

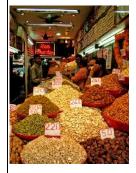
INDIAN JOURNEY.....

Dec. 04. Arrive Delhi:

Met & Assist by *RTS* representative at the international airport and transfer to the hotel. Check in at the hotel.

Visit of **Akshardham Temple** and **Lotus Temple**. **OR**





Visit to the spice market of Delhi followed by shopping.

In the Indian metropolis of Delhi, visit the largest spice market in all of Asia, the bustling Khari Baoli bazaar.

Open air shops on both sides of the road display sackcloth bags filled with pungent spices, bushels of fragrant flowers, nuts and sticky dried fruits, mountains of bright orange turmeric, mouth-watering sweets, gallons of gooey ghee and enough tea

Return to the hotel for overnight stay.

Dec. 05. Delhi Sightseeing:

After breakfast at the hotel, proceed to sightseeing tour Delhi to visit Raj Ghat, the site where Mahatma Gandhi was cremated; Jama Masjid – the largest mosque in India; and the Red Fort – once the most opulent fort and palace of the Mughal Empire. The Humayun's Tomb, Qutub Minar. Drive along the ceremonial avenue – Rajpath, past the imposing India Gate, Parliament House and the President's Residence

Take an interesting **RICKSHAW RIDE** through Old Delhi – *a truly memorable experience*. Stroll through the bustling markets and bazaars and get a feel for life in India's capital city

Overnight stay at the hotel.

Dec. 06. Delhi Sightseeing & Fly Delhi to Varanasi + Evening Varanasi sightseeing

After breakfast, you will be transferred to Delhi airport to connect flight to Varanasi. On arrival, met and transferred to hotel.

Evening, enjoy the sightseeing tour of Varanasi visiting **The Bharat Mata temple** northwest of Godaulia is a modern shrine, inaugurated by Mahatma Gandhi. The **Tulsi Manas temple**, though, is open to all communities. Its white marble walls have the verses of Tulsidas' Ramcharitmanas inscribed on them. The **Bharat Kala Bhavan museum** inside the Benares Hindu University campus is open from Monday till Saturday. It has a valuable collection of miniature paintings, sculptures and bronzes.

Return back to the hotel for overnight stay.

Dec. 07. Early morning Boat Cruise + Fly from Varanasi to Khajuraho + Khajuraho sightseeing.

Early morning drive to the Ghats, to set sail on the Ganges and witness the sight of throngs of worshippers engrossed in their morning prayers.

Return to the hotel for breakfast. Check out from the hotel and you will be transferred to the airport for your flight to Khajuraho. On arrival checkin at the hotel.







Afternoon, enjoy the sightseeing tour of Eastern & Westen group of Temple, Chausath Yogini Temple, Vishwanath temple and Nandi Temple.

Return back to the hotel for overnight stay.

Dec. 08. Drive to Jhansi + Train to Agra at 1810/2038hrs

Breakfast at the hotel.

Later, drive to Jhansi Railway Station to take your train for Agra. On arrival in Agra, meet by our representative at railway station and transferred to hotel.

Overnight stay at the hotel.

Dec. 09. Taj Mahal Visit + Agra Fort Visit & Drive to Ranthambore

Early morning, visit **Taj Mahal at sunrise by Tonga ride**, when its sublime beauty enchants you at the first sight.

Taj Mahal - the inimitable poem in white marble. Built over a period of 22 years, by the Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan in 16th century, for his Queen Mumtaz Mahal to enshrine her mortal remains, it is one of the seven wonders of the World.



Note: Taj Mahal is closed on Friday.

Return to the hotel for breakfast.

Also visit the **Agra Fort** - the rusty and majestic red-sandstone fort of Agra stands on the banks of the river Yamuna.

Later check out from the hotel and drive to Ranthambore. On arrival, check in at the hotel.

Overnight stay at the hotel.

Dec 10. In Ranthambore (Morning & Evening Safari)

Wake up early morning and leave for jungle safari into the National Park. Track the tigers and other wildlife through the morning.

Return to the jungle lodge for a hearty breakfast.

Later in the evening, proceed for a Wildlife Safari. Dinner and overnight stay at the hotel.



Dec 11. Drive to Jaipur from Ranthambore

After breakfast, morning at leisure. After lunch, check out from the hotel and drive to Jaipur.

Arrive Jaipur and check in at the hotel for over night stay.

Dec. 12. Amber (Elephant Ride) + Jaipur City Tour + Drive to Mandawa – 200 Kms/4 Hrs

After breakfast, take an excursion to **Amber Fort** the old capital of Jaipur rulers. Ride on back of an elephant from the foot of the hill up to the gates of the fortress.

Afternoon, sightseeing tour of Jaipur includes Maharaja's Museum and Jai Singh Astronomical Observatory and **Hawa Mahal**. In the evening, time to shop in the vibrant and colorful bazaars of Jaipur famous for handcrafted jewellery, carpets, block printed linen, local handicrafts, etc

Later, drive to Mandawa and check in to the hotel for overnight stay.



Dec. 13. Mandawa Sightseeing + Drive to Bikaner – 200 Kms/4 Hrs

After breakfast at the hotel, enjoy visit to the nearby villages, town, a painted arched gateway adorned with Lord Krishna and his cows leads to the bazaar. You can wander through the streets where mansions of rich merchants are adorned with elaborate & lively frescoes, cataloging the life, habits/fashions of the Marwari community.

Later, drive to Bikaner and check in to the hotel for overnight stay.

Dec. 14. Bikaner Sightseeing + Drive to Jaisalmer – 350 Kms/6 Hrs

After breakfast at the hotel, proceed to visit **Junagarh Fort** - The impregnable fort, which has the distinction of remaining unconquered. It is encircled by moat and houses, many outstanding palaces, pavilions and temples made of red sandstone and marble with kiosks and balconies. Lallgarh Palace — Palace was built by Maharaja Ganga Singh. The intricate dexterous carving on the red stone is a hallmark of great craftsmanship. The palace treasures a marvelous collection of old photographs and hunting trophies, well preserved and exhibited.



Later drive to Jaisalmer and check in to the hotel for overnight stay.

Dec. 15. Jaisalmer City Tour + Optional - PM Sam Sand Dunes

Morning after breakfast enjoy the visit of **Jaisalmer Fort:** Life in the searing heat of the summer months of the medieval ages, once flourished within the 99 bastions of the fort of Jaisalmer. Rising from the sands, it merges with the sand dunes, resembling from a distance a giant ant hill. Closer, the bastions show up more formidable, vast chunks of honeycoloured stone blocks carved to dovetail together. **Nathmalji ki Haveli:** The late 19th century Haveli with intricate architecture a display of sheer craftsmanship. The left and right wings of the mansion were carved by two



brothers are not identical but very similar and balanced in design. The interior walls are ornate with splendid miniature paintings. **Patwon ki Haveli:** The most elaborate and magnificent of the Jaisalmer havelis. It has

exquisitely carved pillars and extensive corridors and chambers. One of the apartments of

this five story high Haveli is painted with beautiful murals.



Salim Singh ki Haveli: This 300 years old haveli of Jaisalmer's Prime Minister to Maharaja Rawal Gaj Singh - Salim Singh, has a beautiful blue cupola roof with superbly carved brackets in the form of peacocks. Also visit **Gadisar Lake.**



Return to the hotel for overnight stay.

Dec. 16. Drive Jaisalmer to Jodhpur + Jodhpur City Tour - 300 Kms /5 Hrs

After breakfast at the hotel, drive to Jodhpur and check into the hotel.

Afternoon, visit the impressive **Mehrangarh Fort** on a 37 m low sandstone hill built by Rao Jodha in 1459. From the top of the fort one can get a bird's eye view of the old city. You will notice the predominance of blue houses referred to as Brahmin houses - the colour being associated with the high caste. Proceed to the **Jaswant Thada**, an imposing marble cenotaph built in 1899 for Maharajah Jaswant Singh II, **Umaid Bhawan Palace** and smaller memorials to other Maharajahs of Jodhpur. Also visit the **Clock tower** and **Sardar Bazaar**. At the end of the tour, enjoy a short walk through the local and vibrant bazaar of Jodhpur.



Overnight stay at the hotel.

Dec. 17. Drive Jodhpur to Udaipur via Ranakpur + City Tour & Boat Ride – 300 Kms. / 6-7 Hrs.

After breakfast at the hotel, drive to Udaipur. En route visit the **Famous Jain Temple of Ranakpur** ~ (Jain temples at Ranakpur built in white marble. Its 29 halls spread over 40,000 sq.ft. and consisting of 1,444 pillars, not one of which is alike in its carving).

Continue drive to Udaipur and check-in to the hotel.

Enjoy tour of Udaipur city includes the visit of Palace Museum - made of granite and marble with filigreed balconies, ornate windows and craftsmanship in glass. Each palace within is an outstanding creation of art, **Sahelion Ki Bari** - a garden with fountains, once used for the enjoyment of royal ladies. **Bhartiya Lok Kala Mandal** - a folk art museum, Jagdish Temple.



Evening enjoy the **boat ride on Lake Pichola.** Return to the hotel for overnight stay.

Dec. 18. Udaipur City Tour + fly to Goa

After breakfast, you will be transferred to the Udaipur airport for the flight to Delhi / Mumbai. On arrival at domestic airport, connect to the flight to Goa.

Upon arrival in Goa, you will met by our *RTS* representative and transfer to a beach resort for overnight stay.

Dec. 19 - In

In Goa

Breakfast at the hotel. Day at leisure on the beach. Overnight stay at the hotel.

Goa ~ one of the most popular beach destinations worldwide that's perfectly suited for pure leisure, and for those seeking adventure. Its offers an exquisite mix of work atmosphere and recreation amidst, perhaps a dream-like paradise.... Making Goa unique are its idyllic beaches, blue skies, lush paddy fields, coconut plantations, picturesque villages dotted with white washed churches, beautiful temples, vibrant markets, excellent nightlife, choicest cuisine, and more...



Dec 21 Goa ~ Mumbai ~ Depart from Mumbai

Breakfast at the hotel. Morning at leisure. Afternoon, check out and you will be transferred to the airport for your flight to Mumbai.

On arrival, met by our representative and directly proceed for a **city tour of Mumbai**.

Mumbai City highlights: Prince of Wales Museum, Victoria Terminus, Mani Bhawan, Jain Temple, Gateway of India, & Shopping Streets.

Evening, you will be transferred to the international airport for your flight back home.

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