



TRAVELLING TO NEW PLACES WITH CONFIDENCE

India: Taj Mahal to Mumbai

10-Day, 9-Night Journey

Delhi, Agra, Jaipur, Udaipur, Mumbai

This journey takes you on a path from India's old capital city to its new cosmopolitan capital. On the way we visit pristine lakes, magnificent forts and grand palaces that showcase the best collections of Indian art, architecture, and history. This tour covers the best of Delhi, Agra, Jaipur, Udaipur and Mumbai.

Visit the grand Taj Mahal that immortalizes the memories of a lost love. Then dive deeper into the culture with a meal at a Sikh temple and discover the sweet and savory street food in Mumbai. Watch amazing palaces go by on your Lake Pichola cruise, it's simply mesmerizing!

◆ Private Tour

Trip Overview (*UNESCO World Heritage Sites)

- ▶ Delhi City Tour
- ▶ Jama Masjid Mosque
- ▶ Cycle Rickshaw at Chandni Chowk Bazaar
- ▶ Spice Market
- ▶ **Humayun's Tomb***
- ▶ **Qutab Minar***
- ▶ **Taj Mahal***
- ▶ Mehtab Bagh (Moonlight Garden)
- ▶ **Agra Fort***
- ▶ Itimad-ud-Daulah Tomb
- ▶ Fatehpur Sikri (City of Victory)
- ▶ Chand Baori Step Well
- ▶ Jaipur City Tour
- ▶ **The Walled City of Jaipur***
- ▶ **Amber Fort***
- ▶ Sheesh Mahal (Palace of Mirrors)
- ▶ Jaipur City Palace

- ▶ **Jantar Mantar***
- ▶ Kheri Gate Step Well
- ▶ Udaipur City Tour
- ▶ Udaipur City Palace
- ▶ Sahelion-ki-Bari
(Garden of the Maidens)
- ▶ Jagdish Temple
- ▶ Lake Pichola Cruise
- ▶ Mumbai City Tour
- ▶ Gateway of India
- ▶ Prince of Wales Museum
- ▶ Hanging Gardens
- ▶ Mani Bhavan
(Gandhi's Museum)
- ▶ Haji Ali Dargah Temple
- ▶ Crawford Market
- ▶ Mumbai Street Food Tour

Why You'll Love This Tour



GLIMPSE INTO THE MAJESTIC PAST

The many past rulers have left behind numerous amazing forts, beautiful palaces, and fine architecture which are now UNESCO World Heritage sites. Each historical monument possesses great history with its own unique identity.



CRUISE ON THE ROMANTIC LAKE PICHOLA

Sail on the tranquil lake and admire the sumptuous pink-hued palaces and lakefront hotels overlooking the water. Pass by royal palaces on the islands surrounded by gardens, fountains and pillared terraces. No wonder, Udaipur is India's most romantic city.



STREET-FOOD LIFESTYLE

You'll get to sample a smorgasbord of cooking styles and street food that reflects this cosmopolitan city visiting your tour guide's favorite food places. In Mumbai, migrants from the all over India have brought their culinary treasures with them.

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

- ▶ Airfare
- ▶ 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 | OLD AND NEW CAPITAL CITY (B)

Delhi is the capital of modern India. It has also been the capital of at least seven previous civilizations as well as the British Raj, and each have left behind a trail of monuments.



Explore the beautiful chaos of both Old and New Delhi, including **Jama Masjid** - India's oldest and largest mosque. Experience a busy & bustling local bazaar on a cycle rickshaw through **Chandni Chowk** and visit **Khari Baoli** (Spice Market). Next is **Humayun's Tomb** of the Mughal Emperor. Photo op at **Rashtrapati Bhavan** (President's Residence) and **India Gate**.

DAY 3: DELHI – AGRA | QUTAB MINAR, MOONLIGHT GARDEN (B)

After breakfast, visit **Qutab Minar** - the world's tallest brick tower and then a photo op at **Lotus Temple**.

Drive to **Agra**, the erstwhile capital of the Mughal Empire. We will watch a breathtaking, fully symmetrical sunset view of the Taj Mahal from across the river at **Mehtab Bagh (Moonlight Garden)**.

DAY 4: AGRA | THE LEGENDARY TAJ MAHAL (B)

Early morning, sunrise visit of the legendary **Taj Mahal** which was built by Emperor Shah Jahan in loving memory of his beloved wife Mumtaz, who tragically died in childbirth in 1631. Then breakfast.

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. Then let's size down to see the **Itimad-ud-Daulah tomb**, the "Baby Taj", a Mughal era mausoleum.

DAY 5: AGRA - JAIPUR | LIFE IN THE DESERT (B)

En route to Jaipur, we visit the ghostly former Mughal capital of **Fatehpur Sikri (City of Victory)**, which has been deserted for over four centuries. Thanks to the very durable red sandstone from which it was built, Fatehpur Sikri remains well-preserved and is a fascinating place to explore.

Stop in the village of Abhaneri to see **Chand Baori**, which is the largest and deepest step well in the world. This incredible well has a staggering 3,500 steps and is 13 stories deep. We continue the drive to **Jaipur**, the bustling capital of Rajasthan.

DAY 6: JAIPUR | THE PINK CITY OF JAIPUR (B)

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 during reservation), we enjoy a tour of the fort's well-preserved interior grounds including **Sheesh Mahal (Palace of Mirrors)** with its interior embellished of reflective glass tiles.

Visit Jaipur's **City Palace**, an imposing blend of traditional Rajput and Mughal architecture. Then **Jantar Mantar** which is an ancient open-air astronomical observatory and UNESCO world heritage site. Enjoy the sight of **Jal Mahal (Water Palace)**, a palace located in the middle of the Man Sagar Lake. Photo op at **Hawa Mahal (Palace of the Winds)**, its high screen wall allowed the women of the royal household to observe street life without being seen.

If we have time, we'll marvel at a 16th century **step well** near Kheri Gate. The step well serves as the community well, gathering place and swimming hole.

DAY 7: JAIPUR – UDAIPUR | CITY TOUR (B)

Early morning air flight to **Lake City of Udaipur**. Udaipur has one of most romantic settings in Rajasthan snuggling tranquil **Lake Pichola** and the purple ridges of the Aravalli Range. Fantastical palaces, temples, traditional mansions; and colorful, bustling bazaars dot the city and its timeless streets.

We take a morning city tour of this walled city renowned for its palaces. We start with the 16th century granite and marble **City Palace**. This is the largest royal complex in Rajasthan and is made up of eleven different mahals (palaces). Part of the palace is now a museum. Then we continue to **Sahelion-ki-Bari** (Garden of the Maidens) and the **Jagdish Temple**.

DAY 8: UDAIPUR-MUMBAI | CRUISE ON LAKE PICHOLA (B)

Morning cruise on **Lake Pichola** with unforgettable views of several palaces. Along the eastern banks of the lake lies the City Palace. Two beautiful sights are two islands, each with a palace: Jag Mandir (Lake Garden Palace) dating from 1620 was a summer resort and pleasure palace for the royal family, and Jag Niwas (Lake Palace), an eighteenth-century granite and marble palace surrounded by gardens, fountains, pillared terraces and columns line its courtyards.

Afternoon flight to Mumbai.

DAY 9: MUMBAI | CITY TOUR, EVENING FOOD TOUR (B, D)

Formerly known as Bombay, **Mumbai** is the financial capital of India. Our tour starts at the **Gateway of India**, a monument that commemorates the landing of King George V and Queen Mary. Next, we visit the **Prince of Wales Museum** which houses many interesting artifacts. Then a drive down the seaside on Marine Drive to see the **Hanging Gardens**.

Next, we head to **Mani Bhavan**, Gandhi's home from 1917 to 1934. It is now a permanent museum and memorial to the Mahatma. Enjoy a photo stop at the **dhobi ghats**, India's largest open-air laundry where thousands of pieces of clothing gets processed in and out every day. The 19th century **Haji Ali Dargah** is an Indo-Islamic shrine located on an offshore islet that seems to float like a sacred mirage off the coast (not accessible during high tide or religious events). Take a stroll through the bustling **Crawford Market**, Mumbai's most famous marketplace and the first building in the country to be lit by electricity in 1882. We then drive past **Victoria Terminus** (Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus), a UNESCO World Heritage Site and historic railway station.

We will end today with a **Mumbai street food tour**.

DAY 10 – MUMBAI | END OF TOUR (B)

After breakfast the tour ends. Hotel check-out. At the indicated time transfer to **Mumbai airport (BOM)**.

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.

