

## **Download itinerary**

### **Day 1 Monday November 3, 2025 Arrive in Delhi**

On arrival you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure, wander in Connaught Place, enjoy the history of India.

Meals: Welcome Dinner

Overnight: Radisson Blu Marina, Connaught Place, Delhi

### **Day 2 Tuesday Nov. 4 - Full day Tour of Old & New Delhi**

Step-back in time and discover the glory of the great Mughal empire and British Raj of India. After Breakfast join your group for your guided tour of Old Delhi, founded as Shahjahanabad in 1639 as the capital of the great Mughal Empire. Now known as New Delhi and during the Raj, Lutyens City, designed by British architect Sir Edwin Lutyens and setup in 1931 by viceroy of India Lord Irwin.

Your first stop will be old walled-city of Delhi. You will visit the marvellous red-sandstoned Jama Masjid Mosque built by Mughal emperor and maker of Taj Mahal – Shah Jahan in 1644 AD. This fort is an example of the finest indoislamic architecture. Afterwards, hop-on a traditional Rickshaw Ride to explore real life, tangy flavours and buzz, of old city through maze-like streets of the iconic wholesale bazaar, Chandni Chowk. Asia's largest spice trading markets Khari Baoli. Your ride ends with a photo-stop outside the imperial residence of Mughal empire and UNESCO heritage site, The Red Fort, built in 1638. Next stop is the Raj Ghat, a memorial dedicated to father of India - Mahatma Gandhi.

Your tour will end with a welcome to Delhi dinner.

Overnight: Radisson Blu Marina, Connaught Place Delhi

Meals: Breakfast (B)

### **Day 3 Wednesday, Nov. 5 Delhi / Agra by bus**

After breakfast join your group for your trip to Agra, home of the Taj Mahal. On route you will stop to visit an Elephant Conservation & Rescue Centre, Wildlife SOS

<https://wildlifesos.org>

On arrival in Agra, check in to your accommodation and enjoy a chance to wander the grounds to experience this heritage hotel. Join your group for dinner (time to be announced). Peek out your window, maybe on an angle you can see the Taj! At the break of dusk special arrangements will be made for you to visit the sacred

Yuman riverside - Mehgtab Bagh Gardens for a picturesque  
Sunset Viewing of the Taj Mahal.

Meals: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

Overnight: Clarks Shiraz Agra "Taj Facing Room"

#### **Day 4 Thursday, Nov. 6 Agra Taj Mahal at Sunrise**

At the break of dawn you will, join your group for a sunrise grand tour of **The Taj Mahal**. Your expert Taj Mahal guide will arrange eco-friendly pollution free vehicles for you to journey to the main gates of the Taj. On your guided tour, admire the structure's magnificent construction, the intricate exterior and interior decor, the beautiful garden and the outlying red-sandstone buildings. Capture the changing faces of the Taj in different light conditions. Return to your hotel for breakfast.

Later in the morning, you will continue your tour of Agra with a visit to India's finest Mughal fortress - **The Red Fort of Agra**. A UNESCO world heritage site and the imperial residence of 16<sup>th</sup> century rulers of 'Mughal Dynasty'.

Meals: Breakfast (B)

Overnight: Clarks Shiraz Agra "Taj Facing Room"

#### **Day 5 Friday, Nov. 7 Agra / Jaipur**

It is time to move on. After breakfast, check out and board your bus for your journey to Jaipur, The Pink City! (240 km, approx. 5 hrs drive)

Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure.

Meals: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

Overnight: Alsisar Haveli

#### **Day 6 Saturday, Nov. 8 Jaipur Day tour of Jaipur**

Step-back in time and enjoy many spellbinding sights to discover the chivalrous Rajput era and its battle-scarred heritage. After Breakfast join your Jaipur guide for a 10 km drive to the ancient town of **Amer**. This picturesque town of Amer is at the mouth of a rocky mountain. Visit the UNESCO world heritage site **The Amber Fortress**. You will ascend to the fortress on the back of an elephant as did the Maharanis of past. After time to explore with a guide the Amber Fortress, board your jeep and return to your bus to continue your tour to Jaipur's city centre. Stop enroute for a photo op of the Jal Mahal Palace (water palace), located in the centre of Man Sagar Lake. Arrive at the Patrika Gates the entrance to Jawahar Circle Garden. Your

tour continues to the Astronomical Observatory the 'Jantar Mantra' begun by Jai Singh II in 1728. Time to visit and explore then continue to the **City Palace & Museum of Jaipur**.

Your tour concludes with a **Bazaar Walk** and **Tuk-Tuk Tour** thru the ancient street markets of downtown Jaipur Bazaar. Inside the bazaar you will arrive at Jaipur's most distinctive landmark, **The Palace of Winds - Hawa Mahal**. Before sunset you will return to your Hotel with time to prepare for your regional **Indian Dinner**.

Meals: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

Overnight: Alsisar Haveli

#### **Day 7 Sunday, Nov. 9 Jaipur Leisure**

Day at leisure. The day is free to rest or explore.

This evening you will visit a traditional Indian family home to experience the ethnic North Indian Cooking with Dinner.

Meals: Breakfast (B)

Overnight: Alsisar Haveli

#### **Day 8 Monday, Nov. 10 Jaipur / Jodhpur**

After Breakfast, checkout and board your bus for your journey across the desert (*350 kms, approx. 5-6 hrs drive*) to the blue washed city of **Jodhpur** aka *The Sun City*. On arrival check-in to at your Hotel for welcome ceremony.

Dinner will be arranged at your Hotel.

Meals: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

Overnight: Ajit Bhawan Palace

#### **Day 9 Tuesday, Nov. 11 Jodhpur Tour**

Your City tour begins. Welcome to Jodhpur, the mystical blue coloured city of India. You will visit the legendary 15<sup>th</sup> century built, Mehrangarh Fortress that stands 410 feet above the skyline of Jodhpur offering stunning views of this blue painted city. Meet with a priest family at Hare Krishna Temple. Discover ancient Stepwells, 'Tunwarji Ka Jahaira', the downtown clock tower and surrounding street markets (Sadar Bazaar). Return to your hotel for dinner and time to relax.

Meals: Breakfast (B)

Overnight: Ajit Bhawan Palace

#### **Day 10, Wednesday Nov. 12 Village Safari**

Your morning is at leisure. This afternoon you board local jeeps for a tribal tour in the 15<sup>th</sup> century's Bishnoi Village. Experience their traditions, decorated huts and a

unique 'Opium Ceremony' performed by the Tribal Chief. At dusk, your jeep will take you to a spot of rare flora-fauna around Guda Lake.

Meals: Breakfast (B)

Overnight: Ajit Bhawan Palace

**Day 11, Thursday Nov. 13 Jodhpur / Udaipur**

After breakfast, checkout and board your bus for your journey to Udaipur City. (240 kms, approx. 5 hours drive) On arrival you will be met and transferred to your hotel on the shores of Lake Pichola, once the women's section of the City Palace of Udaipur.

Dinner will be arranged at your Hotel.

Meals: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

Overnight: Jagat Niwas Palace

**Day 12, Friday, Nov. 14 Tour Udaipur**

After breakfast your tour of Udaipur City begins with a guided walk through chaotic streets of Old Town, exploring timeless markets, ancient temples and fantastic palaces including Udaipur City Palace and Museum. This afternoon view a prayer ceremony inside cities most prominent Indo-Aryan era, Jagdish Temple. Your tour continues taking you to the sites of the city and ending at the popular clock tower that is surrounded by street markets (Bada Bazaar) with treasure-trove of traditional goodies and lively arts. This Evening you will take a sunset boat cruise on Lake Pichola.

Meals: Breakfast (B)

Overnight: Jagat Niwas Palace

**Day 13, Saturday, Nov. 15 Udaipur / Mumbai**

After breakfast, checkout and board your coach to the airport. Mumbai (once known as Bombay) is waiting.

On arrival in Mumbai you will be met and transferred to your hotel the amazing Taj Mahal. The rest of the day is at leisure. Join your host for a stroll in the harbour.

Meals: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

Overnight: Taj Mahal Tower

**Day 14, Sunday, Nov. 16 Mumbai Half day tour**

After breakfast you will be collected from your hotel for an hour long ferry ride across the harbour to Elephanta Island to explore the Elephanta Caves. Elephanta Island is not only a worthy destination in itself, it also provides a great view of Mumbai's skyline. The caves, a complex of ancient rock-cut

Hindu temples, were designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1987.

This afternoon board your bus for your city tour. Visit a well-known 140-year-old Washermen's Colony, called the Mahalaxmi Dhobi Ghat. Next you visit the Mani Bhawan, originally the political headquarters for 'Mahatma Gandhi'. Your tour continues to the harbour waterfront and the Gateway of India. Enjoy a photo-stop at the Bombay High Court, The University of Bombay and the Prince of Wales Museum. Later you will visit UNESCO world heritage site built in 1888 the 'Victoria Terminus'. After tour you will return to your Hotel.

Meals: Breakfast (B)

Overnight: Taj Mahal Tower

**Day 15, Monday, Nov. 17 Mumbai at Leisure**

There is so much to see in Mumbai all within walking distance of your hotel. Enjoy. Time to see those things you feel are calling you back or pack and relax at your hotel

Meals: Breakfast (B)

Overnight: Taj Mahal Tower

**Day 16, Tuesday , Nov. 18 Home or off to Kochi**

Meals: Breakfast (B)

**OPTIONAL SOUTHERN INDIA EXTENSION**

**Day 16, Tuesday, Nov. 18 Mumbai to Kochi**

After breakfast, checkout, you will be met for your transfer to the airport for your flight to Kochi. On arrival in Kochi you will be met and transferred to your Hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure. Meals: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

Overnight: The Brunton Boatyard seafacing rooms

**Day 17 Wednesday, Nov. 19 Kochi tour & Kathakali show**

Your City tour begins with a walk in the old city called Fort Kochi along the beach stopping for a demonstration by fishermen of giant Chinese Fishing Nets. You continue your tour with a visit inside India's oldest European churches. (The St Francis Church where rests the tomb of Vasco da Gama, and whitewashed Santa Cruz Basilica dating back to the 1500's.)

Board your bus or hop-on a Local tuk-tuk for a ride to Mattancherry, a hub for spice trading and historic sites. Explore the infamous 'Jew-Town' to see a 400 year-old Pardesi Jewish Synagogue (from outside). Continue to explore the street markets including the Spice walk.

This evening you will attend a traditional Kathakali live dance show. Before the show begins, you will go backstage to witness the Dancers authentic make-up ceremony and routine.

**Day 18 Thursday, Nov. 20 Kochi**

Enjoy a relaxing morning. This afternoon you will attend a local South Indian family residence for an ethnic Anglo/Indian Masterclass session. After you have participated in making the meal, lunch is served! Back to your hotel for a swim or maybe a sunset boat ride.  
meals: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L)  
Overnight: The Brunton Boatyard

**Day 19 Friday, Nov. 21 Kochi - Alleppey**

After breakfast, checkout and board your bus to **Alleppey Jetty Point (55 Kms)** for your backwaters cruise. Your bus will take you to, the Alleppey Jetty Point, where you will board a traditional Kerala Backwater spice boat. These converted rice barges called 'Kettuvallam' are over 100 feet long and built of coconut fibers. Relax and enjoy journey at a leisurely pace as you cruise through scenic backwaters of South India. Enjoy traditional South Indian Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner served by head chef onboard.

**Overnight Alleppey: (Deluxe Houseboat) – Spice Coast Cruise Houseboat or similar 2 nights**

Website: <https://www.cghearth.com/spice-coast-cruises>  
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

**Day 20 Saturday, Nov. 22 Kochi - Alleppey**

Full day at Cruise continues.  
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**Day 21 Sunday, Nov. 23 Kochi - Alleppey-Kochi**

After Breakfast you will be driven to Kochi airport (55 Kms) to connect your flight to Mumbai.

Depart **Kochi** (ETD: 1450 hrs by Air India Airlines Flight AI-692) / Arrive **Mumbai** (ETA: 1705 hrs)

(Economy Class, 25kg check-in baggage and 7kg hand baggage per person) or similar

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**Note:** Accommodations can be made at your expense for those who wish to stay longer in Mumbai/India or require a day room for flight departures