than 10 guests the group will be split in two and there will be a gap of 10 minutes between the start times

Bikes and Gear: High quality Y-Frame bikes and helmets.

Afternoon: Free time for shopping or spend time at poolside.

Accommodation: Overnight in Jaipur

Meals Included: Breakfast

DAY 10: JAIPUR – DELHI – USA

(265 KMS / 5 HRS)

Breakfast: At hotel

Late morning: Depart back to Delhi

Late Afternoon: Free time for last minute shopping in Delhi.

Evening: Transfer to Indira Gandhi International Airport to check in for onward flights

Meals Included: Breakfast

DAY 11: USA

Arrive back in USA

END OF OUR SERVICES