



Mahatma Gandhi – (1869 – 1948)

One of the pivotal figures, if not the main figure who shaped India's history up to independence in 1947

"A nation's culture resides in the hearts and in the soul of its people."

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INDIA ... a land for all seasons - History goes back to 3,200 BC when Hinduism was first founded. Northern India conjures up memorable images including holy River Ganges, tigers, turbans, saris, great food and rickshaws. 'Pink City' of Jaipur, home to wonderful former Maharaja Palace, splendid hilltop Amber Palace, Agra and the serene Taj Mahal

Itinerary:

Day 01 : Welcome to India at New Delhi Indira Gandhi International Airport. Transfer to hotel. India's capital, major gateway to the country, metropolis combines ancient and modern with its strategic location and prime reason why dynasties chose it as seat of power. It is not surprising then, that what constitutes Delhi today is a conglomerate of seven cities.



Day 02 : NEW DELHI - AGRA

Morning sightseeing tour of Old Delhi to visit monuments.

- **Qutab Minar** : Soaring tower of victory, started in 1193. A 73mtr high and tapers from 15mtr diameter base to just 2.5mtr at the top.
- **India Gate** : A 42mtr high stone arch of triumph at eastern end of Rajpath, bears names of 85,000 Indian Army soldiers who died in campaigns of WWI and Afghan fiasco in 1919. Afternoon Drive to Agra with hotel check-in on arrival. Long renowned as the city of Taj,

Agra is and overshadowed is the fact that this royal Mughal City has many magnificent monuments that epitomize high point of Mughal architectural achievement. Not even Delhi, seat of kings and emperors can boast such a heritage of architectural and cultural splendor. Overnight at hotel.

Day 03 : AGRA. Morning visit Taj Mahal and Agra Fort. Tonga Ride from Taj Mahal Gate to Taj Car Park.

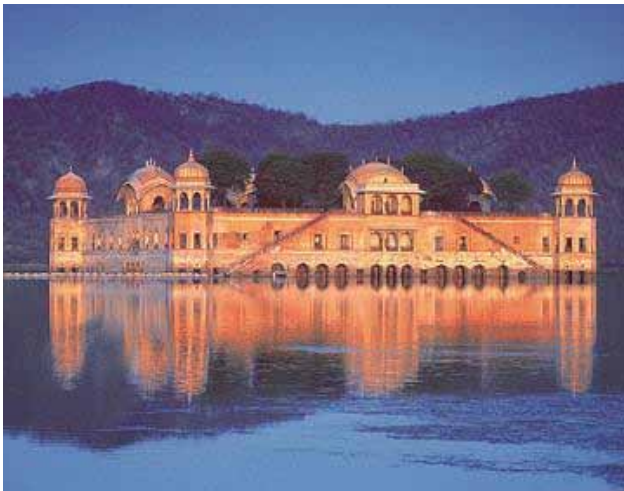
- **Taj Mahal**: Built by Shah Jehan for his queen Mumtaz Mahal. Believed to have taken 22 Years to complete by over 20,000 craftsmen.
- **Agra Fort** - Ramble around somewhat unkempt high walls and wide moat, up and down staircases through the palace rooms. Spectacular view of Taj Mahal from the Octagonal Tower. Overnight at hotel in Agra.



Day 04 : AGRA – JAIPUR

Morning drive to Jaipur with en-route visit to Fatehpur Sikri, deserted city of sandstone built by the emperor Akbar. Built by Akbar, most perfectly preserved and complete Mughal palace city of all. Although only ruined walls remain of the town, the magnificent palace complex still stands, with elaborately carved red sandstone almost as it was 400 years ago. Continue to Jaipur - blushing pink picturesque capital of Rajasthan, more famous as 'Pink City'. Colour washed pink when Prince Albert, consort of Queen Victoria of England visited

India in 1883 A.D. Founded in 1727 A.D. by Maharaja Sawai Jai Singh II, was first planned city designed in accordance with 'Shilpa Shastra', epochal treatise of Hindu architecture. Overnight at hotel



DAY 05 : JAIPUR : Tour Amber fort in ancient capital of Jaipur state. Construction of the palace in 1592 by Raja Man Singh and later extended and completed by Jai Singh before he moved to Jaipur. Elephant ride up and jeep ride down. Sightseeing Pink City to visit monuments and sites.

- **City Palace Museum:** imposing blend of traditional Rajasthan and Mughal art, collection of robes of Royal Princes, in an accurate observatory built in 1726 AD.
- **Hawa Mahal** (Palace of Wind): 5-storied wonder. Spectacular pyramid façade, overhanging windows with latticed screen, domes and spires.
- **Jantar Mantar:** Observatory, built by Jai Sing in 1728. Overnight at hotel in Jaipur



Day 06 : JAIPUR – BIKANER

Morning drive to Bikaner with hotel check-in on arrival. Bikaner, modern city with comforts characteristic of 20th century. Camel breeding

farm is world famous for producing the best riding camels. A former hunting lodge now converted into a hotel; a temple dedicated to tutelary deity of Bikaner which provides sanctuary to rats and vast Ganga. Afternoon at leisure. Overnight at hotel.

Day 07 : BIKANER – JAISALMER

Morning visit Junagarh Fort, contains several exquisite palaces, among them Anup Mahal and Badal Mahal. Afternoon excursion tour to Deshnoh to visit Karni Mata Temple.

- **Karni Mata Temple :** Built by Maharaja Ganga Singh in early 20th century in late Mughal style. Entrance lavishly decorated with sculptured marble panelling full of intricate patterns, delicately worked doorways, colonnades, pavilions and balconies.

On to Jaisalmer with hotel check-in on arrival. Jaisalmer, located deep in the heart of Thar Desert, one of the last princely bastions in the region. Founded on what was the crossroad of lucrative trade routes, remote settlement came to be celebrated for valour of its rulers, and aesthetic sense represented by their palaces. Overnight at hotel.

Day 08 : JAISALMER - Morning half day city tour to monuments.

- **Jaisalmer Fort :** Built in 1156 A.D by Rawal Jaisal, has 99 bastions around circumference with five Jain Temples within fort built between 12th - 15th centuries. One of the more notable monuments at Bada Bagh was Maharawal Bairisal's chhatri until it collapsed. Afternoon excursion and camel ride to Sam Sand dunes at Sunset. 3km long, 1km wide and half a kilometer high, dunes are as treacherous as they are scenic. No vegetation and swirling winds are almost as intense as Khamsins in Sahara. Return to Jaisalmer. Evening Jeep Excursion to Sam Sand dunes. Overnight at hotel.



Day 09 : JAISALMER - JODHPUR

Morning Drive to Jodhpur. Check-in at Hotel. Jodhpur, resplendent city, blends of modern and traditional buildings. There are many palaces and ethnic handicrafts shops here. In the heart of Thar Desert, Jaisalmer's arid wilderness transformed by former rulers and merchants who built elaborate and splendid haveli of sandstone. Afternoon at leisure. Overnight at hotel

Day 10 : JODHPUR – UDAIPUR

Morning visit to monuments and sites.

- **Mehrangarh Fort** : founded by Rao Jodha in 1459. Palaces, within daunting structures, among them Moti Mahal and Phool Mahal.

- **Umaid Bhawan Palace** : Known as Chittar Palace used particular type of sandstone which does not decay in the rains.

Afternoon drive to Udaipur, Venice of the East. Check-in at Hotel. Lakes in the midst of sandy terrain, green forested hills and Fairy tale palaces in lakes, each more beautiful than the other. Overnight at Hotel.

Day 11 : UDAIPUR

Morning sightseeing city tour and monuments.

- **City Palace** : Majestic architectural marvel perched on a hill and over Lake Pichola. A majestic conglomeration of courtyards, pavilions, terraces, corridors, rooms and hanging gardens.

- **Saheliyon Ki Bari : "Ladies Garden"**, with rich foliage and intricately designed fountains. Small ornamental garden, popular relaxing spot where royal ladies came for a stroll and hence the name. Overnight at Hotel.

Day 12 : UDAIPUR – MUMBAI

Transfer to Udaipur airport for flight to Mumbai. Upon arrival at Mumbai airport transfer to hotel Kohinoor continental. Afternoon at leisure. Overnight at Hotel.



Day 13 : MUMBAI

Transfer to Boat Jetty for a cruise over Arabian Sea to visit Elephanta Cave with rock-out temples, one of Mumbai's major attractions. Created between 450 and 750, when the Island was known as Gharapuri. Return to city. Afternoon sightseeing tour of Mumbai with visit monuments and sites:

- **Prince of Wales Museum** : Foundation stone laid by King George V in 1905.

- **Hanging Gardens** : Laid out in 1881 on Malabar Hill.

- **Mani Bhavan** : Where father of our Nation resided for 15 years.

- **Victoria Terminus Building** : Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus, formerly known as Victoria terminus, an outstanding example of Victorian gothic revival architecture in India. Overnight at Hotel.

Day 14 : MUMBAI - DEPARTURE

Departure Transfer to Chhatrapati Shivaji Airport for flight home.

Price Includes:

13 nights - Sharing Accommodation. HB Basis. Transfers, sightseeing, transport, entrance fees at city monuments as per programme. Service of English speaking local guide. Tonga ride to entrance of Taj Mahal, Agra. Elephant Ride (subject to operation). Camel Ride at Sam Sand Dunes Boat Ride Lake Pichola / Ferry Ride Elephanta Arrival/departure assistance airports/hotels. Government service tax.

Price excludes:

Tips to Driver and/or guide.
Any insurance coverage.
Expenses of a personal nature – laundry, refreshments or anything not include above.
International Airfares

Price from: US\$ 1450,00 per person sharing
Single Supplement: US\$ 520,00
Airfare: UDAIPUR – MUMBAI - from US\$85,00 depending on flight and availability.

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