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Custom Travel Itinerary

India

This is the perfect tour for a first time visitor to India. You will be with our local escort from the time you arrive in India to the time you leave. This tour gives you the very heart of India with its many colorful sights and sounds and its magical ambience. No visitor to India returns quite the same.

Day 1: Arrive in Delhi

Welcome to India! You will be met and transferred to your hotel by your travel representative. India's capital, Delhi, blends the old and the new providing an interesting combination.



Humayun's Tomb in New Delhi

Day 2: Delhi Sightseeing (B, L, D)

After a late breakfast, you will enjoy a combined full-day city tour of Old and New Delhi. This will include a visit to the Red Fort, India's largest mosque, Jama Masjid and the Raj Ghat, a memorial monument for Mahatma Gandhi, the father of the Nation. In the

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afternoon explore New Delhi. Drive past the Parliament Building and visit India Gate, Humayun's Tomb and the Qutab Minar, India's tallest stone tower.

Day 3: Delhi to Udaipur (B, L, D)

After breakfast, transfer to the airport to fly to Udaipur, the city of lakes and fairy-tale like palaces. Wander around and explore the city during your evening at leisure.

Day 4: Udaipur Sightseeing (B, L, D)

Your morning tour includes a visit to the City Palace, the largest palace complex in Rajasthan. Inside the palace, visit Jagdish Temple, a revered temple visited by many every year. Later, take a boat ride on the placid waters of Lake Pichola, surrounded by palaces, and get the chance to see Udaipur's Dhobi Ghats (an outdoor laundry) along the shores. The day's tour finishes with a visit to the beautiful Garden of Maidens.

Day 5: From Udaipur to Jodhpur (B, L, D)

Embark on an overland journey to Jodhpur, stopping en route to see the magnificent Jain Temple of Ranakpur. Over 144 marble pillars carved in exquisite detail support the temple. Continue to the walled city of Jodhpur, otherwise known as India's Blue City due to the color of the local houses. The evening is free for leisure.

Day 6: Jodhpur Sightseeing (B, L, D)

Today you will explore the Mehrangarh Fort, an impressive structure that sits on top of a hill and overlooks the city. Later in the afternoon, wander through the local bazaars and lively spice markets of the city and watch puppet makers and fabric dyers hard at work.

Day 7: From Jodhpur to Pushkar (B, L, D)

In the morning, you set off for Pushkar, a sacred town of the Hindus. Pushkar is famous for its central lake, as well as its deserts where you will see camels dotting the horizon. Daily markets offer great souvenir shopping. Sit at a sidewalk café and watch passing traffic.

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Ride an elephant up to Amber Fort, Jaipur

Day 8: From Pushkar to Jaipur (B, L, D)

Travel overland again to Jaipur, known as the Pink City. Jaipur has a timeless quality reflected in its bazaars and thoroughfares. Upon arrival in this beautiful city, you will have time at leisure before retiring for the evening.

Day 9: Jaipur Sightseeing (B, L, D)

First thing today, you will pass by the Palace of Winds en route to the Amber Fort, one of the most famous forts in Rajasthan. Arrive at the gates of this mighty fort on top of an elephant just as the Maharajahs once did. After exploring the fort, continue with a tour of the city including the Stone Observatory of Jantar Mantar and the City Palace & Museum.

Day 10: From Jaipur to Ranthambore (B, L, D)

Depart Jaipur for Ranthambore National Park, once a hunting reserve for the Maharaja of Jaipur. Now the Bengal tigers here are fiercely protected. Upon arrival, you will transfer directly to your resort hotel and enjoy the rest of the evening at leisure.

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The rare bengal tiger in Ranthambore Tiger Sanctuary

Day 11: Ranthambore Safari (B, L, D)

Today will consist of two safaris by open canter in the park, one in the early morning and one at dusk. Tiger sightings are frequent but leopards, antelopes, wild boar, jackals and crocodiles as well as other wildlife have also been spotted.

Day 12: From Ranthambore to Agra (B, L, D)

Today set off for Agra. En route there is much to see. Your first stop will be at the Ranthambore Fort, balanced on a hilltop and offering magnificent views of the surrounding area. Travel to the train station for a short train ride to Bharatpur station, near Agra. Upon arrival visit Fatehpur Sikri, a deserted red sandstone ghost town originally built by Akbar the Great. It was supposed to rival world cities such as London and Paris. Spend the evening at leisure.

Day 13: From Agra to Delhi (B, L, D)

For many, the highlight of the trip will be a visit to the Taj Mahal, an awe inspiring structure built by Shah Jahan in memory of his beloved wife who died in childbirth. It is said to have taken over 22 years to build using more than 20,000 men. Afterwards, visit Agra Fort, a red sandstone building overlooking the Taj. Shah Jahan, imprisoned there by his son, eventually died in capture. Return to Delhi in the late afternoon and check into hotel.

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Day 14: Depart Delhi

Transfer to the airport for your departure flight.