



TRAVELLING TO NEW PLACES WITH CONFIDENCE

Tigers & Taj Mahal

8-Day, 7-Night Journey

Delhi, Agra, Ranthambore, Jaipur

Cross paths with some of India's most majestic creatures as you embark on this highly anticipated introduction tour to India. Together with the best wildlife sightings, you'll experience India's deep cultural heritage and most popular attractions on this perfectly paced tour.

Witness firsthand the culture of Indian, Mughal empires and the British Raj with heritage journeys through Hindu and Islamic temples, ancient forts, grand palaces and the magnificent Taj Mahal – a grand monument which took over 22 years to complete. Then for the more scenic wildlife adventures, spot a rich diversity of the Bengal tigers, sambar, chital, nilgai, wild boar, leopard, sloth bear and an abundance of birdlife in their natural habitat.

♦ Customizable 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***
- ▶ Lunch at Sikh Temple, Bangla Saheb Gurudwara
- ▶ **Qutab Minar***
- ▶ Mehtab Bagh (Moonlight Garden)
- ▶ **Taj Mahal***
- ▶ **Agra Fort***
- ▶ Itimad-ud-Daulah Tomb
- ▶ 2 Ranthambhore Park Wildlife Game Drives
- ▶ Jaipur City Tour
- ▶ **The Walled City of Jaipur***
- ▶ **Amber Fort***
- ▶ Sheesh Mahal (Palace of Mirrors)
- ▶ Jaipur City Palace
- ▶ **Jantar Mantar***
- ▶ Kheri Gate Step Well

Why You'll Love This Tour



GLIMPSE INTO THE MAJESTIC PAST

The many past rulers have left behind royal palaces and ancient forts which are now UNESCO's World Heritage sites. Each historical monument possesses great history with its own unique identity.



BEST WILDLIFE SIGHTINGS

Drawing the attention of nature lovers from around the globe, Ranthambore has more than 85 Bengal tigers providing high chances of actually spotting them during safari. To ensure the best views, each jeep will have no more than two adult passengers. Get your cameras ready!



LOCAL MARKET LIFE

The best way to explore the alluring liveliness of India is to go shopping in the colorful chaos of the markets. Experience a Delhi bazaar on a cycle rickshaw and be dazzled by the many choices of spices, funky souvenirs, jewelry, wood carvings and other handmade handicrafts.

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)

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, L)

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**. Visit the most prominent Sikh temple, **Bangla Saheb Gurudwara**, and share one of the 25,000 free meals served daily in the temple.

DAY 3: DELHI – AGRA | LEANING TOWER, MOONLIGHT GARDEN (B)

After breakfast, visit **Qutab Minar** - the world's tallest brick tower and then a photo op at **Lotus Temple**. We then 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 to the legendary **Taj Mahal**. 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 the **Itimad-ud-Daulah tomb**, the "Baby Taj", a Mughal era mausoleum.

DAY 5: AGRA - RANTHAMBORE | AFTERNOON SAFARI (B, L, D)

Enjoy your breakfast and then drive to Ranthambore.

Arrive at the park for our first tiger safari this afternoon. **Ranthambore Park** sprawls over an estimated 400 sq. km (150 sq. miles). Steep crags embrace a network of lakes and rivers, and on top of one of these hills is the impressive Ranthambore Fort, built in the 8th century. The tigers here can be spotted quite often, even during the day. With the strict measures that have been taken for their conservation, the tigers seem quite accustomed to human activity and take the visitors in stride. For its relatively small area, the park also has a rich diversity of fauna and flora.

DAY 6 RANTHAMBORE | MORNING SAFARI (B, L)

Enjoy a morning wildlife safari in the park before departure to Jaipur this afternoon.

DAY 7: JAIPUR | THE PINK CITY OF JAIPUR (B)

Visit the stunning 16th century **Amber Fort** 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 the **City Palace** in Jaipur, an imposing blend of traditional Rajput and Mughal architecture. **Jantar Mantar** 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) where it's high screen walls allow 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 8 – JAIPUR - DELHI | END OF TOUR (B)

After breakfast the tour ends. Hotel check-out and transfer to Delhi airport (DEL).

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.

