

Jewel in the Crown

11 days | Starts/Ends: Delhi



Head out on a journey to some of India's finest sights. Take in bustling Delhi, the beautiful Pink City of Jaipur, the spectacular Taj Mahal in Agra and the mysterious erotic temples of Khujuraho. Finish off with a journey to the home of the famous purifying Ganges – holy Varanasi.

HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

Trip Highlights

- Old and New Delhi - the magnificent Red Fort, India's largest mosque Jama Masjid, and Gandhi's crematorium Raj Ghat
- The Pink City of Jaipur - the lofty Amber Fort, the very regal City Palace and the ancient observatory of Jantar Mantar
- The spectacular Taj Mahal - India's most famous monument in all its glory
- Fatehpur Sikri - an ancient abandoned Mughal city
- Agra - the beautiful Agra Fort
- Orchha Temples - wonderful complex of brilliantly preserved 16th century temples
- Khajuraho - the stunning Chandela erotic temples
- Varanasi - the holiest city in India, Mother India site, local temples, mosque and the holy River Ganges

What's Included

- 10 breakfasts
- 10 nights - superior hotels (standard and deluxe hotels available on request)
- Travel by jeep to the Amber Fort in Jaipur
- Sunrise boat cruise on the holy Ganges - Varanasi
- Economy class flight - Khajuraho - Varanasi - Delhi
- Train journey - Agra - Jhansi (air-conditioned chair car)
- Touring and excursions as per itinerary
- Services of English-speaking Indian specialist guides at some sites
- Entrance fees to all included sights
- Chauffeur driven air-conditioned vehicles
- Airport arrival and departure transfers on day 1 and day 11

What's Not Included

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

ITINERARY

Day 1 : Delhi

Welcome to India! You will be met upon arrival in Delhi and transferred to your hotel.

Overnight - Delhi

Day 2 : Old Delhi

Enjoy a sightseeing tour of Old Delhi this morning, taking in the Red Fort, Jama Masjid mosque and the bazaars of Chandni Chowk. This afternoon, enjoy a tour of New Delhi, designed by the eminent Sir Edward Lutyens. Highlights include the India Gate, Rajpath and bustling Connaught Place. A visit is also made to Qutab Minar, essentially a massive tower built to proclaim the arrival of Islam in the 11th century and a carpet emporium. **Overnight - Delhi (B)**

Days 3-4 : Jaipur



Delhi - Jaipur. Drive to UNESCO-listed Jaipur, the capital of Rajasthan affectionately known as the Pink City and relax in the afternoon. On day 4 take a jeep to the 15th Century Amber Fort, after which enjoy a city tour of the City Palace, followed by a visit to the Jantar Mantar space observatory. Don't miss the Hawa Mahal (Palace of Winds) with its

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incredible façade of balconies. **Overnight - Jaipur (B:2)**

Days 5-6 : Agra

Jaipur - Agra. En route to Agra, enjoy a visit to the deserted Mughal city of Fatehpur Sikri. On arrival in Agra, the rest of the day is at your disposal. On day 6, enjoy a visit to the iconic Taj Mahal. Possibly the most recognised of all India's landmarks, the Taj Mahal was built by Shah Jahan in the 16th century. Later, enjoy a visit to the colossal 15th century Agra Fort and also a marble craftshop. Rest of the afternoon free. **Overnight - Agra (B:2)**

Day 7 : Khajuraho



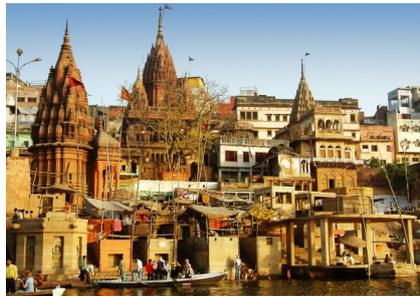
Agra - Khajuraho (via Jhansi & Orchha). Transfer to the rail station for the morning train to Jhansi. Upon arrival, the journey continues by road to Khajuraho. En route a visit is made to Orchha. On the banks of the River Betwa, Orchha is famed for its temples and palaces built by the 16th century Bundela rulers. **Overnight - Khajuraho (B)**

Day 8 : Temples of Khajuraho

Khajuraho - Varanasi. Close behind the Taj Mahal and up there with Varanasi and Jaipur, are the amazing temples of Khajuraho. Immortalised in stone is a wealth of sensuous and erotic sculptures. This morning visit these famous temples. To avoid a long drive, you will fly to the holiest of Hindu pilgrimage destinations in India – Varanasi.

Please note: Flights from Khajuraho to Varanasi only operate on certain dates of the week, this will need to be considered when selecting a start date for your trip. **Overnight - Varanasi (B)**

Day 9 : Varanasi



Abundant with temples and a labyrinth of streets, Varanasi is exciting, enticing and a city not to be missed. Early this morning we enjoy a boat ride on the River Ganges to view the sunrise and the ancient religious tradition of ritual cleansing that takes place on the ghats (riverside steps). Enjoy a tour of the city, with its numerous temples and wonderful historic feel; with time later to relax. **Overnight - Varanasi (B)**

Day 10 : Return to Delhi by air

Varanasi - Delhi. After a leisurely morning, we return to Delhi by air. **Overnight - Delhi (B)**

Day 11 : Delhi

Delhi. Morning is at leisure. Later we transfer you to the airport for your onward flight home. (B)

PRICES / DATES INFO

Prices shown are 'per person', based on a travelling party of at least 2 adults. The 'Single supplement' applies for single travellers who require their own room and needs to be added to the per person price.

PRICES / DATES 2020

Date	Twin Share	Single
16 Feb	USD 2,695	USD 3,505

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