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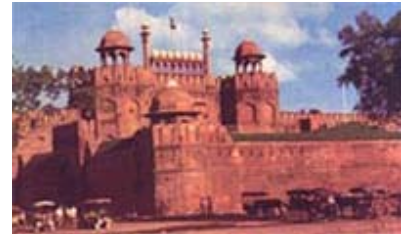
## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: ARR DELHI

Arrive Delhi airport from Hyderabad by Jet airways flight 9W 828 at 1025 hrs. Meet, assist on arrival and get transferred to hotel in Delhi.

Afternoon go for a sightseeing tour of old Delhi visiting the Red Fort, Jama Masjid, Chandni Chowk, Raj Ghat etc. Afternoon, at leisure. Overnight at Delhi.

**Red Fort:** In Old Delhi, you may visit the ramparts of the Red Fort. The decision for constructing the fort was taken in 1639, when Shahjahan decided to shift his capital to New Delhi from Agra. The Red Fort still retains some of its lost glory. The Red Fort was the last fort built in New Delhi and it witnessed the vicissitudes of fortune, the splendour and the fall of the Mughals, British rule, and finally the dawn of Indian Independence. A place must see by all tourists visiting Delhi.



**Raj Ghat:** On the bank of the legendary Yamuna, which flows past New Delhi, there is Raj Ghat-the last resting place of Mahatma Gandhi, the father of the nation. It has become an essential point of call for all visiting dignitaries. Besides Raj Ghat the other near by places must see in New Delhi are the two museums dedicated to Gandhiji.



**Chandni Chowk:** The living legacy of New Delhi is Shahjahanabad. Created by the builder of Taj Mahal, this city, with the Red Fort as the focal point and Jama Masjid as the praying centre, has a fascinating market planned to shine under the light of the moon, called Chandni Chowk. Shahjahan planned Chandni Chowk so that his daughter could shop for all that she wanted. It was divided by canals filled with water, which glistened like silver in moonlight.

Overnight hotel in Delhi

### DAY 2: DELHI

After breakfast, go for a sightseeing tour of New Delhi. Afternoon free for independent activities.

Today you visit the Qutb Minar complex which has many historic monuments. The first mosque in India – The **Quwwat-UI- Islam** – built from the dressed and carved stones of demolished temples lies in this complex. It establishes the political victory of Islam in northern India. The **Qutb Minar** was begun in 1199 by Qutb ud din Aibaka



You return to your hotel via the **Rashtrapati Bhavan**. Combining what Lord Hardinge, The Viceroy suggested “western architecture with an Oriental motif”, this former viceregal lodge, today is the home of the

President of India. Though the incorporation of Indian motifs in the final design was superficial, the enormous dome was fashioned on the great Buddhist Stupa at Sanchi.

From here you visit one of the architectural triumphs of the Mughal Empire – **Humayun's Tomb**. **Humayun's tomb** is the earliest example of Mughal architecture in India. Recently renovated with the gardens restored to their former splendour and the fountains working, it is a very attractive site. Architecturally the mausoleum drew its inspiration from the styles prevalent in Samarkand, and the design of the Taj Mahal is based on this tomb.

Overnight hotel in Delhi

### DAY 3: DELHI/AGRA

After an early breakfast you will drive to Agra at 0800 AM (around 4 hours drive). On arrival check into hotel in Agra.

After lunch you start your guided tour of the two great monuments of the city, at the **Agra Fort**. The present structure stands on the site of 14<sup>th</sup> century fort that was occupied by the Lodi Sultans of Delhi. When the Mughal Emperor Akbar established his supremacy in Northern India, he began his first architectural venture, rebuilding the fort as a beautiful fort palace. The work was completed by his son and grandson, highlighting the Mughal's ability to blend defensive and decorative architecture. Richly decorated with marble and mosaic, it was in a part of this fort that Shah Jahan spent the last years of his life, imprisoned by his son Aurangzeb. His private quarters where he was confined, has a magical view of the Taj Mahal across the river Yamuna.



**The Taj Mahal**, which you visit next, is perhaps the world's most perfectly proportioned monument. This stunning mausoleum immortalized the name of Shah Jahan's last wife Mumtaz Mahal, "light of the palace". Built by Indian artisans and artisans from neighbouring Islamic countries, it is aptly described by the poet laureate Tagore as "A tear on the face of eternity". Decorated with a mosaic of semi precious stones and Persian calligraphy recreating verses from the Koran, the mausoleum is an "*Urs*", an important place of pilgrimage since the empress died in childbirth making her a martyr. Prayers are said and passages from Koran are constantly recited in the mosque and cenotaph chamber.

Overnight hotel in Agra

### DAY 4: AGRA/BHARATPUR

After breakfast drive to Bharatpur (around 3 hours drive). On the road from Agra to Bharatpur you will stop at Fatehpur Sikri. Just over 400 years old, **Fatehpur Sikri** was the inspiration of the third Mughal Emperor – Muhammad Jalaludin Akbar. When the lack of a male heir, led Akbar to the door of Shaikh Salim Chisti, the prediction of three sons led to the construction of a few royal palaces near the Saint's hermitage. Once his son was born, Akbar moved a part of his court from Agra to Sikri, and thus was born Fatehpur Sikri which served as a joint capital with the Agra. This was the first and only time a whole city was constructed using the prevailing Indo Saracenic or Indian-Islamic architectural styles. Built of red sandstone, this collection of extraordinarily striking disparate buildings are still as pristine and perfect as when they were chiselled.

Evening proceed for a bird watching tour. Overnight hotel in Bharatpur.

## DAY 5 : BHARATPUR/JAIPUR

Early morning proceed for a birdwatching tour and later after breakfast drive to Jaipur – about 4 hours drive. Overnight Jaipur.

## DAY 6 : JAIPUR

After breakfast proceed for sightseeing of Jaipur.

Hill forts were always important to the Rajput rulers. Belonging to the Hindu "Kshatriya" or warrior class, they believed in the line from the sacred holy book, the Purana that "a fort is the strength of a king". They built a number of such forts all over the state of Rajasthan; some made for purely defensive purposes, but most built as fort palaces. **Amber** is one of the finest examples of a fort palace; built similar in style to the surrounding richly decorated Mughal courts. You will ride up to the fort on elephant back. You also visit **Hawa Mahal**, which is known as the palace of winds.



After lunch you tour the city. You will tour part of the **City Palace**, which is open to the public. The most striking building on entering through the *Atish Pol* or stable gate is the beautiful marble and sandstone *Mubarak Palace*, initially used to welcome foreign dignitaries and later used as the Cabinet Office. Today the palace houses the textile gallery exhibiting an excellent collection of costumes and rich textiles from the private collection of the Jaipur royal family. The armory is entered through the magnificent marble inlaid *Singh Pol* or Lion Gate. The most impressive part of the place is the Diwan-I-Khas or the hall of Private audience. Entered through a gateway richly decorated in *pietra dura* and flanked by a pair of elephants carved out of a single block of marble, the star exhibits of this area are a pair of enormous sterling silver vessels used to store holy water from the Ganges. The water was used by the Maharaja for his daily bath when travelling overseas, to protect him from ritual pollution. Also of interest is the Art Gallery, which has a collection of royal memorabilia. **The Jantar Mantar** which you visit next is a collection of futuristic structures and astronomical instruments designed by Sawai Jai Singh the founder of Jaipur. This was a result of his intense study of Astrology and Astronomy, and these 17<sup>th</sup> century extraordinary structures are accurate even today. Finally you may like exploring the colorful markets of Jaipur, in the heart of what is known as the Pink City. One of the fun ways to travel is by cycle rickshaw.

Overnight hotel in Jaipur

## DAY 7: JAIPUR/DELHI/HYDERABAD

Afternoon drive to Delhi (around 5 hrs drive) to take Jet airways flight 9w 825 at 1700 hrs to reach Hyderabad at 1910 hrs.

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### PACKAGE COST PER PERSON

5 star : USD 1355 per person  
4 star : USD 1120 per person

**Important Note: Dec 15 – Jan 15 is Peak tourist Season. There will be a 20% hike in the above price if you take the tour during this period.**

Airfare supplement HYD-DEL-HYD USD 540 per person on Jet airways Economy class  
**(Airfare subject to change)**

Place	5 star	4 star	Meals
Delhi	The Park	The Connaught	Breakfast only
Agra	Clarks Shiraz	Amar	Breakfast only
Barathpur	Laxmi Vilas Palace	Forest Lodge	Breakfast only
Jaipur	Clarks Amer	Mansingh Palace	Breakfast only

**Tour Cost Includes**

- Transportation by Air Conditioned Toyota Qualis car as per the itinerary
- Accommodation at hotels mentioned above or similar category sharing double room as per meal plan mentioned above
- Guide service at sight seeing locations
- Toll, parking etc.
- All Govt. taxes & Handling Charges

**Tour cost does not include**

- Hotel Extras, Portage, Tips, etc.
- Entrances, Camera fee at monuments
- All expenses of personal nature not specified above
- Airfare

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