

## Taj with Khajuraho & Varanasi Tour

Duration : 10 Nights / 11 Days

Destinations : Delhi - Jaipur - Agra - Jhansi - Orchha -Khajuraho Varanasi - Delhi

### Day 01 : Arrive in Delhi

On your arrival at New Delhi Airport, meet our executive to Welcome & receive you, and transfer to the Hotel.

Overnight stay at Hotel.

### Day 02 : Delhi - Jaipur ( 265 kms)

After Breakfast drive to Jaipur, ( The city owes its names, foundation and its careful planning to the great warrior - astronomer Maharaja Jai Singh II. In 1727, with Mughal power on the wane, Jai Singh decided to move down from his hillside fortress at nearby Amber to a new site on the plains. ) Overnight stay at Hotel.

### Day 03 : Jaipur

After breakfast, excursion to Amber Fort : At a distance of 11 kms from Jaipur, Amber was the ancient capital of Jaipur state. Construction of the fort began in 1592 by Raja Man Singh, the Rajput commander of Akbar's army and is a superb example of Rajput architecture. Elephant ride from the foothills of the Aravallis to the fort entrance Afternoon, city tour of Jaipur. Visit the City Palace which has museum having an extensive collection of art, carpets, enamel ware and weapons; Jantar Mantar - the observatory built by Maharaja Jai Singh in 1728 and the façade of Hawa Mahal. after sightseeing back to Hotel .

Overnight stay at Hotel.

### Day 04 : Jaipur - Fatehpur Sikri - Agra ( 250 kms)

After breakfast, leave for Agra, enroute visit the abandoned Mughal city of Fatehpur Sikri : built by Emperor Akbar in 1569, was the old capital of the Moghuls, which was abandoned after 15 years due to scarcity of water. See the graceful buildings including the Jama Masjid, Tomb of Salim Chisti, Panch Mahal & other Palaces which are still preserved in its original glory. Continue drive to Agra. Arrive Agra in the evening and check-in hotel Overnight stay at Hotel.

### Day 05 : Agra

After breakfast, city tour of Agra. Visit Red fort, which was built by Emperor Akbar in 1565, and additions were made up until the time of his grandson, Shah Jahan. It contains the hall of public and private audiences amongst many other beautiful structures; Itmad-ud-daulah, which was constructed by Nur Jahan between 1622 and 1628 and is very similar to the tomb she constructed for her husband, Jehangir, near Lahore in Pakistan; the highlight of the Day - The Taj Mahal, which was constructed by Shah Jahan in memory of his wife Mumtaz Mahal. Construction of the Taj began in 1631 and was not completed until 1653. Afternoon, free for individual activities. Overnight stay at Hotel.

Day 06 : Agra - Jhansi - Orchha - Khajuraho ( 400 kms)

After breakfast, proceed your journey to Khajuraho, enroute visit Orchha : A medieval city founded by Bundela rulers with palaces & temples of the 16th & 17th century – which have remarkably withstood the onslaught of time. The city is picturesquely flanked by the river Betwa. Visit of the surrounding fortress & local Ram Raja temple. Continue drive to Khajuraho, upon arrival, check in Hotel and Overnight stay at Hotel.

Day 07 : Khajuraho

After breakfast, visit Khajuraho : Built by the warrior Chandela dynasty that rose to power in Central India between 10th & 11th centuries, the 25 odd surviving temples display different facets of life, including the sensual. These erotic carvings on some panels have given rise to much speculation since Khajuraho's re-discovery by a British officer in 1838. To preserve it for posterity, Khajuraho has been declared a World Heritage Site. Visit the eastern & western group of temples famous for their erotic sculptures. Evening at leisure and overnight stay.

Day 08 : Khajuraho - Varanasi ( 410 kms)

After breakfast proceed for your journey to Varanasi approx. 8 hrs. drive. In evening check-in to your pre-booked the hotel at Varanasi. Evening at leisure and overnight stay.

Day 09 : Varanasi

Early morning leave for a boat excursion on River Ganges to see the bathing ghats and cremation site. This afternoon, you will also visit Sarnath. Take a glimpse of the ruins, the famous Stupa, Buddhist Temple and the museum. Return to the hotel. After Lunch visit Bharat Mata Temple, Durga Temple, Tulsi Manas Mandir, Banaras Hindu University, Kashi Vishwanath Temple and others. After sightseeing back to hotel. Overnight stay at hotel.

Day 10 : Varanasi - Delhi ( 790 kms)

Early morning, leave for boat ride on the Ganges to see the bathing Ghats (river bank) & cremation site. Sunrise on the riverfront, as seen from a boat, can be a spiritually uplifting sight. The life on the Ghats bound in an endless string of rituals, ever-changing aspects of the river & the wide landscape across have fascinated visitors from all over the world. Return to hotel for breakfast. After breakfast, city tour of Varanasi - Visit the Bharat Mata temple with a big relief map of India in Marble, Durga temple, Tulsi Manas Mandir, Benaras Hindu University which has an art gallery & the mosque of Moghul Emperor Aurangzeb. Afternoon, excursion to Ramnagar. Return by boat in the evening, enroute witness the religious ceremonies along the banks of river Ganges. and evening check out hotel and and transfer to Varanasi Railway Station over night in Train.

#### Day 11 : Delhi Departure

Early Morning Pickup from Railway Station and Full day city tour of Old & New Delhi. Visit Jama Masjid, the largest mosque in India - Built by Shah Jahan, the construction was started in 1644 and was not completed until 1658 ; witness the Red Fort; Visit Humayun's Tomb : built in mid 16th century this is an early example of Mughal architecture ; Visit Qutab Minar, witness the India Gate, President House.. The city tour ends with a visit to Laxmi Narayan Temple (Birla Mandir). and Evening Transfer to New Delhi Airport.