



## **Classical India - 10 Days (#17759)**

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### **Trip Highlights**

Delhi-Agra-Lucknow-Varanasi-Khajuraho-Orchha

### **Detailed Itinerary**

#### **Day 01**

#### **Day 01: Arrive Delhi**

Meet upon arrival in Delhi & transfer to hotel.

Overnight at the hotel in Delhi.

#### **Day 02**

#### **Day 02: Delhi**



After Breakfast proceed with sightseeing tour of Old & New Delhi.

Old Delhi or Shahjanbad: The city built by the Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan who shifted the Mughal capital here from Agra in the 17th century. Drive past along the river Yamuna past the magnificent Red Fort to one of the largest and most beautiful mosques in the world, the Jama Masjid. Enjoy a cycle rickshaw ride through the narrow lanes of Chandni Chowk, the spine of Old Delhi, past jeweller's spice merchants, food vendors, shopping arcades, workshops as well as residences.

Later proceed with visit to Qutab Minar Complex, visiting a myriad of monuments that combine both Islamic calligraphy and Hindu motifs, commemorating the onset of Islamic rule in India. Then proceed to Lutyens's New Delhi, drive past the Rashtrapati Bhawan, (President's Palace), Secretariat Buildings, Parliament House and the India Gate, a war memorial arch built in honour of soldiers who died in the Afghan Wars and World War-I. Visit the Humayun Tomb, the first great example of Mughal architecture in India and regarded as a prototype of the famed Taj Mahal of Agra.

Overnight at the hotel in Delhi.

**Meal:** Breakfast

### Day 03

### Day 03: Delhi – Agra (by drive: 210 kms/4 hrs approx)

After breakfast, check-out from the hotel & travel by road to Agra. Upon arrival check-in at hotel.

Later proceed for Agra Fort & Taj Mahal

Agra Fort - Built by Emperor Akbar on the west bank of the river Yamuna and beautified with palaces and gardens by Jahangir, Agra Fort today dominates the centre of the city.

Evening visiting the world-famous Taj Mahal built by Shah Jahan in 1630 for his queen Mumtaz Mahal to enshrine her mortal remains. This architectural marvel is a perfectly proportioned masterpiece fashioned from white marble that stands testimony to the skill of 20,000 craftsmen brought together from Persia, Turkey, France and Italy and who took 17 years to complete this 'Love Poem in Marble'. (Taj Mahal is closed on Fridays)

Overnight at the hotel in Agra.

**Meal:** Breakfast

### Day 04

### Day 04: Agra – Lucknow (by train)



Checkout from the hotel & transfer to railway station to board train for Lucknow

DEP: AGRA 0550 HRS 12180 LNJ INTERCITY

ARR: LUCKNOW 1145 HRS

Meet upon arrival & check-in at hotel

Overnight at the hotel in Lucknow.

**Meal:** Breakfast

### Day 05

### Day 05: Lucknow

Full day city sightseeing to Lucknow - city of Gardens. It was the 18th-century capital of Nawab Wazirs and a centre of culture and tradition. Visit the great Imam bara, built in the 18th century. The absence of beams and pillars in the huge main hall is an architectural achievement. Also visit Lucknow Residency where the British Resident lived and the Picture Gallery exhibiting excellent full-size portraits of the Nawabs of Oudh.

Overnight at the hotel in Lucknow.

**Meal:** Breakfast

### Day 06

### Day 06: Lucknow – Varanasi (by train)

Checkout from the hotel & transfer to railway station to board train for Varanasi

DEP: LUCKNOW 0700 HRS 14204 LKO BSB INTRCITY

ARR: VARANASI 1330 HRS

Meet upon arrival & check-in at hotel

Evening proceed to downtown area in a rickshaw. Experience Varanasi intimately when you go on a leisurely rickshaw, ride through the narrow streets and alleys of Varanasi. In the evening the Ghats and temples are lit with oil-lamp lights or candles. Participate in an Aarti Ceremony (collective prayer) and watch the floating Diya's (lamps) on the river Ganges.

Overnight at the hotel in Varanasi.

**Meal:** Breakfast



**Day 07**

**Day 07: In Varanasi**

Early morning enjoy boat ride on holy river Ganges. The western banks of Ganges has a string of Ghats - the chain of stone steps, all built with pavilions, palaces and terraces, most of which are mainly used as Dharamsala where the pilgrims stay during their visit to the holy city. At dawn, the Ghats are abuzz with activity of the devotees performing their ablutions in the river or offering prayers to the rising sun and performing other religious rituals. A boat ride along the Ghats gives you vantage views of this activity. The sunrise on the Ganges is a soul-lifting experience. Later, visit the Vishwanath temple, also called the golden temple because of the gold-plating on its roof.

Return to hotel for breakfast

Afternoon: Walk the "Galis" (lanes) and "Mohalla's" (neighbourhoods) of Varanasi and get a glimpse in to the private world of the people who call this ancient city home. An expert will lead you through the serpentine lanes and showcase for you the unique character of each area visited. Also Visit to Bharat Mata Mandir, Durga Temple, Tulsi Manas Mandir, and Banaras Hindu University.

Overnight at the hotel in Varanasi.

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Day 08**

**Day 08: Varanasi – Khajuraho (by flight)**

After breakfast transfer to airport to board flight to Khajuraho.

DEP: VARANASI 1215 HRS AI – 406

ARR: KHAJURAHO 1440 HRS

Meet upon arrival & check-in at hotel.

Later visit the Western Group of temples, the most important temple being the Kandariya Mahadeo Temple, dedicated to Lord Shiva. It is one of the largest and most typical of the Khajuraho temples. Visit the Chaunsat Yogini Jain Temple- dedicated to the 64 "Yoginis" or attendants of Goddess Kali. This temple stands apart from the rest. Also see the Chitragupta or Bharati Temple with a lovely sculpture of Lord Vishnu in his 11-headed form. The sculptures that adorn the temples depicts gods, Goddesses and amorous couples.

The Eastern Group of temples include the Ghantai Temple, Vamana Temple dedicated to the "Vamana" or dwarf incarnation of Lord Vishnu and the Javari Temple. There are also three Jain Temples with beautiful carvings and non-erotic sculptures.

Overnight at the hotel in Khajuraho.



**Meal:** Breakfast

**Day 09**

**Day 09: Khajuraho – Orchha – Jhansi – Delhi (by drive + train)**

After breakfast transfer to Jhansi railway station (175 KMS/04 HRS approx.) en-route visiting Orchha.

Orchha's grandeur has been captured in stone, frozen in time, a rich legacy of the ages. For this medieval city, the hand of time has rested, and the palaces and the temples built by its Bundela rulers in the 16th and 17th century retain much of their pristine perfection. Jahangir Mahal, a tiered palace crowned by graceful Chhatris, commands a spectacular view of soaring temple-spires and cenotaphs.

Thereafter continue drive to Jhansi & board train to Delhi

DEP: JHANSI 1520 HRS 12279 TAJ EXPRESS

ARR: DELHI 2225 HRS

Meet upon arrival & check-in at hotel.

Overnight at the hotel in Delhi.

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Day 10**

**Day 10: Departure Delhi**

After breakfast transfer to airport to connect flight for onward destination.

**Meal:** Breakfast

## **Inclusions**

- **09 Night's** accommodation on Twin/Double occupancy on Bed & Breakfast Basis.
- All transfers, excursions and sightseeing tours to be by air-conditioned Toyota Innova.
- Monument entrance fees as per itinerary (1 visit per monument).
- Service of Local English Speaking Guide as per program.
- Assistance at airports by our representatives.



- Rickshaw ride in Old Delhi.
- Evening rickshaw ride in Varanasi.
- Early morning Boat ride in Varanasi.
- Train Tickets: Agra/Lucknow, Lucknow/Varanasi & Jhansi/Delhi in AC Chair Class.
- All presently applicable Governments taxes.

**With Best compliments**

- Two bottles of mineral water daily in the vehicle.
- Traditional Indian welcome by flower garlands on arrival.

## **Exclusions**

- Any item of personal nature such as table drinks, Laundry, Telephone calls.
- Camera fees (Still/video) at any monuments.
- Any tipping, gratuities or portorage anywhere.
- Lunches, Dinner unless specified.
- Any International airfare/Visa Fees.
- Any Domestic air fare.

## **Note**

HOTELS ENVISAGED: (Failing shall provide similar alternative)

Delhi

3 star - Hotel Africa Avenue

4 star - Udman Hotel And Resorts by Fern N Petals

Agra

3 star - Hotel The Taj Vilas

4 star - Radisson Hotel Agra

Lucknow

3 star - Comfort Inn

4 star - Fortune Park

Varanasi

3 star - Ganges Grand

4 star - Hotel Meraden Grand



Khajuraho

3 star - Golden Tulip

4 star - Clarks Khajuraho

**Rates not valid from 20th December' 2024 – 10th January' 2025.**

**Domestic airfare: (Economy class fares which are Subject to change)**

Varanasi-Khajuraho - AUD 1089 PP (\* Flight operation between Varanasi – Khajuraho / Khajuraho – Varanasi is subject to operation in Summer time till 30 Sep 2024).

**IMPORTANT:**

1. Standard check in and check out time at hotels is 1400 hrs.
2. Kindly note that names of hotels mentioned above only indicate that our rates have been based on usage of these hotels and it is not to be construed that accommodation is confirmed at these hotels until and unless we convey such confirmation to you. In the event of accommodation not becoming available at any of the above mentioned hotels we shall book alternate accommodation at a similar or next best available hotel and shall pass on the difference of rates (supplement/reduction whatever applicable) to you.
3. Our offer is based on usage of base category rooms at the mentioned hotels (unless specified otherwise) and if this category of rooms is not available we shall try to confirm accommodation in next available higher category of rooms and shall advise supplementary cost involved while conveying the status.
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## **Program Touring / Guide**

Private touring



## Periodic Departure

**15 Apr, 2024 to 30 Sep, 2024**

3 Star

AUD 2,468 P P twin share

AUD 3,216 P P single

AVAILABLE

4 Star

AUD 2,632 P P twin share

AUD 3,544 P P single

AVAILABLE

**01 Oct, 2024 to 31 Mar, 2025**

3 Star

AUD 2,655 P P twin share

AUD 3,474 P P single

AVAILABLE

4 Star

AUD 2,924 P P twin share

AUD 4,047 P P single

AVAILABLE

