

A woman in a vibrant pink and gold sari stands with her back to the camera, looking out through a large, ornate archway. The archway is decorated with intricate floral patterns. In the background, the Taj Mahal is visible, its white marble structure and large central dome dominating the scene. The sky is clear and bright. The overall atmosphere is one of historical grandeur and cultural beauty.

INTRIGUING *India*

WONDROUS CULTURES AND WILDLIFE



Your 15-Day Itinerary *(subject to change)*

Day 1: En route from U.S.

Day 2: Arrive in Delhi, India
Overnight: The Imperial

Day 3: Old Delhi / New Delhi (B,D)
Panoramic city tour, Chandni Chowk,
rickshaw ride, art historian presentation
Overnight: The Imperial

Day 4: Delhi / Agra (B,L,D)
Taj Mahal visit at sunset
Overnight: Jaypee Palace

Day 5: Agra (B,L)
Taj Mahal visit at sunrise, Agra Fort,
artisan marble workshop, Wildlife S.O.S.
sanctuary visit
Overnight: Jaypee Palace

Day 6: Agra / Bharatpur (B,L,D)
Bharatpur village visit, dance
performance
Overnight: The Bagh

Day 7: Bharatpur / Ranthambhore (B,L,D)
Keoladeo Bird Sanctuary, cooking
demonstration
Overnight: Ranthambhore Kothi

Day 8: Ranthambhore (B,L,D)
Wildlife game drive, village visit
Overnight: Ranthambhore Kothi

Day 9: Ranthambhore / Jaipur (B,L,D)
Morning game drive
Overnight: Jai Mahal Palace

Day 10: Jaipur (B)
Amer Fort, Hawa Mahal
Overnight: Jai Mahal Palace

Day 11: Jaipur (B,L)
City Palace, observatory, artisan
gem workshop, bazaar, puppet show
Overnight: Jai Mahal Palace

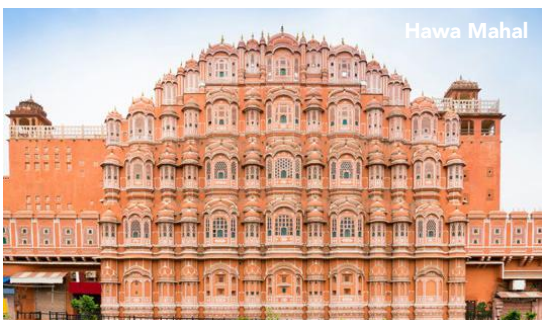
Day 12: Jaipur / Flight to Udaipur (B,L)
Leisure time, optional yoga experience
Overnight: Taj Lake Palace

Day 13: Udaipur (B,D)
City Palace, Lake Pichola boat ride
Overnight: Taj Lake Palace

Day 14: Udaipur / Flight to Delhi /
Depart for U.S. (B,L,D)
Leisure time before late evening flights
Day Room: Radisson Blu Plaza Delhi Airport

Day 15: En route to U.S.
(B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner)

Activity Level: Activities are generally not very strenuous, but a considerable amount of walking can be expected. It is our expectation that guests on this program are able to follow a guide at an average pace for three hours through paved and unpaved streets, over even and uneven terrain, and up and down stairs without assistance. Due to the nature of some structures, handrails may not be present, and facilities for people with disabilities may be limited. Participation in itinerary activities is up to the individual.





Explore

- Survey the contrasts between Old and New Delhi with sightseeing and an informative talk by an art historian during a guided tour of the capital.
- Travel to Agra to see the colors of sunrise and sunset paint the ivory-white mausoleum Taj Mahal, and visit an artisan workshop to learn about the tradition of its handcrafted marble inlay.
- Discover the 16th-century Agra Fort—a colossal, red sandstone and marble complex of palaces, mosques, and courtyards, which was the main residence of the Mughal emperors in the former capital.
- Delight in a performance of Raas Leela—an Indian dance traced back to sacred Hindu writings.
- Explore Keoladeo National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, where nearly 400 species of birds have been recorded, including the rare Siberian crane.

Engage

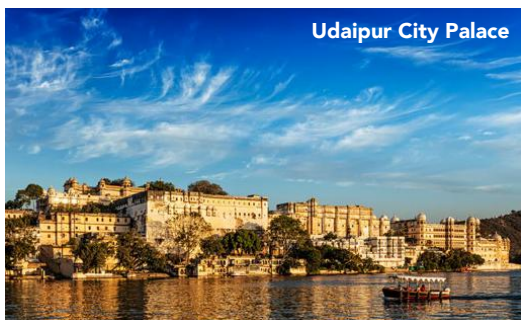
- Enjoy a variety of activities imparting authentic cultural immersion, including a cooking demonstration, puppet show, and yoga session.
- Watch for chances to spot a Jungle Book of creatures at Ranthambhore National Park. Tigers, desert fox, jackal, mongoose, sloth bear, and even 50 species of butterflies are found here.
- Journey to Jaipur, the “Pink City” renowned for sensational shopping and the architectural treasures of Hawa Mahal, Amer Fort, and the City Palace. Drop into an artisan’s workshop to see how gems from all over the world are processed into jewelry by the city’s famed artisans.

Admire

- In picturesque Udaipur, tour the magnificent City Palace—the largest palace complex in Rajasthan, which includes a museum housing a myriad of historical artifacts and royal memorabilia.
- Experience a once-in-a-lifetime stay at the legendary Taj Lake Palace, an 18th-century royal summer palace constructed from white marble on an island in Lake Pichola.

What’s Included

- 12 nights hotel accommodations and a day room on departure day
- 12 breakfasts, 9 lunches, and 8 dinners
- Full guiding services of an Orbridge Travel Director and expert local guides
- Private motor coach transportation
- Admission to all locations listed on the 15-day itinerary
- Internal airfare from Jaipur to Udaipur and from Udaipur to Delhi
- Luggage portering
- Gratuities to Orbridge Travel Director, local guides, drivers, porters, and wait staff for included meals
- Airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times





Amer Fort

Accommodations (subject to change)

THE IMPERIAL

Situated on a plush, manicured landscape spread over eight acres, The Imperial is a welcoming oasis amid the intensity of Delhi, and is arguably one of the finest hotels in Asia.



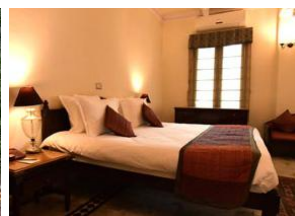
JAYPEE PALACE

Built of red sandstone and white marble in the style of Mughal architecture, the Jaypee Palace in Agra welcomes guests with ornate, well-appointed rooms, landscaped gardens, specialty restaurants, and unique leisure options, including shopping, squash, and bowling.



THE BAGH

Delight in the property's modern comforts blended seamlessly with the surrounding flora and fauna, providing a relaxing retreat after an adventurous day.



RANTHAMBHORE KOTHI

Close to Ranthambhore Park, Ranthambhore Kothi is built in the style of British bungalows, offering spacious rooms, green gardens, welcoming staff, and delicious cuisine. During leisure time, stroll the surrounding blooming forest, take a dip in the outdoor pool, or visit the full-service spa (additional fees apply).



JAI MAHAL PALACE

Built in 1745, the Jai Mahal Palace is a stunning piece of Rajasthan's heritage set amidst 18 acres of landscaped gardens. This award-winning property has been the residence of three Prime Ministers of Jaipur and features 94 restored rooms and six suites with modern-day comforts.



TAJ LAKE PALACE

The 18th-century whitewashed Taj Lake Palace rests in the middle of Lake Pichola, offering 360-degree views of surrounding Udaipur. Some may recognize this property from one of the James Bond films.



Optional Post-Tour Varanasi



Varanasi

Don't miss the opportunity to explore one of India's most compelling destinations—Varanasi. Famous for its temples, palaces, and shrines (as well as arts, crafts, music, and dance), Varanasi is one of the oldest continuously inhabited places in the world. Perched on the banks of the sacred Ganges River, this colorful city offers an intense and unique glimpse into India's soul. Witness pilgrims gathering at the bathing steps, or ghats, and soak up the sensory-rich atmosphere of devotion.

Post-Tour Itinerary *(subject to change)*

- Day 15:** Delhi / Flight to Varanasi (L,D)
Panoramic city tour, evening aarti at the River Ganges
Overnight: Taj Ganges
- Day 16:** Varanasi / Sarnath / Varanasi (B,L,D)
Ganges boat ride, ghats visit, Buddhist archaeological site, musician home visit and performance
Overnight: Taj Ganges
- Day 17:** Varanasi / Flight to Delhi / Depart for U.S. (B,L,D)
Leisure time, late evening departures
Day Room: Radisson Blu Plaza Delhi Airport
- Day 18:** En route / Arrive in U.S.

What's Included

- 2 nights luxury accommodations at the Taj Ganges (shown below) or similar, and a day room on departure day
- 3 breakfasts, 3 lunches, and 3 dinners
- Admission to all sites listed in the 4-day itinerary
- Touring by an English-speaking guide
- Round-trip airfare between Delhi and Varanasi
- All gratuities and portage
- Airport transfers for guests departing during the suggested times

