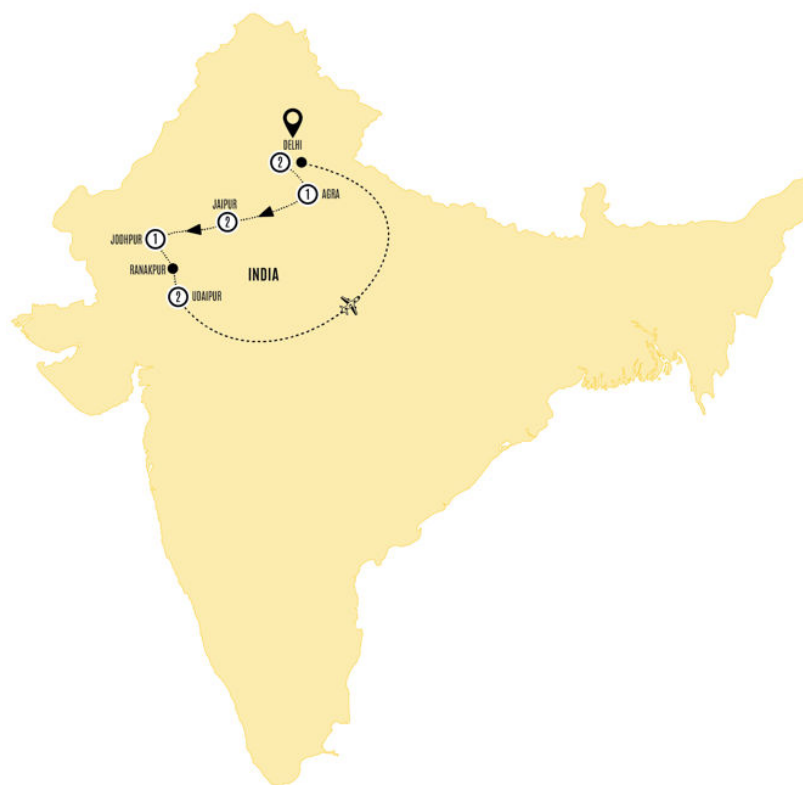


Highlights of Northern India - Small Group

Trip Map



 Start Location

 End Location

 Over night

 Visited Location

 Cruise

 Ferry

 Plane

 Train

Day 1 | Arrive Delhi



Welcome to India and the big city bustle of Delhi! Your journey begins in this colourful capital city with contrasts at every turn. Expect both the ancient and modern: think ancient relics of bygone eras next to shopping malls. Meanwhile, street stalls, rickshaws, animals and tourists jostle for space in the narrow lanes of Old Delhi. After arriving and transferring to your hotel on your own, meet up with your Travel Director and fellow travellers to chat through what's to come on your India tour. Then indulge in your first taste of Delhi's foodie scene over dinner.

Meals: Dinner

Hotel: Zone Connect by The Park Saket

Day 2 | Delhi Sightseeing



Kickstart your tour of things to do in Delhi in the maze of streets and vibrant bazaars of Old Delhi. Uncover this real slice of India as you visit the stunning red sandstone carved Jama Masjid, Delhi's largest mosque and a little pocket of peace. There's time to explore before hopping on board a cycle rickshaw to weave through the streets of Old Delhi before visiting Raj Ghat, the resting place for Mahatma Gandhi. After your exciting ride, move on to New Delhi to experience a different side to the city, driving past grand government buildings and leafy avenues. Your last stop will be Humayun's Tomb, another ancient remnant of the Mughal reign. After an incredible day, return to your hotel with a free evening and the option to join a Choice Experience food tour.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Zone Connect by The Park Saket

CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Old Delhi Food Tour and Dinner - Prepare yourself for the best kind of sensory overload as you take a food tour in Delhi, famed as the street food capital of India. Your local guide will take you past the legendary old restaurants and markets as well as the smaller food kiosks in the bustling lanes of Old Delhi. Savour the aromas of mouth-watering curries and steaming samosas to sweet treats wrapped in edible silver foil. You'll also make a stop at Khari Baoli, Asia's biggest spice market, where you'll feel the heat of a thousand chillies as you discover all kinds of spices and watch traders selling their wares from the same spots their shops have occupied for up to ten generations. You'll finish up the tour with a delicious dinner at the iconic 'Karim's' restaurant and enjoy some authentic Mughlai specialities. The price shown is in US dollars.

Adult: 58.00 USD

Day 3 | Delhi to Agra



India is a traveller's playground. Head to Agra today with the option to join a Choice Experience at Agra Fort, one of India's finest Mughal forts. Explore the maze of buildings, forming a city within a city, made of many fairy-tale palaces, such as the Jahangir Palace and the Khas Mahal. This afternoon you get to visit the Taj Mahal, a grand mausoleum so impressive in real life. Stand in awe as the light washes over the white marble, painting shades of pink and gold. Built in 1632 as a tribute to the love Shah Jahan had for his third wife Mumtaz Mahal, 20,000 craftsmen took 17 years to complete this 'Love Poem in Marble.' Head inside to visit the tombs of Shah and Mumtaz. Oh and don't forget to snap a photo on the famous "Diana's bench" to see it in all its glory!

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: The Retreat

CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Agra Fort Visit - Venture out this morning to be wowed by Agra Fort, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and one of the finest examples of Mughal architecture in India. It was built in 1565 and served as the residence for the Mughal emperors for decades. You can still explore the maze of buildings and vast underground sections - you'll be stumbling across cities within cities! Be sure to check out the grand audience halls, the beautiful mosques, the ornate gardens and the fairytale palaces like the Jahangir Palace and the Khas Mahal, built by Shah Jahan, the Mughal emperor famed as the creator of the Taj Mahal. The price shown is in US dollars.

Adult: 29.00 USD

Mohabbat-E Taj Show - Spend a memorable evening getting to know the epic love story of Shah Jahan and Mumtaz Mahal in a thrilling Bollywood-style show. The 90-minute song and dance performance paints a vivid tale of how Shah Jahan built the iconic Taj Mahal after his beloved wife Mumtaz died in childbirth. The show features the largest replica of the Taj Mahal, made in pure white Makrana marble, just like the real mausoleum. Performed by over 80 talented artists dressed in dazzling costumes, this is sure to be a night to remember!

Adult: 55.00 USD

Sheroe's Cafe - A MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience - Visit the Sheroes Cafe, a local business run by women survivors of acid attacks. Be inspired by their resilience in rebuilding a life for themselves over a cup of tea while supporting their efforts to reintegrate back into the community. Sheroes Cafe actively recruits and employs people from underrepresented populations who may otherwise find getting work difficult. The 'Sheroes' are women who are on the way to becoming true fighters. Join them in a celebration of courage, forcing society to re-evaluate its norms about beauty and appearance. Sheroes Cafe, ran and operated solely by women, advances UN Sustainable Development Goals 5 & 10: Gender Equality & Reduced Inequalities.

Adult: 15.00 USD

Day 4 | Agra to Jaipur



Another day on your trip to India, another incredible city awaits. India is a country where huge cities, massive architectural wonders and food that knows no limits is around every turn. Choose to get up early to experience the dazzling Taj Mahal at sunrise. Along the way to Jaipur, stop at a lesser-known treasure, the long deserted 'Ghost City' of Fatehpur Sikri, built in 1569. Then fuel up for lunch before making your way to the "Pink City" of Jaipur. After settling into your hotel, you have the rest of the day to explore your way. Perhaps witness the Aarti Ceremony in Birla Temple followed by dinner.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Hotel: Park Central

CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Taj Mahal at Sunrise - Rise and shine! Sunrise is the ideal time to visit Taj Mahal, built in 1560 by Shah Jahan in memory of his queen, Mumtaz Mahal. You'll love the unique vantage of seeing this architectural marvel of white marble at sunrise as shades of pink and yellow bathe it in soft light.

Adult: 28.00 USD

Aarti Ceremony at the Birla Temple - Experience India's rich spirituality at the Birla Mandir, one of the most famous temples in Jaipur, dedicated to the Hindu Gods Lord Vishnu and Goddess Lakshmi. The temple is made of pure white marble and houses beautiful sculptures of Hindu Gods, Goddesses and mythological scenes. Witness the enchanting Aarti (religious ceremony), with an up-close view of the priest who has a tray with a small bell and offerings of food, water, flowers and incense. A traditional 'Aarti lamp' is passed around the deity, accompanied by singing, and the ceremony ends with everyone sharing the food that has been offered to the Gods.

Adult: 34.00 USD

Day 5 | Jaipur Sightseeing



What to expect in Jaipur? One mind-blowing sight after the next, that's what. Start the day of Jaipur attractions at Hawa Mahal, the Palace of Winds, before ascending to Amber Fort by jeep. This classic Rajasthani palace features miniatures painted on the walls depicting hunting, war and festival scenes. Admire the embedded precious stones and mirrors. Continue your sightseeing tour of the city including Maharaja's City Palace, the former Royal residence and a complex of courtyards, gardens and a gorgeous blend of Rajasthani and Mughal architecture. Be sure to check out the four delicately painted doors of the Pritam Niwas Chowk which represent the four seasons. Next up, visit Jantar Mantar, home to medieval-era geometric devices for tracking constellations, observing the orbits around the sun and measuring time. This UNESCO World Heritage Site is one of the largest astronomical observatories on the planet. The rest of your day is free to join a Choice Experience at a local market or explore the Pink City on your own.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Park Central

CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Visit a Local Market - Eager to explore some shopping gems? Swing by the Old City's marketplace in Jaipur to find famous textiles, sparkling gems, and artisan handicrafts. As you wander the snug alleys, get a front-row seat to the craft of making everything from resin bangles and vibrant turbans to traditional block-printing on cotton. Plus, get dazzled by stalls bursting with colourful flowers and fresh veggies. And hey, why not indulge in a local snack and sip some authentic Indian Chai tea while you're at it?

Adult: 21.00 USD

Day 6 | Jaipur to Jodhpur



Venture to the hilltop city of Jodhpur, the “Blue City.” Get acquainted on a sightseeing tour discovering its history. Learn how the massive Mehrangarh Fort was built in the 16th century, 393 feet above the surrounding plains. Within its walls, seven gates and numerous bastions and towers lies the Old City's maze of lanes, palaces, a Haveli and temples. Explore the fort and palaces, some of which contain a collection of Rajput miniature paintings and a museum. Then wind your way down the hill to see Jaswant Thada, the striking white marble cenotaph (chhatri) of Maharaja Jaswant Singh II built in 1899. View the carved-marble lattice screens hung with portraits of Rathore rulers dating back to the 13th century. If you feel like exploring more, cap off the day with a Choice Experience of a tuk tuk ride and walking tour through the Old City.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Vega, Zone

CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Walking Tour of the Old City of Jodhpur - Get ready to uncover the must-see sights of Jodhpur. See Fateh pol, built by Maharaja Ajit singh in 1707 to commemorate his victory over the Mughals, and Rani Sagar (SAR) or the Queen Lake. Peer into Jetha Baori, a 15th century well renowned for its medicinal qualities. Admire the beautiful Mohnoton Ki Pol Haveli built for a Prime Minister of Marwar in the 17th-century and the 18th-century Moolnayak Ji Ka Mandir temple built in one of the oldest sections of the city.

Adult: 18.00 USD

Day 7 | Jodhpur and Ranakpur to Udaipur



All through India you'll find incredible temples. Today's site on your trip to India is no different, with a stop at Ranakpur on your way to Udaipur. The exceptionally beautiful Ranakpur complex is one of India's largest and most important Jain temples. Located in a remote valley of the Aravalli hills, the main temple of Ranakpur, Chaumukha Mandir, is dedicated to Adinath (the first Jain saint) and an important shrine for the Jain community. You'll be dazzled by this white marble temple made of 29 halls, 80 domes, 400 columns and 1,444 individually engraved pillars. The pillars alone are stunning, decorated in peach and beige with intricate carvings of elephants, flowers and people. Beneath the domed ceilings and wide corridors, admire the intricate carvings of nymphs and maidens playing musical instruments. Get your fill of this icon before finishing the day arriving in Udaipur.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Hotel: Kaner Bagh

Day 8 | Udaipur Sightseeing



Udaipur wakes up in colour at the flower market near Hathipole, where marigolds, jasmine and roses are busy doing what they do best. Meet the family behind Laxmi Flowers and hear how these blooms play their part in weddings, temple rituals and Rajasthan celebrations before the city turns up the grandeur. At the City Palace, the Dilkush Mahal and Sheesh Mahal bring the sparkle with glittering Belgian mirrors, while Jagdish Temple adds a 17th-century dose of devotion to Lord Vishnu. Sahelion Ki Bari, the Garden of the Maidens, keeps the royal stories coming before a drive around beautiful Fatehsagar Lake. This afternoon, make it your own with a Choice Experience. Trek to a Bhil tribe village for a closer look at local life, or cruise Lake Pichola before visiting Monsoon Palace and sitting down to dinner.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Kaner Bagh

CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Bhil Tribe Village Trek - Join a Bhil Tribe Village Trek in the beautiful Arawali Mountains. Dive right in meeting villagers, tribal people who live mostly in huts and make their living farming. Look for yourself walking through the farms and learning how the villagers cultivate seasonal crops. Cap off your walk sitting down with the villagers to sip Masala Chai tea served in Kullhar earthen pots.

Adult: 37.00 USD

Lake Pichola Boat Ride, Monsoon Palace & Dinner - Explore the scenic waters of Lake Pichola on a shared boat ride, followed by a visit to the Monsoon Palace. Perched on the Aravalli Hills, Monsoon Palace offers stunning views of Udaipur's lakes and countryside. Conclude your day with a delightful dinner at a charming lakeside restaurant.

Adult: 50.00 null

Day 9 | Depart Delhi



It's been one blockbuster after another as you've ticked off the highlights of Northern India. After breakfast, fly from Udaipur to Delhi this morning, where your adventure comes to a close. Say farewell to your Travel Director and travel companions before departing on your own, with palaces, pink cities, lakeside views and a camera roll that's worked very hard coming home with you.

International flights departing from the DEL airport must not be scheduled before 20:00 hrs.

Meals: Breakfast

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