



# . India

is a fascinating and exotic land with great wealth of diversity in history,

geography, architecture, culture and religion.

Snow capped mountains, breathtaking valleys, expansive plateaus, extensive deserts, beautiful beaches, backwaters, islands, deltas, rain forests with abundant wild life, soaring temples – its all here. The rich heritage of India can be seen in its innumerable Historic Monuments and exquisite range of local handicrafts, exclusively created by the skillful artisans.

Varun Voyages understands the fact that Indian hospitality is legendary and gracious; here 'the guest is god'. By providing quality products, value for money and a more personal service, we constantly work to deliver the exceptional. Whatever your holiday dream we are here to make it come true

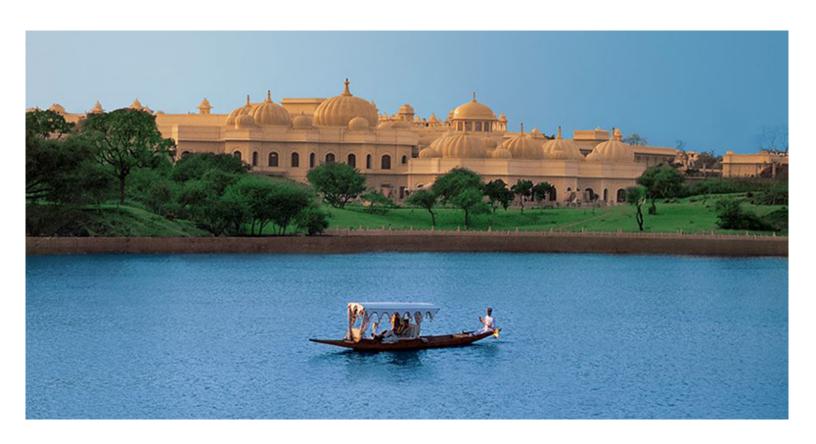
So come and catch the pulse of India.



Welcome to India's Best Destination Management Company

TELEPHONE (USA & CANADA): +1 917 460 2802

# INCREDIBLE INDIA





# **LUXURY TOURS BY VARUN VOYAGES**

# Why Fly by Private Plane?

- ♣ Replace 6 to 8 hour road journeys with 30 to 40 minute flight.
- Excellent prices make this an affordable option.
- Avoid airport delays and early check in times.
- Design your own itinerary to your own schedule.
- Visit many more cities of India.
- Add some pleasure to a business trip.





# WHY TO TRAVEL BY ROAD?

- Experience the village life of India
- On the way free to visit other monuments.
- ♣ Local village shopping and sightseeing
- Free to visit any place other than the itinerary between the cities.





# MAIN TOURIST DESTINATIONS AT A GLANCE

#### **DELHI**

Delhi also known as the (National Capital Territory of Delhi) is a metropolitan region in India that includes the national capital city, New Delhi. It is India's second-most-populous city after Mumbai, and the largest city in terms of area. With a population of 22 million in 2011, the city is the fourth-largest city in the world. The NCT and its urban region have been given the special status of National Capital Region (NCR) under the Constitution of India's 69th amendment act of 1991.

In AD 1639, the Mughal emperor Shahjahan built a new walled city in Delhi, which served as the capital of the Mughal Empire from 1649 until the Rebellion of 1857. The British captured Delhi in



1857 and the city replaced Kolkata as the seat of British government in India in 1911. A new capital city, New Delhi, was built to the south of the old city during the 1920s. When the British left India in 1947, New Delhi became the national capital and seat of government. Today Delhi contains many important historical monuments, buildings and features.

#### **AGRA**

Agra is a city on the banks of the river Yamuna in the northern state of Uttar Pradesh, India. It is 200 kilometers (124 mi) south of the national capital New Delhi. With a population of 1,686,976 (2010 est.), it is one of the most populous cities in Uttar Pradesh and the 19th most populous in India. Agra can also refer to the administrative district that has its headquarters in Agra city.



### **JAIPUR**

Jaipur is the capital and largest city of the Indian state of Rajasthan.

It was founded on 18 November 1727 by Maharaja Sawai Jai Singh II, the ruler of Amber, after whom the city has been named. The city today has a population of 3.1 million. Jaipur is known as the Pink City of India.

The city is remarkable among pre-modern Indian cities for the width and regularity of its streets which are laid out into six sectors separated by broad streets 34 m (111 ft) wide. The urban quarters are further divided by networks of gridded streets. Five quarters wrap around the east, south, and west sides of a central palace quarter, with a sixth quarter immediately to the east. The Palace quarter encloses the sprawling Hawa Mahal palace complex, formal gardens, and a small lake. Nahargarh Fort, which was the residence of the King Sawai Jai Singh II, crowns the hill in the northwest corner of the old city. The observatory, Jantar Mantar, is one of the World Heritage Sites.



Included on the Golden Triangle tourist circuit, along with Delhi and Agra, Jaipur is an extremely popular tourist destination in Rajasthan and India. The 2012 British comedy-drama film, The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel was set and filmed in Jaipur.

### **JODHPUR**

Jodhpur is the 2nd largest city in the Indian state of Rajasthan. It is located 335 kilometers (208 mi) west of the state capital, Jaipur and 200 kilometers (124 mi) from the city of Ajmer. It was formerly the seat of a princely state of the same name, the capital of the kingdom known as Marwar. Jodhpur is a popular tourist destination, featuring many palaces, forts and temples, set in the stark landscape of the Thar Desert.

The city is known as the "Sun City" for the bright, sunny weather it enjoys all year. It is also referred to as the "Blue City" due to the vivid blue-painted houses around the Mehrangarh Fort. The old city circles the fort and is bounded by a wall with several gates. However, the city has expanded greatly



outside the wall over the past several decades. Jodhpur lies near the geographic centre of Rajasthan state, which makes it a convenient base for travel in a region much frequented by tourists.

### **JAISALMER**

Jaisalmer nicknamed "The Golden city", is a town in the Indian state of Rajasthan. It is located 575 kilometres west from the state capital Jaipur. It was once known as Jaisalmer state. The town stands on a ridge of yellowish sandstone, crowned by a fort, which contains the palace and several ornate Jain temples. Many of the houses and temples are finely sculptured. It lies in the heart of the Thar Desert (Great Indian Desert) and has a population of about 78,000.



#### **UDAIPUR**

Udaipur also known as the city of lakes, is a city, a Municipal Corporation and the administrative headquarters of the Udaipur district in the state of Rajasthan in western India. It is located 403 kilometers (250 mi) southwest of the state capital, Jaipur, 248 km (154 mi) west of Kota, and 250 km (155 mi) northeast from Ahmedabad. Udaipur is the historic capital of the kingdom of Mewar in the former Rajputana Agency. The Guhils (Sisodia) clan ruled the Mewar and its capital was shifted from Chittorgarh to Udaipur after founding city of Udaipur by Maharana Uday Singh. The Mewar province became part of Rajasthan after India became independent.



Apart from its history, culture, and scenic locations, it is also known for its Rajput-era palaces. The Lake Palace, for instance, covers an entire island in the Pichola Lake. Many of the palaces have been converted into luxury hotels. It is often called the "Venice of the East", and is also nicknamed the "Lake City". Lake Pichola, FatehSagar Lake, UdaiSagar and SwaroopSagar in this city are considered some of the most beautiful lakes in the state.

#### **MUMBAI**

Mumbai formerly known as Bombay is the capital city of the Indian state of Maharashtra. It is the most populous city in India, and the fourth most populous city in the world, with a total metropolitan area population of approximately 20.5 million. Along with the neighbouring urban areas, including the cities of Navi Mumbai and Thane, it is one of the most populous urban regions in the world. Mumbai lies on the west coast of India and has a deep natural harbour. In 2009, Mumbai was named an Alpha world city. It is also the wealthiest city in India, and has the highest GDP of any city in South, West or Central Asia. Mumbai has been ranked 6th among top 10 global cities on billionaire count, ahead of Shanghai, Paris and Los Angeles.



### **GOA**

Goa is India's smallest state by area and the fourth smallest by population. Located in West India in the region known as the Konkan, it is bounded by the state of Maharashtra to the north, and by Karnataka to the east and south, while the Arabian Sea forms its western coast. Goa is India's richest state with a GDP per capita two and a half times that of the country as a whole. It was ranked the best placed state by the Eleventh Finance Commission for its infrastructure and ranked on top for the best quality of life in India by the National Commission on Population based on the 12 Indicators.



#### COCHIN

Kochi formerly Cochin, is a major port city on the west coast of India by the Arabian Sea and is part of the district of Ernakulam of the state of Kerala. Kochi is often called by the name Ernakulam, which refers to the mainland part of the city. The civic body that governs the city is the Corporation of Cochin, which was constituted in the year 1967, and the statutory bodies that oversee its development are the Greater Cochin Development Authority (GCDA) and the Goshree Islands Development Authority (GIDA)



#### MUNNAR

Munnar is a hill station on the Western Ghats, a range of mountains situated in the Idukki district of the Indian state of Kerala. The name Munnar is believed to mean "three rivers", referring to the town's strategic location at the confluence of the Madhurapuzha, Nallathanni and Kundaly rivers.

Munnar town is in Kannan Devan Hills (KDH) Village in Devikulamtaluk and is the largest panchayat in the Idukki district having an area measuring nearly 557 km.

The nearest major railway stations are at Ernakulam and Aluva (approximately 140 kilometers (87 mi) by road). The nearest airport is Cochin International Airport, which is 105 kilometers (65 mi) away.



#### **THEKKADY**

Situated in Kerala, close to the Kerala - Tamil Nadu border town - Kumily, it is located about 257 km (160 mi) from Trivandrum, 114 km from Madurai City and Madurai International Airport, 185 km from Cochin International Airport and 114 km from Kottayam railway station. The sanctuary is famous for its dense evergreen, semi-evergreen, moist deciduous forests and savanna grass lands. It is home to herds of elephants, sambar,tigers, gaur, lion-tailed Macaques and NilgiriLangurs.



The Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary is spread across 777 km2 (300 sq mi), of which 360 km2 (140 sq mi) is

thick evergreen forest. The Wild Life Sanctuary was declared a Tiger Reserve in 1978. The splendid artificial lake formed by the Mullaperiyar Dam across the Periyar River adds to the charm of the park. The greatest attraction of Periyar are the herds of wild elephants that come down to play in the lake. Sanctuary can be accessed through a nature walk, boating or jeep safari.

#### **KUMARAKOM**

Kumarakom is home to a wide variety of flora and fauna. Kumarakom Bird Sanctuary is a noted bird sanctuary where many species of migratory birds visit. The Vembanad Lake, the largest backwater in Kerala, is habitat for many marine and freshwater fish species and it teems with Karimeen (Pearl spot also known as Etroplussuratensis) shrimp (Metapenaeusdobsonii) common name Poovalanchemeen. The bird sanctuary extends over 14 acres (57,000 m²), and came into existence following preservation efforts from the government. If you are lucky you will chance upon a Siberian Crane, a special visitor during the migratory season. It is a very beautiful place to live. It is a major tourist attraction.



# <u>ITINERARIES</u>

# **EXOTIC VACATIONS WITH OBEROI HOTELS**



#### DAY 1

Arrive India's capital city of Delhi. Upon arrival, you are met and transferred to The Oberoi Hotel New Delhi or Gurgaon for an overnight stay.

#### DAY 2

New Delhi is a fascinating contrast in its British designed architecture and avenues. proceed for full day sightseeing of New & Old Delhi. OLD DELHI - Raj Ghat - the memorial site where Mahatma Gandhi was cremated; Jama Masjid - the largest mosque in India, Red Fort known as Lal Quila. NEW DELHI - Humayun's Tomb, Qutub Minar, a drive along the ceremonial avenue - Rajpath, past the imposing India Gate, Parliament House. Overnight stay at The Oberoi Hotel New Delhi or Gurgaon.

#### DAY3

Travel to Agra by road and check in at The Oberoi Amarvilas Hotel, where your room windows will give you your first glimpse of the the real Taj Mahal.

#### DAY 4

Early morning, enjoy your first visit to the TajMahal, continuing on to the massive Agra Fort and the intimate and serene Itmad-ud-Daulah. The rest of the day is yours to relax by the pool, read or enjoy your surroundings.

#### DAY 5

Today proceed out overland for Jaipur, stopping en-route to visit the perfectly preserved and abandoned Fatehpur Sikri, Akbar the Great's capital in homage to the Sufi Saint, Salim Chisti. Arriving in Jaipur, you check in at the award winning Oberoi Rajvilas Hotel.

#### DAY 6

Early morning proceed to visit the Amber Fort on elephant back, high above the town. Later you will explore the Pink City of Jaipur touring the City Palace and the fascinating outdoor Jantar Mantar Observatory. Visit The Albert Hall Museum and drive past the Palace of Winds. A car and driver are at your disposal for the remainder of the day for shopping or whatever you choose within the city.

#### DAY 7

Today Travel overland to Udaipur, and on arrival, check in to The Oberoi Udaivilas Hotel. The rest of your day is at your leisure to relax and enjoy this gorgeous property on the banks of Lake Pichola.

#### DAY8

This morning, a tour of the lake city of Udaipur will reveal a traditional Rajput town that is picturesque. This lakeside town has many treasures and palaces including the imposing City Palace, the Crystal Gallery, the Jagdish temple and the Monsoon Palace.

#### DAY9

After a relaxing morning, fly to Mumbai and check in at The Oberoi Hotel. The late afternoon and evening is free to enjoy the fabulous view of the Arabian Sea and the shopping arcade or spa.

#### **DAY 10**

Today, your tour of India's commercial capital will include The Prince of Wales Museum, The Gateway of India, the Hanging Gardens and Gandhi's residence.

#### **DAY 11**

You check out at noon and proceed to your onward destination.

#### **Participating Hotels and Resorts:**

- The Oberoi, New Delhi
- The Oberoi Amarvilas, Agra
- 4 The Oberoi Rajvilas, Jaipur
- 4 The Oberoi Udaivilas, Udaipur
- The Oberoi, Mumbai

# **ANDAMAN ISLAND**



#### **Experience one of the World's Best Diving Locations, the Andaman Islands!**

The Andaman Islands are a string of islands hidden away in the Bay of Bengal and have long been considered one of the most picturesque islands in the world. Their remote location offers adventurous travelers some of the world's most incredible diving sites with the areas unique blend of crystal clear waters and unique sea life. Below is an example of what some of our diving itineraries look like, but it is just a starting point. Contact us and we will create an exceptional experience, designed just for you!

#### Suggested Tour plan for Diving in the Andaman Islands

#### **DAY 01 ARRIVE CHENNAI**

On arrival stay at The Trident Hotel.

#### **DAY 02 CHENNAI – PORT BLAIR**

Morning transfer by air to Port Blair. On arrival, transfer to the Fortune Resort Bay Island Hotel. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure

#### **DAY 03 PORT BLAIR - HAVELOCK ISLAND**

Morning transfer by boat to Havelock Island (approx a 2 hour cruise). On arrival, check in to the Barefoot Resort.

Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure to enjoy activities on the island like kayaking, fishing, or enjoying the beach!

#### **DAY 04 HAVELOCK ISLAND**

Enjoy a morning dive in the stunning, clear waters of the Andamans. In the afternoon you can return to the island to relax, or enjoy an afternoon dive in a separate location

#### **DAY 05 HAVELOCK ISLAND**

Enjoy a morning dive in the stunning, clear waters of the Andamans. In the afternoon you can return to the island to relax, or enjoy an afternoon dive in a separate location

#### DAY 06 HAVELOCK ISLAND - PORT BLAIR

Enjoy your morning at leisure or venture out for one last dive in the Andamans. Afternoon transfer by boat to Fortune Resort Bay Island Hotel. Enjoy the rest of your day at leisure.

#### **DAY 07 PORT BLAIR - CHENNAI**

Enjoy your morning at leisure, or take an optional early morning visit to Bird Island (known for its picturesque views and incredible wildlife).

Afternoon transfer by air to Chennai International Airport Depart Chennai International Airport to your onward destination.

# THE INDIAN TREASURE - LUXURY CHARTERED TOUR



Varun Voyages offers you the opportunity to experience the world's most exclusive and unique journey around India. What more exciting event than to invite 15 friends or family to join you and your partner on a journey of discovery, experiencing the essence of this deeply fascinating country through the eyes of passionate experts, local professionals, national celebrities and members of India's royal families in their magnificent palaces.

#### Places and Destinations covered in this tour

The grand architecture of the British Raj in New Delhi; mosques and monuments to history in Old Delhi; The Taj Mahal; Agra Fort; the majesty of

Gwalior; India's most sacred city, Varanasi; the wild game reserves of Bandhavgarh; feel like royalty in Hyderabad; experience India's bustling financial capital, Mumbai; India's most romantic city, Udaipur; the royal city of Jaipur, filled with gems and palaces;

#### Tour Plan for Your Own Chartered Tour by Varun Voyages

#### **DAY 1 ARRIVE DELHI**

Arrive Delhi International Airport Terminal and transfer to The Imperial Hotel. Tonight, enjoy a special welcome dinner at the world renown Spice Route

#### **DAY 2 DELHI**

After a leisurely breakfast enjoy full day guided sightseeing of Delhi including Red Fort, Jama Masjid, Cycle Rickshaw ride in the by-lanes of Old Delhi, Raj Ghat, drive past Parliament and Presidential Palace, India Gate, Humayun Tomb, Qutub Minar. A private dinner will be arranged for you in the evening at Bukhara Restaurant

#### **DAY 3 DELHI**

Today, the decision is yours. Would you like to play a round of golf at the premiere Delhi Golf Club? Or would you prefer a private visit to a museum or art gallery with the curator as your guide? If you would prefer to do some shopping, we will arrange for our personal shopper show you the best spots in Delhi!

Dinner tonight will be at Le Cirque at The Leela Palace Hotel or The Bukhara Restaurant at The Maurya

#### DAY 4 DELHI - AGRA

After a leisurely breakfast, we will escort you to Delhi's Domestic Airport where you will board your private plane headed for Agra.

On arrival, check-in at The Oberoi Amarvilas Hotel, and then visit the Agra Fort followed by the TajMahal at Sunset – a magical sight!

Enjoy a private Mughal dinner at the hotel

#### **DAY 5 AGRA - GWALIOR - VARANASI**

Following breakfast, you will fly by private plane to visit Gwalior in the heart of India.

Enjoy lunch at the palace hotel

In the afternoon, your private plane will take you to Varanasi, India's most sacred city. On arrival, you will check in to the TajNadesar Palace Hotel.

#### **DAY 6 VARANASI**

You begin your day at dawn, embarking on a simple riverboat to enjoy the sun rise over your first glimpse of this sacred city.

Lunch at Varanasi's and day exploration and preservation of Hindu culture.

Enjoy afternoon tea at Nadesar Palace and then enjoy the local cuisine at a Private Haveli for dinner

#### DAY 7 VARANASI - UMARIA - BANDHAVGARH

In the morning, take a short visit to the Sarnath Museum where you will be guided by the curator

In the afternoon, your private plane will fly to you Indians densest central jungles and the Taj Hotels' Mahua Kothi Resort. You will arrive in time for the afternoon Safari for your first opportunity to see the elusive and magical Tiger...

Dinner will be under the Mahua Tree where you can sample local cuisines and enjoy ice-cold signature cocktails

#### **DAY 8 BANDHAVGARH**

Spend the day exploring the game park on your safari drives

Enjoy a 'Chopal' dinner on your return to the hotel

#### DAY 9 BANDHAVGARH - UMARIA - HYDERABAD

Enjoy your last early morning safari drive in the park. On your return to the hotel, enjoy breakfast and return to your private plane.

From here you will fly to Hyderabad where upon arrival, you will check in to the stunning Taj Falaknuma Palace.

For dinner this evening, enjoy the Shikaar Ka Khanna (the Hunters Meal)

#### **DAY 10 HYDERABAD**

Spend the day exploring the riches of Hyderabad from its historical significance to sampling the pearl and jewelry districts for yourself

Dinner this evening will be a special 6 course feast called the Shahi Dastarkham.

#### **DAY 11 HYDERABAD**

On your last day in Hyderabad, you have the option of exploring the hotel and its deep historical significance, experience its stunning Jiva Spa, or to go out and explore the Pearl markets where you can find black, grey, pink, and cream variants all set in stunning and unique designs.

Experience high tea in the Jade room at Falkanuma palace

For dinner, enjoy a special meal celebrated with a custom designed menu complete with specialty cocktails and the selection of Falaknuma's vast wine collection.

#### DAY 12 HYDERABAD – MUMBAI

This morning your private plane will fly you to Mumbai, India's commercial capital.

On arrival, check in to the TajMahal Palace Hotel. After settling in, you can relax by the pool or explore the shopping arcade and its tempting stores, including one of the best book stores in the city.

Dinner tonight is hosted on the privately reserved, roof terrace overlooking one of the most breathtaking views of Mumbai, the 'Queens Necklace'

#### **DAY 13 MUMBAI**

This morning you will explore this fascinating city, beginning with a private tour of the Prince of Wales Museum with the curator.

Lunch will be at the elegant and private Willingdon Club

In the late afternoon, you will travel to the Elephanta Caves by private boat / Yacht. Here you can explore caves that date back to 450 AD and gives you an excellent introduction to the Hindu Religion.

For dinner tonight, dine on the terrace of a private home overlooking the harbor.

#### DAY 14 MUMBAI - UDAIPUR

This morning you will board your private plane and head to India's most romantic city, Udaipur.

Upon arrival, check in to The Oberoi Udaivilas by taking an enchanting boat ride across Lake Pichola.

Spend the afternoon exploring the City palace and wandering through its streets and shops.

Dinner will be held at the Zenna Mahal, the Queens Palace

#### DAY 15 UDAIPUR - RANAKPUR - UDAIPUR

In the early morning, you depart on your excursion to Ranakpur on a road journey through the Rajasthan countryside. Once at Ranakpur, explore the stunning Jain temples. Following the temples, enjoy an outdoor lunch under tents, safari style!

On your return to Udaivilas, enjoy a cruise around the lake on a 150 year old barge, featured in the James Bond movie, 'Octopussy'

#### **DAY 16 UDAIPUR – JODHPUR**

This morning fly to Jodhpur, the 'blue city' of Rajasthan. On arrival, check in to the Taj Umaid Bhavan Palace hotel.

Enjoy lunch on the impressive hotel grounds and spend the afternoon exploring the old city.

In the evening, enjoy a private viewing of the magnificent Mahrangarh Fort guided by the curator. Following the tour, enjoy a private dinner on the ramparts as guests of the royal family.

#### **DAY 17 JODHPUR – JAIPUR**

Today your private plane will fly you to the state capital of Rajasthan, Jaipur. Upon arrival, check in to the Taj Rambagh Palace.

Enjoy lunch overlooking the Palace's grounds. In the afternoon, relax at the hotel enjoying the pool, spa, or shopping arcade.

In the early evening, drive to the City Palace where you will meet with famous art historian and director of the City Palace, Giles Tilloston. Following the palace, enjoy a very special event held in your honor at the Royal House of Jaipur – sure to be one of the highlights of your trip!

#### **DAY 18 JAIPUR**

Enjoy an early morning hot air balloon ride across the city, or explore some of the world's best shopping with a little retail therapy!

In the late afternoon, get a small taste of adventure by travelling to the Dera Amer camp for an evening filled with Elephant Polo, Camel Rides, Henna Painting and a specialty private dinner with Jaipur Maharaja.

#### DAY 19 JAIPUR - DELHI - DEPART DELHI

After a leisurely breakfast, and a short flight back to Delhi airport on your private plane, you will connect to your international flight and onward destination.

# **CULINARY TOUR**



Plan for a Culinary Tour of Rajasthan by Varun Voyages

#### **DAY 1 ARRIVE DELHI**

Arrive Delhi International Airport Terminal and transfer to The Imperial Hotel

#### **DAY 2 DELHI**

Morning half day sightseeing tour of New Delhi. In the late afternoon, visit the Old Delhi Spice Market accompanied by a cooking expert and enjoy an exhilarating rickshaw ride in old Delhi

Early evening cookery demonstration at a private home followed by dinner

#### **DAY 3 DELHI – JODHPUR**

Morning transfer to Delhi domestic airport to board flight to Jodhpur. On arrival, check in to the Taj Umaid Bhawan Palace Hotel.

Morning sightseeing tour of Jodhpur city including a visit Mehrangarh Fort and Jaswant Thada

Rest of the day at leisure/free for Spa treatment

#### **DAY 4 JODHPUR**

Late morning visit the spice market accompanied by a member of The UmaidBhawan Palace team followed by a cookery demonstration of Rajasthani cuisine at the hotel, later enjoy the items prepared.

Rest of the day at leisure/free for Spa treatment

#### **DAY 5 JODHPUR – JAIPUR**

Morning transfer by road to Jaipur. On arrival, check in to The Oberoi Rajvilas Hotel. Evening visit private residence of a traditional Rajasthani Royal family for interaction, followed by dinner

#### **DAY 6 JAIPUR**

Morning excursion to Amber Fort with Elephant ride. Late morning an optional visit to the hotels organic garden from where the Chef's source ingredients for meals followed by cookery demonstration by the chef followed by lunch at "Rajmahal"—The Indian Speciality Restaurant

Afternoon free for Spa treatment

#### DAY 7 JAIPUR - FATEHPUR SIKRI - AGRA

Morning transfer by road to Agra en-route visiting Fatehpur Sikri. On arrival in Agra, check in to The Oberoi Amarvilas.

Enjoy the rest of your day at leisure

#### **DAY 8 AGRA – DELHI**

Early morning visit The Taj Mahal at sunrise.

Transfer by road to Delhi. On arrival, check in to The Imperial Hotel.

In the evening, enjoy a farewell dinner at Bukhara restaurant in the ITC Maurya Hotel

#### **DAY 9 DEPART - DELHI**

Early morning transfer to Delhi international airport to board your flight for your onward destination.

This is a suggested itinerary – it can be changed to fit your individual dates, hotels room types and requirements.

# THE BEACHES OF GOA



#### **DAY 1 ARRIVE GOA**

Arrive Mumbai and transfer to Vivanta by Taj Holiday Village hotel.

#### **DAY 2 GOA**

Full day sightseeing tour of Goa including a visit to a spice plantation including lunch.

Se Cathedral is dedicated to St. Catherine. It was on her feast day, 25th November 1510, that Alphonso de Ibuquerque conquered Goa. The Cross of Miracles, placed in the cathedral, is a popular attraction. The Basilica of Bom Jesus in Old Goa, built in 1605, is a pilgrimage point in Goa and has now been declared a World Heritage Monument. The sacred relics of St. Francis Xavier are kept in this church. St. Francis Xavier, patron saint of Goa, died whilst on a sea voyage to China on December 2, 1552. A visit to the city of Panjim will offer a taste of Goan life. The bustling capital of Goa has fascinating open-air fish, fruit, and flower markets, and you can stop to photograph the Mary Immaculate Conception Church. Drive past RuiDireta, Viceroys arch, the government offices of Panjim and past the Old Portuguese Quarter. Also visit Altinho hill for an aerial view of Panjim City. The Hindu temple, Sri Mahalsa Temple, is dedicated to the Goddess Mahalsa, an avatar of Vishnu. The 18th century temple features a silver doorway and a graceful carved lantern tower in the central courtyard.

The spice groves produce cloves, cinnamon, pepper, vanilla, cardamom, and medicinal herbs. The plantation's fruit orchards produce papaya, guava, pineapple, sweet and sour limes and tangerines. After your walk, enjoy an exotic lunch served on traditional banana leaves. Return to your hotel for an evening at leisure.

#### DAY 3 GOA

Spend a full day at leisure, enjoying the beach, neighbouring towns and nearby village, and amenities of the hotel.

#### **DAY 4 DEPART GOA**

Morning transfer to Goa airport to board flight for onward destination.

# **PEARLS OF HYDERABAD**



#### **DAY 1 ARRIVE HYDERABAD**

Arrive Hyderabad and on arrival transfer to the Taj Falaknuma Palace Hotel. Rest of day at leisure to experience hotel's signature Jiva Spa.

#### **DAY 2 HYDERABAD**

Morning sightseeing tour of Hyderabad. The capital city of the province of Andhra Pradesh is a bustling 400-year-old metropolis, founded in 1591 by Muhammad Qutub Quli Shah, the Sultan of Golconda. The city is famous for its art, jewellery, poetry and architecture. Hyderabad, often called the gateway to the south, blends the north and south Indian identities and yet has a distinct personality of its own.

Pass through Charminar, the rectangular four-arched monumental gate that is 53 metres tall and often described as The Arch of Triumph of the East. It forms the centre piece of the old city surrounded by crowded bazaars. Visit Mecca Masjid, the largest mosque in south India, with lofty colonnades and entrance arches made of single slabs of granite. Next stop is Chowmohalla Palace, one of the partially restored Nizam's ceremonial palaces. Visit one of the largest one-man collection of objects d'art in the Sarlarjung Museum. Its 36 halls display a large array of objects collected by Salarjung III, the Prime Minister of the Nizam.

Return to your hotel for an evening at leisure.

#### **DAY 3 HYDERABAD**

Morning transfer to Hyderabad airport to board flight for onward destination.

# **CITY OF GOLD - MUMBAI**



#### **DAY 1 ARRIVE MUMBAI**

Arrive Mumbai and transfer to The Oberoi, Mumbai.

#### **DAY 2 MUMBAI**

Morning a Heritage walking tour followed by visiting Dabbhawallas near Church gate railway station and a sightseeing tour of Mumbai.

Start from the Gateway of India, standing in front of the monument in the forecourt. This is an introduction to Bombay, its historical background, geographic morphology & the area surrounding Apollo Bunder precinct including the TajMahal Hotel, Royal Bombay Yacht Club etc. Walk to Regal Circle, near the Wellington Fountain and continue to the Institute of Science towards the bustling Kala Ghoda intersection, the Fort and details of all buildings around including Elphinstone College, David Sasson Library, Army & Navy Building, Watson's Hotel & the KenesethEliyahoo Synagogue. Next stop – Mumbai University Campus and a visit the University Library (pending permission). Cross over to Oval Maidan to take in a view of the High Court, the Art Deco line of buildings, the Eros Cinema tower, the Western Railway headquarters and Church Gate railway station.

Witness Dabbawalas in action, how they exit the crowded trains with huge carts on their heads, meet them, converse with them, take photographs and also time permitting, visit one of their branch offices located nearby and meet up with employees & converse about their day to day activities.

Visit the Gateway of India, built to commemorate the visit of King George V in the year 1911. It is a fusion of Indo-Saracenic architecture. From here, proceed to the Afghan Church at Colaba, passing through the famous Dhobi Ghat to see the traditional way of washing clothes. Proceed to the Prince of Wales Museum for a visit (closed on Monday). It is a beautiful Gothic structure designed by George Wittet in Indo-Saracenic style. Drive past the Gothic-style Rajabhai Clock Tower, in the grounds of Bombay University. The High Court next to the tower and Victoria Terminus (popularly known as "V.T", the largest railway station in India) are also in Gothic style. Proceed to visit the Jain Temple at the top of Malabar Hill. En route, drive along the shoreline of Marine Drive. The Jain temple is a colorful, quiet and atmospheric temple with superb carvings on its exterior. If you climb to the upper storey, you can look down on the masked monks tracing symbolic patterns in powder and ash before the image of God.

Continue past the Hanging Gardens and the Parsi Towers of Silence before visiting the Kamla Nehru Park, which was laid out in memory of Jawaharlal Nehru's wife. Drive past Haji Ali Tomb, located in the sea.

Finally, visit Mani Bhavan, Mahatma Gandhi's residence when he visited Bombay. There is a beautifully crafted tableau of 28 panels, depicting key events in the great leader's life. The re-creation of the simple rooms he occupied provides an insight into this legendary figure whose influence is still very much alive in Indian life and politics today — a potent symbol of both the Indian nation and ideas of social justice.

#### **DAY 3 MUMBAI**

Morning take a boat ride across Bombay Harbour to Elephanta Island, also known as "Gharapuri". It contains a fine cluster of 6th to 8th century rock-hewn caves. They were carved during the Golden Age of the Guptas and inspired by the worship of Shiva. The sculptures are beautifully executed. The most outstanding of these is the Maheshmurti or Trimurti (triple face), an 18-foot-high, three-headed bust, hewn from a single rock, representing the triple aspects of Shiva as the Creator, the Preserver and the Destroyer.

Afternoon car and driver at disposal with a personal shopper in Mumbai.

Shopping in India is the most exciting experience! So how to decide where to begin and where to look and how to get there? Your own Personal Shopper. These ladies can not only find you the best tailor or dressmaker; they can take you to sales in private homes. They are extremely well connected and can recommend the best manicures and the best place for a chilled glass of wine at the end of a shopping day. Whatever you need, whether an antique map of the city dating back to the British Raj, or that gorgeous pair of evening sandals, they will take you to the right store – for style, price and service. You can shop for a pair of diamond earrings without fear of being cheated on quality or price, or they can help you choose the perfect silk rug for your home.

#### **DAY 4 DEPART MUMBAI**

Morning transfer to Mumbai airport to board flight for onward destination.

# SPRITUAL INDIA

India is home to the world's major religions. Hinduism, Buddhism and Jainism were all founded here. India has the second largest number of muslims in the world. Christianity was introduced to India by St. Thomas around 2000 years ago. Judaism can trace it's roots to the 1st century, with some of the oldest synagogues in the world. The Zoroastrians who fled Persian prosecution in the 9th century have made India their home. While over 80% of India's people are Hindus, the religion which is more of a daily philosophy, covers a vast range of practices, cultures, cuisine and region. The Hindu religion has no single Book or God or Prophet, but God is depicted in many incarnations and each community has it's own favourite deity. The spirit of tolerance and the general philosophy of 'live and let live' has created a great and varied tapestry of faiths and culutures, although increasing exposure to modern innovations of technology are causing great and rapid changes across the country.

Travelling around India, whether in the pulsating cities, ancient temple complexes or the peaceful rural back country, the essential spirit that rises out of this great country and embraces all who visit her, still offers the gifts of spiritual fulfillment.

Indians love festivals and one can celebrate throughout the year! Beginning with Id-ul-Zuha in February to commemorate Abraham's willingness to sacrifice his son Ismail, this is followed by the Hindu festival of Shivratri, celebrated in honour of the Hindu God Shiva on his wedding night. March



brings Holi, the festival of Spring and the sprinkling of coloured water and the Zoroastrian New Year. The births of MahaviraJayanti and Lord Buddha are celebrated in April or May, with Janmashtami, the birth of Lord Krishna as the most important celebration during the Monsoon season. The gorgeous Bangalore Flower show is in August and in September/October during Dussehra, nine days all over India are spent depicting episodes from the Ramayana, the great Hindu epic. Diwali is India's festival of light and the scene of great celebrating in all homes across the nation. On the first full moon night after Diwali, the Sikhs celebrate the birthday of Guru Nanak, the founder of Sikhism. In November, Pushkar in Rajasthan is the colorful camel fair.

While the spiritual character of some cities is more in evidence, such as Kathmandu with its living Gods and 5000 year old temples and shrines; Varanasi, India's most devout city on the banks of the holy river Ganges, Madurai in the south, home to a vast temple complex and the great Golden Temple of Amritsar, most cities towns and even villages are all dotted with the sacred and the spiritual. A tiny niche in a stone wall along the western mountain roads of the south coast, a fluttering of prayer flags in a remote Nepali village, or a glittering temple flocked to by thousands, all have some spiritual power, evident in the the devotion they inspire. The true spirituality of the people is visible in their everyday lives, their generous hospitality, their eternal optimism and their own indomitable spirit.

# **SPA HOTELS AND YOGA RETREAT**

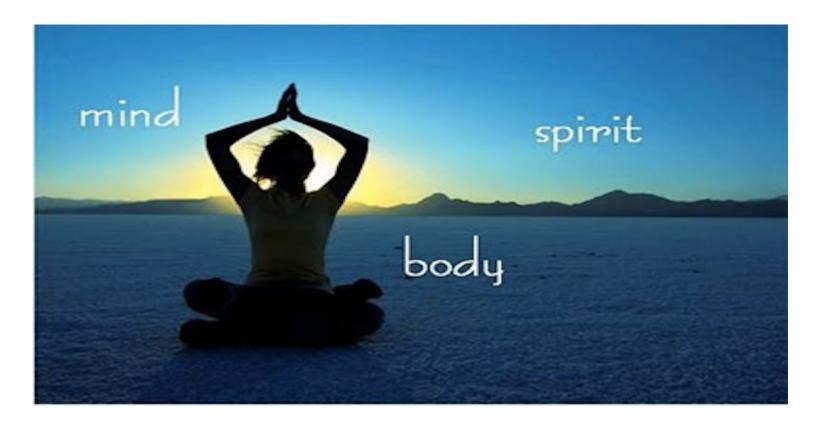
#### What you can experience:

Ayurvedic Treatments, Thai Massages, Swedish Massages, Aroma Therapy, Hydro Therapy, Yoga, Herbal Healing, Yoga And Meditation, Ayurvedic Therapy & more relaxing refreshing treatments and massages.

#### Spa Hotels & Yoga Retreats in India

- Ananda in the Himalayas , Rishikesh
- SwaSwara, Karnataka
- Royal Jiva Spa Boat on Lake Pichola
- The Oberoi Vilas

- Wildflower Hall
- Manaltheeram



#### Enjoy, Relax and Rejuvenate yourself in luxury spas of India

Yoga retreats, spa hotels and hotels with spas are becoming evermore popular, springing up all over the world. India is home to a wonderful collection for luxury hotels, resorts and retreats that serves spa and yoga. They are sprinkled all over the subcontinent – in the hills, on the beach, in cities and they vary in style, comfort and price. Some offer traditional Indian spa therapies and others offer Ayurvedic treatments. Ayurveda is a Vedic science of India and is also known as 'the Science of Life'.

#### **Ananda Spa Resorts**

#### Ayurvedic treatments in luxurious surroundings

Ananda in the Himalayas, ranked top 10 spa hotels of the world, this wonderful resort offers peaceful solitude whilst surrounded by luxury. The 21, 000 sq. ft. spa and facilities here are sublime, having 20 treatment rooms for just 75 bedrooms. They excel at Ayurvedic treatments, Thai and Swedishmassages, aromatherapy and hydro-therapy, to name a few. The yoga pavilion has inspiring views across the valley below. The heated swimming pool is also a perfect place to relax and enjoy climate that is ideal almost year round. Holidays in Ananda are comfortable, luxurious and relaxing.

Ananda is easily accessible by road, rail and air. A 45 minute flight from Delhi to Jolly Grant airport, a 4 hour train journey from Delhi to Hardiwar or a 35 minute drive from Rishikesh. Optional transfer by private helicopter to the heli-pad landing at Ananda.

#### **SwaSwara**

#### Modern, luxurious, clean and comfortable spa hotel in India

Lying within 26-acres of rolling hills and gardens in Karnataka India, SwaSwara 24 villas inspired by homesteads, tradition and craft are nestled within the area. Gardens are adorned by flowers, shrubs and spices that give each other company on a carpet of green lawns, lined with serene coconut

palms. Beyond the lawns is a vegetable garden bursting with the greens of the season and paddy fields that nourish those who stay. Yoga is a way of life, where experts teach the basics of yoga and learn the power and synergies of chanting and meditation symbolizing the power of human expression and passion. Ayurvedic massages and therapies at SwaSwara are designed to refresh the body, soothe away frazzled city nerves and improve blood circulation. Holistic food is an intricate part of wellness and guests, along with the culinary team, gather vegetables from the grounds and cook them in the interactive Kitchen. Artisan workshops are also arranged for guests that wish to rediscover the joys of art. We recommend a holiday of seven or more nights to experience all of these elements and more.

SwaSwarais a 3-1/2 hour drive from Goa.

#### Royal Jiva Spa Boat

#### One of India's luxury spa boats floating on India's Lake Pichola

Soak your senses on board the Royal Jiva Spa Boat on the tranquil waters of Lake Pichola. This unique spa experience recreates the splendor of the Lake Palace, the royal traditions of the House of Mewar and the rejuvenating experiences of the Jiva Spa. The design of the boat fuses historical and regal references with contemporary design, featuring a spacious air-conditioned double spa suite, a relaxation lounge, steam bath and shower. The suite opens up onto a large sky deck, which offers a soaking pool, traditional lounging bed and dining area with views out to the Aravali Mountains. The Jive Spa menu offers guests tailor-made spa experiences to suit their mood. After treatments, guests recline on the private deck and enjoy drinks and freshly prepared meals. At sunset, champagne is served and dining under the stars as a finale with frangrant floral blessing.

Royal Jiva Spa Boat is located in Udaipur in conjunction with guests staying at the Taj Lake Palace hotel. Udaipur is easily accessed by air from Delhi, Jaipur and Jodhpur.

#### The Oberoi Vilas

#### A collection of incredibly luxurious hotels in India

The Oberoi Vilas properties in India are a collection of incredibly luxurious hotels dotted around Rajasthan and Himachal Pradesh. Oberoi Spas privde a serene and truly unforgettable experience of pure pampering and relaxation using holistic therapies and massages that combine the very best of Eastern and Western practices. The spa recipes feature only the finest natural ingredients, often local to the resort. The extraordinary levels of comfort and service that guests expect from Oberoi reach a peak in the Oberoi Spas. One of our favourite spas is at Wildflower Hall. With spectacular views of the Himalayas through lush green cedar and pine forests, the Spa Pavilions offer stressed out guests a peaceful haven in which to revitalize themselves both inside and out.

Oberoi Spas are found at Amarvilas in Agra, Rajvilas in Jaipur, Vanyavilas in Ranthambore National Park, Udaivilas in Udaipur and The Cecil Hotel and Wildflower Hall in Shimla.

#### **Regional Spas**

#### Excellent yoga and meditation in charming hotels and smaller resorts of India

Around Rajasthan and Kerala, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu there are several other charming hotels in India where small spas are attached. They offer either traditional Indian or Ayurvedic treatments. Amongst the many around, we suggest: Devi Garh, Manaltheeram, Neemrana Fort Palace, Surya Samudra in Kovalam and Shalimar Spice Garden, close to Thekkady. For those interested in a comprehensive yoga retreat in Kerala, Paradise lies just 3 hours from Cochin, towards Thekkady. They offer excellent yoga and meditation classes as well as having superb views of the Western Ghats from its ridge top location.

# **WEST INDIA GOLF TOUR**



#### **DAY 1 ARRIVAL AT MUMBAI AIRPORT**

Meet and greet at the airport. Transfer to hotel Check-in to hotel and rest of day at leisure Overnight stay at hotel in Mumbai

#### DAY 2 GOLF AT BOMBAY PRESIDENCY GOLF CLUB & TRANSFER TO AAMBY VALLEY

After breakfast, checkout from hotel and transfer to Bombay Presidency Golf Club Tee-off at Bombay Presidency Golf Club for 18 holes. After golf, transfer to Aamby Valley Check into Aamby Valley Golf Resort

Overnight stay at Aamby Valley Golf Resort

#### DAY 3 GOLF AT AAMBY VALLEY GOLF RESORT

Tee-off at Aamby Valley Golf Resort for 18 holes. Overnight stay at Aamby Valley Golf Resort

#### DAY 4 GOLF AT AAMBY VALLEY GOLF RESORT & TRANSFER TO PUNE

Tee-off at Aamby Valley Golf Resort for 18 holes After golf, transfer to Pune, Check into hotel in Pune Overnight stay at hotel in Pune

#### DAY 5 GOLF AT OXFORD GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

Breakfast at hotel. Pick-up from hotel and transfer to Oxford Golf & Country Club Tee-off at Oxford Golf & Country club for 18 holes

Overnight stay at hotel in Pune

#### **DAY 6 GOLF AT PUNE GOLF CLUB**

Breakfast at hotel. Pick-up from hotel and transfer to Pune Golf Club Tee-off at Pune Golf Club for 18 holes Overnight stay at hotel in Pune

#### **DAY 7 TRANSFER TO MUMBAI AIRPORT**

Checkout from hotel and transfer to Mumbai airport based on flight timing
\*\*\*Tour Ends\*\*\*

# **GOLF TOUR WITH GOLDEN TRIANGLE**



DESTINATION COVERED: - Mumbai - Jaipur - Fatehpur Sikri - Agra - Delhi - Noida - Gurgaon - Delhi - Out

#### **DAY 1 ARRIVE MUMBAI**

Arrive Mumbai International Airport Terminal and transfer to The Taj Mahal Palace and Towers Hotel

#### **DAY 2 MUMABI**

Spend the morning playing Golf at the stunning Willingdon Sports Club. Following lunch, enjoy an afternoon of sightseeing in Mumbai.

#### **DAY 3 MUMBAI**

Spend the morning playing Golf at the stunning Willingdon Sports Club. Enjoy the rest of your day at leisure, perhaps taking advantage of the Taj's stunning SPA.

#### **DAY 4 MUMBAI – JAIPUR**

Morning transfer to Mumbai domestic airport by road, and then transfer to Jaipur by air. Upon arrival, transfer to the Taj Rambagh Palace Hotel. Enjoy your afternoon, playing a round of golf at the exclusive Rambagh Golf Club.

#### **DAY 5 JAIPUR**

Morning excursion to Amber Fort with an Elephant ride. Following lunch, enjoy another round of Golf at the Rambagh Golf Club.

#### **DAY 6 JAIPUR**

Enjoy the morning exploring Jaipur, the 'Pink City', with a personal guide. Spend the afternoon either at leisure, or enjoy a final round of golf at the Rambagh Golf Club.

#### DAY 7 JAIPUR - FATEHPUR SIKRI - AGRA

Morning transfer by road to Agra, en-route visit Fatehpur Sikri. On arrival, check in at the ITC Mughal Hotel. Enjoy the rest of the day at your leisure.

#### **DAY 8 AGRA**

Enjoy a morning visit to the beautiful Taj Mahal. Following your morning visit, enjoy a round of golf at the Agra Golf Club. Spend the rest of your day at leisure

#### **DAY 9 AGRA - DELHI**

Morning by road to Delhi, on arrival check in to the Oberoi Hotel.

Enjoy a round of golf at the impeccable Delhi Golf Club – perhaps the only golf course in the world to contain historical and architectural landmarks within the course

#### **DAY 10 DELHI**

Morning sightseeing tour of Old Delhi including an exhilarating Rickshaw Ride! Following Old Delhi, enjoy a sightseeing tour of New Delhi. Enjoy the rest of your day at leisure

#### DAY 11 DELHI – NOIDA – DELHI

Morning transfer to Jaypee Greens Golf Resort, Noida, to enjoy a round of golf. This 72-par course, 7,335 yards with nine lakes, five water bodies and 88 bunkers has been built to international championship levels under supervision of Greg Norman Design Company. Enjoy the rest of your day at leisure.

#### DAY 12 DELHI – GURGAON – DELHI

Morning check out from the hotel and transfer to Gurgaon. Upon arrival, check in to The Oberoi Hotel.

Enjoy your afternoon playing golf at Classic Golf Resort Gurgaon – the first South Asian Signature Championship Golf Course designed by Jack Nicklaus

#### **DAY 13 DEPART DELHI**

Morning transfer to Delhi International Airport to board flight for onward destination

\*\*\*Tour Ends\*\*\*

### <u>LUXURY TRAIN – PALACE ON WHEELS</u>

#### DURATION: 8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS PALACE ON WHEELS TRAIN PROGRAM



The concept of Palace On Wheels train tour is that you journey from one tourist destination to another, in comfort of your sleeping chambers & enjoy Pre-Paid Group Excursions & Sightseeing Trips during the Day, with Services of English Speaking Guides.

#### **DAY 1: Wednesday: DELHI Depart**

Check-in & Traditional welcome starts at 4.30 pm Train Departs by 6.30 pm.

#### **DAY 2: Thursday: JAIPUR**

Welcome to the first planned city of India, built in early 18th century & once the centre of Rajputs Royal families. It is also popularly known as The Pink City.

Morning visit the early 18th century built City Palace Complex with fusion of Rajput, Mughal and European styles of architecture Proceed for excursion to Amber Hill Fort Palace Complex, built in late 16th century. Enjoy Elephant joy ride up the steep ramparts Time free to shop for local textiles, semi precious stones & diamond jewellery Evening enjoy Cultural program with Gala dinner in Palace Hotel.

#### DAY 3 Morning: Friday: Sawai Madhopur

Early morning excursion to Ranthambhore Tiger Reserve, famous for its tiger population. Other major wild animals include the tiger, leopard, nilgai, dhole, wild boar, sambar, hyena, sloth bear and chital. It is also home to wide variety of trees, plants, birds and reptiles. Ranthambhore is also the site for one of the largest banyan trees in India.

Afternoon excursion to 8th century built Chittorgarh Fort, a top a wide plateau & having a number of water bodies. It was once home to the Mewar Dynasty-said to be one of the longest royal lineage Evening enjoy Sound & Light Show.

#### **DAY 4: Saturday: UDAIPUR**

Also called the City Of Lakes, the Mewar Dynasty Clan shifted & built this city in 16th Century. Morning visit City Palace complex ,originally built in 16th century & renovated in 18th Century. Enjoy Boat Ride in Lake Pichola Lunch in Palace hotel. Time free to shop for miniature paintings.

#### **DAY 5: Sunday: JAISALMER**

Jaisalmer lies in the heart of Harsh Thar desert, & surrounding sands have Golden Yellowish tinge Morning, walk through the bazaar & narrow streets of Jaisalmer Golden Fort, originally built in 12th century & renovated in 18th Century Afternoon proceed for excursion to shifting Sand Dunes of Sam & enjoy camel joy ride Later enjoy Cultural program & bonfire dinner under the stars, in the desert.

#### **DAY 6: Monday: JODHPUR**

Jodhpur was the capital of the kingdom known as Marwar. & a popular tourist destination, featuring many palaces, forts and temples, set in the stark landscape of the Thar desert.

Morning visit Mehrangarh Fort Palace Complex, located atop a 400 feet hill & approachable only through meandering gateways. The foundation of the Fort was laid in 15th century, but work was completed only in 17th Century. There is a very impressive Museum collection in the complex. Walk to nearby located Jaswant Thada, an architectural 19th century landmark in white marble & built as a memorial to local Royalty Lunch in Palace Hotel.

#### Day 7: Tue: BIRD SANCTUARY & THE TAJ MAHAL

Early Morning ,enjoy cycle rickshaw ride through narrow pathways of Bhartapur Bird sanctuary ,an UNESCO World heritage site & home to over 230 species of birds.

Afternoon visit UNESCO World Heritage site of Agra Fort, once seat of power & capital of The Mughal Dynasty Proceed to the Taj Mahal, an UNESCO World Heritage Site & more popularly renowned as One of the Seven Wonders of Modern World Time free to Shop for marble mementoes.

#### Day 8: Wed: DELHI Return

Train arrives in Delhi by 4 a.m. Check out by 7 a.m..Tour ends.

# <u>LUXURY TRAIN – MAHARAJA EXPRESS HERITAGE OF INDIA</u> <u>JOURNEY</u>

**DURATION: 7 NIGHTS / 8 DAYS** 



Destination Covered: Mumbai - Ajanta - Udaipur - Jodhpur - Bikaner - Jaipur - Ranthambhore - Agra - Delhi

The Heritage of India itinerary let you explore the medieval caves of Ajanta, forts and Palaces of Rajasthan and the ethereal TajMahal in a journey lasting 8 days. The itinerary of the Heritage of India tour includes the "city of lakes" Udaipur, the "pink city" Jaipur, the immortal beauty TajMahal. Also included in the Maharajas Express itinerary is the cultural hubbub of local sightseeing tour and shopping excursions, spa and royal banquets at select destinations.

#### Day 1: Mumbai

Welcome to a regal journey aboard the Maharajas Express as you embark on Heritage of India tour. In the evening you will check in and enjoy a warm welcome even as you complete your registration formalities. Proceed towards Ajanta, your first destination in the circuit

Dinner and overnight stay onboard the Maharaja train

Day Highlights: Welcome Ceremony at Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus

#### Day 2: Ajanta

After breakfast, embark on an excursion to Ajanta Caves, the rock-cut caves dating back to 2nd century B.C. and comprising of Hindu, Buddhist and Jain sculpted art.

Dinner and overnight stay onboard the train

Day Highlights: Guided Tour to Ajanta Caves

Post breakfast; embark on a sightseeing tour to the City Palace complex and Crystal gallery. The royal lunch served in the gallery restaurant of the Fateh Prakash Palace forms the crescendo of the day. Post lunch, you have an option to go on a walking tour across the old bazaar, market, of the Udaipur city or visit the vintage car collection or royal family or take delight in Son-et-Lumiere program at City Palace.

Dinner and overnight stay on-board the train

#### Day Highlights:

- ♣ Sightseeing tour to City Palace and Crystal Gallery in Udaipur
- ♣ Son-et-Lumiere program at City Palace
- Vintage car collection of the Royal Family of Udaipur

#### Day 4: Jodhpur

On the 4th day of the tour itinerary, you will arrive in the sun city of Rajasthan-Jodhpur. Post a delectable brunch and a lavish lunch, embark on an expedition to the Old Clock Tower Market followed by a leisurely trip across the Mehrangarh Fort. Dinner is scheduled at a 5-star hotel followed by an optional tour of the Rohet Garh village, home to Bishnoi tribe.

Later, return to train for dinner and overnight stay

#### Day Highlights:

- Expedition to the Old Clock Tower
- Trip to Mehrangarh Fort
- Optional Tour to RohetGarh village

#### Day 5: Bikaner

On arrival in the city, you can take an optional tour to either Deshnok temples or Lalgarh Palace Museum or Camel breeding farm or choose to shop for Kundan jewelry.

In the afternoon, you will head to the Junagarh Fort.

Post lunch, take a ride on a camel cart nearby Sam sand dunes. Later in the evening, enjoy a sand dune excursion followed by cultural performances by the Kalbeliya and Langa artists accompanied with sundowner cocktails and barbecue dinner.

Dinner and overnight stay aboard the train

#### Day Highlights:

- ➡ Visits to Deshnok Temples/Lalgarh Palace Museum
- Camel Breeding Farm
- Antique Kundan jewelry shopping
- Visit to Junagarh Fort
- Sam Sand dune excursion on a camel carter
- Cultural performances by the Kalbeliya and Langa artists

#### Day 6: Jaipur

Post-breakfast; embark on a local sightseeing spree across the heart of Jaipur. Do not miss to savor on the Exhibition Elephant Polo Match and a lavish lunch with champagne. Explore the unassailable Amber Fort post lunch. Later, you may opt for a shopping tour in Jaipur or choose to indulge in spa session or play golf or visit City Palace

Later, return to train for dinner and overnight stay

#### Day Highlights:

- Exhibition Elephant Polo Match
- Elephant ride to the top of Amber Fort

#### Day 7: SawaiMadhopur (Ranthambore National Park) - Agra

Enjoy an early morning jeep safari through the Ranthambore National Park. Post safari, savor on the brunch aboard the Maharajas' Express while you will travel down to FatehpurSikri, your next destination. On reaching the city, you can visit the local attractions housed here such as BulandDarwaza and PanchMahal. FatehpurSikri is a celebrated UNESCO World Heritage Site

In the evening, return to the train for dinner and overnight stay

#### Day Highlights:

- Jeep Safari to Ranthambore National Park
- Visit to attractions in and around UNESCO World Heritage Site, FatehpurSikri

#### Day 8: Agra - Delhi

Early morning on the last day of the sojourn, you will travel to Agra, home to the grand structure TajMahal. Pride of India, TajMahal is also recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Later, you can take delight in a lavish breakfast accompanied by Champagne at TajKhema. While you treat yourself to a grand lunch aboard the Maharajas' Express, the train will traverse back to Delhi to mark the end of the voyage aboard this India luxury train.

The Heritage of India sojourn comes to an end

#### Day Highlights:

- Visit to TajMahal, Agra
- Breakfast with Champagne at Taj Khema

# Varun Voyages

### A DIVISION OF REGALE TOURS PRIVATE LIMITED

V- 38/2 DLF City, Phase - III, Delhi NCR, Gurgaon - 122002

**Phone:** +91 124 4365555

**Mobile:** +91 9810117760

Emails: info@varunvoyages.com, aveigas@varunvoyages.com

Visit us: www.varunvoyages.com

TELEPHONE (USA & CANADA): +1 917 460 2802