



TRAVELLING TO NEW PLACES WITH CONFIDENCE

# Taste of India

## 12-Day, 11-Night Journey

*Delhi, Jaipur, Agra, Lucknow, Mumbai*

Prepare yourself for a sizzling adventure on this Culinary fun travel tour. Travel to see the best highlights of some of India's top regions. Enjoy the most sought after attractions such as the magnificent Taj Mahal, Amber Fort, Jaipur City Palace and Elephanta Caves to name a few.

Food is an amazing and delicious pathway to understanding a culture and what better way to explore exotic cuisines than to discover the fine art of cooking local specialties straight from the source. Savor the fragrant scents of cumin, coriander, turmeric, and other colorful spices firsthand. Taste regional Indian cuisines from Rajasthani, Mughal, Awadhi, and Parsi. Each of which reflects their home climate, history and religion.

### ♦ Customizable Private Tour

## Trip Overview (\*UNESCO World Heritage Sites)

- Live Cooking Demos
- Food Talks
- Street Food Tours
- High Tea
- Delhi City Tour
- **Qutab Minar\***
- **Humayun's Tomb\***
- Dance Performances
- Jama Masjid Mosque
- Cycle Rickshaw at Chandni Chowk Bazaar
- Spice Market
- Parantha Wali Gali
- Haldiram Food Hall
- Jaipur City Tour
- **The Walled City of Jaipur\***
- **Amber Fort\***
- Hawa Mahal

- Jaipur City Palace
- Rajasthani Culture Village, Chokhi Dhani
- **Taj Mahal\***
- Agra Fort
- Lucknow Antique Jewelry
- Lucknow City Tour
- British Residency
- Bara Imambara Mosque
- Aminabad Market
- Chaupati beach
- **Elephanta Island\***
- Mumbai City Tour
- Gateway of India
- Crawford Market
- Prince of Wales Museum
- **Victoria Terminus\***
- Hanging Gardens
- Mani Bhavan
- Mahatma Gandhi's Home and Museum

## Why You'll Love This Tour



### NOTABLE ARCHITECTURE FROM A GLORIOUS PAST

Famous for its many historical monuments and the architectural skills involved, each historical monument possesses great history with its own specific identity. India's many past rulers have left behind numerous forts, palaces and fine architecture. Many royal palaces and forts are UNESCO's World Heritage sites.



### DELICIOUS FOOD TASTINGS

North Indian cuisine is famous for its collection of snacks and finger foods. As you travel into various cities, you'll get to sample the unique flavors behind each culture. Unlike other parts of the country the food is less spicy here, allowing the unique blend of spices to be better appreciated.



### THE INFLUENCE FROM FOOD CULTURE

Discover the delightful taste of traditional cuisine and learn where some of the food is locally sourced, prepared and sold. Get personal insights from our local food guides and chefs, while exploring top tourist destinations that will have you experiencing the culture of India firsthand.

## Inclusions

- Airport Transfers, Meet and Greet
- Hotel Accommodations
- Daily Breakfast & Selected Meals  
(See tour plan for details)
- English-speaking Local Guide
- Entrance Fees to Monuments and Attractions per Itinerary

## Exclusions

- Air Fare
- Travel Insurance
- Medical Expenses
- Visa Fee
- Gratuity
- Personal Expenses

## Nearby Airport

Delhi - Indira Gandhi International Airport (DEL)

Mumbai - Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport (BOM)

## Itinerary

(B)-Breakfast, (L)-Lunch, (D)-Dinner

### DAY 1: MEET UP AT DELHI (DEL)

Upon arriving at **Delhi airport**, you'll be met and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is free.

### DAY 2: DELHI | FOOD TALK, COOKING DEMO AND MARKET VISIT, CITY TOUR (B, L, D)

Start the day with a food talk by a local food guide expert providing a road map of the diverse Indian food culture and history. Every state of India has its own gastronomic secrets, distinct flavors, traditional recipes and cooking styles. Since Delhi is the capital, people from all over India come here for work and inject their home cooking styles into the Delhi food scene.

Visit a local vegetable market and then return to hotel for a cooking demonstration and lunch. Next is a city tour of New Delhi, **Qutab Minar** - the world's tallest brick tower, and **Humayun's Tomb** - one of the best-preserved Mughal monuments.

Then enjoy an evening dinner at a Haveli (mansion) with a **classic dance performance**.



### **DAY 3: DELHI | TOUR OF OLD DELHI, COOKING DEMO AT LOCAL FAMILY (B, L, D)**

Tour of OLD DELHI: **Jama Masjid** - India's oldest and largest mosque. Experience one of the oldest and very busy **bazaar Chandni Chowk**. Then enjoy a **cycle rickshaw** ride in Old Delhi.

Visit a **spice market (Khari Bowli)** to savor the fragrant scents of cumin, cardamom, turmeric, and many other spices. Continue for our lunch-time food tasting at **Parantha Wali Gali** (Fried Bread Street) and legendary food hall **Haldiram** (since 1982).

End this evening with a **cooking demonstration** and dinner at the home of a local family. Enjoy the home cooking of butter chicken, Dal, vegetable and Roti.

### **DAY 4: DELHI – JAIPUR | RAJASTHANI CUISINE FOOD TALK (B, D)**

After breakfast, drive to **Jaipur**.

Today's lesson is on Rajasthani cuisine which reflects the art of cooking in a desert climate and the influence of the Rajput class of society. In the late afternoon, visit Diggi Palace for a **food talk** about preparing Rajasthani delicacies followed by dinner.

### **DAY 5: JAIPUR | ROYAL FORT & PALACES, RAJASTHANI CULTURAL VILLAGE (B, D)**

Today is about exploring the many palaces that represents the finest of Indian royalty.

Visit the stunning 16th century **Amber Fort** - a sprawling Rajput construction, perched on a hillside overlooking the dusty plains, regal palaces, sleepy villages, and stone carved temples below. Reaching its summit on a jeep (or request an elephant ride when booking this tour), we enjoy a tour of the fort's well-preserved interior grounds including **Sheesh Mahal (Palace of Mirrors)** with its interior embellished with reflective glass tiles.

Visit **Hawa Mahal (Palace of the Winds)**, its high screen wall allowed the women of the royal household to observe street life without being seen. Then continue to **City Palace**, an imposing blend of traditional Rajput and Mughal architecture. It is a vast palace complex occupying nearly one-seventh of the Pink City with a series of temples, pavilions, gardens and palaces.

We end today at a **Rajasthani Culture Village, Chokhi Dhani**. Enjoy the evening with traditional performances of dancers and acrobats, snack stalls, paintings, costumes and a tasty Rajasthani thali dinner.

### **DAY 6: JAIPUR – AGRA | TAJ MAHAL, AGRA FORT, MUGHLAI CUISINE (B, D)**

After breakfast, drive to **Agra**.

Explore the legendary **Taj Mahal**, described as the most extravagant monument ever built for love and one of India's most enduring symbols. It is listed as one of the Seven Wonders of the World. Visit **Agra Fort** (Red Fort), a 16th-century Mughal fortress which also contains the imperial city of the Mughal rulers. It offers splendid views across the river towards the Taj Mahal.

This evening, our **food talk** at ITC Mughal is about Mughlai cuisine which varies from mild to spicy dishes with a distinctive aroma from both ground spices and whole spices. Followed by a Mughlai dinner.

#### **DAY 7: AGRA - LUCKNOW | ANTIQUE JEWELRY EXHIBITION, AWADHI COOKING DEMO (B, D)**

After an early breakfast, drive to **Lucknow** (7-hour drive). Famed for its refined culture, classical Kathak dance, spicy cuisine and embroidery, Lucknow is a historic city intricately linked to the "beginning of the end" of the British Raj.

Afternoon visit to the house of an artifact collector to see his collection of antique jewelry.

This evening's lesson is on Awadhi cuisine. This cuisine is greatly influenced by Mughal cooking techniques with similarities to Middle East and Central Asian cuisine. End the evening with an **Awadhi cuisine cooking demonstration** and dinner.

#### **DAY 8: LUCKNOW | LUCKNOW | CITY TOUR, AWADHI CUISINE (B, D)**

Early morning **dairy farm visit** to see how fresh produce and milk from local farms are prepared for delivery. Enjoy a morning masala tea at a local tea vendor.

After breakfast join your local guide to visit the highlights of Lucknow, including the **British Residency** - a famous historical landmark that offers a fascinating historical glimpse into the first stages of the fall of the British Raj. **Bara Imambara** – is a magnificent mosque and palace complex including the labyrinthine pathways of the Bhul Bhulaiya. Explore the bustling **Aminabad Market** which is justly famous for jewelry as well as its many pickle shops!

This afternoon we see the art behind the traditional **Lucknowi embroidery** and zardozi work (Chikankari) guided by an expert with a demonstration. In the evening we enjoy local Awadhi food dinner at a local restaurant.

#### **DAY 9: LUCKNOW - MUMBAI | STREET FOOD TALK, MUMBAI CUISINE (B, D)**

We start the day with breakfast at the hotel then transfer to Lucknow airport and fly to **Mumbai**. Arrive Mumbai and transfer to the hotel.



Late afternoon **food talk** on Mumbai food and local street food. Tour **Chaupati beach**, a famous beach and popular street food location for both locals and tourists. We end the day with Mumbai style cuisine for dinner.

#### **DAY 10: MUMBAI | ELEPHANTA ISLAND, CITY TOUR, PARSI COOKING DEMO (B, D)**

After breakfast, cruise across Mumbai Harbor to explore the amazing **Elephanta Island** and its famous caves with carvings and sculptures dating back to 550 AD.

In the afternoon we visit Mumbai city. **Gateway of India** - a monument that commemorates the landing of King George V and Queen Mary, **Crawford Market, the Prince of Wales Museum and Victoria Terminus, Hanging Gardens, Mani Bhavan, Mahatma Gandhi's home and Museum.**

This evening we visit a Parsi home. Tonight's lesson features Parsi cuisine. Parsi (Persian) food came to India during the Arab invasion of 636–651 AD and is popular in Mumbai and Pakistan. Enjoy a **Parsi cooking demonstration** followed by dinner.

#### **DAY 11: MUMBAI | HIGH TEA (B, High Tea)**

Breakfast and then relax for a leisurely morning at the hotel.

Later this afternoon we visit the legendary **Taj Mahal Palace Hotel**. Enjoy **high tea** at Sea Lounge. This high tea institution in Mumbai exudes old colonial charm accompanied by enchanting live piano music and spectacular sea views. Experience an elaborate buffet of classic English delicacies and local Indian favorites complemented with fine teas and coffee.

#### **DAY 12: MUMBAI | END OF TOUR (BOM) (B)**

Enjoy your breakfast at the hotel then the tour comes to an end. Please inform us of your international or India domestic flight schedule in order to schedule your transfer to **Mumbai (BOM) airport.**

## **Hotels**

We carefully handpick our hotels to ensure they provide you with the best comfort and experience. For Private Tours, you may request a specific hotel as one of the customizable options.

