



Itinerary

Mysteries of India

Sep 27, 2019 - Oct 10, 2019

Pre Night: The Park New Delhi



Begin your exploration with a pre-tour Dubai extension. See one of the world's fastest growing and most intriguing cities. With its many famous man-made structures, Dubai is a must-see destination for any traveler. Enjoy magnificent views of the world famous Burj Al Arab hotel. See the Jumeirah Mosque and Dubai Creek. View the Al Bastakia old wind-towered houses built by wealthy merchants. Stop at Al Fahidi Fort, now the Dubai Museum. Travel by abra, a traditional water taxi. Embark on an exciting desert safari and ride aboard luxury 4x4 vehicles over rolling sand dunes through the Dubai desert. Arrive at a desert campsite where a feast awaits you and enjoy a belly dancing performance. Your other choice is to stay at the The Park Hotel New Delhi for a pre stay.

Day 1: Delhi, India - Tour Begins



Delhi is the "City of Djinn" – place of the spirits. It is a frenetic paradise of contradiction, vitality, vibrancy and colour. Experience everything this dynamic metropolis has to offer, from modern New Delhi to historic Old Delhi.

Hotel

The Park New Delhi
Delhi

Weather

High 29°
Low 26°
Rain 4"

Day 2: Delhi



Cut through Old Delhi's buzzing streets on a rickshaw – your mode of transport for an exhilarating food tour. Down narrow streets and corridors, see plates bursting with colour as you meet local vendors and taste some of the best food India has to offer. You'll also pay a visit to a sacred Sikh temple that features a communal kitchen. Continue to Humayun's Tomb, one of the best preserved Mughal monuments, and round out your tour at the India Gate war memorial, Parliament, and the President's sprawling, palatial residence, Rashtrapati Bhawan. Gather with your group in the evening for a memorable dinner featuring Indian specialities.

Hotel

The Park New Delhi
Delhi

Culinary

Breakfast & Lunch

Weather

High 29°
Low 26°
Rain 4"

Day 3: Delhi - Udaipur



The gateway to Rajasthan, Udaipur's regal forts and palaces evoke fairy tale stories and exotic prose. On an evening cruise of Lake Pichola, views of City Palace dominate and the sight of the southern island reveals the glittering, three-storied palace of Jag Mandir. Your hotel, a restored historic palace, is perched on a hilltop overlooking the lake.

Hotel

Lalit Laxmi Vilas
Udaipur

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

High 30°
Low 22°
Rain 7"

Day 4: Udaipur



As the dawn meets the day, it's your choice! Join a local expert to learn the basic practices of yoga -OR- embark on a leisurely walking tour as the streets of Udaipur come to life. This afternoon, explore the City Palace and marvel at its windowless walls, domes, and tiered balconies. Follow the steps of royal ladies in the enchanting Sahelion-ki-Bari – "Garden of the Maids of Honour." The remainder of the day is yours.

Hotel

Lalit Laxmi Vilas
Udaipur

Culinary

Breakfast

Weather

High 30°
Low 22°
Rain 7"

Day 5: Udaipur - Jaipur



A scenic drive through the countryside delivers you to Jaipur, the "Pink City." Our first stop is at the 953-windowed façade of Hawa Mahal, the former home of a maharaja. Immerse yourself in the architectural glories of Jaipur as you stroll the heart of the Old City. Walk the perfumed aisles of a flower market where garlands are created for traditional Indian ceremonies. Not far away, marvel at the impeccable masonry at Jantar Mantar. This evening, get to know a local family as you join them for a hosted dinner in their home.

Hotel

Itc Rajputana
Jaipur

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

High 33°
Low 20°

Day 6: Jaipur



Ascend to the top of the extensive palace complex of Amber Fort aboard a vintage jeep. This is India's former seat of power, and a prelude to an incredible cultural experience in Jaipur. Visit a local school* where children are thriving in a midday program supported by the Collette Foundation.

Hotel

Itc Rajputana
Jaipur

Culinary

Breakfast & Lunch

Weather

High 33°
Low 20°

Day 7: Jaipur - Ranthambore National Park



The tiger is a creature of unending fascination in India. Seek them out in their natural habitat at Ranthambore National Park. Learn about Project Tiger's conservation efforts and the impact the organisation has had on the Ranthambore sanctuary. You'll also meet a naturalist who'll introduce you to India's extensive wildlife.

Hotel

Sawai Vilas
Ranthambore

Culinary

Breakfast & Lunch

Weather

High 36°
Low 22°

Day 8: Ranthambore



The barking deer and the Indian gazelles come out to play in the early hours of the morning. Under the cover of exotic birdlife, follow the path of the desert cats as you go in search of the wildlife this sanctuary is known for. Then, it's your choice! Return to your hotel to simply relax -OR- visit Dastkar, a foundation that empowers local women by training and selling their handicrafts. In the afternoon, return to the wild for another opportunity to watch for marsh crocodiles, sloth bears, hyenas, and of course, tigers.

Hotel

Sawai Vilas
Ranthambore

Culinary

Breakfast & Lunch

Weather

High 36°
Low 22°

Day 9: Ranthambore - Agra



The sound of your train's engine is the only thing that cuts the still of the early morning. Through tunnels and around bends, follow the rails to Agra, a city rich with the splendors of the past.

Hotel
Itc Mughal Agra
Agra

Culinary
Breakfast

Weather
High 34°
Low 17°

Day 10: Agra



The Taj Mahal, a stunning vision in white marble and sandstone, was constructed as an expression of love by Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan. Experience the romantic spirit of the Taj Mahal at sunrise, when the colours of the sky dance on the white marble façade and shimmer in its reflective pool. Later, visit Agra Fort, the seat of the Mughal Empire. Then enjoy lunch at Sheroes' Hangout – a café that empowers female survivors of shattering acid attacks, so that they may reclaim their lives, and livelihoods, through employment and sisterhood.

Hotel
Itc Mughal Agra
Agra

Culinary
Breakfast & Lunch

Weather
High 34°
Low 17°

Day 11: Agra - Khajuraho



Aboard a public train this morning, make passage to Khajuraho. In the shadow of the Vindhya mountain range lies a city of stone – a place where India's near-mythic aesthetic is forged into the stonework of dozens of temples.

Hotel
Radisson Jass Hotel Khajuraho
Khajuraho

Culinary
Breakfast & Lunch

Weather
High 32°
Low 20°

Day 12: Khajuraho - Varanasi



Behold the Chandel Temple complex, where some of the finest examples of temple architecture in northern India reside. Then, travel to Varanasi – India's holiest city with a palpable mystique.

Hotel
Rivatas Hotel
Varanasi

Culinary
Breakfast & Lunch

Weather
High 32°
Low 19°

Day 13: Varanasi



Today, take advantage of a morning boat ride for an opportunity to see the sunrise on the River Ganges. Travel to Sarnath, where Siddhartha Gautama, later known as Buddha, gave his first sermon in the 6th century B.C. Later sail along the River Ganges on a journey along the ghats, or banks, of the river. From the Dasaswamedh Ghat, experience the Ganga Aarti ceremony as it illuminates the night sky. Celebrate your passage through India alongside new friends at a farewell dinner.

Hotel
Rivatas Hotel
Varanasi

Culinary
Breakfast & Dinner

Weather
High 32°
Low 19°

Day 14: Varanasi - Delhi - Tour Ends



Enjoy a morning at leisure before flying back to Delhi, where a day room has been reserved for you to freshen up before your return flight home.

Post Night: Lemon Tree Premier



Would you like to end your vacation with an additional Hotel in Delhi?