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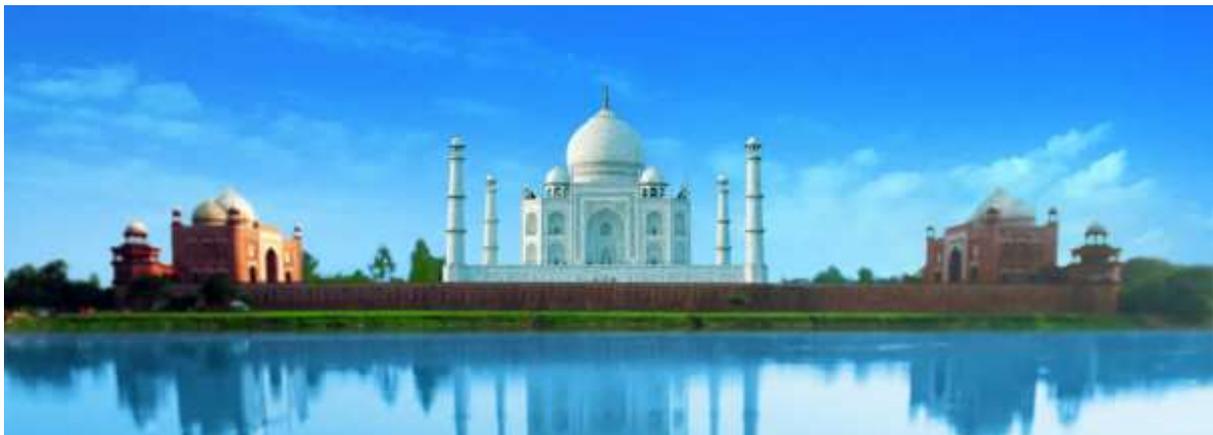
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Our India tour provides a fantastic introduction to exploring Northern India and could form the perfect start to a longer stay in India, or as a complete visit in itself. The tour combines tours of the famous 'Golden Triangle' of Delhi, Agra and Jaipur with time in the Rajasthan town of Bundi which is packed with forts, palaces and step wells. You'll start in India's capital Delhi, where tours

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Included:

Return economy airfares from All Australian Capital Cities to New Delhi.

All accommodation as stated in the itinerary in hotels, homestays and heritage properties

- Transport and transfers by AC car/minibus
- 2nd class AC sleeper and chair carriages used for train journeys -private berth
- 24-hour airport arrival transfer service
- Sightseeing tours as per the itinerary
- Services of local tour leaders and specialist guides
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary



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Day 1 : Depart Australia

Day 2 : Arrive into Delhi, transfer to hotel

Upon arrival our staff will meet you at the airport and transfer you to your hotel in the centre of Delhi for the start of your trip (24-hour service). After check-in you're free to settle in and start to explore the local area. You can also discuss and book any optional tours for your day in Delhi tomorrow. We pick a very central Delhi location for this tour, close to the bustling district of Karol Bagh, Paharganj, Connaught Place and New Delhi Railway Station.

- **OVERNIGHT:**
Delhi hotel
- **EXTRAS:**
Single room supplement (INSHSH), Extra day in Delhi - pre-tour

Day 3 : Delhi, free time and tour options

A selection of sightseeing tours are available today to start discovering the different sides of Delhi. These include:

- Half day New Delhi tour (exploring the more modern side to the city)
- Spinmonkey cycling tour of Old Delhi (a fantastic way to explore the streets of Old Delhi, early in the morning before the traffic gets busy)
- Kathputli Colony tour (this half-day tour explores a district of Delhi populated by street performers and musicians)
- Salam Balak Trust walk (a fascinating and rewarding tour in Old Delhi run by a local NGO and guided by youths who grew up as street children)
- Old Delhi walking and street food tour (this half day tour gives a great introduction to Old Delhi's sites and introduces you to the tastes, smells and sounds of busy India)

To enable us to make all necessary arrangements, these tours should be booked before arriving in Delhi.

In the evening we transfer to the railway station for our first taste of India's famous railways and an overnight sleeper train journey to our next destination, the Rajasthan town of Bundi. Travelling on India's railways is a fantastic way to see more of the country, and to meet some local people. We use the 2nd class AC sleeper carriage to ensure you travel in decent comfort.

- **OVERNIGHT:**
Sleeper train to Bundi
- **MEALS:**
Breakfast
- **EXTRAS:**
Spinmonkey cycling tour, New Delhi half day by car, Old Delhi half-day walking tour, Salam Balak Trust walk, Delhi tour options

Day 4 : Exploring Bundi

We arrive in Bundi this morning and transfer to our hotel. Bundi is a fascinating town, visited relatively little by tourists, and a huge contrast to the hustle and bustle and chaos of Delhi. The town is packed with temples, step wells and old palaces, with the large Taraghar fort overlooking the town and its blue painted houses from the hillside.

You have some free time to explore here, and a local guide will also take you on a walking tour of the town, taking in some step wells, the Garh palace, and the fort.

- **OVERNIGHT:**
Bundi hotel
- **MEALS:**
Breakfast

Day 5 : Bundi to Jaipur

After time for a final early morning walk through the streets of Bundi this morning we leave for the nearby town of Kota to catch our next train to Jaipur, travelling for around 4 hours through the arid Rajasthan scenery, watching local farmers and villagers working in their fields as we pass by.

On arrival in the 'Pink City' of Jaipur, the capital of Rajasthan, we transfer to our homestay style accommodation for the night. This evening, you could head out to enjoy the fun and spectacle of a classic Bollywood movie, or relax with some delicious Indian home cooking at the accommodation.

- **OVERNIGHT:**
Jaipur homestay

Day 6 : Jaipur

Jaipur is a busy and fascinating city, famous for its various markets, jewellery and shopping, as well as some beautiful buildings and the impressive Amber Fort nearby. You have a selection of optional tours available here to discover the city, including some with specialist guides focussing on particular themes. These include:

- Amber Fort by e-rickshaw (a guided tour visiting the hugely impressive Amber Fort just outside of Jaipur)
- Amber Fort & City tour (this longer tour adds the iconic City Palace and the fascinating Jantar Mantar observatory to the Amber Fort tour) - Bollywood movie with transfers (a visit to the famous Raj Mandir cinema to join the locals enjoying a typical Bollywood movie)
- Hot air balloon flight with transfers (a spectacular early morning or late afternoon flight over forts, palaces and farmland tucked in the hills of the Aravali Ranges around the Amber Fort)

- Bazaars & Cuisines (a specialist 2 ½ hr guided walking tour through the craft bazaars sampling a wide range of Indian foods and snacks, sweet & savoury, visit a desert Haveli and take tea with an Indian family)
- Temples & Havelis (another specialist 2 ½ hr guided walking tour through markets and back streets visiting a range of hidden temples, including an ancient Vishnu temple, private Tantra temple, and lively Shri Gopinath Ji Krishna Temple. Also enjoy tea and snacks with an Indian family in a beautifully restored Haveli)
- OVERNIGHT:
Jaipur homestay
- MEALS:
Breakfast
- EXTRAS:
Jaipur tour options



Day 7 : Agra Fort and the Taj Mahal at sunset

We leave Jaipur early today for another train journey, this time heading east to Agra. We'll arrive in time for lunch, and in the afternoon take an included guided tour to the UNESCO world heritage site at Agra Fort. The guide will then take you for a full sightseeing tour of the beautiful Taj Mahal at sunset. Truly one of the wonders of the world this elaborate monument to love was built by the Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan and took over twenty two years to complete. Visiting at sunset is a beautiful time as the colours and hues of the temple change as the light fades.

This evening there's an option to visit a local Hindu family for a cooking demonstration and delicious vegetarian thali dinner.

- OVERNIGHT:
Agra hotel
- MEALS:
Breakfast
- EXTRAS:
Cook with a Hindu family in Agra

Day 8 : Agra options, return to Delhi

The day is free to explore Agra further today, with some optional tours available which include:

- Oriental Agra by electric rickshaw (this half-day tour provides an authentic view of Agra's old bazaars, traditional eateries and places of worship, taking in many places not normally seen by tourists visiting the city)
- Food walk tour (as it suggests, this short walking tour explores Agra's markets and food stalls, with tastings of a wide range of sweet and savoury snacks and explanations from the guide about the various foodstuffs sold in the markets)
- Mughal Heritage Walk (this tour designed by a local NGO discovers the village life and homes of the people of Kacchpura village on the opposite bank of the Yamuna river to the Taj Mahal. You'll finish by walking through the fields to the Mehtab Bagh Park, which provides great views of the back side of the Taj Mahal across the water)
- Agra by bike (this early morning cycling tour takes you through back streets and past various temples and important buildings in Agra before the traffic gets too busy).

This evening we'll board our final train for the journey back to Delhi (around 3 hours).

- **OVERNIGHT:**
Delhi hotel
- **MEALS:**
Breakfast
- **EXTRAS:**
Agra tour options

Day 9 : Delhi, free time until your included departure airport transfer

Your time is free today until we transfer you to the airport to catch your flight home. You could also choose to extend your stay in India by going on safari looking for tigers at Ranthambore National Park, or heading south to the beaches at Goa or Kerala.

- **OVERNIGHT:**
N/A
- **MEALS:**
Breakfast
- **EXTRAS:**
Extra day in Delhi - post-tour



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- Services of local tour leaders and specialist guides
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary

Excluded:

- Visa fees
- Travel insurance (compulsory, available on request)
- Entrance fees to sites visited (budget US\$35 for included tours, plus extra for optional tours)
- Meals not indicated in the itinerary
- Drinks, snacks, tips and other personal expenses (e.g. laundry)
- Tips for drivers and guides

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Tour Arrangement inclusions:

- Return economy airfares from ALL Australian Capital Cities to Delhi.
- 10 nights accommodation on twin sharing basis at hotels mentioned in the itinerary or similar
Delhi – Justa The Residence
Jaisalmer – Heritage Inn
Jodhpur - Ratan Vilas
Udaipur – Justa Rajputana
Jaipur – Regenta Central
Agra – The Retreat
Air Conditioned Sleeper berths on the trains.
- Breakfast at all the hotels mentioned in the itinerary
- Traditional welcome on arrival with garlanding at airport
- All transfers and sightseeing tours by air-conditioned mini coach as per the itinerary.
- Representative for assistance on all arrival and departure transfers
- Services of English speaking TOUR MANAGER cum guide as per itinerary
- Entrances to the monument of tourist interest as per the itinerary
- Elephant ride at Amber fort Jaipur
- Jeep ride from Fort to Parking lot at Jaipur
- Complimentary bottled water on long drives (intercity transfers) one bottle per person.

Land Arrangement Exclusions:

- Cost of a India Tourist Visa.
- Travel Insurance.
- Expenses of a personal nature such as laundry, telephone/fax, alcoholic beverages, camera/video fees at monuments,
- Any other service not mentioned in the program.

Exploring north India by rail is a novel experience of lifetime. Be sure to keep an eye out amazing glimpses of Indian culture and traditions. Beginning from the city of contrasts – Delhi, the trail traverses to royal Rajasthan through the expansive golden sand land – Jaisalmer. The trip moves to the sites where time left its indelible traces. The ruined legacy of Osian, the city painted in cool blue – Jodhpur, the utopia of Udaipur where dreams intermingle with reality along with the capital city of forts, Jaipur in Rajasthan. Then, the entourage moves towards east in Uttar Pradesh where the Taj Mahal adorns Agra along the heritage city of victory – Fatehpur Sikri. The Jewel Set in the Crown of India, a journey through the North India will bring nostalgic memories to cherish for a lifetime.

India Rail Itinerary

An India Rail journey tale

You are about to embark on either the most amazing or daunting rail tour of your life. There is something wonderful and magical about India and you've probably heard a thousand

stories from friends and family before you have even left our country. If this is your first trip to India, you are going to experience a culture and people so different from ours that all of your senses are going to be working overtime whilst to experiencing this great country. India's massive train network is truly complex and amazing. One, that is easily navigatable with a guide in a small group. Your guide will make sure you arrive early at the station to find your train car number and to go to the station store to buy some water and food for the overnight trip. Food and water is served on the train, but it is a good idea to bring your own as well in case you don't like what they are serving on board.

At the allocated time to you will be asked to board the train and I will say you will be pleasantly surprised by our first class air-conditioned sleeper. By Indian standards the car is clean, nice and cool. There is plenty of space to store your luggage and each compartment is nice and roomy. As the train leaves and you hear the clickety clack of the train tracks you are off and rolling on your journey. Your conductor will come down to your compartment soon after departure to supply you with clean pillows, sheets and blankets for your overnight stay that night. The compartments have upper and lower berths – so our fitter travellers will be asked to take the top bunks. Intermittently train staff will appear offering tea, coffee and food to buy. You of course can buy these or use your own provisions. The train stops at many stations along the way giving you time to buy more food at the stations shops if you need to. At night time we all get our cabins ready and make our beds before snuggling up for a good nights sleep. There is no wifi on the trains, so bring a good book and lots of stories and laughs. One thing we cant gloss over are the toilets. They are usually pretty filthy, so bring toilet paper and wipes for your own comfort. They do their best on train system to keep these clean but it never seems last for very long. Before you know it you have had a good nights sleep and arrived at our next destinations..... AND guess what??? You did it, you enjoyed an overnight rail journey in Incredible India. Russ Masterton travelled on India Railway in 2016 and 2017.

Day 1: Depart Australia

Day 2: Delhi

Arrive Delhi, our representative will meet you at the airport and will escort till hotel. He will also assist for check in. Overnight stay at hotel.

Day 3: Delhi – Jaisalmer

After breakfast sight seeing tour of Delhi includes Raj Ghat (Cremation site of Mahatma Gandhi), Red Fort, Jama Masjid, Qutub Minar & India Gate (War Memorial). Drive Past President House & Parliament House. Later transfer to the railway station to catch the train to Jaisalmer by Train # 4059 Delhi Jaisalmer Express dep. 17:40 hrs. Overnight on board.

Day 4: Jaisalmer

Arrive Jaisalmer at 12:45 hrs upon arrival transfer to the hotel. Evening drive to Khuri Village & Sand Dunes. It is a delight fully peaceful place with mud and straw decorated houses. Further proceed for 1 Km away from village, you can magnificent patches of sand dunes. You can have camel ride here. People & village life can be seen on the way to Khuri in various villages. Overnight stay in the hotel.

Day 5: Jaisalmer – Osian – Jodhpur

After breakfast sight seeing tour of Jaisalmer including the 12-15th century Jain temples, Folk Museum, Gadi -sar Tank & the colorfully painted homes known as Havelies. Later drive to Jodhpur i.e. 290 kms or 6 hrs drive. Enroute visit the Osian Temples. Osian is famous for cultural heritages, typical village and ancient temples. Upon arrival transfer to the hotel for overnight stay.

Day 6: Jodhpur

After breakfast Full day sightseeing tour of Jodhpur which includes visit to the Mehrangarh Fort, Mahamandir Temple, Jaswant Tada, Clock Tower and Mandore Garden. Overnight stay in the hotel.

Day 7: Jodhpur – Ranakpur – Udaipur

After breakfast drive to Udaipur i.e. 259 kms or 06 hrs drive. Enroute visit centuries old Jain temples at Ranakpur temples. Upon arrival transfer to the hotel for overnight stay.

Day 8: Udaipur – Jaipur

After breakfast sight seeing tour of Udaipur visit to the Moti Mahal, Bandal Mahal, Manak Mahal, Dilkush temple, Fateh Sagar, Udai Sagar etc. Later transfer to the railway station to catch the train to Jaipur by Train # 2966 Udaipur Jaipur Super Exp. Dep. 22:20 hrs. Overnight on board.

Day 9: Jaipur

Arrive Jaipur at 06:00 hrs in the morning upon arrival transfer to the hotel. Afternoon city tour of Jaipur visiting the Hawa Mahal - the palace of winds, the Observatory or the Jantar Mantar. Evening is free for leisure or you can explore the local Markets by your own. Overnight stay in the hotel.

Day 10: Jaipur

After breakfast sightseeing tour of Jaipur includes Amber Fort - Amber Fort was the ancient capital of the State. Elephant ride / Jeep Safari is provided to ascend hill on top of which the fort is situated. Afternoon free for leisure or you can explore the city by own. Overnight stay in the hotel.

Day 11: Jaipur – Fatehpur Sikri – Agra

After breakfast drive to Agra (232 kms / 5 hrs) Enroute visiting Fatehpur Sikri, the old Mughal capital still preserved in good condition. Upon arrival transfer to the hotel. Later visit Taj Mahal, one of the 7 wonders of world, Agra Fort and Itmad-ud-Daula. Overnight stay in the hotel. (Taj Mahal is closed on Fridays).

Day 12: Agra – Delhi – Fly Home

After breakfast drive to Delhi (203 kms / 4 hrs). Upon arrival transfer to the International Airport to board the onward flight.

Reservations Phone 1300 781 651.



Deposit \$1500 per person. Balance payment due 90 days prior to departure.

SPECIAL NOTES

Check-In time at all hotels in India is 1400 hrs, Check-out time is 1200

Rates include only those items specified in your itinerary

Passports & Visas: All visitors to India require a valid passport. A visa for entry to India is required by most nationalities.

There are 2 and 4 berth carriages on the trains.



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Golden Triangle Tour During Holi
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Holi is an ancient Hindu religious festival, known as the festival of colours or the festival of love. The festival is said to signify the victory of good over evil, and the arrival of spring. It's celebrated all over India and now around the world, and is all about celebrating enjoyment

Detailed itinerary

Day 01	Tuesday	18 March 2019	<p>Arrival / Delhi Meeting and assistance on arrival and transfer to Hotel for overnight stay.</p> <p>Delhi, the present capital city of India is a state as well. It comprises of two cities, the New Delhi and the Old Delhi. Old Delhi boasts of the Olden days of the Mughal raj with its narrow lanes and the winding roads. A rickshaw ride through the Chandni Chowk will give you the glimpse of real Old Delhi. New Delhi built by the British boasts of the colonial era with its wide roads and well planned house.</p>
Day 02	Wednesday	19 March 2019	<p>Delhi After breakfast full day city sightseeing of Old & New Delhi.</p> <p>Morning visit Raj Ghat - the cremation sites of Mahatma Gandhi, Jama Masjid and drive past Red Fort and Chandni Chowk. Afternoon visit Qutub Minar built by Qutub-ud-Din Aibek in 1199, Humayun's Tomb, India Gate (War Memorial Arch), Lakshminarayan Temple - a modern Hindu Temple. Also drive past President's House, Parliament-House, Government Secretariat Buildings and Connaught Place shopping centre. Overnight stay at Hotel Overnight stay at hotel</p>
Day 03	Thursday	20 March 2019	<p>Delhi / Agra After breakfast drive 4 hrs to Agra. On arrival check into your hotel. Afternoon free time to relax.</p> <p>Agra is the home of the Taj Mahal - one of the Seven Wonders of the World. A mausoleum for Empress Mumtaz Mahal, built by her beloved husband Shah Jehan, the Taj Mahal is often described as a 'dream in marble'. The city of Agra, the quintessence of the grand</p>

			<p>Mughal era, reigns to this day in the public mind as the embodiment of royal grace, imposing architecture and power.</p> <p>6 Pm - Evening performance of Mohabbat-e-Taj, a series of plays that portrays the intense love of Shah Jahan for his wife and depicts the lavish lifestyle of the Mughal era.</p> <p>Overnight stay at Hotel.</p>
Day 04	Friday	21 Mar 2019	<p>Agra After breakfast full day excursion to Mathura & Vrindavan for Holi Celebrations.</p> <p>While Holi is celebrated in almost every part of India since thousands of years, Holi in Braj is especially famous. Braj is a historical region which covers the area of Mathura, Vrindavan and some nearby areas. Holi here attracts tourists and pilgrims from all over the world because of it's special customs and traditions.</p> <p>It is believed that Mathura is the birth place of Lord Krishna and Vrindavan is the place where he grew up. Young Krishna used to visit Barsana village to colour Radha and her other friends. And thus the tradition started of playing holi.</p> <p>Evening return to Agra hotel for overnight stay.</p>
Day 05	Saturday	22 Mar 2019	<p>Agra / Jaipur Early morning visit to Taj Mahal at sunrise.</p> <p>Early morning visit to mesmerizing Taj Mahal made of white marble, inlaid with semi-precious gems and stones at sunrise, the symbol of love built by Emperor Shah Jahan in the memories of his beloved wife Mumtaz Mahal in 1653.</p> <p>Taj Mahal is regarded by many as the finest example of Mughal architecture, a style that combines elements from Islamic, Persian, Ottoman Turkish and Indian architecture styles.</p> <p>NOTE: Taj Mahal is closed on Friday.</p>

			<p>After breakfast visit Agra Fort and Itimad-ud-Daulah Tomb.</p> <p>Afternoon visit Agra fort (A UNESCO World Heritage Site) built in 1573, made of red sandstone on the banks of river Yamuna and a fine example of Mughal architecture.</p> <p>And visit to Itimad-ud-Daulah Tomb also known as “Jewel Box” and sometimes described as “Baby Taj” built between 1622 and 1628 based on white marble and Petra Dura inlay, most elegantly realized in the Taj Mahal.</p> <p>Later drive 5 to 6 hrs to Jaipur. On arrival check into your hotel for overnight stay.</p> <p>JAIPUR, or the City of Victory, was founded in 1727 by Maharaja Sawai Jai Singh II. Jaipur is a marvellous synthesis of architectural influences - Hindu, Jain, and Mughal. It is a well planned city of yore, built from rose-coloured terra cotta. - That has given it the name ‘Pink City’.</p>
Day 06	Sunday	23 Mar 2019	<p>Jaipur Morning excursion to Amber Fort.</p> <p>Amber was the ancient capital of the region. Now a deserted complex, it however still recalls its heydays in the majestic ramparts rising steeply along the contoured hillsides. Here elephants still carry visitors in stately splendours to the main Palace, through unusually high gateways, obviously designed to accommodate this archaic mode of transport.</p> <p>In the afternoon weave through the lively streets of the Jaipur City and visit the pink sandstone Palace of Winds, City Palace with its museum and Jantar Mantar (18 century observatory).</p> <p>Evening free time to explore Jaipur on your own. Overnight stay at Hotel.</p>

Day 07	Monday	24 Mar 2019	Jaipur / Delhi / Departure After breakfast drive 5 hrs to Delhi airport for flight to onward destination.
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CITY	Hotels
Delhi	Hotel The Metropolitan (2 nights)
Agra	Four Points by Sheraton (2 nights)
Jaipur	Hotel Ramada (2 nights)

Land Arrangement inclusions:

- Return economy International/Domestic Airfare and related costs from Melbourne, Adelaide, Sydney, Brisbane & Perth to Delhi.
- Flying with Malaysia Airlines, Thai Airways and China Southern Airlines
- Airfare domestic or International
- Accommodation on twin sharing basis at hotels mentioned in the itinerary or similar
- Breakfast at all the hotels mentioned in the itinerary
- Traditional welcome on arrival with garlanding at airport
- All transfers and sightseeing tours by air-conditioned mini coach as per the itinerary.
- Representative for assistance on all arrival and departure transfers
- Services of English speaking TOUR MANAGER cum guide as per itinerary
- Entrances to the monument of tourist interest as per the itinerary
- Full day excursion to Mathura & Vrindavan for Holi Celebration
- Elephant ride at Amber fort Jaipur
- Jeep ride from Fort to Parking lot at Jaipur
- Complimentary bottled water on long drives (intercity transfers) one bottle per person.
- All presently applicable taxes including service tax

Land Arrangement Exclusions:

- Cost of a visa, if necessary.
- Travel Insurance.
- Expenses of a personal nature such as laundry, telephone/fax, alcoholic beverages, camera/video fees at monuments,
- Any other service not mentioned in the program.

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In case of any currency fluctuations or amendment in local Government taxes, or any fuel hike, we reserve the right to adjust the tour price accordingly

Flight schedule is subject to change without notice

Any cancellation within the stipulated period

Phone 1300 813391.

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The **climate in march in Delhi** is dry; it does not rain often (6mm of rainfall over 2 days).

The climate is very hot in this location the month of march. Temperatures are up to 34°C. The seasonal minimum is 23°C. Thus, the mean temperature average on this month of march in Delhi is 28°C. Note that seasonal normals in contrast with those observed **in Delhi in the month of march** with a maximum record of 42°C in 2010 and a minimum record of 13°C in 2011. You can expect to have about 24 days with temperatures up to 30°C, or 77 of time.

Day length in Delhi in march is 11:58. Sunrise is at 06:31 and sets at 18:29.

With a **perfect weather**, this month is recommended to go in this city in India.



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Escorted Package Includes

- Return airfares from ALL Australian Capital Cities to New Delhi & Kathmandu.
Airline taxes & fuel surcharges
- All intra-flights: New Delhi-Kathmandu & Kathmandu-New Delhi
- 11 nights accommodations
 - 3 nights New Delhi
 - 2 nights Jaipur
 - 2 nights Agra
 - 3 nights Kathmandu
- Hotel taxes, fees & service charges
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- All transfers
- 15 meals: 10 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 3 dinners
- Sightseeing per itinerary in modern air-conditioned motor coach
- Services of English-speaking tour manager throughout
- Entrance fees per itinerary
- Comfortable wireless earphones for enhanced touring

Special Features

- Enjoy a visit to Gandhi Smriti, the official residence of Mahatma Gandhi that now serves as a museum
- Rickshaw ride along the lanes of Chandni Chowk, once the imperial avenue of Mughal royalty
- Amber Fort with its gorgeous Palace of Mirrors
- Visit the Taj Mahal, the most perfect architectural monument in the world
- Visit Pashupatinath Temple, considered one of the most sacred Hindu temples in the world
- Enjoy an ox cart ride to an authentic Tharu Village
- Visit Durbar Square, an amazing cluster of ancient temples and palaces
- Swayambhunath, a 2,000 year old Buddhist Stupa, celebrated as the oldest Buddhist shrine in the world

Note: Gratuities for tour manager and coach driver are included.

DAY 1, Tuesday - Arrive in New Delhi

Welcome to India! Arrive in the energetic capital city of New Delhi; meet your representative and transfer to the hotel. Time to rest and relax after your journey and acclimate to the new time zone

Overnight: New Delhi

DAY 2, Wednesday - Old & New Delhi City Tour

Begin in the walled city of Old Delhi, founded by Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan. Travel along the winding streets to Jama Masjid, the largest and best known mosque in India. On a cycle rickshaw, continue along the lanes of Chandni Chowk, once the imperial avenue of Mughal royalty. After lunch, on to New Delhi, a city of airy boulevards, lush parks and gardens. Visit the Sikh Temple and drive past the imposing India Gate War Memorial to Indian and British soldiers, Parliament House and the Presidential Palace. Enjoy a visit to Gandhi Smriti, the official residence of Mahatma Gandhi, where he spent the last 144 days of his life, that is now a museum. The tour continues with a visit to Humayun's Tomb set in stunning gardens, designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This evening, meet with your fellow travelers and Tour Manager for an orientation meeting on the incredible journey that awaits you. Tonight is at leisure to begin your discovery of Indian cuisine at one of the fine regional restaurants

Overnight: New Delhi

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 3, Thursday - Travel to Jaipur

Depart New Delhi to Jaipur, gateway to the desert state of Rajasthan. En route, stop for some photos at the graceful sandstone Qutab Minar Victory Tower, the world's tallest brick minaret, now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Arrive in glorious Jaipur, with its stucco buildings lining the wide streets and you'll understand why it is nicknamed the "Pink City." The city was painted its unique color in 1876 to celebrate the visit of the Prince of Wales. Drive past stunning hilltop forts and glorious palaces on the way to a bargain-filled bazaar. Dinner at the hotel

Overnight: Jaipur

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 4, Friday - Amber Fort, Jaipur

Excursion to the spectacular Amber Fort, a stunning fusion of Mughal and Hindu styles with its gorgeous Palace of Mirrors. Ascend the hill to the ramparts by jeep.

From here, see the panoramic views of Jaipur's original city walls and the lake below. Stop for refreshments before shopping the vast collection of local handicrafts at Jaipur Handicrafts, offering premium quality handmade carpets, textiles, pashminas, pottery and paintings. Fabrics in all colors and texture are available for loose purchase as well as custom design work. Spend the afternoon at leisure strolling through the city's delightful gardens, or, join the *optional* tour to view the well-preserved 18th century Jantar Mantar Observatory and drive past Hawa Mahal, the "Palace of Winds" with its lacy ornamental façade. Later, the tour continues to the opulent City Palace, former royal residence, now a grand museum with an extraordinary collection of miniature paintings, costumes and armory. Tonight's *optional* evening is highlighted by the exotic flavors of Indian cuisine at a local neighborhood restaurant, while you're entertained by performers in traditional attire as they execute various dance moves on the rhythm of the accompanying musical instruments

Optional: Half Day Jaipur Tour (PM)

Optional: Dinner at Local Jaipur Restaurant with Traditional Folk Dance

Overnight: Jaipur

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 5, Saturday - Travel to Agra via Abhaneri

Depart Jaipur to the small ancient village of Abhaneri in northern Rajasthan. Begin at Chand Baori, one of the largest step wells in India, fortified on all sides. This unique idea was conceived by the early natives to work as a water reservoir, located adjacent to the temple dedicated to Harshat Mata, goddess of joy and happiness - an architectural jewel. Then after lunch, continue on to Agra, with its celebrated past, rich heritage and architectural delights. The rest of the day is yours to enjoy this splendid city. Tonight, enjoy dinner at the hotel

Overnight: Agra

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 6, Sunday - Taj Mahal

A memorable day as you visit the astonishing Taj Mahal, built by Emperor Shah Jahan as a mausoleum for his beloved Queen. Perhaps, this is the most perfect architectural monument in the world, built of white marble and precious stones over a 22 year period - considered the finest example of Mughal architecture. Afterwards, stop at Kalakriti Marble. The Taj Mahal inspired the Kalakriti family to become the manufacturer of fine inlaid marble work. Marvel at the museum quality workmanship as you watch a demonstration of the timely process of marble carvings, filigree and stone inlay. Then browse Kalakriti's home furnishings and decorative items. In the afternoon, participate in the not to be missed *optional* tour to the red sandstone Agra Fort, with its incredible maze of walled courtyards, mosques and lavish private chambers reflecting the grandeur of the Mughal Empire; this monument has been named a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Next, to the Tomb of Itmad-ud-Daulah built of the finest Indian marble embellished with mosaics and inlay of semiprecious stones. Enjoy the evening at leisure

Optional: Half Day Agra Tour (PM)

Overnight: Agra

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 7, Monday - Travel to New Delhi

Depart Agra this morning and return to New Delhi on your last day in India. Upon

arrival, time to freshen up before tonight's festivities. Tonight, attend a festive Farewell-to-India Dinner at the hotel

Overnight: New Delhi

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 8, Tuesday - Flight to Kathmandu

Today, depart India for Kathmandu, Nepal, "The Roof of the World". Upon arrival, you'll be welcomed with a traditional flower garland and transferred to your hotel. Time to rest, relax or explore the city for the remainder of the day

Overnight: Kathmandu

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 9, Wednesday - Dhulikhel, Temple Complex in Bhaktapur, Pashupatinath

Join the *optional* Mt Everest Flightseeing and enjoy an hour of spectacular scenery over Mt Everest, during an early morning flight. The day starts with a visit to Dhulikhel, a Newari town, known for having spectacular views of the Himalayas. Afterward, depart for the medieval city of Bhaktapur, known as the "City of Devotees", named a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Walk along the maze of winding streets lined with homes and temples dating back to the 13th century. Marvel at the intricately carved deities of the richly molded Golden Gate and the Palace of Fifty-Five Windows, with its exquisite wood carvings. View the Golden Sprout, the Taleju temple complex, and Nyatapola, the five storied temple in Taumadhi Square. Later, embark upon a spiritual journey to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Pashupatinath. One of the most sacred Hindu shrines in the world, attracting thousands of pilgrims each year. The Temple, on the banks of the holy Bagmati River, a tributary of the Ganges, is renowned for its beautiful architecture. Home to Kathmandu's funeral ghats, a series of cremation platforms are spread along the river. You'll experience throngs of devotees, meditating and praying on the steps throughout the temple. Next, you visit Boudhanath, the largest Stupa of its kind in the world. The unique aspect of this extraordinary Buddhist monument, is the hundreds of prayer wheels and 108 images of Buddha set into the niches around this mesmerizing structure from the 5th century. Afterward, return back to the hotel. Tonight, do not miss out on the opportunity to partake in the *optional* dinner of traditional Nepalese cuisine

Optional: Mount Everest Flightseeing (AM)

Optional: Traditional Nepalese Dinner

Overnight: Kathmandu

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 10, Thursday - Kathmandu City Tour

Begin the day with a tour of Kathmandu City, capital of Nepal. Visit Durbar Square, an amazing cluster of ancient temples and palaces epitomizing the religious and cultural life of the people. Stop at sprawling Hanuman Dhoka, ancient palace of Nepalese Royalty and the Temple of Kumari, home to Nepal's most important living goddess. See the stone carved statue of ferocious Kal Bhairav, a colorful memorial to the Hindu God of destruction, followed by a visit to the magnificent Temple of the Goddess Taleju. Later continue to Swayambhunath, a 2,000 year old Buddhist Stupa, celebrated as the oldest Buddhist shrine in the world, with its lofty copper spires adorned with fluttering prayer flags. This majestic ancient structure crowns the hilltop overlooking the Kathmandu Valley - the four sides painted with the compassionate eyes of Buddha. Swayambhunath is one of the most recognizable

symbols in Nepal, designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Afterward, return to your hotel. Balance of the day is at leisure

Overnight: Kathmandu

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 11, Friday - Return Home

Transfer to the airport for your departure flight

Meals: Breakfast

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