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SAMPLE ITINERARY



INDIA

Delhi – Agra – Jaipur

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(itinerary details are subject to change)

DAY ONE: DEPARTURE FOR DELHI (meals/movies in-flight)

Morning	Arrive at your departure airport 3 hours prior to take off. Check in your luggage, move through security and onto your departure gate.
Afternoon	Depart for Delhi (there will be a stop/transfer en route).
Evening	Overnight en route

DAY TWO: ARRIVE DELHI (D)

Afternoon	Arrive into Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport. After proceeding through immigration and customs, collect your luggage and meet your local bilingual tour manager(s). Board the coach(es) and transfer to local hotel.
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Delhi is in many ways the essence of modern India, with its vivid paradox of old and new, rich and poor, foreign and familiar. Delhi is an excellent starting point for exploring North India, not only because of its ample transport connections and relatively sophisticated infrastructure, but because the history of Delhi, one of the oldest cities in the world, is essentially the history of India.

Upon arrival, check in to a local area hotel (TBC).

You will have some free time to settle in and freshen up.

Evening	Enjoy a Welcome Dinner as a group in Delhi and the rest of this evening is free.
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India Gate in Delhi



DAY THREE: DELHI (B,L,D)

Morning Breakfast as a group at the hotel.
After breakfast, enjoy a visit to Old Delhi with its thronged bazaars laced by a maze of narrow lanes which twist and turn between tall, leaning houses. You will see the Red Fort, built by Emperor Shah Jahan (the designer of the Taj Mahal), the Jama mosque with its tapering minarets, and the Raj Ghat, the cremation site of Mahatma Gandhi. You'll also enjoy a rickshaw ride through ChandniChowk, one of the oldest and busiest markets of Old Delhi.

Afternoon Lunch at a local restaurant.
After lunch you will explore New Delhi. See such sights as the Rashtrapati Bhavan (residence of the President of India), India Gate, and QutabMinar.

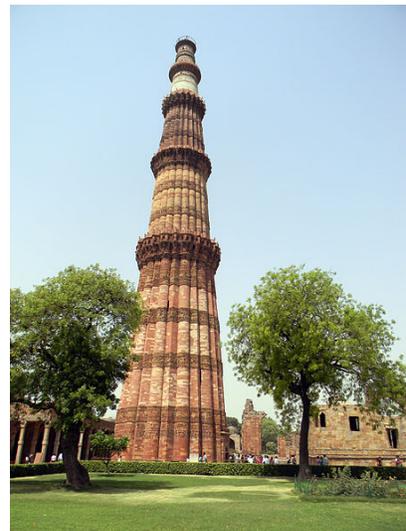
Evening Dinner as a group at a local restaurant.



The Red Fort



Rashtrapati Bhavan



QutabMinar

DAY FOUR: DELHI (B,L,D) – Performance

Morning Breakfast as a group at the hotel.
After breakfast, enjoy a visit to Humayan’s Tomb.

This tomb, built for the second Mughal emperor, launched a great Mughal architectural legacy -- even the Taj, which was built by Humayun's great-grandson, was inspired by it.

Afternoon Lunch at a local restaurant.
Late afternoon, return to the hotel to freshen up.
Transfer to this evening’s performance venue.

Evening Dinner as a group near the concert venue. Return to the venue to prepare for your performance.

Performance in Delhi – possibly an exchange with a local group at The Sangeet Natak Akademi – India’s national academy for music, dance and drama (TBC).

Afterwards, return to the hotel.



Humayan’s Tomb



DAY FIVE: DELHI → AGRA (B,L,D)

Morning Breakfast as a group at the hotel.
Check out of the hotel, load the coach(es) and travel to Agra (approx. 4 hour drive).

Agra is invariably included on every first-time visitor's itinerary, for who visits India without visiting the Taj? Home to three generations of one of the most dynamic dynasties in the medieval world, their talent and wealth immortalized in stone and marble, Agra is home to the finest examples of Mughal architecture in India, of which the Taj is simply the most famous.

Afternoon Arrive in to Agra and enjoy lunch at a local restaurant.
After lunch visit the Tomb of I'timād-ud-Daulah.

Often described as a "jewel box", sometimes called the "Baby Tāj", the tomb of I'timād-ud-Daulah is often regarded as a draft of the Tāj Mahal.

Evening Transfer and check in to a local hotel (TBC).
Free time to settle in and freshen up.
Enjoy a sunset visit to the Taj Mahal.

You expect to be disappointed when coming face to face with an icon that is almost an archetype, but nothing can really prepare you for the beauty of the Taj Mahal. It's not just the perfect symmetry, the ethereal luminescence, the wonderful proportions, or the sheer scale (which is virtually impossible to imagine from staring at its oft-reproduced image), but the exquisite detailing covering every inch of marble that justifies it as a wonder of the world.



Taj Mahal at sunset

Dinner as a group at a local restaurant.

DAY SIX: AGRA (B,L,D) – Performance

Morning Breakfast as a group at the hotel.
After breakfast, enjoy a visit to Agra Fort.

Agra Fort first took shape between 1565 and 1573, but each successive emperor was to add his imprint, and today the towering red-sandstone ramparts house a variety of palace apartments, representing the different building styles of Akbar and his grandson Shah Jahan.

Afternoon Lunch at a local restaurant.
Late afternoon, return to the hotel to freshen up.
Load the coach and transfer to nearby town of Bharatpur.



Agra Fort

Evening Dinner as a group in Bharatpur. After dinner, transfer to a local high school (TBC).

Performance as part of a cultural exchange concert at a local high school (TBC).
Following the concert, enjoy social time with the local high school students.
Afterwards, load the coach and return to the hotel in Agra.



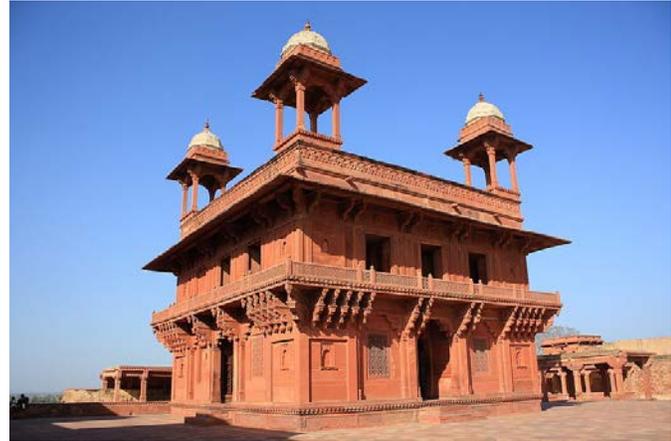
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DAY SEVEN: AGRA → JAIPUR (B.L.D)

Morning

Breakfast as a group at the hotel.
Check out of the hotel, load the coach(es) and depart for Jaipur (approx. 4 hour drive).
En route enjoy a visit to FatehpurSikri.

Built from scratch in 1571 by Akbar in honor of the Sufi saint Salim Chisti, this grand ghost city is carved entirely from red sandstone. It was only inhabited for 14 years, after which -- some say because of water shortages -- it was totally abandoned. It's a bizarre experience to wander through these magnificent, architecturally fascinating sandstone arches, courtyards, and buildings.



FatehpurSikri

Afternoon

Continue to Jaipur.
Lunch at a local restaurant en route.
Arrive in to Jaipur and transfer / check in to a local hotel (TBC). Free time to settle in and freshen up.

Begun in 1727 and completed in just 8 years, Jaipur was the first city in India to enjoy rigorous town planning according to the principles laid down in "Shilpa Shastra," an ancient Indian treatise on architecture. The city is protected by high walls, with wide, straight avenues that divide it into nine sectors, or chokris (apparently reflecting the nine divisions of the universe, resembling the Indian horoscope).

Evening

Dinner as a group at a local restaurant.
After dinner, enjoy bargaining at the Jaipur Bazaar.



The wares at Jaipur Bazaar



DAY EIGHT: JAIPUR (B,L,D)

Morning Breakfast as a group at the hotel.
After breakfast, depart on a Guided Tour of Jaipur.
Your first visit will be to the City Palace – a huge complex of courtyards, gardens, and buildings blend both Rajasthani and Mughal architecture.
Next you will visit the Observatory / JantarMantar.



City Palace

JantarMantar, built by King Jai Singh II between 1727 and 1734, literally means "calculation instrument". More than just a curious collection of sculptures, each structure at the intriguing JantarMantar observatory has a specialized astronomical function. There are 14 structures in total, which measure time, predict eclipses, and track stars.

Afternoon Later this morning you will drive past the Hawa Mahal. The intricate and fascinating facade of the Palace of the Winds is probably Jaipur's most recognized building.
Lunch at a local restaurant.
After lunch you will visit Amber Vilas.



JantarMantar

Amber Vilas is an ethnic resort with a traditional look, an art and craft market, a museum and many other sites designed to show off the Rajasthani village culture.

Evening Enjoy traditional Rajasthani food at Amber Vilas.
Afterwards, return to the hotel.



Rajasthani cuisine



DAY NINE: JAIPUR → DEHLI (B,L,D) – Performance

Morning Breakfast as a group at the hotel.
Check out of the hotel, load the coach(es) and begin your journey back to Delhi.
En route, visit the famous Amber Fort where you will have the chance to ride an elephant.

Like something out of a fairy tale, Amber Fort is set on a hill top overlooking Maota Lake. It was the original home of Rajput royalty until Jaipur city was constructed, and contains a number of breathtaking palaces, halls, gardens, and temples. Inside, the elaborate mirror work adds to the grandeur.



Elephants at Amber Fort

Afternoon Lunch as a group en route.
En route, stop in a local village or small town to present a *performance* to the residents or school children (TBC).
Afterwards, continue on to Delhi.

Evening Arrive in to Delhi and check in to a local hotel (TBC). Free time to settle in and freshen up.
Enjoy a Farewell Dinner as a group at a local restaurant to celebrate your India performance tour.

DAY TEN: DEHLI DEPARTURE (B, meals/movies in-flight)

Morning Breakfast as a group at the hotel.
Check out of the hotel and depart for Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport.
Upon arrival, check in your luggage, move through security and onto your departure gate.
Board the plane and depart Delhi.

WELCOME HOME!



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PACKAGE INCLUSIONS:

- ♪ Roundtrip air transportation – economy class to/from Delhi, India
- ♪ All Air Travel taxes including Airport Departure Taxes (subject to change)
- ♪ Hotel Accommodations – eight (8) nights total - 3-star tourist-class
 - Delhi - Four (4) nights
 - Agra - Two (2) nights
 - Jaipur - Two (2) nights
- ♪ Full-sized deluxe touring coach(es) as required by the itinerary
- ♪ Meals:
 - ♪ Breakfast – Daily (eight (8) total) at the hotels (continental or hot buffet)
 - ♪ Lunches – Seven (7) as a group at local restaurants
 - ♪ Dinner – Daily (eight (8) total) as a group at local restaurants
- ♪ Sightseeing and admissions per itinerary including:
 - ♪ DELHI – Old Delhi Guided Tour, Red Fort, Rickshaw ride, QutabMinar, Humayun’s Tomb
 - ♪ AGRA – Tomb of I’timād-ud-Daulah, Taj Mahal, Agra Fort, FatehpurSikri
 - ♪ JAIPUR – Guided Tour, City Palace, JantarMantar, Amber Vilas, Amber Fort including elephant ride
- ♪ One (1) local bi-lingual Tour Manager per coach for the duration of the tour
- ♪ Performance arrangements in India as follows (all concerts may be shared):
 - ♪ DELHI - Performance possibly an exchange with a local group at The Sangeet Natak Akademi – India’s national academy for music, dance and drama
 - ♪ BHARATPUR - Performance as part of a cultural exchange concert at a local high school
 - ♪ LOCATION TBD - Performance for the residents or school children of a small village
- ♪ India Tourist Visa processing and application fees (most US passport holders will be eligible for a India Tourist Visa)
- ♪ Group Post-Departure Trip Insurance
- ♪ Certificate of Liability Insurance (upon request)
- ♪ Taxes and tolls where applicable

PACKAGE EXCLUSIONS:

- ♪ Ground Transportation to/from home airport
- ♪ Meals not listed in “Inclusions”
- ♪ Passport processing fees
- ♪ Excess or overweight baggage charges (if any)
- ♪ Items of a personal nature (laundry, room service, telephone fee, mail, etc.)
- ♪ Tips to Drivers / Tour Managers
- ♪ Trip Cancellation Insurance