

Delights of India



Amber Fort, Jaipur

Delights of India combines the ancient with the modern and nature's wonders with man's achievements. An amazing tour comprising the three famous cities Delhi, Agra and Jaipur along with fascinating abandoned city of Fatehpur Sikri and the erstwhile royal hunting ground (now a protected tiger reserve) of Ranthambore. The tour clubs royal Rajasthan with the city of Agra, home to the inimitable Taj Mahal besides the dazzling and delightful Delhi. The tour is probably the best introduction to India for first time travellers to this amazing country.

DELHI

Delhi, the capital of India, is a city of many faces and shades. Here history brushes shoulders with modernity quite casually, and this endows the modern city with an ancient soul with a unique appeal. The city, or rather the seven cities of Delhi prior to Lutyens Delhi has also witnessed the rise and fall of many empires. The status of the capital of India sits quite fittingly on this city state with a state of mind. The majestic monuments in Delhi reflect its rich, glorious and troubled past in stones for you to see...and also hear.



Fatehpur Sikri



Tiger cubs at Ranthambore

AGRA

Agra is famous as being home to one of the Seven Wonders of the World - the "TAJ MAHAL". The architectural splendor of the mausoleums, the fort and the palaces is a vivid reminder of the opulence of the legendary Mughal Empire, of which Agra was the capital in the 16th and early 17th century. A pleasant town with a comparatively slow pace, Agra is known for its superb inlay work on marble and soapstone by craftsmen who are descendants of those who worked under the Mughals. The city is also famous for its carpets, gold thread embroidery and leather shoes.



Red Fort, Agra

FATEHPUR SIKRI

Fatehpur Sikri is regarded as Emperor Akbar's crowning architectural legacy. Its numerous palaces, halls, and masjids (mosques) display his creative and aesthetic impulses, typical of Mughals. The city is a World Heritage site. Architect or layperson, this city generally captures the imagination and wonder of all who experience its urban spaces and see its buildings. Eventually, it is believed that water sources dried up and the fort city had to be abandoned.



Ranthambore Tiger Reserve

RANTHAMBORE

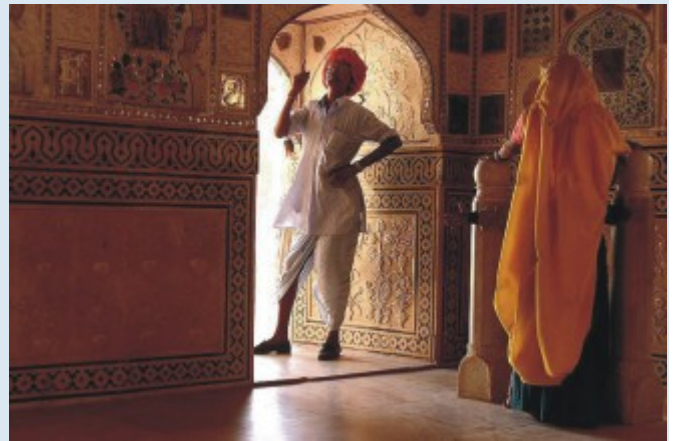
Ranthambore National Park is considered the country's best for observing and photographing the activities of the tiger. It is the only deciduous tiger habitat in the world with an impressive range of other animal species. During the winter months, the lakes attract a variety of migrant water birds. The blend between nature and history is strong in this park - the fort, temples, tanks and other relics are a constant reminder of man's involvement in the area.

JAIPUR

The fabled "Pink City" of Jaipur is the vibrant, bustling and immensely colourful capital of Rajasthan. The "pink" is derived from the rich hues of the architecture, constructed from rare coloured sandstone.

Two and a half centuries ago, Jaipur was the country's first modern city, laid strictly according to the ancient Indian treatise of town planning and architecture - the Shilpa Shastra. Structured in a nine-grid plan, it has City Palace in its centre, with mansions and markets emanating outward from this core.

Many of those well-preserved palaces and mansions are now museums, or heritage hotels, making Jaipur one of the few big cities in India where walking around is a sheer pleasure. Whether through stately avenues or through the jumble of Jaipur's walled city - full of bazars, the bustle of cows, camels and rickshaws, discover this historic rajput city on foot. There is so much to see and absorb in Jaipur.



Couple admiring intricate mirror work at Amber Fort, Jaipur

BASIC ITINERARY

- DAY 1 - Arrive Delhi. Overnight in Delhi.
- DAY 2 - City tour of Old and New Delhi. Overnight in Delhi.
- DAY 3 - Train to Agra. Arrive Agra. Visit the Taj Mahal and Agra Red Fort. Overnight in Agra.
- DAY 4 - Drive to Bharatpur enroute visiting Fatehpur Sikri. From Bharatpur train to Ranthambore. Overnight in Ranthambore.
- DAY 5 - Visit to the Ranthambore National Park to spot the elusive Tiger. Overnight in Ranthambore.
- DAY 6 - Morning visit to the park again. Afternoon drive to Jaipur. Overnight in Jaipur.
- DAY 7 - Morning visit to the Amber Fort outside Jaipur. Afternoon visit to the Jaipur City Palace and Jantar Mantar. Overnight in Jaipur.
- DAY 8 - Drive back to Delhi. Flight back home.

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Our private tailor made journeys offer complete freedom of choice. The itineraries shown are designed to give you a flavour of what is possible and can be tailored to suit your preferences. Prices vary according to selection of accommodation and season.