

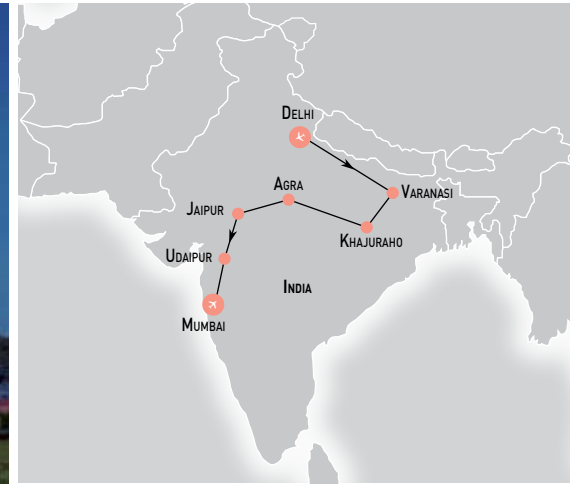
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**Day 1 Delhi •** Arrive in Delhi and transfer to your hotel. Accommodations: The Grand for 2 nights.

**Day 2 Delhi •** A full day city tour will include Old and New Delhi. Visit 2 monuments from Delhi's past: Humayun's Tomb and Qutub Minar. Drive past the imposing India Gate and the Parliament House. Visits in Old Delhi include the Red Fort and the Palace of the Mughal Empire, the memorial site of Mahatma Gandhi-Raj Ghat, Jama Masjid, the largest mosque in India, and Chandni Chowk, the bustling and colourful market of the old city. [B/L]

**Day 3 Delhi • Varanasi •** Transfer to the airport for your flight to Varanasi. Situated on the banks of the holy river Ganges, Varanasi is considered as one of the oldest living cities in the world. In the afternoon proceed for half day excursion to Sarnath, the birthplace of Buddhism. Return to the hotel in the afternoon. Accommodations: The Radisson for 2 nights. [B]

**Day 4 Varanasi •** Early this morning leave your hotel for a sunrise boat excursion on the holy River Ganges. See Varanasi come alive along the banks of the river. Varanasi will be one of the most extraordinary experiences of your visit to India. On the return, visit the bazaars and Kashi Vishwanath Temple, a sacred shrine dedicated to Lord Shiva. Afterwards return to your hotel for breakfast. The rest of the day is at leisure. In the evening, return to the Ganges to witness the Aarti ceremony. [B]

**Day 5 Varanasi • Khajuraho •** Transfer to the airport and flight to Khajuraho. Arrive and visit the famed temples where part of the carvings were influenced by « Kama Sutra », the famous treatise of erotic arts written by Vatsyayana in the time of the Guptas. Rest of the day is at leisure. Accommodations: The Radisson. [B]

**Day 6 Khajuraho • Orcha • Agra •** This morning depart and drive towards Jhansi, en route visiting the temples of Orcha. Continue towards Jhansi railway station to board your train to Agra. Arrive and transfer to your hotel. Accommodations: The Gateway. [B/L]

**Day 7 Agra • Fatehpur Siki • Jaipur •** At sunrise, visit the Taj Mahal (closed on Fridays). Horse carriage will take you to the gates. Built by an emperor in memory of his beloved queen, construction of the Taj Mahal began in 1631, and is believed to have taken 18 years to complete, with over 20,000 craftsmen working around the clock. Visit the Agra Fort and continue to Jaipur. Stop at Fatehpur Sikri, a city built of red sandstone by Mughal Emperor Akbar in the late 16th century and deserted soon after. After lunch, drive to Jaipur and check into your hotel. Accommodations: Four Points by Sheraton for 2 nights. [B/L]

**Day 8 Jaipur •** Known as the "Pink City", Jaipur is the capital of the colourful state of Rajasthan. Enjoy an elephant ride to the top of Amber Fort, a scenic view of the lake below. In the afternoon, visit the City Palace Museum housing an imposing blend of traditional Rajasthani and Mughal Art, and the awe inspiring Jantar Mantar, an accurate observatory built in 1726 AD. [B/L]

**Day 9 Jaipur • Udaipur •** Transfer to the airport for your flight to Udaipur, often called the "Venice of the East" and the most romantic city in the state of Rajasthan. In the evening, take a boat cruise on the placid waters of Lake Pichola towards Jag Mandir Palace. Accommodations: Four Points by Sheraton for 2 nights. [B]

**Day 10 Udaipur •** A visit will include the City Palace, Jagdish Temple and the Sahelion Ki Bari Garden. Rest of the day is at leisure to enjoy the area. [B]

**Day 11 Udaipur • Mumbai •** Transfer to the airport for your flight to Mumbai. Arrive and transfer to your hotel. Rest of the day is at leisure. Accommodations: The Fariyas for 2 nights. [B]

**Day 12 Mumbai • depart •** Begin the day with a morning cruise to Elephanta Island (closed on Mondays), where you will see an 8th-century shrine cut from the hillside. These caves provide an exciting glimpse of Indian sculpture dating from about 600 A.D. Your afternoon tour includes a visit to the Gateway of India -erected to commemorate the landing of King George V and Queen Mary in 1911; the collection of Indian painting and sculpture at the Prince of Wales Museum (closed on Mondays), Mani Bhawan - Mahatma Gandhi's memorial; Marine Drive, Chowpatty Beach, the Meticulously Hanging Gardens of Malabar Hill and Crawford Market. In the evening, transfer to the airport for your departure flight. [B]

## The Package Includes

**Transportation •** Domestic flights in economy class • Return transfers airport/hotel/airport • **Guides •** English speaking local guides • **Accommodations and meals •** First class, in double occupancy • 15 meals: 11 American breakfasts and 4 lunches • **Visits and excursions •** As per itinerary • **Not included •** Gratuities to hotel personnel, guides and drivers • International airfare • Visa for India, \$95 • Beverages • Optional excursions • Fees for camera use.

Visa required for India.

Price per person, from	\$CAD	
	Double	Single
12 Days - Daily departure		
November 11 to December 15	3399	5699
January 6 to April 15	3399	5699
April 16 to September 30	3299	4999