Holi Festival Experience in Mathura-Vrindavan

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Day 1

DAY 01 II ARRIVAL DELHI II FLIGHT

Upon arrival at Delhi airport you will be met with our representative who is anxiously waiting for you in arrival hall to welcome you. After Traditional Welcome you will be transferred to your hotel. Overnight at hotel.

Day 2

DAY 02 II DELHI

After breakfast, proceed for New and Old Delhi city tour. Experience the heart thrilling rickshaw Ride for an hour visiting the Colourful crowded Bazaar known as Chandni Chock. This ride will give you a chance to see the local crowd in max numbers doing the trading and also you will be able to catch some spectacular pictures and unforgettable memories. You will be able to feel the warmth of the Old city when you will ride lane by lane. Also visit Red Fort (from outside), India Gate, The Qutub Minar, the Jama Masjid are the splendor of marvels of architecture. These monuments present the royal life style of the grotesque rulers of India. Some of the impressive architecture splendors of neoteric Delhi are Lotus Temple, India Gate, Presidents House and Sikh temple. Overnight stay at hotel.

Day 3

DAY 03 II DELHI – JAIPUR II 265 KMS/6 HRS.

After breakfast drive to Jaipur the vibrant capital of Rajasthan is popularly known as ‘The Pink City’ for the colour of the buildings in its wonderful old city. This Buzzing metropolis is certainly a place of wild contrasts and is a feast for the eyes. Upon arrival check into hotel. Later in the evening witness a traditional prayer ceremony in one of Jaipur’s most beautiful temples. Overnight at hotel.

Day 4

DAY 04 II JAIPUR

After breakfast visit Amer Fort established in the 16th century by Raja Man Singh of the Kachwaha dynasty. Within the Amber Fort are ornate palaces, courts, stairways, pillared pavilions & palaces. Afternoon visit the City Palace, the museum houses textiles, arms, carpets, paintings and manuscripts and other artistic paraphernalia & Astronomical observatory, built by Maharaja Jai Singh the founder of Jaipur, also visit Observatory & pass through Hawa Mahal (Palace of Winds). Evening free at leisure. Overnight at hotel.

Day 5

DAY 05 II JAIPUR – AGRA II 235 KMS/5 HRS

After breakfast drive to Agra, the Land of culture and heritage. AGRA is the city of the inimitable TAJ MAHAL. Upon arrival, check-in at hotel. Rest of the time free at leisure or you may also opt to visit Oswal Emporium where they have built a Mini Taj Mahal inside their showroom and it took 10 years for the artists to complete the Mini replica of the Taj. At 1815 hrs Watch the 80 minutes theatrical show: Mohabbat-the-Taj: saga of love (optional) the only show of its kind in India at Kalakriti Mandal; where they enact the history behind the Taj Mahal. Afterwards return to the hotel for overnight stay.

Day 6

DAY 06 II AGRA

After breakfast proceed to visit to the world – famous Taj Mahal (closed on Friday's) – or literally "Crown of Palaces" was built by Shah Jehan to immortalize the memory of his beloved wife Mumtaz Mahal who died tragically in 1631. After that visit, the Red Fort built by three generations of Mughal Emperors between 1565 and 1573. Also visit Itimad-ud-Daulah it has a special place in the chronicles of both history as well as architecture. This is precisely because Itmad ud Daulah is the very first tomb in India that is entirely made out of Marble. Rest of the time free at leisure. Overnight at hotel.

Day 7

DAY 07 II AGRA –VRINDAVAN II 73 KMS /1.5 HRS

After breakfast, check out and drive to Vrindavan, where Lord Krishna spent his childhood days, played the flute sporting with the Gopis and where Radhika pined for her lover; upon arrival check into hotel. In the evening attend Aarti at Iskon temple followed by experience of Holika Dahan in local premises. According to Hindu scriptures Holika Dahan, which is also known as Holika Deepak or Chhoti Holi, should be done during Pradosh Kaal (which starts after sunset) while Purnimasi Tithi is prevailing. Bhadra prevails during first half of Purnimasi Tithi and all good work should be avoided when Bhadra prevails. Overnight at hotel.

Day 8

DAY 08 II VRINDAVAN – DELHI II 170 KM/3.5 HRS

After breakfast enjoy the Holi Festival in Vrindavan. Holi, the festival of colors is celebrated in India since thousands of years by all communities. While the festival is celebrated almost in every part of India but Holi in Braj is especially famous and has significance in Hindu history. There are several places in Vrindavan where the festival is celebrated including Banke Bihari, Gulaal Kund and every other major temples in Vrindavan has special celebrations going on. In the afternoon check out and drive to Delhi. Upon arrival check into hotel. Overnight at hotel.

Day 9

DAY 09 II DELHI – VARANASI II FLIGHT

After breakfast check out and transfer to airport to board flight to Varanasi, the city of Shiva, on the bank of the sacred Ganges is one of the holiest places in India. Hindu Pilgrims come to bate in the waters of the Ganges, a ritual that washes away all sins. Upon arrival check into hotel; later witness the Ganga Aarti. Ganga Aarti at Dashashwamedh Ghat is a show stopper. It is on the 'must do' list of every tourist. It starts soon after sundown and goes on for an hour and half, but visitors begin streaming in as early as 5 PM. The preparation in the lead up to the Aarti sets the tone for the evening ahead. It all begins with young priests organizing their prayer instruments on their respective platforms – eight odd of them. The group of young priests begins proceedings in a well-orchestrated manner, synchronizing their movement with lamps in hand, to the rhythmic chants of hymns and beat of cymbals. Later return to hotel for overnight stay.

Day 10

DAY 10 II VARANASI

Morning visit to Ghats to see the lovely Sun Rise, locals bathing, Brahmin chanting the mantras and after 1 hr boat ride where we will see the other important Ghats we will take a walk on the narrow streets and see the life of locals. Return back to hotel for breakfast and wash and change. Later start our journey for the famous Buddhist pilgrimage – Sarnath just at a 20 minute drive from our hotel. We will cover the other important places as well in half day tour visiting Sarnath, you will be awestruck with the feeling of breathing the same air and walking on the same earth as Lord Buddha did 2500 years ago. Afternoon proceed for half day city tour covering Bharat Mata Temple: Bharat Mata Temple is among the beautiful temples constructed in 1936 by Babu Shiv Prasad Gupt, a Gandhian follower. Banaras Hindu University (BHU) is the largest residential university in Asia. It has been developed as a center for education in Indian art, music, culture and philosophy and for the study of Sanskrit & Tulsi Manas Temple it has a very historical as well as cultural importance for not only Varanasi but also for the whole of India. Later return to hotel for overnight stay.

Day 11

DAY 11 II VARANASI – DELHI – DEPARTURE II FLIGHT

After breakfast free time for leisure. In time transfer to airport to board flight to Delhi. Upon arrival in Delhi, transfer to International airport to connect flight to onward destination.
