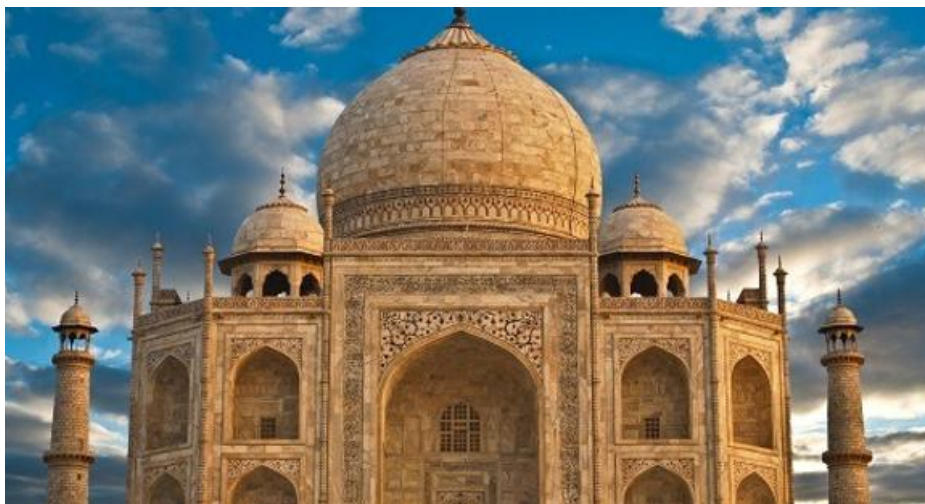


Highlights of Northern India



Days:	10
Price:	1025 USD International flight not included
Comfort:	★★★★★
Difficult:	★★★★☆☆
📌 Culture	

This trip, filled with the buzz and excitement of **Delhi, Jaipur and Agra**, also provides glimpses into rich and varied cultural and historical splendor of the **holy city of Varanasi**. It is also a comprehensive introduction to India's **varied wildlife, fascinating culture and spectacular Moghul and Hindu architecture**.

For Northern India one conjures up immediate and familiar images: the Taj Mahal, the holy River Ganges, tigers, turbans, saris, great food and rickshaws. To substantiate that, this short trip gives a comprehensive introduction to some of the main highlights of North India. The tigers in Ranthambore National Park are the best allurements for the wildlife lovers; and the most sacred of cities, Varanasi adds up a new flavor to the tour. The people are entertaining; the train is fun; and the food a delight. This is a complete and very rewarding holiday according to those who have done this tour and have shared their experiences with us. Many of the sights in North India are a testament of the juxtaposition of the great Moghul and Hindu architecture of the 16th and 17th centuries when magnificent buildings including the Taj Mahal at Agra, Amer Fort and the Hawa Mahal (Palace of Winds) at Jaipur, the deserted city of Fatehpur Sikri and the Jama Masjid of Delhi - the largest mosque in India, were built. In addition, there are great buildings from the British Raj; the seat of government in Delhi and the famous India Gate from where tree-lined avenues radiate the splendor and remind us of the importance of Delhi to the British.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Experience a rich blend of the cultural, historical and natural heritage of northern India.
- Tiger spotting and wildlife at Ranthambore National Park
- Sunrise visit to the magnificent Taj Mahal
- Varanasi – witness grand rituals and early morning boat ride on the Ganges
- Explore Delhi, Jaipur, Fatehpur Sikri and Sarnath

Day 1.



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- Arrive at the **international airport** of Delhi. After the traditional welcome, transfer to hotel for overnight stay.

🏠 Accommodation

Hotel Jivitesh

Day 2-3. Jaipur, the colourful capital of Rajasthan



Delhi 
 260km -  5h 30m
Jaipur 

Day 2

- After breakfast, we head towards *Jaipur*. Upon arrival, transfer and installation to the hotel. *Jaipur*, capital of Rajasthan, owes its nickname of "*Pink City*" to the pink paint that covers the buildings of the old city (in the Rajputs, the pink color symbolized hospitality). Rest of the day is free. Possibility of *Rickshaw ride* (optional) to visit the pink old town and discover the Bazaar..

Day 3

- Amber**, originally, was the capital of the state before Jaipur. It is an old fort, built in 1592 by Raja Man Singh. This fort is also very popularly known as the Amer Palace. The Amber Fort was built in red sandstone and marble and the Maotha Lake adds a certain charm to the entire Fort.
- The City Palace was where the Maharaja reigned from. This palace also includes the famous '**Chandra Mahal**' and '**Mubarak Mahal**', and other buildings which form a part of the palace complex.
- Next, we visit the Jantar Mantar, a **Solar Observatory** built in the 18th century; an astronomical treasure house that measures time according to the movement of the Sun to an error of just 2 seconds with solar devices that give accurate astrological predictions as well, till date.
- We also visit the Hawa Mahal (Palace of Winds), a five-storied facade of pink sandstone. It was built in the year 1799 to allow royal ladies to watch processions and festivities on the road through its 953 '**Jharokas**' or Small windows, without being seen by the public.

 Breakfast





- 2 Hotel Jivitesh
- 3 Shahpura House

 Accommodation

Shahpura House

Day 4. Spot a tiger in Ranthambore park



Jaipur 
 180km -  4h 30m
Ranthambhore 

Jaipur - Ranthambhore

- Drive from Jaipur to Ranthambore National Park, one of the largest in Northern India, home of a large range of wildlife, including the **Tiger**.
- We will have an **Afternoon Safari** in the National park trying to spot the elusive tiger, and many of the other species living in the 392 Kms of the park.

 Breakfast








Shahpura House

 Accommodation

Ranthambore Heritage Haveli

Day 5-6. Agra, land of the Taj Mahal



Ranthambhore 
 260km -  5h
Fatehpur Sikri 
 40km -  1h
Agra 

Ranthambhore - Fatehpur Sikri

- This morning take **Another safari** in the park to spot the tiger and other animal and bird species.
- Visit of the Fatehpur Sikri, beautiful city near Agra founded in 1569 by the Emperor Akbar. The city hosts several historical building such as the **Buland Darwaza**. The ancient capital and fabulous ghost town of red sandstone built by Emperor Moghol Akbar. It is home to a sixteenth-century citadel, now a ghost town with surprising architecture resulting from the synthesis of various styles: Indo-Muslim, Hindu, Christian and Jain inspiration.

Fatehpur Sikri - Agra

- We finally arrive in beautiful Agra city, on the banks of the river Yamuna. Agra is the home to the iconic **Taj Mahal**, a mausoleum built for the Mughal ruler Shah Jahan's wife, **Mumtaz Mahal**, who died in childbirth in 1631.

Day 6

- In the morning, visit of the Taj Mahal as the sun rises. Set behind a reflecting pool inside a courtyard defined by 4 minarets, the imposing main building features a massive dome and intricately carved white marble inlaid with precious stones.
- In the afternoon, visit of the Red Fort Agra, a richly decorated semi-circular red sandstone fort complex with double ramparts and monuments.
- In the evening, transfer to the **Railway station** to board the overnight train to Varanasi. Overnight Train.

 Breakfast

- 5 Ranthambore Heritage Haveli
- 6 Howard Plaza


 Accommodation


- 5 Howard Plaza
- 6 Overnight Train


Day 7-8. Arrival in Varanasi and excursion to Sarnath





Agra 


 620km - ⌚ 12h 24m

Varanasi(Banaras) 

 11km - ⌚ 40m

Sarnath 

 11km - ⌚ 40m

Varanasi(Banaras) 

Agra - Varanasi(Banaras)

- In the morning, you will be received by the driver and transferred to the Hotel.

Varanasi(Banaras) - Sarnath

- Excursion to Sarnath, North of Varanasi and near the confluence of the Ganges and the Gomati rivers. Visit of the temple dedicated to **Shreyansanath**, an important place of pilgrimage for locals.

Day 8

- Take a boat ride on the **Ganges** to experience Hindu rituals being performed on the bathing **Ghats**.
- You will visit **The temples** and **Ashram**. Thereafter, a walk along Bazar would be an ideal way to explore the town.
- Overnight in the Train.

 Breakfast


Surya Kaiser Palace


 Accommodation

- 7 Surya Kaiser Palace
- 8 Overnight Train

Day 9. Old city sightseeing



Varanasi(Banaras) 

 758km - ⌚ 14h 30m

Delhi 

Varanasi(Banaras) - Delhi

- In the morning, arrival in Delhi and check in at your hotel.
- In the afternoon we visit the walled city of **Old Delhi**; crowded, full of activity and still influenced by the great Mughals who once ruled from the ramparts of the majestic Red Fort Delhi. Here we visit Jama Masjid Delhi - the largest 17th century mosque in India; Chandni Chowk - the typical Indian market always abuzz with activities; and Rajghat - the memorial of Mahatma Gandhi (also called the 'Father of the Nation'). We also visit New Delhi where we drive past the **Presidential Palace**, **Secretariat Buildings** and down the impressive Rajpath to India Gate .

 Accommodation


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Day 10. Farewell and see you next time !



Delhi

- Check-out from the hotel and transfer to the **International airport** or any point of convenience in Delhi for onward journey to respective countries.

 Breakfast

Hotel Jivitesh

Itinerary map



Individual price per person

2-3	4-5	6-8	9-12
1275 USD	1195 USD	1115 USD	1025 USD

Included

- Accommodation for 06 nights in a double room in the hotels mentioned or equivalent on breakfast basis except D: 01
- All ground transportation included in the program using private air-conditioned vehicle with English speaking driver
- Entrance fees to the park and monuments as described in the program
- Two Game drives in Ranthambore National Park in private Jeep - Seat sharing basis
- Train tickets in 2nd class AC for the sectors as mentioned below: (Agra - Varanasi and Varanasi - Delhi)
- Boat ride in Varanasi
- Local English-speaking guides as described in the program (Till 05 Pax)
- Professional English-speaking tour leader throughout India (From 06 Pax onwards)

Not included

- International flight tickets
- Travel insurance
- These rates will not be valid for peak season from 20 December 2021 to 10 January 2022 , Christmas and New Year's extra supplement cost will be charged during this period
- Lunches and dinners during the trip
- Miscellaneous Expenses - drinks, souvenir, personal expenses etc.
- Tips for driver and other local staff
- Charges for Camera in the monuments and Parks
- The cancellation and baggage insurance, assistance and repatriation
- Indian Visa
- All services not mentioned in "Inclusion"

- Govt. Taxes