Khajuraho & Varanasi 4 days

Khajuraho is famed for its stunning temples which display exceedingly artistic aspects of Indian life a millennium ago. How and why they were built still remains a mystery. Varanasi is said to be the holiest city in India and is a place of Hindu pilgrimage.

TOUR DETAILS:

- Starts in: Khajuraho / Ends in: Varanasi
- Departs: Any day of the year
- No local payment required
- Breakfast:3, Lunch: 0, Dinner: 0
- Hotel Rating: Standard
- Tour Guide: Local guide during scheduled sightseeing

TOUR MAP:

ONLINE RESOURCES:

- For a detailed GO GUIDE - click here
- To book this trip - click here
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Day 1: Delhi - Khajuraho by Air

Delhi - Khajuraho. Drive to the airport for your included flight to Khajuraho. Upon arrival to Khajuraho you will be met and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure. Overnight - Khajuraho

Day 2: Chandela Dynasty Temples

Khajuraho – Varanasi. In the morning enjoy a sightseeing tour of the Chandela Dynasty temples. The temples rate as one of India's greatest attractions and were mostly built during a major creative burst of genius from 950AD to 1050AD. Remarkably enough, these ancient temples are incredibly well preserved. The temples were built during the Chandela period, a dynasty that survived for five centuries before falling to the mighty Mughal onslaught. Their sheer beauty and immense size has confounded experts as to why and how they were built in Khajuraho, a small town then and still a relatively small town now.

To build temples of such size and with such skill at such a momentous pace would have required many, many skilled hands. Around the temples are bands of intricately carved stone work detailing Indian life and style a millennium ago. There are also various acts from the famous Kamasutra depicted on these monolithic temples. Later transfer to the airport for your included fight to Varanasi. Overnight - Varanasi

Day 3: Holy Varanasi

Enjoy an early morning boat ride on the Ganges to view the sunrise from the boat. From dawn to dusk the Ghats (riverside steps) are thronged by thousands of devotees, who perform their holy rituals in the hope of attaining eternal salvation, the 'nirvana'. Later enjoy a sightseeing tour of the city with its an incredible array of temples and ancient buildings. There are 2,000 temples and shrines in Varanasi, but the holiest, Vishvanatha, is closed to non-Hindus. The Durga Temple, which can be visited, is teeming with monkeys (hold onto your valuables). Further downstream on the eastern bank of the Ganges is the Ram Nagar Fort. It isn't one of the country's best, but it does have a fascinating, if gruesome, collection of weapons. Take a walking tour of the Islamic section. The streets are flled with Arabic music and veiled women. It's here that famous Varanasi silk is dyed, dried and woven. Overnight - Varanasi

Day 4: Varanasi – Delhi

Varanasi – Delhi. Transfer to the airport for your included fight to Delhi. Upon arrival in Delhi, transfer to hotel (should you have booked additional accomodation for this night) or transfer to the international terminal for your onward flight.

WHAT YOU SEE AND WHAT YOU GET:

Below is a list of key highlights and what is included on this tour. Further, where appropriate, we have listed the items that are not included in the tour price.

Trip Highlights

- Khajuraho - the intricate and beautiful erotic temples.
- The River Ganges - India's holiest river.
- Kashi Vishvanath Temple - Hindu Temple dedicated to lord Shiva
- Bharat Mata Mandir - temple dedicated to Mother India
- New Vishvanath Temple - white marble temple open to all religions.

What's Included

- 3 breakfasts included
- 3 nights standard hotels
- Early morning boat ride on holy Ganges
- Guided sightseeing in Khajuraho and Varanasi
- Economy class flight - Delhi - Khajuraho - Varanasi, Varanasi - Delhi
- Arrival and departure transfers on days 1 and 4
- Local English speaking specialist guides at local sights
- Entrance fees to all included sights
- Chauffeur driven air conditioned vehicle

What's Not Included

- International flights and visas
- Laundry, drinks, items of a personal nature
- Tipping - an entirely personal gesture

PRICES AND DATES: from USD $1,949

Prices shown are 'per person', based on a travelling party of at least 2 adults. The single supplement price needs to be added to the twin/double price if single rooms are required. If travelling solo, an additional '1-person' supplement will apply Prices are indicative and will vary depending on your chosen hotels, room availability as well as time of travel i.e. during India's peak travel season of 21 Dec - 10 Jan, additional supplements will apply. Equally, if you with to travel to India during the summer, rates will be cheaper than those quoted. Please bear this in mind if comparing prices as we always aim to deliver exceptional value. Please note that discounts will apply if there are more 4 our more people in your travelling party, since fixed costs like transportation and guiding are shared across the group.

Date	Price/Person	Single Supp.