

ITINERARY FOR NORTH INDIA / RAJASTHAN / AURANGABAD / MUMBAI TOUR

Day 01 : Delhi

On arrival late night meet greet and transfer to the hotel. Check in at Hotel.
Overnight at hotel

Day 02 : Delhi

Breakfast at the hotel. AM : Half day sightseeing Tour of old Delhi by aircon Vehicle with local english speaking guide. Old Delhi – Visit Raj Ghat where father of the nation, Mahatma Gandhi was cremated. Visit the Gandhi Memorial Musuem [closed on Mondays] which has fascinating items and documents related to Gandhi's life. Drive through colourful bazaars of Chandani Chowk thereafter visit Jamma Mosque one of the largest in India and constructed of alternating vertical strips of red sand stone and white marble. Drive pass the Red Fort built by builder of Taj Mahal - Shahjahan and famous for its delicately carved inlaid and marbled royal chambers.



PM : Half day sightseeing Tour of New Delhi by aircon Vehicle with local english speaking guide. New Delhi - New Delhi : Visit the **Humayun's Tomb** built in the mid- 16th century by Haji Begum, wife of Humayun , the second Moghul Emperor and is an early example of Moghul architecture. Drive pass by the Safdarjang's Tomb built in 1753 by the Nawab of Oudh for his father Safdarjung. Visit the **Qutab Minar** a soaring tower of victory which was started in 1193 immediately after the defeat of the last hindu kingdom in Delhi and is 72 meters high and one of the most perfect towers in the world. Nearby stands the Iron Pillar which does not rust and has stood the vagaries of weather for 1500 years. Take an orientation drive through New Delhi viewing Embassy area [Diplomatic enclave], Govt buildings Central Secretariate President's house and Parliament house. Visit India Gate (1921A.D.) a 42 metre high stone arch of triumph stands at the eastern stand of the Rajpath and bears the name of 90,000 Indian army soldiers who died in the campaigns of WWI. Visit the Birla Temple erected by the industrialist Birla dedicated to Vishnu and his consort Laxmi, the goddess of wealth. Drive past the Jantar Mantar (Astronomical Observatory - (1719 A.D.)) and also the Connaught Place New Delhi's main shopping centre.

Overnight at Hotel

Day 03 : Delhi - Agra

Breakfast at the hotel. Leave Delhi for Agra by aircon vehicle. Check in at Hotel. PM : at leisure or Optional visit to the Taj Mahal by sunset.



Overnight at the hotel

Day 04 : Agra

A sunrise visit to the Taj Mahal, one of the wonders of the world, built by Emperor ShahJahan in memory of his beloved consort Mumtaz Mahal. is a magical experience This beautiful mausoleum, in pure white marble, inlaid with precious and semi-precious stones is an architectural marvel. Return to the hotel for Breakfast. After a leisurely breakfast leave for a sightseeing of Agra which also includes its bazaars, marble workshops and Agra Fort built by Emperor Akbar in 1565 AD. The Fort is a masterpiece of design and construction, within are a number exquisite buildings, including Moti (pearl) Masjid (mosque), a marble mosque surrounded by arcade cloisters. Visit the Diwane-E-Am and Diwane-E-Khas, its walls and palaces are silent witnesses to the rise and fall of the Imperial Mughal Empire. Visit the Jasmine Tower and the Iltmad-Ud-Daulah's tomb, famous for the intricate inlaywork, which reflects the skill of ancient

Indianbuilders. The afternoon is free to absorb and reflect upon some of the sights that you have seen.

Overnight at the hotel

Day 05 : Agra – Jaipur

Breakfast at the hotel.

Leave Agra to Jaipur via Fatehpur Sikri : Forty kms from Agra, a city built by Emperor Akbar between 1571 and 1585 in honour of Salim Chishti, a famous Sufi saint of the Chishti order, Fatehpur Sikri was the Mughal capital for 14 years. Now deserted, but its architecture is in a perfect state of preservation. It is built in red sandstone, richly ornamented with carving & fretwork & is a beautiful blend of Indo-Islamic architecture, which radiates an atmosphere of incomparable beauty & majesty. On arrival check in at the hotel.

Overnight at Hotel.

Day 06 : Jaipur

After breakfast, visit Amber Fort, once the ancient capital of Jaipur State. Construction of the Fort/Palace, began, in 1592 by Raja Man Singh. The fort is a superb example of Rajput architecture, stunningly situated on a hillside and overlooking a lake, which reflects its terraces and ramparts. Make your ascent to the Fort/palace on the back of a gaily caparisoned elephant, then walk through the chambers and hallways of the palace which are famous for the excellence



of their design and decoration. Optional – Vegetarian Lunch at 1589 Albert Hall, and thereafter proceed for sightseeing tour of Jaipur City. Jaipur the capital of the state of Rajasthan is popularly known as the 'Pink City', because of the pink colored sandstone from which the buildings in the old, walled city are constructed. Visit the City Palace, former royal residence built in a blend of Rajasthani and Mughal styles. The palace houses a museum with a superb collection of costumes and armory of the Mughals and Rajputs. Adjacent to the City Palace is the observatory, "Jantar Mantar" built by Jai Singh in 1728. At first glance, Jantar Mantar appears to be just a curious collection of sculptures, but in fact each construction has a specific purpose, such as measuring the position of the stars, altitudes and azimuths or calculating the eclipses. Visit the Hawa Mahal, also called the Palace of Winds, one of Jaipur's major landmarks. Although, a five-storey building, it is actually a facade. It commands an excellent view of the city. Visit the Central Museum, which is housed in the architecturally impressive "Albert Hall" in the Raniwas gardens. It contains portraits of the Jaipur Maharaja's and many other miniatures and art works. Finally visit the Johari Bazaar and the Curio shops for antiques, beautiful cotton fabrics, including Sangneri prints and Tie and Dye.

Overnight at Hotel.

Day 07 : Jaipur – Udaipur

Early morning transfer from hotel to Domestic Airport to board the flight 9W 3401 at 07:15 hrs for On arrival ex Jaipur by 9W 3401 at 08:10 hrs, transfer from airport to hotel. Check in at hotel. Check in time is 1200 noon. PM : at leisure.

Overnight at Hotel.

Day 08 : Udaipur

Breakfast at the hotel.

Full day sightseeing tour of Udaipur. Visit, the City Palace, a majestic, architectural marvel towering over the lake, on a hill surrounded, by crenellated walls, it is a conglomeration of courtyards, pavilions, terraces, corridors rooms and hanging gardens, visit the Crystal Gallery located in the Fateh Prakash Palace (part of the City Palace complex) opened to the public in 1994. Overlooking the Durbar Hall, the



Crystal Gallery has a grand collection of more than 600 rare objects collected from different parts of the world and assembled in 1877. Visit, the Indo-Aryan, most beautiful temple in Udaipur, the Bharatiya Lok Kala Museum, which houses an interesting collection of Indian folk Art, Saheliyon Ki Bari, a small ornamental garden, which was used by Royal ladies to come to play and to relax, Fateh Sagar lake, built by Maharana Fateh Singh, it is overlooked by hills on three sides and the Pratap Memorial on the North. , also visit the Miniature Painting School and monsoon palace. In the late afternoon a boat ride on the placid waters of Lake Pichola. With the backdrop of the setting sun, your boat cruise will give you a wonderful view of the city of Udaipur as it rises majestically above the lake in the middle of the Rajasthan desert. You will also be able to visit the Jag Mandir Palace the other lovely island palace in the middle of the lake.

Overnight at the hotel.

Day 09 : Udaipur – Mumbai - Aurangabad

Breakfast hotel.

Transfer from hotel to airport to connect the flight IT 3158 at 14:25 hrs for Mumbai. On arrival by flight IT 3158 at 15:35 hrs in Mumbai will remain in transit to connect the flight IT 4139 at 18:35 hrs for Aurangabad. On arrival by IT 4139 at 19:45hrs, transfer from airport to hotel. Check in at Hotel.

Overnight at Hotel.

Day 10 : Aurangabad

Breakfast hotel.

Proceed for full day sightseeing tour of Ajanta - From Aurangabad lies Ajanta – a series of caves, hewn out of rock by Buddhist monks who found sanctuary and left a legend for posterity. These thirty caves with twenty four monasteries and five temples have wall paintings and sculpture of an esthetic appeal that is timeless. The craftsmanship astounds scholars and art lovers even today. Some of the most exquisite paintings depict the life and teachings of Buddha as well as his earlier life as a prince. The Ajanta caves are like chapters of a splendid epic tale in visual form. Natural light brightens the caves at different times of the day leaving visitors awe struck by the sheer brilliance of those ancient masters who created this marvel of arts and architectural splendour

Overnight at Hotel.

Day 11 : Aurangabad - Mumbai

Breakfast hotel.

Proceed for half day excursion to Ellora - 30 kms. from Aurangabad **Ellora** represents to the world the finest and greatest in terms of sheer magnificence of Indian sculpture. The awe-inspiring mammoth Kailash Temple is carved out of solid rock. It is dedicated to Mount Kailash of the Himalayas the abode of Lord Shiva. This monolithic structure is a very rare phenomenon that demanded the most careful planning, based not on what was added but what was removed! Ellora is a repository of Buddhist, Hindu and Jain religious expression, a sheer volume of information in carved pageantry. Thirty four shrines synthesize Indian religion and Indian passion for sculpture. The *Ramayana* and *Mahabharata* are also depicted here in carvings as also the many faceted personality of Lord Shiva. Ellora is priceless page out of history. After sightseeing tour transfer to domestic airport to connect the flight 9W 3110 at 19:55hrs for Mumbai.

On arrival ex Aurangabad by 9W 3110 at 2100 hrs, transfer from airport to hotel. Check in at hotel. **Overnight at Hotel.**

Day 12 : Mumbai

Breakfast at Hotel.

After an early breakfast, leave for the Jetty to take a pleasant boat ride across the Mumbai Harbour to the green and lovely Elephanta Island. Visit some of the huge intricately carved cave temples that date back to the 8th century AD. and which are dedicated to the Hindu Sun God, Shiva.



PM: Proceed for a orientation drive of Mumbai Orientation drive with Local English speaking guide. Visit the Dhobi Ghat, the unique and colorful outdoor laundry. Then drive pass Haji Ali, Mahalaxmi temple and then proceed to Malabar Hill to the lovely Hanging Gardens and the Kamla Nehru Park, from here a wonderful vista of Mumbai and the Arabian Sea can be seen. **Visit** Jain Temple , **Mani Bhavan**, a small museum dedicated to the life and works of Mahatma Gandhi and then after drive pass by the bustling Crawford Market, Victoria terminus, Flora fountain, Rajabhai Tower which is situated in the compound of Mumbai University which is 280 ft high and the top of the cupola is ornamented with sixteen statues, we also pass by the High Court of Mumbai, built in the gothic style and then after proceed to Gateway of India.

Overnight at Hotel.

Day 13 : Mumbai

Breakfast at hotel.

Check out time is 1200 noon. Late evening transfer from hotel to International Airport to connect the flight (not known) for your onward journey.

Tour Ends!!!