

Heritage Temples & Ganges Tour

Tour My India Itinerary

2009-2010

Outline Itinerary

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Introduction

Khajuraho is renowned for its sculptures and temples. The UNESCO has acclaimed the monuments of Khajuraho as World Heritage Sites. The temples here have been widely acknowledged everywhere for their exquisite artwork and craftsmanship.

Varanasi, also known as Benares or Banaras is one of the oldest living cities in the world and the ultimate pilgrimage for Hindus. Situated on the northern bank of the Ganges River in northern India, Varanasi is bounded by the river's two tributaries, Varuna on the north and Asi on the south which flow into the Ganga. The spiritual atmosphere that results from this holiness makes Varanasi a very interesting destination. Lot of Hindus come to Varanasi to gasp their lives away and wants to have their ashes dispersed in the Ganges. Every day and every hour, there are cremations along the Ganges at the Ghats.

Day 01**Arrive Delhi**

Upon arrival at Delhi International airport met our representative and then transfer to pre booked hotel. Overnight stay at hotel.

Day 02**Delhi**

Morning tour of Delhi. Visit Raj Ghat and Shanti Vana - the cremation sites of Mahatma Gandhi and Jawaharlal Nehru, Jama Masjid and drive past Red Fort and Chandni Chowk.

Afternoon visit Qutub Minar built by Qutub-ud-Din Aibek in 1199, Humayun's Tomb, India Gate (War Memorial Arch), Lakshminarayan Temple - a modern Hindu Temple. Also drive past President's House, Parliament House, and Government Secretariat Buildings & Connaught Place shopping centre. Overnight at hotel.

Day 03**Delhi – Jaipur**

After breakfast drive to Jaipur, arrive Jaipur check into the hotel, Evening free for shopping around the local market. Jaipur is also known as the Pink City. It is capital of Rajasthan, the desert state in India, which is famous for its majestic forts, opulent havelis, beautiful lakes and sand dunes. The history of Jaipur takes us about 300 years back in time, when the Mughal empire in India was on the decline. Overnight at Hotel.

Day 04**Jaipur**

Morning visit Amber Fort. Amber Fort was the ancient capital of the State. Visit the Sheesh Mahal or the Hall of Victory glittering with mirrors. Ascend the Fort on Elephant back.

Afternoon tour of Jaipur. Jaipur - the capital of Rajasthan was given a colour coat of pink a century ago in honour of a visiting Prince and ever since, it has retained this colour. Built by Maharaja Jai Singh, the notable astronomer, this city is 260 years old. Visit Maharaja's City Palace, the Observatory & Ram Niwas Gardens. Drive past Hawa Mahal & through the pink rose residential & business areas. Overnight at Hotel.

Day 05**Jaipur- Agra**

After breakfast drive to Agra, enroute visit Fatehpur Sikri, Fatehpur Sikri was built during 1571 and 1585. Fatehpur Sikri is one of the finest examples of Mughal architectural splendour at its height. Though the city is in ruins, it is a place to visit if one comes to Agra. But in real terms Fatehpur Sikri is a place where one should spend some time. The sunset over the ruins is sight to cherish. arrive Agra check into the hotel. Overnight at Hotel.

Day 06**Agra**

Morning visit the famous Taj Mahal built by Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan as a memorial to his queen Mumtaz Mahal, made out of white marble took 22 years to complete (1630-1652 AD).

After breakfast visit Agra fort. Built principally as a military establishment by Akbar in 1565, the red sandstone Agra fort was partially converted into a palace during Shah Jahan's time. Though the principal structure was built by Akbar, Afternoon visit Itmad-ud-daulah. This tomb belongs to the father of Nur Jahan, Ghias-ud-Din Beg. He was the Wazir or the Chief Minister of Emperor Jehangir. This white marble tomb was built by Nur Jahan between 1622 and 1628. Evening transfer to hotel. Overnight at hotel.

Day 07**Agra- Jhansi- Khajuraho**

After breakfast transfer to Railway station for Jhansi. Meet on arrival at Jhansi Railway station and drive to Khajuraho enroute visit Orchha. "Orchha", meaning "Hidden" was the hallmark of Bundela dynasty. The origin of Bundelas in the 11th century is traced to a Rajput prince who offered himself in sacrifice to the mountain goddess Vrindavasini. It is believed the goddess stopped the prince from sacrificing and named him Bundela (meaning, the one who offered blood). The Bundelas ruled over the area between the river Yamuna and Narmada, Arrive Khajuraho check into hotel. Evening enjoy sound and light show. Overnight at hotel.

Day 08**Khajuraho- Varanasi,**

After breakfast sightseeing tour of Khajuraho temples. A trip to the Eastern Group temples of Khajuraho. Morning begins on a celestial note as we shall traverse you to the mystic galleries of the fascinating temples of Khajuraho. The bold artistic statement of erotic sculptures and the splendidly structured monuments are the sites that shall leave their eternal imprints on your heart. Afternoon transfer to Airport for Varanasi. Meet on arrival at Varanasi Airport and transfer to hotel. Overnight at hotel.

Day 09**Varanasi**

Morning boat cruise at the river Ganges to observe the way of life of pilgrims by the Ghats. Later excursion to Sarnath, 10 kms. East of Varanasi, is one of the Buddhism's major centers of India. After attaining enlightenment, the Buddha came to Sarnath where he gave his first sermon. Visit the deer park and the museum and later back to Varanasi. Overnight at hotel.

Day 10**Varanasi– Delhi**

Morning at leisure, Afternoon transfer to airport to connect the flight for Delhi, Meet on arrival at Delhi Airport and transfer to hotel. Rest of the day free for shopping. Overnight at hotel.

Day 11**Transfer to Airport**

Morning free for rest into the hotel, late evening transfer to the airport for onward destination

The Above Quote Includes

- ✓ Accommodation on double sharing basis
- ✓ Daily Breakfast
- ✓ All meals in Houseboat.
- ✓ All the Transfers with English speaking representative
- ✓ A/c car for entire tour
- ✓ Services of English speaking driver
- ✓ 01 boat ride on Periyar Lake for wildlife viewing
- ✓ Toll Taxes and Parking
- ✓ Road Taxes
- ✓ Fuel expenses
- ✓ All the applicable taxes

The Above Quote does not include

- ✓ Monument / entry fees, (Supplement is given separately)
- ✓ Laundry/Tips/Alcoholic drinks/mineral water.
- ✓ Any airfare/monument fees/ meals other then mentioned any other expenses not mentioned above
- ✓ Airfare is not included in the given cost for the sector Mumbai – Cochin / Trivandrum - Mumbai

Weather:**Delhi**

The climate in New Delhi is categorized as tropical, due to its constant high temperatures throughout the year. However, between April and September in New Delhi, the weather quickly changes and endless sunshine results in highs of more than 35°C, often reaching around 40°C. The Winter season persists from October to February and march, when the climate is at its more favorable. At this time of the year, you can expect plenty of sunny weather, Even during January, New Delhi's coldest month, you can still expect daytime temperatures to exceed 20°C, although the nights can be quite chilly, with cold fronts arriving from the Himalayas.

Agra:

The climate of Agra is extreme and tropical. Summers are extremely hot and the maximum temperature can be as high as 45°C. However, even in the winter, the climate remains rather tropical. The average winter day is around 30°C.

Varanasi:

Located in the northern India, in the state of Uttar Pradesh. Varanasi experiences a warm weather throughout the summer with temperature reaching excess of 40 'C. The winters are quiet pleasant with temperature dropping to around 7 'C. the best time to visit Varanasi is during the months of October to April.

Extra Expenses

Please note that meals (Lunch + Dinner) are not included in the above cost, international air tickets, tips, drinks, laundry and souvenirs.

Entry Requirements

- 1- All Australian passport holders and most of the other nationalities require a visa for India, which is obtainable in advance from your nearest embassy.
- 2- No vaccinations are mandatory for entry, but as recommended in our brochure we think it is wise to be protected against TB, polio, typhoid, tetanus and hepatitis A and take malaria prophylactics.
- 3- Above all, it is essential to consult your GP about your individual requirements as soon as possible before travelling.

Extensions

All our tours can be extended by visits to other areas in India. We will be glad to discuss options with you and provide quotations as required