



Itinerary

India's Treasures featuring Holi Festival

Mar 6, 2020 - Mar 14, 2020

Pre Night: Hyatt Regency Hotel 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 have an additional stay at the Hyatt hotel?

Day 1: Delhi, India - Tour Begins



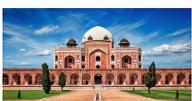
Discover the rare beauty and vibrant culture of India as you travel from lively Delhi to colourful Jaipur and on to the historic city of Agra. Welcome to Delhi, India's capital city. Made up of seven ancient cities, today it remains a cultural melting pot.

Day 2: Delhi



Immerse yourself in India's bustling capital during a sightseeing tour of Old Delhi. Discover the history of Jama Masjid, India's largest mosque. Explore Old Delhi's narrow streets by rickshaw, the traditional mode of transportation, during an exhilarating food tour. Travelling down narrow streets and corridors, see plates bursting with colour as you interact with local vendors and taste some of the best food India has to offer. Enjoy some leisure time to explore independently. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner.

Day 3: Delhi



Following breakfast, visit Humayun's tomb, built by the widow of a great Mughal Emperor. Drive past the India Gate war memorial, the Parliament and the palatial Rashtrapati Bhawan – the President's residence. Proceed to the holy shrine of Sikhs, Gurudwara Bangla Sahib.* Originally a bungalow owned by Raja Jai Singh, this huge complex features a devotion centre, a large pond for the holy dip, a missionary school, an art gallery, a charitable hospital, and a free kitchen – called Langar (community dining). Hear the holy hymns recited by the priests as you marvel at the beautiful gilded structure. At the community dining hall, get a behind-the-scenes look at the work that goes into feeding 10,000 people each day.

Day 4: Delhi - Jaipur



Depart for a scenic drive through the countryside to the "Pink City" of Jaipur. Later, head out for a brief stop at Hawa Mahal, home to a former Maharaja, with its impressive façade of 953 windows. Then it's on to the City Palace, the residence of the Royal family of Jaipur. Stroll through the gardens and courtyards and delight in the intricate decorative art and carved doorways.

Hotel

The Lalit Jaipur
Jaipur

Culinary

Breakfast & Lunch

Weather

High 31°
Low 17°

Day 5: Jaipur



Participate in Holi – the traditional “festival of colour.” This Hindu festival of spring celebrates fertility, love, triumph of good over evil, and of course, colour. Join people from all around India and the world in throwing powdered colour in celebration of the arrival of spring. For centuries, Holi has remained a joyous occasion, a time for friends to come together and enjoy themselves. Experience the Holi up close, under the brilliant Technicolour rains of green, orange, red, and purple coloured water, and see India and the Hindu culture in a new light. This evening, sit down to dinner at the home of a local family and learn more about Indian culture and their traditions at their home.

Hotel

The Lalit Jaipur
Jaipur

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

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Day 6: Jaipur



This morning, participate in a relaxing yoga class and learn basic exercises and breathing techniques from a local. Then, board a vintage jeep and ascend to the top of the majestic Amber Fort, a UNESCO World Heritage site and India's former seat of power. Visit a local school** where the children are part of a midday programme supported by the efforts of the Collette Foundation. Tap into local customs during lunch when you learn about turban and sari tying.

Hotel

The Lalit Jaipur
Jaipur

Culinary

Breakfast & Lunch

Weather

High 31°
Low 17°

Day 7: Jaipur - Agra



Continue your journey to Agra, a city rich with the splendours of the past. En route, stop in Abhaneri village to visit Chand Baori, one of the largest and most beautiful stepwells in the world. Built during the 8th and 9th centuries, this amazing feat of engineering has 3,500 narrow steps arranged in perfect symmetry that descend to the bottom of the well.

Hotel

Mansion Grand Agra
Agra

Culinary

Breakfast

Weather

High 32°
Low 13°

Day 8: Agra



Behold one of the most impressive sites in the world – the Taj Mahal at sunrise. Taking 22 years and 20,000 men to build in the 17th century, this wonder of the world was commissioned by Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan as an expression of his love for his wife Mumtaz Mahal. Then, after breakfast, discover Agra Fort, a UNESCO World Heritage site that dates back to the 11th century. Stand in awe of this sprawling fort that was built as a military structure but later transformed into a palace. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a special farewell dinner at a restaurant popular with locals.

Hotel

Mansion Grand Agra
Agra

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

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Low 13°

Day 9: Agra - Delhi - Tour Ends



Return to Delhi where you may choose to reserve a day room to freshen up prior to the departure of your return flight home.

Post Night: Vivanta by Taj Dwarka



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

