

Dreams of the Taj

India Tours 2020-2021

Escapade Experience **MAXIMUM 20 PARTICIPANTS**

Tour Type: Land only package

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Depart Originating City

Depart from your home city. This may be a day or more before tour start date, depending on your individual international air travel arrangements.

Day 1, Fri • Arrive Delhi

Namaste. Welcome to India! After entry formalities, you will be greeted with a “Mauli” ritual. Mauli is a symbolic cotton thread tied on the wrist and is the traditional Indian way to start a journey on an auspicious note. Transfer to your hotel (check-in after 2pm)

Hotel: Novotel Aerocity

Day 2, Sat • Delhi B

Start your guided exploration of Old Delhi in a cycle rickshaw (pedicab) through the winding narrow lanes. The Old City walls wrap around Chandi Chowk, the ancient market that continues to thrive. You'll visit Jama Masjid, the largest mosque in India built by the Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan in the 17th century. Continue to Raj Ghat, the memorial to Gandhi, built at the site of his cremation on the banks of the Yamuna River. Later visit a Sikh temple and learn about the history of this religion. While at the temple, you have the option to volunteer in the community kitchen to prepare and serve food to the visitors (the temple is visited by about a million every day) and enjoy a traditional vegetarian lunch with the community. In the afternoon, drive by India Gate and the Government Secretariat buildings on the way to the Qutab Minar - the five-storied victory tower in honor of India's first Muslim ruler.

Day 3, Sun • Delhi - Agra B

Drive to Agra - the city of Taj Mahal. Once a small village on the banks of the Yamuna, Agra was transformed by two great Mughal monarchs, Akbar and his grandson Shah Jahan, into the second capital of the Mughal Empire. Balance of the day at leisure.

Hotel: Crystal Sarovar Premiere

Day 4, Mon • Agra B

Rise early for a dawn visit to the Taj Mahal, to see this extraordinary monument by the first light of day. Fashioned from white marble with semi-precious stone inlay work, it literally glows at sunrise. Return to the hotel for breakfast, then visit Agra Fort, a UNESCO World Heritage site and the stronghold of the Mughal Empire under successive generations. From the ramparts of the fort, there is a lovely view of the Taj Mahal in the distance. This afternoon, take high tea with a local family and enjoy the opportunity to see how they live, understand the culture and Indian family value system.

Day 5, Tue • Agra - Jaipur B

Drive for Jaipur, in the heart of the Rajasthan desert. Visit Abhaneri Village, a popular stop enroute. Continue to Jaipur. This evening perhaps experience a Bollywood film at the cinema (optional tour).

Hotel: Sarovar Premiere

Day 6, Wed • Jaipur B,D

Amber Fort, set on a hilltop overlooking Maota Lake, is an authentic example of Rajput architecture. Photo stop at the Hawa Mahal (Palace of Winds). Visit the Royal City Palace and its extravagant rooms and apartments – India’s Versailles. And Jantar Mantar, built by a child prince, is accurate to this day. This evening, enjoy a cooking demonstration and home hosted meal - a fun and interactive session that combines delicious local food and drink with some serious recipes to take home.

Day 7, Thu • Depart Jaipur B

At leisure until departure transfer for your flight home or onward destination.

Hotels

- Delhi Novotel Aerocity
- Agra Crystal Sarovar Premiere
- Jaipur Sarovar Premiere

Tour Cost (per person, based on double occupancy)

START DATE	END DATE	LAND ONLY	SINGLE SUPP.
2020			
Aug 14	Aug 20	\$1499	\$399
Sep 4	Sep 10	\$1699	\$499
Oct 9	Oct 15	\$1699	\$499
Nov 6	Nov 12	\$1699	\$499
Dec 4	Dec 10	\$1699	\$499
Dec 11	Dec 17	\$1699	\$499
2021			
Jan 8	Jan 14	\$1699	\$499
Jan 15	Jan 21	\$1699	\$499
Jan 22	Jan 28	\$1699	\$499
Jan 29	Feb 4	\$1699	\$499
Feb 5	Feb 11	\$1699	\$499
Feb 12	Feb 18	\$1699	\$499
Feb 19	Feb 25	\$1699	\$499
Feb 26	Mar 4	\$1699	\$499
Mar 5	Mar 11	\$1699	\$499

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