

# Rajasthan and Beyond

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## Day 1

### Day 01 || Arrival Delhi

On arrival traditional welcome & transfer to hotel. Overnight at hotel.

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## Day 2

### Day 02 || Delhi

After breakfast start the combined city tour of old Delhi start from Red Fort (from outside) built in red sandstone, Constructed by Mughal Emperor Shahjahan, Jama Masjid, India's largest mosque and visit famous bazaars of Chandni Chowk & Rajghat cremation place of Mahatma Gandhi. Later enjoy the cycle rickshaw ride through the bustling street of Chandni Chowk. Later visit India Gate built in memory of the soldiers who laid down their lives in the 1st World War drive past the Rashtrapathi Bhawan, Parliament House, the other government buildings also visit Humayun's Tomb and Qutub Minar. Overnight at hotel.

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## Day 3

### Day 03 || Delhi – Nawalgarh || 230 kms /5 hrs.

Morning at leisure or drive to Nawalgarh. Nawalgarh – is rightly referred to as the Open Air Gallery. There is art all around. Nawalgarh is renowned all over the world for its exquisitely painted havelis that are beautifully designed and carved. Upon arrival check into the hotel. Later village walking tour through the winding and narrow pathways. The local school, the jewel's shop and the potters' village are worth a special mention. Overnight at the hotel.

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## Day 4

### Day 04|| Nawalgarh – Bikaner – Gajner || 225 kms /4.3 hrs.

After breakfast drive to Gajner enroute visiting Bikaner. Upon arrival visit to Junagarh Fort, Museum & Lallgarh Palace. Later continue on to Gajner Palace. Upon arrival check into the hotel. Rest of the time free at leisure. Overnight at the hotel.

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## Day 5

### Day 05|| Gajner – Jodhpur || 270 kms/5.3 hrs.

After breakfast drive to the Blue City of Jodhpur. Upon arrival check-into hotel. Overnight at the hotel.

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## **Day 6**

### **Day 06|| Jodhpur –Jaipur || 340 kms /6 hrs.**

After breakfast proceed for half day city tour of Jodhpur to visit Mehrangarh Fort & Jaswant Thada. Later drive to Jaipur, upon arrival check-in at hotel. Rest of the time free at leisure. Overnight at hotel.

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## **Day 7**

### **Day 07 || Jaipur**

After breakfast full day tour to Jaipur covering Amer Fort (up-hill & down-hill by vehicle), stopover at Hawa Mahal (from outside only), picture stop at Jal Mahal. Then visit City Palace, Astronomical Observatory. After some rest you will be taken by e-rickshaw to enjoy witnessing the colorful market area where you will find Spice / dry fruits / vegetables / books and many such things which you will not see in the super market. Overnight at hotel. Overnight at hotel.

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## **Day 8**

### **Day 08|| Jaipur – Fatehpur Sikri - Agra || 220 kms /4 hrs.**

After breakfast drive to Agra enroute visiting Fatehpur Sikri, constructed by Akbar in 1569 to honor Sufi saint Salim Chisti. Akbar's court occupied this city till it was abandoned due to non-availability of water but still in a state of perfect preservation. Continue on Agra. Upon arrival check into hotel. Later visiting world famous Taj Mahal- (closed on Fridays) built by Mughal emperor Shahjahan in the memory of his beautiful wife Mumtaz. Overnight at hotel.

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## **Day 9**

### **Day 09 || Agra**

After breakfast visit Agra Fort-built by Mughal emperor Akbar to commemorate his victory in war. Rest of the time free at leisure. Later in the afternoon proceed for 2 hour walking tour conducted in the old part of Agra and covers Jama Masjid, Mankameshwar Mandira, Rawatpara Spice Market and ends at Mehtab Bagh. Overnight at hotel.

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## **Day 10**

### **Day 10 || Agra - Jhansi (Day train) - Orchha (20 kms/30 min.)**

After breakfast transfer to Railway station to catch your train Bhopal Shatabdi (Dep: 0810/Arr 1048 Hrs) to Jhansi. Reach Jhansi and drive to Khajuraho visiting Orchha en route. Orchha once the capital city of the Bundelas, Orchha, set among a wonderful complex of well-preserved palaces and temples. Visit Jahangir Palace, Chaturbhuj Temple & Lakshmi Narayan Temple. Evening visit the Raja Ram Temple for the Aarti Ceremony and also visit the chaatries during evening as they are lit and look beautiful. Also witness light & Sound Show in Orchha Fort. The show describes the story of idol of Lord Ram related with this fort. The show also tells about the friendship of Veer Singh and Jahangir, story of courage of Rai Parveen and Akbar.

Overnight at hotel.

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## **Day 11**

### **Day 11 || Orchha - Khajuraho (180 kms/4 hrs.)**

After breakfast drive to Khajuraho; famous for its erotic sculptures, the temples of Khajuraho tell something more than the eroticism it portrays. Upon arrival check in to hotel; rest of the time free at leisure. Overnight at hotel.

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## **Day 12**

### **Day 12 || Khajuraho - Varanasi || By Flight**

After breakfast visit Western group of Temples, were built during the Chandela period, a dynasty that survived for five centuries before falling to the Mughal on slaughter. The temples are superb examples of Indo-Aryan architecture, but it's the decorations with which they are so liberally embellished that have made Khajuraho famous. In time transfer to Airport to board flight to Varanasi. Upon arrival check into hotel. Overnight at hotel.

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## **Day 13**

### **Day 13 || Varanasi**

Early morning boat ride on river Ganges. Thousands of pilgrims throng the water's edge, bathing, worshiping, and meditating. Afternoon, you will visit Banaras Hindu University, Bharat Mata Temple & Tulsi Manas Temple & then proceed for an excursion to Sarnath, 7 km from the city where Buddha preached his first sermon more than 2500 years ago. Later after completion of tour witness the Aarti ceremony at Ganges Ghats. Overnight at hotel.

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## **Day 14**

### **Day 14 || Varanasi – Delhi – Departure (By Flight)**

After breakfast time free at leisure. In time transfer to Airport to board flight to Delhi; upon arrival directly connect flight to onward destination.

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