

# CLASSIC NORTHERN INDIA



## HIGHLIGHTS

- BEAUTIFUL GARDENS, COLOURFUL TEMPLES AND ANCIENT FORTRESSES
- OLD DELHI'S TEEMING STREETS AND BAZAARS
- SUNRISE OVER THE TAJ MAHAL

This journey is the perfect introduction to India and the beautiful region surrounding the state of Rajasthan. Staying in magnificent converted palaces, you will visit India's most famous landmark, the Taj Mahal, explore the colourful cities of Jaipur, Jodhpur and

Udaipur, taking in the sights and sounds, palaces, forts and the beautiful Lake Pichola. Our highly knowledgeable guides will ensure you leave northern India with a deep understanding and appreciation of its vibrant culture.

## DAY 1

### *London/Delhi*

Depart from London Heathrow on an overnight flight to Delhi.

## DAY 2

### *Delhi*

Arriving in Delhi mid morning, transfer to the Taj Mahal Hotel for a morning at leisure. One of the most distinguished addresses in the national capital, The Taj Mahal Hotel is a city landmark located in the exclusive residential area of Lutyens' Delhi and known for its modern comforts and warm hospitality. After settling in, this afternoon visit the impressive Red Fort and Rajghat, the site where Mahatma



Gandhi was cremated. Wander through Old Delhi's teeming bazaars and visit Jama Masjid Mosque. Later this evening, return to the Red Fort for a Son et Lumiere performance.

## DAY 3

### *Delhi*

This morning you will visit the leafy avenues of New Delhi, where you will drive along Rajpath, past India Gate, one of the largest war memorials in

India, the Parliament House 'Sansad Bhavan' and the President's residence. See the 238-foot Qutab Minar minaret and the Tomb of Humayun, a complex of buildings built as the Mughal Emperor Humayun's tomb.

## DAY 4

### *Delhi/Agra*

An early morning start sees you departing by road to Agra (a journey of 200 km and around 4 hours) where

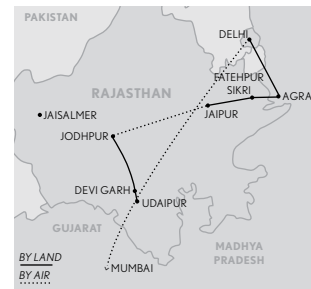


on arrival you will check into the Oberoi Amarvilas for a two night stay. Located only 600 metres from the Taj Mahal, all rooms, suites, lobby, bar and lounge offer breathtaking views of the monument.

## DAY 5

### *Agra*

Today you will visit the breathtaking Taj Mahal, built by the Emperor Shah ➤



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Jahan as a mausoleum for his beloved wife, Mumtaz. Stroll the marble pathways and marvel at the symmetry of the architecture. Later you will see Agra's imposing Red Fort before returning to the Taj Mahal at sunset.

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#### **DAY 6** *Agra/Jaipur*

Early morning is the most evocative time to visit the Taj Mahal, so early risers will relish this opportunity to watch the sunrise over it. Later, depart Agra for Jaipur by road (a journey of 250km and around 5 hours), stopping en route at the deserted red sandstone city of Fatehpur Sikri. You will arrive in Jaipur in the late afternoon where you will stay at Rambagh Palace for two nights. This

historic palace exudes a regal elegance with its antique chandeliers and the peacocks on the lawn.

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#### **DAY 7** *Jaipur*

Known as the 'Pink City', visit Jaipur with its unique Jantar Mantar Observatory, a collection of architectural astronomical instruments, the City Palace and the Palace of the Winds. Make your ascent by jeep to view the extravagantly decorated halls and chambers of the Amber Fort.

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#### **DAY 8** *Jaipur/Jodhpur*

The road today takes you from Jaipur through Kishangarh, known as the marble city of India and the birth place of

the unique style of painting, to Jodhpur (a journey of 320 km and around 6 hours), where you will stay for two nights at Umaid Bhawan Palace. Perched above the desert capital of Jodhpur, Umaid Bhawan Palace, a golden-yellow sandstone monument, is the last of the great palaces of India. Set amidst lush peacock filled gardens and lavishly decorated in Art Deco style, staying here is a truly memorable experience. Spend the afternoon at leisure immersing yourself in this fascinating part of India.

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#### **DAY 9** *Jodhpur*

The sights of Jodhpur will leave you breathless. The mighty 15th century Mehrangarh Fort is one of the largest forts in India, situated on a lofty height above the city with several palaces known for their intricate carvings and sprawling courtyards. After a traditional lunch visit Mandore, the ancient capital of the state of Marwar with its beautiful gardens, temples and memorials.

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#### **DAY 10** *Jodhpur/Devi Garh*

This morning drive to Devi Garh (a journey of 250km and around 5 hours) via the famous Jain temples of Ranakpur and check in to the spectacular Fortress

hotel. Located just 40 minutes from Udaipur, you will spend the night in this hotel, accommodated in the fort itself.

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#### **DAY 11** *Devi Garh/Udaipur*

Continue your journey to Udaipur (40 km and around half an hour) where your home for the next two nights will be the Lake Palace hotel on Lake Pichola. This hotel appears to float on the tranquil waters of the lake, with stunning views, and striking interiors.

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#### **DAY 12** *Udaipur*

On a hill-top with a panoramic view of the city, Udaipur's City Palace - with its mirrored walls, inlaid marble balconies and the famous Peacock Courtyard - was built in a flamboyant style, a fusion of the Rajasthani and Mughal architectural styles. Wander around the lovely Sahelion-ki-Bari Gardens and enjoy a cruise by motor launch on the placid waters of Lake Pichola.

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#### **DAY 13** *Udaipur/Delhi or Mumbai*

A late afternoon flight takes you to either Delhi or Mumbai, where you will overnight.



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#### **DAY 14** *Delhi or Mumbai/London*

Depart Delhi or Mumbai for your flight to London Heathrow. Alternatively, you may like to consider adding on a few extra days to experience the sights and sounds of Southern India.



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