



## NORTH INDIA EXPERIENCE – PRE TOUR

### DAY 01

### ARRIVE DELHI BY FLIGHT

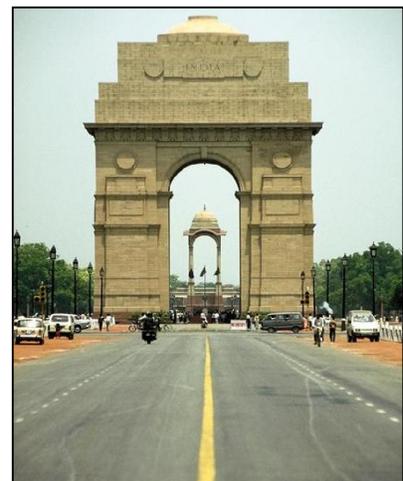
Check in time at hotel is 1400 hrs irrespective of any flight arrival or departure time

Today at 1425 hrs - you will arrive at Delhi's International Airport. Following customs, immigration formalities and baggage collection, a TCI representative will meet you as you EXIT the ARRIVALS TERMINAL building and transfer you to your hotel.

India's capital and a major gateway to the country, contemporary Delhi is a bustling metropolis, which successfully combines in its folds - the ancient with the modern. Amidst the fast spiraling skyscrapers the remnants of a bygone time in the form of its many monuments stand as silent reminders to the region's ancient legacy. The first impressions for any visitor traveling in from the airport are of a spacious, garden city, tree-lined with a number of beautiful parks.

Rest of the day free for independent activities.

**Overnight stay at the Hotel**



**DAY 02**

After buffet breakfast in the hotel, Proceed for full day sightseeing tour of Delhi and Old Delhi Visiting **Jama Masjid**, built in 1650 AD, and one of the largest mosques in India. Drive through the fabled **Chandni Chowk** (literally, 'Silver Street'). Drive past Red fort, visit **Raj Ghat** where Mahatma Gandhi was cremated following his assassination in 1948.

Post Lunch continue tour of the New Delhi - New Delhi was planned and built by the British in the 1920s and is characterized by Sir Edwin Lutyen's monumental architecture. You will visit **Humayun's Tomb**, **Qutab Minar**, considered one of the most perfect towers in the world, measuring 72 meters high. Drive through the Rajpath viewing the **government buildings, President's House, Parliament House and India Gate**.



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**Overnight at hotel.****DAY 03****DELHI – JAIPUR**

Morning after breakfast depart for Jaipur by surface **Jaipur**: Popularly known as the 'Pink City', Jaipur is the capital and largest city of the Indian state of Rajasthan. Founded on 18 November 1727 by Maharaja Sawai Jai Singh II, the ruler of Amber, the city today has a population of 3.1 million.

Upon Arrival check in at your hotel.

Afternoon proceed for Sightseeing tour of city visiting City Palace, a beautiful palace complex full of treasures now housed in the museum area. City Palace is a delightful blend of Mughal and traditional Rajasthani architecture. It houses the Chandra Mahal, Shri Govind Dev Temple and the City Palace Museum. Also visit Jantar Mantar or Royal Astronomical Observatory. This observatory is a collection of architectural astronomical instruments, built by Maharaja (King) Jai Singh II at his then new capital of Jaipur between 1727 and 1734.

**Overnight at Hotel.**

**DAY 04**

**JAIPUR**

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Morning: Excursion to Amber Fort with a photo stops at Palace of Winds (Hawa Mahal). Hawa Mahal, 18th-century Palace of Winds, the screened windows of Amber allowed for the ladies of the court in times gone by to view the processional, civic activities, and formal matters of state. Wander through the temple and beautiful palaces inside the walls of the fort. Later continue drive to Amber Fort, is the classic romantic Rajasthani fort palace. You will drive up this magnificent fort by Elephants and make a tour of the complex.

Amber Fort: The Amber Fort set in picturesque and rugged hills is a fascinating blend of Hindu and Mughal architecture. Constructed by Raja Man Singh I in 1592 and completed by Mirja Raja Jai Singh the fort was made in red sand stone and white marble. The rugged forbidding exterior belies an inner paradise with a beautiful fusion of art and architecture. The interior wall of the palace depicts expressive painting scenes with carvings, precious stones and mirror settings. Holding a history as old as seven centuries, this place vibrates with its legendary past.



Afternoon free to explore the city on your own / time for shopping.

**Overnight at hotel.**

**DAY 05**

**JAIPUR - FATEHPUR- AGRA**

After buffet breakfast at hotel, depart for Agra enroute visiting Fatehpur Sikir.

Fatehpur Sikri - the deserted red sandstone city, built by the Great Mughal Emperor Akbar as his capital and palace in the late 16th century. It was abandoned soon after it was built when the local wells went dry and it remains today in much the same condition that it was over 300 years ago.



Continue Drive to **Agra** - Agra in terms of ambiance is still associated with its Mughal period. The Mughals besides being great rulers were also great builders and they preserved their best architectural wonders for Agra & its neighborhood.

Upon arrival proceed to check in at your hotel.

Rest of the free to relax.

**Overnight at hotel.**

**DAY 06**

**AGRA**

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After buffet breakfast at the hotel, you will proceed for the sightseeing tour of Agra.



You will first visit the **Taj Mahal (closed on Fridays)**. The Taj Mahal is everything that has been said about it and more. Taking 22 years and 20,000 men to build,

Continue your drive to **Red Fort or Agra Fort** - the seat and the stronghold of the Mughal Empire under successive generations. This was the seat of Mughal rule and administration and the present structure owes its origins to Akbar who erected the walls and gates and the first buildings on the eastern banks of Yamuna River. Shah Jehan added the impressive quarters and the mosque while Aurangzeb added the outer ramparts. Visit its Hall of Public Audience and

its Royal Pavilions.

After the visit return back to hotel. Or explore the city for shopping .

**Overnight at the hotel**

**DAY 07**

**AGRA – JHANSI - KHAJURHAO**

**BY TRAIN**

After early breakfast in the hotel, transfer to airport to railway station to board your **train** for Jhansi.

Departure Agra	0817 hrs	
Arrive Jhansi.	1043 hrs	Bhopal Shatabdi Express

Upon arrival assistance and proceed for Orcha for brief sightseeing tour of Orcha. Visiting Orcha group of Temples.

Later proceed for Khajurhao by surface ( 190 Km – 4 hrs).

**Khajuraho** - The city was once the original capital of the Chandela Rajputs, a Hindu dynasty that ruled this part of India from the 10th to the 12th centuries. The Khajuraho temples were built over a span of a hundred years, from 950 to 1050. Unlike other cultural centers of North India, the temples of Khajuraho never underwent massive destruction and a number of them have survived. They are fine examples of Indian architectural styles that have gained popularity due to their salacious depiction of the traditional way of life during medieval times. They were rediscovered during the late 19th century and the jungles had taken a toll on some of the monuments.

Evening at leisure.

**Overnight at hotel.**

Buffet breakfast at hotel. Proceed for half day sightseeing tour Khajuraho temples - constructed with spiral superstructures, adhere to a northern Indian shikhara temple style and often to a Panchayatana plan or layout. A few of the temples are dedicated to the Jain pantheon and the rest to Hindu deities - to God's Trio, Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva, and various Devi forms, such as the Devi Jagadambi temple. A Panchayatana temple had four subordinate shrines on four corners and the main shrine in the center of the podium, which comprises their base. The temples are grouped into three geographical divisions: western, eastern and southern.



Afternoon in time transfer to airport to board your **flight** for Varanasi.

Flight Departure Khajurhao : 1345 / Arrival Varanasi : 1435 hrs



Varanasi also commonly known as Benares is a city situated on the banks of the river Ganga in the Indian state of Uttar Pradesh. It is regarded holy by Hindus, Buddhists and Jains, and is one of the oldest continually inhabited cities in the world.

The culture of Varanasi is closely associated with the river Ganges and the river's religious importance. The city has been a cultural and religious center in northern India for several thousand years

Upon arrival assistance and transfer to hotel.

Evening proceed for Ganga Ghat to witness Evening Aarti. Aarti, is a Hindu religious ritual of worship, a part of puja, in which light from wicks soaked in ghee (purified butter) or camphor is offered to one or more deities. Aarti is said to have descended from the Vedic concept of fire rituals, or homa. In the traditional Aarti ceremony, the flower represents the earth (solidity), the water and accompanying handkerchief correspond with the water

element (liquidity), the lamp or candle represents the fire component (heat), the peacock fan conveys the precious quality of air (movement), and the yak-tail fan represents the subtle form of ether (space). The incense represents a purified state of mind, and one's "intelligence" is offered through the adherence to rules of timing and order of offerings. Thus, one's entire existence and all facets of material creation are symbolically offered to the Lord via the aarti ceremony.



**Overnight at hotel.**

**DAY 09**

**VARANASI**

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Early morning proceed for the boat tour on River Ganges, where you will witness daily rituals performed by local people & observe the way of life of pilgrims by the Ghats. Also enjoy the walking tour in the old part of the city. Return back to hotel for breakfast. Later proceed for the short tour of the city.

Followed by visit to Sarnath, 13 kms. East of Varanasi, is one of the Buddhism's major centers of India. After attaining enlightenment, the Buddha came to Sarnath.

Return back to hotel for overnight

**DAY 10**

**VARANASI- DELHI – DEPARTURE**

Morning at leisure. Afternoon in time transfer to airport to connect your flight for Delhi  
Upon arrival connect your flight for onward destination

Departure Varanasi : 1550 hrs  
Arrival Delhi : 1720 hrs

**END OF THE TOUR**

**Cost Proposal: Validity : September 2016**

**Hotels Used:**

City	Hotel	Room Category	No of nights
Delhi	Shangri-la	Superior Room	02
Jaipur	ITC Rajputtana	Executive Room	02
Agra	ITC Mughal	Mughal Room	02
Khajurhah	The lalit	Garden Facing	01
Varanasi	Gateway Ganges	Superior Room	02

**Cost Applicable:**

<b>Nett RATE per person on TWIN sharing basis Validity : September 2016</b>	
Number of Pax	Cost per person in US\$
01 paying pax	US \$ 1940 per Person
02- paying pax traveling together	US \$ 1050 Per Person
Single room Supplement	US\$ 460 per person
Air fare supplement : Khajuraho –Varanasi – Delhi in Economy Class subject to change at the time of booking	US\$ 260 per person

**Cost Includes**

- Total 9 night's accommodation in hotels mentioned or Similar.
- Accommodation on Bed and breakfast basis.
- All arrival / departure transfers, Sightseeing/Excursion by an air-conditioned Vehicles
- Elephant ride at Amber Fort, Jaipur.
- Boat ride on Rive Ganges.
- Entrance fee to the monuments as per program.
- English speaking local guide for all sightseeing as per the program.
- Train Fare from Agra – Jhansi in air condition chair car compartment.
- TCI representative for assistance on all arrival and departure transfers.
- All local tax and service tax, as applicable at present.

**Cost does not include**

- Expenses of personal nature like drinks, personal insurance, tips and telephone calls.
- Additional expenses due to unforeseen problems like natural disaster, war or strikes, cancellation or misconnection of flight or last minute change of timings etc.
- Any other service, which has not been specified as "included".
- Any visa charges
- Any air fare – quoted as supplement

**Important notes**

- The cost has been calculated on the existing tariffs/conditions and any change in costs or modification in tax structure will oblige us to revise the same.
- This is simply a proposal and not the confirmation of any service. All confirmations will be subject to availability of accommodation / air seats.
- Incase desired category of Hotel/s or type of room is not available then our costs will be subject to revision or supplement or reduction.
- Taj Mahal in Agra remains closed to public on every Friday.
- Check in time at hotels is 1400 hrs & Check out time is Noon hrs irrespective of any flight arrival or departure time.