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DAY 01: ARRIVE DELHI

Arrive at Delhi International airport.

Flight details:	To be advised
Arrival time in Delhi	To be advised

Following your custom, immigration and baggage collection, a Cox & Kings representative will be waiting for you with a hand held signage bearing your name as you exit the arrivals terminal building. From here, you will be transferred to the hotel.

On arrival, check-in at the hotel. (*Note- normal check-in time at the hotel is 2:00 pm*).

Delhi stands as the capital of Modern India. Here you can see the mingling of the Old and New India, the ancient and the modern. Its strategic location was one of the prime reasons why successive dynasties chose it as their seat of power. It is not surprising then, that what constitutes Delhi today is a conglomerate of seven cities. Delhi has seen the rise and fall of many emperors, which have left behind a plethora of monuments that commemorate the grandeur and glory of bygone ages. Very few cities in the world can express such a profusion of architectural styles.

Overnight in Delhi.

Meals: None

DAY 02: IN DELHI

Following breakfast, proceed for sightseeing of Old Delhi exploring the narrow lanes of Chandni Chowk.



Shah Jahan founded the city of Shahjahanabad, now referred to as Old Delhi, in 1648. The famous Red Fort in the heart of Old Delhi was once the most opulent fort of the Mughal Empire and it boasts the Diwan-i-Am, Hall of Public Audience, and the Diwan-i-Khas, Hall of Private Audience. Your tour will include **drive past Red Fort** (Closed on Monday) & visit to the **Jama Masjid Mosque**. Walk through the back streets of Old Delhi to get a first-hand experience of the hustle and bustle of the traditional Old city. Also enjoy **cycle rickshaw ride**.

Also visit **Khari Baoli** is said to be Asia's largest wholesale spice market. Delhi's **spice market tour** is chef's delight as it takes you on a fabulous journey through the wholesale spice, pickles, preserved fruit shops and much more. The colors and the smell will capture your imagination, the streets and the lanes are busy and colorful, truly a photographer's delight. Khari Baoli was an important street in the Shah Jahan's time.

Visit a famous perfumery - The fragrance of rose, jasmine, khus, heena fills the shop in Chandni Chowk. Established in the time of Akbar Shah II and set to complete a century in six years, the shop has its own history and legends. From the last Mughal emperor Bahadur Shah Zafar, who conferred the title of Gandhi (perfume-maker) on Gulabsingh, to the rulers of erstwhile states like Shekhupura, Gwalior and Darbhanga to former Prime Ministers and ministers— the list of clientele includes well-known names. The Maharaja of Patiala also gifted a chandelier to them. Inside the oldest itra or perfume shop in Delhi, Belgium glass decanters and small bottles are lined up in rows. There are more than 100 varieties of perfumes on display. Some old bottles are also placed inside a large and exquisite antique wooden box.

Continue on your temple exploration of Delhi, where you will have an opportunity to see the holy shrine of Sikhs. **Gurudwara Bangla Sahib** is blessed by the eighth Guru of Sikhs – Guru Harkrishan Sahibji. Originally a bungalow owned by Raja Jai Singh, this huge complex features a devotion center, a large pond (for holy dipping), a missionary school, an art gallery, a charitable hospital and the free kitchen service – called Langar. Listen to the holy hymns recited by the priests as you visit the community kitchen that serves free meals to all throughout the day. Followed by visit of the most iconic **Birla Temple**, dedicated to Lord Vishnu.

Return to the hotel.

Overnight in Delhi.

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 03: IN DELHI

Post breakfast at hotel, visit New Delhi. When the British chose Delhi as their capital in 1911, they appointed two architects, Sir Edwin Lutyens and Sir Herbert Baker, to plan and build a new city to rival the fabled cities of the Mughals. New Delhi was thus built in true colonial style with tree-lined avenues, colonial bungalows, the Parliament House, the War Memorial Arch and the Viceregal Palace, now the official residence of the President of India. During your tour you will drive pass **India Gate** a memorial to the Indian soldiers killed in World War I; **the President's Palace**, visit the pre-Mughal monuments and the tomb of the Mughal Emperor, **Humayun's tomb** along with the adjacent **Sunder Nursery**; 90-acre park from the traditional Indian concept of congruency between nature, garden and utility coupled with environmental conservation. The nursery also provides a major new green space for public recreation. Also visit **Qutab Minar**, the tallest stone tower in India built to establish the might of Islam and onset of Muslim rule in India



Also visit the local market area.

Return to hotel. Overnight in Delhi.

Meals: Breakfast



DAY 04 : DELHI - AGRA

Post breakfast at hotel, drive to Agra via Yamuna Expressway.

On arrival, proceed to visit **Itmad-ud-Daulah's tomb** the first building made of marble and with inlay work in India. It is considered to be the inspiration for the Taj Mahal and often referred to as the "Baby Taj."

Followed by check in to the Hotel
Later proceed to visit Agra Fort.

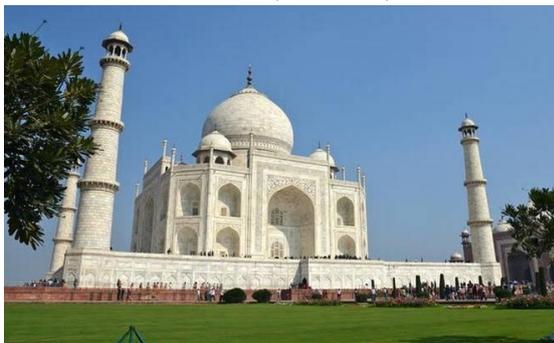
Agra Fort: Built by Emperor Akbar, the maze of courtyards, mosques and private chambers of the fort echo the story of the Mughal Empire. Construction of the massive fort began with Emperor Akbar in 1565, and additions were made until the time of his grandson, Shah Jehan. While in Akbar's time, the fort was principally a military structure, by Shah Jahan's time the fort had become partially a palace. Return to the hotel.

Overnight in Agra

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 05: AGRA - JAIPUR

Sunrise visit to the Taj Mahal (Closed on Fridays)

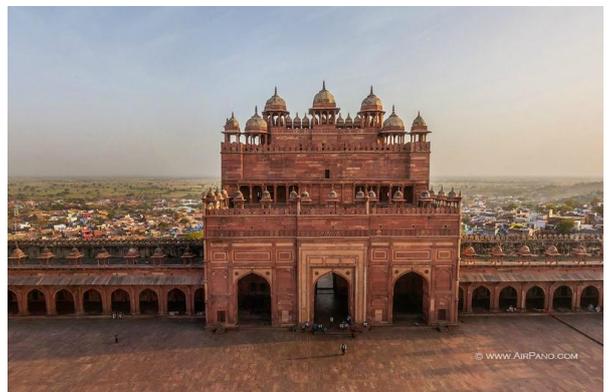


Taj Mahal: One of the wonders of the world, built by Emperor Shah Jehan in memory of his beloved consort Mumtaz Mahal, this beautiful mausoleum is pure white marble and an architectural marvel. Construction of the Taj began in 1631 and was not completed until 1653. A total of 20,000 people worked on the building. The Taj Mahal is considered the finest example of Mughal architecture, a style that combines elements from Persian, Turkish, Indian and Islamic architectural styles. While the white-domed marble mausoleum is most familiar, the Taj Mahal is an

integrated complex of structures that was completed around 1648. Ustad Ahmad Lahauri is generally considered the principal designer of the Taj Mahal
Return to hotel for breakfast.

Check out and drive to Jaipur, visiting Fatehpur Sikri en route.

Perched atop a rocky ridge 37 kilometers west of Agra, **Fatehpur Sikri** came into being four centuries ago when the Emperor Akbar created the first planned city in Indo-Islamic style. The city was built with great energy, but was completely abandoned a little more than a decade later. Fatehpur Sikri is built in red sandstone, and is a beautiful blend of Hindu and Islamic architectural elements. The sandstone is richly ornamented with carving and fretwork.



Post lunch at en-route restaurant.

En route stop at Abhaneri to visit **Chand Baori** one of the oldest and most attractive landmarks in Rajasthan. It was built by King Chanda of the Chauhan Dynasty between AD 800 and AD 900 and was dedicated to Hashat Mata, Goddess of Joy and Happiness upon completion. The state of Rajasthan is extremely arid, and the design and final structure of Chand Baori was intended to conserve as much water as possible. At the bottom of the well, the air remains 5-6 degrees cooler than at the surface, and Chand Baori was used as a community gathering place for locals during periods of intense heat. One side of the well has a pavilion and resting room for the royals.

On arrival, check in to hotel.

***Jaipur:** The rose-pink capital of Rajasthan is surrounded on all sides by rugged hills crowned with forts. Enclosed by once-embattled walls, the city was built early in the eighteenth century. The Maharaja's palace stands in the center of the city amidst lovely gardens. Houses with latticed windows line the streets, their rose-pink color lending enchantment to the scene and almost magical at sunset. Jaipur is aptly called the "Pink City of India." It takes its name from the famous Maharana Savai Jai Singh, who founded the city in 1728. A keen astronomer, he built an observatory which still exists and is equipped with masonry instruments of remarkable size.*

Overnight in Jaipur

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 06 : IN JAIPUR

Breakfast at the hotel.

After breakfast, proceed to the excursion to Amber Fort with **uphill & downhill by local non air-conditioned jeep**.

The fort-palace of **Amber**, 11 kilometers from Jaipur, is a fascinating blend of Hindu and Muslim architecture. Built in the 16th and early 17th centuries by Raja Man Singh and his successor, Jai Singh I, it sprawls dramatically on a hillside overlooking Maota Lake. The white marble and red sandstone complex is laid out on four levels, each with its own courtyard.

The stunning Sheesh Mahal (Hall of Mirrors) in the Jai Mandir, the Jas Mandir, Sukh Niwas and the shimmering gateway Ganesh Pol justify the ten-minute climb up the hill. The less energetic can make the journey riding a caparisoned elephant, in the manner of former kings and queens.

Also enjoy the photo-stop at **the Palace of Winds** (Hawa Mahal).



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In afternoon, proceed for **Heritage Walk in the pink city**, capital of the colourful state of Rajasthan. Starting from the massive Tripolia Gate, make your way through the bustling lanes of Jaipur as you walk past the beautiful old temples and painted havelis. Amble straight ahead, leaving the Tripolia Gate behind you as you see two very interesting buildings – the present observatory building for the festive processions which was one of the oldest hotels in the city and the grand structure of Maharaja Public Library. Wander through the streets as you see some of the gorgeous temples on both side of the roads dedicated to Lord Shiva, Lord Hanuman and the many forms of Lord Krishna. Appreciate the beautiful murals on their exterior walls as you continue to the big terracotta red building called the Jaipur College. Proceed through the ‘Thatheron Ka Raasta’ – a lane of the metal utensil makers. A few steps into this lane and you can hear the hammering and beating sounds coming from the various shops; you also see a collection of miniature paintings, manuscripts and other interesting rare items on the way.

Overnight in Jaipur

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 07 : IN JAIPUR

Following breakfast at hotel, proceed to visit city highlights with the **City Palace Museum**, which has a collection of Rajasthani costumes, and armory of Mughals and Rajputs including swords of different shapes and sizes with chiseled handles. Many antiques and artifacts belonging to the ruling family are housed here, including a collection of weaponry. It also has an art gallery with an excellent collection of miniature paintings, carpets, royal paraphernalia and rare astronomical works in Arabic, Persian, Latin and Sanskrit. Proceed to the **Jantar Mantar Observatory**, a stone astrological and astronomical Observatory built by Maharaja Jai Singh in the 18th century. During the tour, also enjoy the local **Tuk Tuk ride**.

In afternoon enjoy visit of **colourful market** in the pink city

Overnight in Jaipur

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 08 : JAIPUR - MUMBAI

Post breakfast, you will be transferred to airport for flight to Mumbai

Flight details:	9W 698
Departure time from Jaipur	0835 hours
Arrival time in Mumbai	1035 hours

Meals: Breakfast
