

NORTH INDIA TRIP

Delhi –Agra –Jaipur –Pushkar –Jodhpur –Naraj –Udaipur –Varanasi –Delhi

13 Nights/ 14 Days

Day 01: 15 Oct Arrive Delhi at 0820Hrs

Meeting and assistance on arrival and transfer to hotel. Early check-in is subject to availability.

Later proceed for sightseeing of **Old Delhi**: Visit *Jama Masjid* (Closed on Fridays)-the largest and most splendid mosque in India. Drive past the majestic *Red Fort*. Take a *Cycle Rickshaw Ride* through the narrow and colorful streets of *Chandni Chowk* (Closed on Sundays). It's chaotic, but it's the soul of Delhi.

Visit *Bahari Temple* (Closed on Mondays), also known as "The Lotus Temple" due to its distinctive lotus shaped design in Marble. It was built in 1987 by the followers of Baha faith. The temple signifies the purity and equality of all religions.

Overnight at hotel.

Day 02: 16 Oct Delhi -Agra by train Bhopal Shatabadi/ 0600-0800 Hrs

Morning in time transfer to railway station to board train to Agra.

Meeting and assistance on arrival and transfer to hotel. Early check-in is subject to availability.

Agra Fort: The fort was built in 1576 AD by great Mughal Emperor Akbar, structured and designed with red stoned barricaded; here you will find the splendid *Pearl Mosque* and various other classic example of art: *Jahangir Mahal*, *Moti Masjid*, *Mocchhi Bhawan*, *Nagina Masjid*, *Diwan-i-Khas*, *Sheesh Mahal*, *Diwan-e-Am*, and *Meena Bazaar*.

Visit *Itimād-ud-Daulah* -It is a Mughal mausoleum in the city of Agra. Often described as a "jewel box", sometimes called the "Baby Taj", the tomb of Itimād-ud-Daulah is often regarded as a draft of the Taj Mahal.

Later visit world's most popular and beautiful monument: *Taj Mahal* (Closed on Fridays) for its fabulous view at sunset. Taj Mahal, a beautiful architectural monument is one of the Seven Wonders of the World. This historical masterpiece is an illustration of the fusion of diverse architectural styles. Taj Mahal is the crown of all the lovely buildings in the world and a symbol of eternal love.

Overnight at hotel.

Optional: Evening enjoy *Mahabbat-e-Taj* show (A live show that depicts the love story of Emperor Shah Jehan and his beloved wife Mumtaz Mahal).

Day 03: 17 Oct Agra -Fatehpur Sikri -Jaipur 243 Kms/ 05 Hrs approx.

Early morning visit *Taj Mahal* (Closed on Fridays) for its mesmerizing view at sunrise.

After breakfast drive to Jaipur en-route visiting Fatehpur Sikri and Chand Baori, Abhaneri. Old deserted town of Mughal Dynasty –*Fatehpur Sikri* built in red sandstone in honor of Saint Salim Chisti. Notable among them is the *Diwan-e-Khas* entirely unique in its concept is a tall vaulted room with an intricately carved central pillar and capital supporting a platform that once held the emperor's throne. The airy *Panch Mahal* a five storied structure rising in pyramidal fashion was probably used by the ladies of the court.

Chand Baori consists of 3,500 narrow steps over 13 stories. It extends approximately 30m (100ft) into the ground making it one of the deepest and largest stepwells in India. After visit continue drive to Jaipur. Upon arrival check-in at hotel. Overnight at hotel.

Day 04: 18 Oct In Jaipur

After breakfast proceed for an excursion to splendid **Amber Fort by Elephant** situated just outside the city, built in the 15th Century by Rajput King Man Singh. Take a short photography stop at the splendid **Hawa Mahal**, also known 'Palace of Winds'. It was built with a concept for the women of royal families to speculate the royal ceremonies and festivals being hidden from the public eyes.

Afternoon explore the beautiful pink city visit the **City Palace** and **Armory Museum**.

Jantar Mantar was innovated and constructed by Jaipur King Sawai Jai Singh. Amongst the 5 observatories built by him, Jantar Mantar in Jaipur is one of them. Also visit **Galtaji Temple** also known as **Monkey Temple**, the temple complex encompasses natural fresh water springs and 7 holy 'kunds' or water tanks. Among these kunds, the 'Galta Kund', is the holiest one and is believed to never get dry.

Overnight at hotel.

Optional: Evening visit Chokhi Dhani (traditional Rajasthani dinner with folk dance).

Day 05: 19 Oct Jaipur –Pushkar 145 Kms/ 03 Hrs approx.

After breakfast at hotel, drive to Pushkar. Upon arrival, check-in at hotel.

Later visit **Pushkar Lake**. Afterwards proceed for a hike to **Pap Mochani Temple** to experience panoramic view of this holy city at the time of sunset. Overnight at hotel.

Day 06: 20 Oct Pushkar –Jodhpur 215 Kms/ 5 Hrs approx.

Early morning proceed to **Temple of Lord Brahma** to witness a mesmerizing sunrise.

After breakfast drive to Jodhpur. Upon arrival, check-in at hotel. Later visit the **Mehrangarh Fort** situated on a low sandstone hill. Within the fort, visit Moti Mahal and Phool Mahal.

Overnight at hotel.

Day 07: 21 Oct In Jodhpur

After breakfast proceed to visit **Jaswant Thada**, an imposing marble cenotaph, built in memory of Maharaja Jaswantsingh II around 1899 and Umaid Public gardens.

Umaid Bhawan Palace—India's one of most imposing and regal palaces, built by Maharaja Umaid Singh, designed by famous architect Edwardian and Henry Vaughan Lanchester, who constructed this wonderful palace, a fine example of Indo-Saracenic architecture.

Blue City Walk—walk through the historic lanes of Jodhpur, the Blue City. The Blue City really is blue! Inside is a tangle of winding, glittering, medieval streets. Traditionally, blue signified the home of a Brahmin, but non-Brahmins have got in on the act too. As well as glowing with a mysterious light, the blue tint is thought to repel insects.

Overnight at hotel.

Day 08: 22 Oct Jodhpur -Narlai 150 Kms 3-4 Hrs approx.

After breakfast drive to Narlai. Upon arrival, check-in at Rawla Narlai. The 'Rawla' (Manor) is in 'Narlai' village, a quaint little hamlet situated on what were once the dusty dirt-roads between the erstwhile states of Marwar and Mewar, is surrounded by an assorted landscape that offers rocky outcrops, lakes & forests. True to its inherent character, 'Rawla Narlai' resonates with joie de vivre that combines blue-blooded panache with rural charm.

You may opt for various activities provided by the hotel as per your interest (on direct payment basis). Overnight at hotel.

Day 09: 23 Oct Narlai-Ranakpur -Udaipur126 Kms/ 03 Hrs approx.

After breakfast drive to Udaipur en-route visiting **Ranakpur** -Jain temples of 12 Century. There are bunch of temples, made of white marble and intricately sculpted, the main temple is built out of marbles with 108 carved pillars each design of a pillar is carved differently from rest.

After visit continue drive to Udaipur. Upon arrival, check-in at hotel.

After some rest proceed to see Show at Bagore ki Haveli.

Overnight at hotel.

Day 10: 24 Oct In Udaipur

After breakfast, take a sightseeing tour of Udaipur visiting wondrous **City**

Palace complex, the palace is a splendid white marble architectural historical place of Rajput Rulers, in the palace vicinity you will see notable places like *Durbar Hall, Palace Museum and Jagdish temple*, followed by **Sahelion Ki Bari**, a beautiful recreation garden for queens and princes of the rulers.

Bharatiya Lok Kala Mandal, an ethnic places to see the traditions and culture of Rajasthan, ethnic ornaments, exhibiting folk traditional outfits, puppets, masks, dolls, classical paintings, fold musical instruments. Evening enjoy **boat ride** in **Lake Pichola**.

Overnight at hotel.

Day 11: 25 Oct Udaipur-Varanasi by flight

Breakfast at hotel. Morning at leisure. Later in time transfer to airport to board flight to Varanasi via Mumbai.

Depart Udaipur: 1410 Hrs Arrive Mumbai: 1535 Hrs by 6E 2315 (Indigo Airlines)

Depart Mumbai: 1810 Hrs Arrive Varanasi: 1935 Hrs by 6E 535 (Indigo Airlines)

Meeting and assistance on arrival and transfer to hotel. Overnight at hotel.

Day 12: 26 Oct In Varanasi

Early morning enjoy **boat ride** on the river Ganges. The long string of ghats -the chain of stone steps -along the western bank of the Ganges forms the major attraction of Varanasi. Visit the famous temples of Varanasi including **New Kashi Vishwanath Temple** and **Durga Temple** also known as Monkey Temple (temple is open only from 07:00 AM till 08:00 AM for foreigners).

After breakfast take an excursion to Sarnath. **Sarnath** is the site of the deer park where Gautama Buddha first taught the Dharma after his enlightenment. Sarnath is one of four holy Buddhist sites sanctioned by the Buddha himself for pilgrimage. The other three sites are: Lumbini, Bodhi Gaya and Kushinagar.

Evening; witness the spectacular '**Ganga Aarti**' on the ghats of sacred River Ganges.

Overnight at hotel.

Note: Photography is not allowed inside the main temple/ sanctum at most of the temples in Varanasi.

Day 13: 27 Oct Varanasi -Delhi by flight

Breakfast at hotel. Morning at leisure. Later in time transfer to airport to board flight to Delhi.

Depart Varanasi: 1520 Hrs Arrive Delhi: 1655 Hrs by UK 955 (Vistara Airlines)

Meeting and assistance on arrival and transfer to hotel. Overnight at hotel.

Day 14: 28 Oct Leave Delhi at 1800 Hrs

After breakfast proceed for sightseeing of *New Delhi*: Visit **Humayun's Tomb** - commissioned by Humayun's son Akbar in 1569-70, and designed by Mirak Mirza Ghiyas, a Persian architect. It was the first garden-tomb on the Indian subcontinent it was also the first structure to use red sandstone at such a scale. The tomb was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1993. Drive past the **President House (Rashtrapati Bhawan)**, **Parliament House** and **India Gate**. **Qutub Minar** is an excellent example of Afghan Architecture. The Minar is 72.5mts high victory tower, the construction of which began in the final year of twelfth century by Qutubuddin Aibak and was later completed by his successor. It has been given World Heritage Site status. Later in time, transfer to airport to connect to your flight for onward destination.

HOTELS ENVISAGED: 5 Star

S. No.	City	Hotels	Nights
1.	Delhi	Shangri La http://www.shangri-la.com/newdelhi/erossangrila/	01
2.	Agra	Radisson Blu https://www.radissonblu.com/en/hotel-agra	01
3.	Jaipur	Holiday Inn City Centre https://www.ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels/us/en/jaipur/jaicc/hotel/detail	02
4.	Pushkar	Ananta Spa & Resort http://www.anantahotels.com/pushkar-hotels/pushkar.php	02
5.	Jodhpur	Ajit Bhawan http://www.ajitbhawan.com/	
6.	Narlai	Rawla Narlai http://www.rawlanarlai.com/	02
7.	Udaipur	Shiv Niwas Palace https://hrhhotels.com/hotels/shiv_niwas_palace/	02
8.	Varanasi	Brij Rama Palace http://www.brijrama.com/	02
9.	Delhi	Shangri La	01
Total Number of Nights			13