

NINETY-NINES INDIA AVIATION CONCLAVE December 2024

Delhi – Agra – Jaipur – Delhi

08 Nights/09 Days

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Go India
Experiences

The Golden Triangle Tour

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Tour Overview

Go India Experiences brings you an itinerary of Golden Triangle which deservedly is the most famous circuit of India and has gained its reputation in the accessible diversity, majesty and romance that this area offers.

The itinerary covers the three most visited and famous historic cities - Delhi (the capital city of India), historically fascinating from its ancient monuments to the bustle and glamour of Old Delhi both contrasting with Lutyens imposing and magnificent New Delhi. 'Pink City' of Jaipur, the land of valiant Rajputs, and renowned for its palatial splendour. Last but no way the least Agra, a city of romance famed for the most famous monument to love, the Taj Mahal.



BRIEF ITINERARY OVERVIEW

Itinerary and Routing

01 st DEC'24	02 nd DEC'24	03 rd DEC'24	04 th DEC'24	05 th DEC'24
Arrival in Delhi	Full day conference at the hotel	Full day Old & New Delhi Tour	Drive from Delhi to Agra. Afternoon Visit the Taj Mahal and the Agra Fort. Evening enjoy a cultural Show at Kalakriti	Drive to Bharatpur Bird Sanctuary enroute visiting Fatehpur Sikri
06 th DEC'24	07 th DEC'24	08 th DEC'24	09 th DEC'24	
Drive to Jaipur visiting the Step-wells at Abhaneri	Full day Sightseeing tour of Jaipur city.	Drive to Delhi	Depart Delhi	

HIGHLIGHTS

DELHI	AGRA	BHARATPUR	JAIPUR
Discover the long and fascinating history of the cosmopolitan capital city with its rich array of monuments.	Romance the Taj Mahal and walk down the echelons of Mughal history at Fatehpur Sikri and Agra Fort.	Admire the ancient town planning system of Vastushastra and the visit the Amber fort.	Admire the ancient town planning system of Vastushastra and the visit the Amber fort.

Tour Itinerary

01 DEC'24: ARRIVE IN DELHI

We welcome you in the capital city of India, for a journey across the fascinating history-markers of medieval north India. Wars were fought and rulers changed in Delhi but ordinary lives were lived in relative continuity. Glimpses of these can be seen even today as the character of the city underwent massive changes in the last decades. In the lands fabled to have seen seven cities, signs of the old are continuously jostling with the new, presenting an ever-fascinating panorama. We welcome you to its chaos and stability, into its steadfastness and its impatience and into a delightful rainbow of amalgamation, producing a world completely its own.

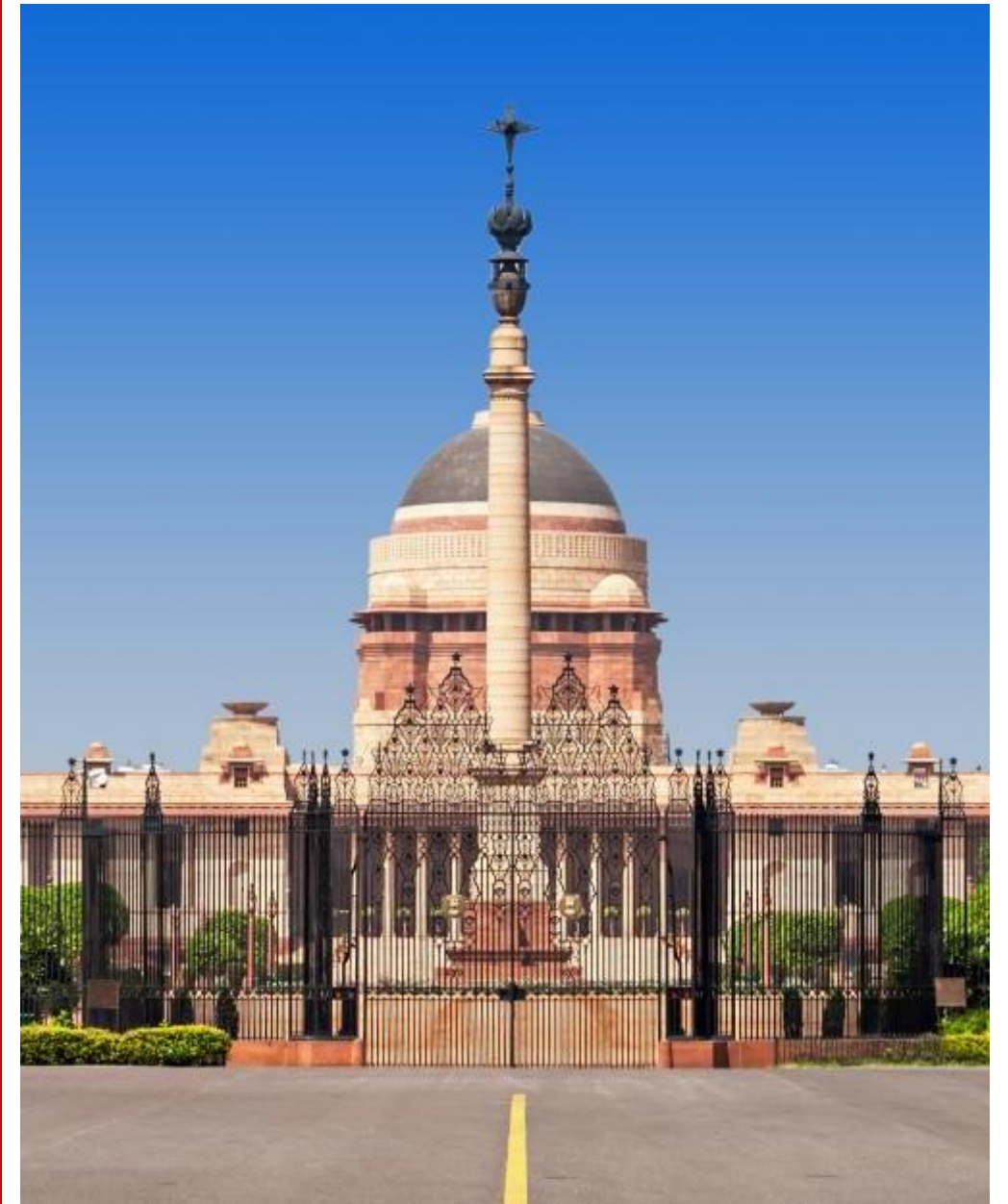
Overnight at hotel (No Meals)

02 DEC'24 : IN DELHI

The morning is at leisure.

Full day conference at the hotel.

Overnight at hotel (B).



Tour Itinerary

03 DEC'24 : IN DELHI

In the morning, proceed with a tour of Old Delhi – the Capital built by Emperor Shahjahan. The narrow winding lanes best traversed by a cycle-rickshaw house some of the oldest inhabitants and also the oldest trading establishments of the city. Visit the historic Jama Masjid, followed by a visit to the RED FORT.

In the afternoon visit New Delhi.

Drive past the **Rashtrapati Bhavan** (Presidential Palace), the **Government buildings**, the impressive **Rajpath**, officially named **Kartavya Path**, and formerly known as Kingsway and finally the World War I memorial arch, the **India Gate**. *You would get a photo opportunity at India Gate.*

Continue with the tour and visit the **QUTAB MINAR**, the tallest stone tower in India. Learn about Delhi's most curious antique here, the un-corroded Iron Pillar, which dates back to the 4th century AD believed to be sitting on the head of a ferocious snake. But more interesting than the mythology is the metallurgical skills of the ironsmith who produced this puzzle cast in iron.

Overnight at hotel (B).



04 DEC'24 : DELHI TO AGRA

After breakfast drive to Agra, on arrival check in at hotel

Two great Mughal monarchs, Akbar and Shah Jahan, transformed the little village of Agra into a befitting second capital of the Mughal Empire - giving it the name Dar-ul-Khilafat (seat of the Emperor). Today, a visitor to Agra is caught up in a world of contrasting edifices of red sandstone and white marble, narrow gullies and quaint buggies, and that irresistible charm that this favorite city of the Mughals still retains.

Afternoon visit the **Taj Mahal**. 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 neighboring 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 important place of pilgrimage since the empress died in childbirth making her a martyr.

Later visit mighty **Agra Fort**. 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. 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, have a magical view of the Taj Mahal across the river Yamuna

Overnight at hotel (B).



05 DEC'24 : AGRA TO BHARATPUR ENROUTE VISIT FATEHPUR SIRKI

Morning after breakfast you will drive 56 kms approx. to **Bharatpur**; while driving towards **Bharatpur** you will stop at to visit the abandoned city of **Fatehpur Sikri**.

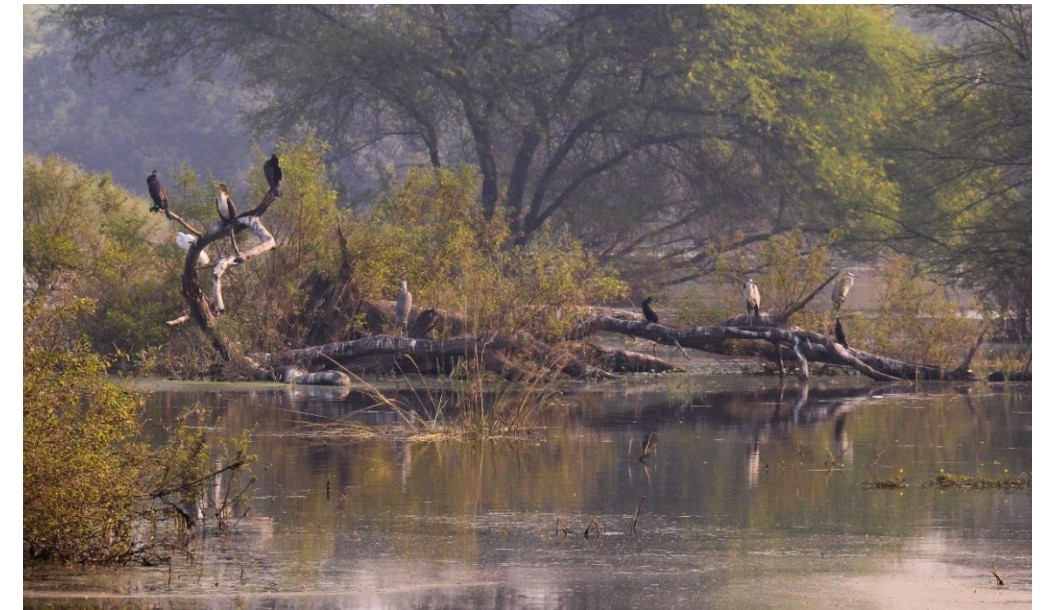
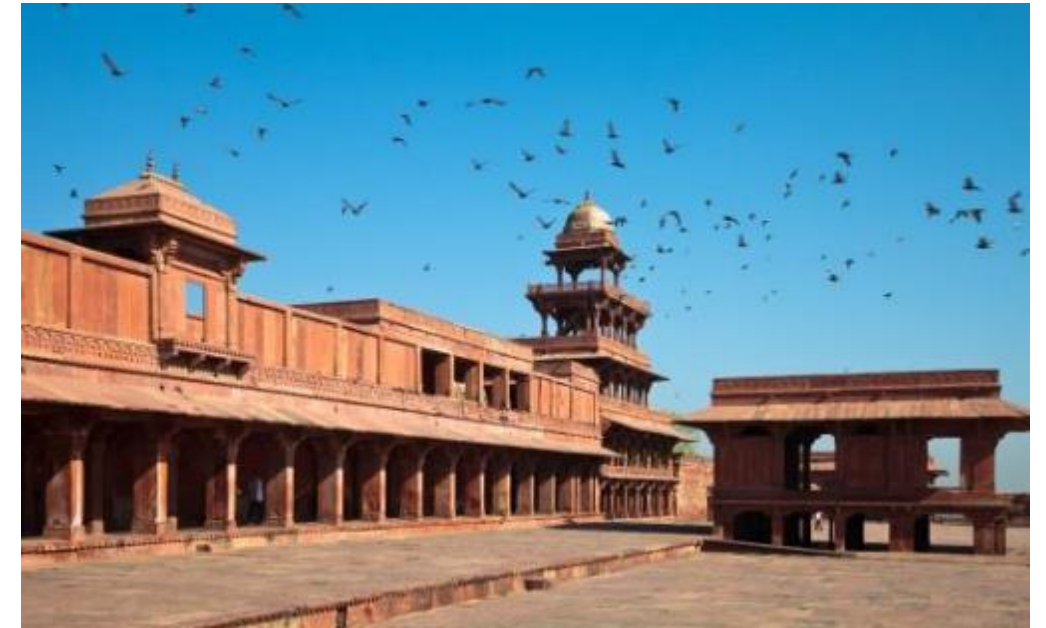
Keoladeo National Park, formerly known as the Bharatpur Bird Sanctuary. Declared a UNESCO World Heritage listed site in 1985, the park attracts of hundreds indigenous as well as migratory birds including the renowned Siberian crane.

Today, afternoon, spend time exploring the Keoladeo National Park.

The area is spread over a 29 kms space and was declared a protected sanctuary in 1971. It is also a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Over 230 species of birds are known to have made the bird park their home. The sanctuary is one of the richest bird areas in the country and Asia. It is known for the nesting of its resident birds and the visiting migratory birds, including water birds. The rare Siberian cranes used to come to this park in the winter for breeding.

The sound of relaxing and soothing forest birds, green nature and fresh air is a great start to any day.

Overnight at hotel (B).



06 DEC'24 : BHARATPUR TO JAIPUR ENROUTE VISIT ABHANERI STEPWELLS

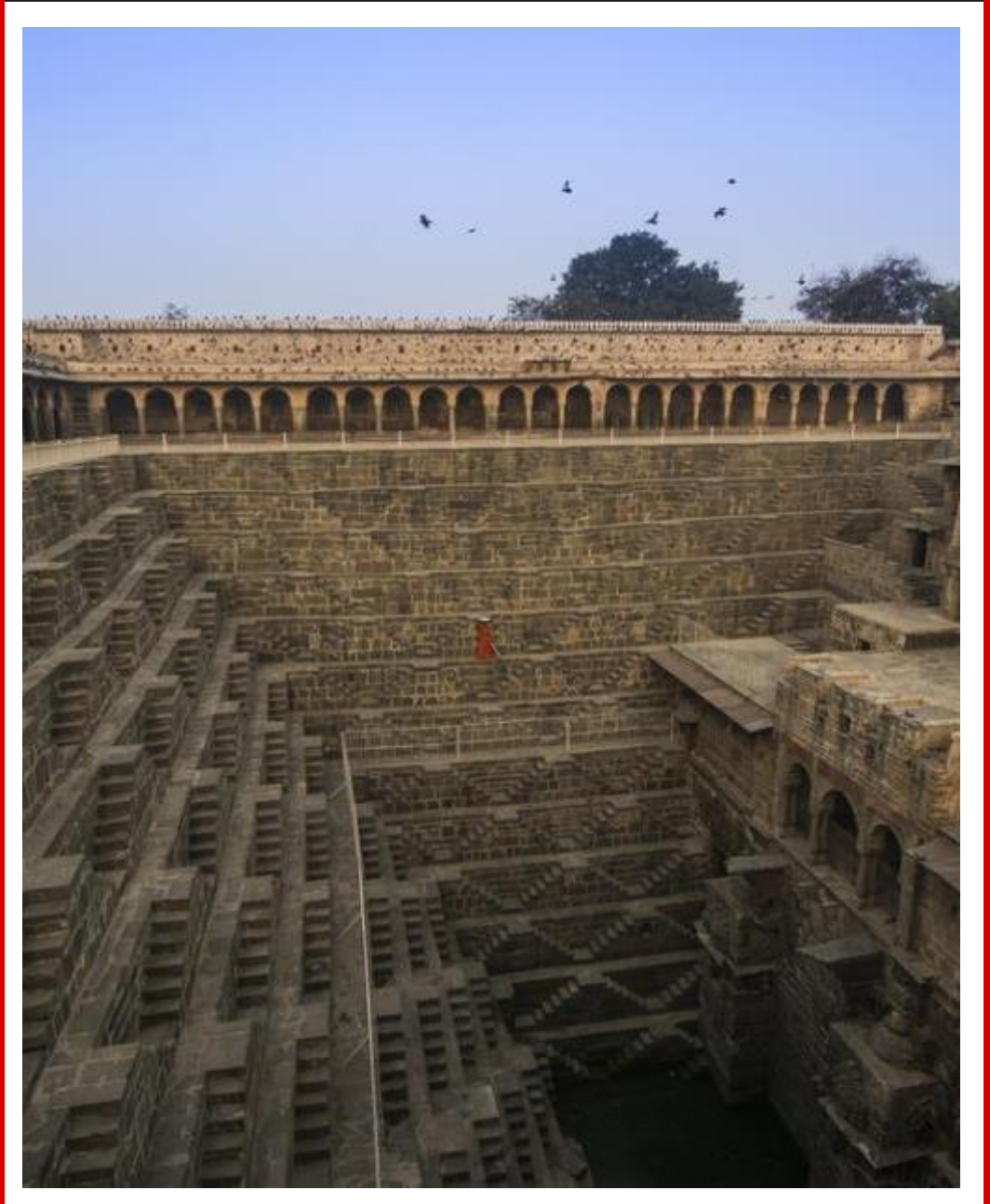
Morning after breakfast you will drive 186 kms approx. to Jaipur; while driving towards Jaipur you will stop at **Abhaneri village**, to see the Chand Baori stepwells which date back to the 11th century.

Rajasthan has many such tanks which served as community centers. These step wells are marvels of architecture, with steps and carvings all the way down to the water. But at about 64 feet deep, Chand Baoli is India's largest and deepest stepwells with 13 floors and was built in the 9th century for water harvesting. The baori has a precise geometrical pattern, hard to find in this age. The steps form a magical maze and the consequent play of light and shadow on the structure gives it a captivating look and offers opportunity for some amazing photography.

Continue to Jaipur, known as the 'Pink City' for the colour of the buildings in the old town.

Jaipur was founded in 1727 as Mughal power within India was declining. The then Maharaja Jai Singh moved his capital from Amer Fort down onto the plain below. The city is now the capital of Rajasthan State and commonly called the 'Pink City' because of the pink paint on all the buildings in the old city area. This was apparently done to imitate the magnificent, red sandstone buildings of the Mughals and in an attempt to impress the Prince of Wales when he visited Jaipur in 1876.

Overnight at hotel (B).



07 DEC'24 : IN JAIPUR

You have a full day of sightseeing ahead you.

When prince, soldier and astronomer Sawai Jai Singh II built the pink harmonious city of Jaipur in 1727, he did it in accordance with a treatise on town planning and architecture, the Shilpa Shastra that is timely even today. In 1876, the Prince of Wales and Queen Victoria visited India on a tour. Since pink denotes the color of hospitality, Maharaja Ram Singh of Jaipur painted the whole city pink in colour to welcome the guests. It was then that Lord Albert exclaimed Jaipur to be a 'Pink City', and hence the name. Today many establishments and buildings still sport this colour and the name has stuck.

You start with a visit to **Amber Fort**. 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. Inside the Fort you must visit the Jagmandir or the ‘Hall of Victory’. Inside the Jagmandir is the famous *Sheesh Mahal* – ‘Mirror Palace’ - a room with all the four walls and ceiling completely embedded with glittering mirror pieces, which were specially imported from Belgium during that period.



In the afternoon visit the sprawling **City Palace**, a superb marriage of the Rajput and Mughal styles of architecture. The seven storied Chandra Mahal (Moon Palace) is a sprawling complex with multiple courtyards, public buildings, astronomical observatory and zenana mahals (harems). Within the palace complex are several museums; including an interesting textile gallery exhibiting a fine selection of textiles and costumes from the royal collection.

From the City Palace you enter the extraordinary “**Jantar Mantar**”, the astronomical observatory built by Raja Sawai Jai Singh II in 1827. Roughly translated the name means “The Formula of Instruments”. This is one of five observatories he built in northern India. The instruments resembling massive futuristic structures are actually highly sophisticated instruments which are accurate even today.

Then drive through the busy streets for a photography stop at **Hawa Mahal**, the ornate pink façade an icon of the city. This five storied high “screen” composed of projected windows, balconies protected by fine latticed screens was destined to enable the ladies of the harem to observe the lively street scenes of the city from a position of privacy.

Stop at famous **Johari bazaar** (famous for its jewels and saris), the Tripolia Bazaar (with bronzes, sculptures and lacquer objects), the Babu Bazaar (renowned for its perfumes and textiles) and Chandpol Bazaar (pottery and bracelets).

You return to your hotel by evening.

Overnight at hotel (B)



GALA EVENING AT DIGGI PALACE

PROGRAMME:

- * Arrive at Ganesh Pol – the main entrance of the Palace
- * Special Welcome with the dhol, and are showered with flower petals as they are guided towards the Gol Chukkar- a circular fountain where traditionally decorated elephants and horses with mounted cavalrymen await the guests along with Fire-Pot Chari dancers.
- * Proceed into the Palace and greeted with traditional garlands and the tikka ceremony; non-alcoholic welcome refreshments are served.
- * Guests are guided to the Durbar Mahal to celebrate Lakshmi Puja – they can participate in some of the rituals, and get to meet the Diggi Family in traditional Indian attire.
- * Outside the Durbar Mahal, will be a display of fireworks; and sparklers are handed out to guests who are interested!
- * Guests are guided towards the dinner venue, to enjoy a candle-lit dinner
- * A 45 minute traditional cultural programme is organised for the guests. During the cultural event, guests may place orders for drinks (chargeable) and snacks. Orders will be served at the tables.
- * The sumptuous spread includes a Buffet dinner, Live Counters for Barbeque / Stir Fry English Vegetables with Organic Herbs and Oregano / Live Roomali Roti and Local Millet Bread (Bajra / Makka)
- * Live Dessert with Jalebi Making. Guests can serve themselves according to their convenience.
- * Display of hawai or aatish-baazi for about 10 minutes after the cultural show
- * Tea and Coffee served
- * With the evening coming to a wonderful finish, guests return to the hotel.



08 DEC'24 : JAIPUR TO DELHI

After breakfast, depart Jaipur and drive towards Delhi (approx. 5 – 5.5 hours).

Rest of the day is at leisure.

Overnight at hotel (B).

09 DEC'24 : DEPART DELHI

After breakfast, you would be transferred to the international airport to board your flight back home.

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As we journeyed through these romantic lands, we hope that you fell in love just as much as we do with the beauty of our country.

End of the tour



OVERALL HIGHLIGHTS:

- Cycle Rickshaw ride in Old Delhi
- Capture the romance of the immortal Taj Mahal
- Mohabat The Taj Cultural Show at Kalakrit Cultural Centre, Agra
- Visit to Bharatpur Bird Sanctuary by Cycle/Battery operated Rickshaws
- Jeep ride at Amber Fort
- Gala Dinner at Diggi Palace, Jaiupur
- Farewell gift