

# **India Explorer Rajasthan and Mumbai**

Delhi- Agra- Jaipur- Udaipur- Mumbai October 2024- March 2025 (Flexible)

Our journeys are inspired by our heritage, knowledge and passion for this culturally rich, soul stirring, awe inspiring country. Very few tours take you in the heartlands of India. On this journey, you will see magnificent forts, iconic monuments, spiritual places and a uniquely modern but traditionally balanced lifestyle. You will interact with locals, learn about spices and cooking, taste diverse food to immerse yourself in Indian culture. aaRna journeys prides in giving you well rounded one of a kind experiences and will WOW you on the journey of a lifetime!

# **Journey Inclusions & Highlights:**

- > Accommodation in 5 star hotels
- ➤ All Breakfasts
- Additional lunches & dinner as per program
- English speaking tour guides throughout
- ➤ Air conditioned vehicles with driver
- > Tour of Old Delhi on rickshaws
- Visit to a spice market in old Delhi
- Private cooking lessons of north Indian cuisine
- Marvel timeless beauty of Taj Mahal
- ➤ Immerse in to Sunrise Yoga with view of Taj Mahal
- ➤ Boat ride on lake Pichola
- > Walk and interact with majestic elephants
- Rooftop dinner
- Visit to Dharavi slum and morning market in Mumbai
- Explore famous shopping areas of Mumbai

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#### DAY 1, ARRIVE DELHI

Arrive Delhi by International flight. After crossing immigration, customs and baggage claim, you will be received by aaRna Journeys representative in the arrival hall for hotel transfer.

**Overnight**: The Imperial (Heritage Room)

Meals : None

## DAY 2, DELHI

After a relaxed breakfast, our local expert will take us on a guided tour of Old Delhi.

To get a real feel of this area we will take a **Rickshaw ride** in the busy and narrow streets of the mile long **Chandni Chowk**, surrounded by shops and bazaars. Our guide will take you through the famous food streets and the biggest **Spice market** – existing for centuries and now known for its wholesale groceries. Later visit the largest mosque of Old Delhi- **Jama Masjid** with its tapering minarets and marble dome

Lunch: at a Heritage haveli in Old Delhi





This afternoon, visit the **Humayun's Tomb**. This tomb, built for the second Mughal emperor who launched a great Mughal architectural legacy. Set in peaceful surrounds, the tomb features an artful combination of red sandstone and white marble showcasing symmetry and scale.





Overnight : The Imperial Meals : Breakfast & Lunch



#### DAY 3. **DELHI**

## **Morning Free**

11 AM Be a part of an Organized cooking session, where you could smell, taste and use some of the ingredients that you will find in the cuisine as you travel through the country, and learn the rich legacy of spices! This will be at a local home, where you can engage with your host and prepare some simple, homely dishes for lunch.

Later afternoon, visit Khan Market, a happening shopping area to pick up gifts and knickknacks. You may visit stores such as Fabindia, Good Earth, Anokhi and Cottons



**Overnight** : The Imperial : Breakfast & Lunch Meals

**DAY 4: DELHI-AGRA** 

After breakfast, drive to Agra (4 hours)

Proceed for a visit of the **Agra Fort**, strategically situated along a bend on the Yamuna River. Built 16th century AD by three generations of Mughal emperors, it is a superb synthesis of stern military fortifications with delicate interior details.

: ITC Mughal (Mughal Chamber) Overnight

Meals : Breakfast

**AGRA-JAIPUR** DAY 5,

Sunrise Yoga at the gardens overlooking the Taj

This morning, enjoy a sunrise visit to the incomparable Taj Mahal. Experience the sublimity of the Taj Mahal - a varying kaleidoscope of solitude, color and mood. A tribute from a great emperor to the memory of his beloved wife, it was 22 years in the making (1631-1653) and is a cerebral experience that defies description.

Later, we continue our journey to the first 'Pink" city of India - Jaipur (4.5 hours) renowned for its glorious architecture.

:ITC Rajputana (Executive Club Room) **Overnight** 

Meals : Breakfast & Packed Lunch





# DAY 6, JAIPUR

After breakfast, you are taken for a half day tour of Jaipur including a visit to the **City Palace**, home of the royal family, and its excellent private museums that display royal memorabilia, particularly armaments, art, books, costumes and textiles. Stroll to the adjacent **Jantar Mantar** or Astronomical Observatory built in 1726 by the Maharaja of Jaipur. It is one of five such astronomical wonders built by Sawai Jai Singh that makes accurate predictions even to this day.



Afternoon Free to relax and look at some gems and textiles

Overnight : ITC Rajputana Meals : Breakfast

# DAY 7 JAIPUR

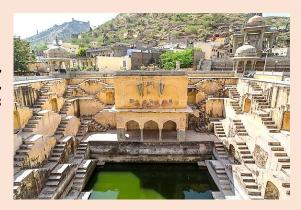






This morning, we visit **Amber Fort**, the ancient capital that preceded Jaipur. Founded in the 11th century and expanded in size and scope by succeeding dynasties and their rulers, Amber is a fortress town of visual majesty. We ride in jeeps up to its imposing hilltop location and explore the fort's wondrous maze of passages, corridors, pavilions, ornamental gardens and ramparts.

Before that, visit a most **Spectacular Stepwell**, **Panna Meena Ka Kund**, then into the fort where, among other things, you will see many elephants carrying people up the steep entrance



Later in the afternoon, visit a Camp, located at the foothills of the Aravali Range and surrounded by the wilderness of a reserved forest. A local family who themselves reside in the area organize "Rhythm with the elephant". The guests would get to **Interact with the elephants**. This will be followed by '**Farm to Table**' **Lunch experience**. We can walk in the wilderness with our resident rescued elephants accompanied by our in-house naturalists and feeding them. This will end at the forest clearing where you have dinner







Overnight : ITC Rajputana Meals : Breakfast & Dinner



# DAY 8, JAIPUR-UDAIPUR

You will be transferred to the Jaipur airport for your flight to Udaipur

Indigo 6E 7465, 0645-0740 hours (economy class) Indigo 6E 7748, 1735-1850 hours (economy class)

On arrival you will be assisted check-in at your hotel (Check in time 1400 hours)





5:00PM This evening, enjoy a shared boat cruise on Lake Pichola, visiting Jagmandir Island and taking in the heady lakeside vistas (subject to water levels)

Overnight : <u>Taj Fateh Prakash Palace</u> (Palace Room)

Meals : Breakfast

DAY 9 UDAIPUR

After breakfast, you can spend the morning exploring the City Palace, a series of interconnected palaces that reveal private apartments, airy gardens on the upper floors, paintings and portraits, and a miniature painting gallery. You might also like to a walk through the local markets. *Afternoon Free* 



Overnight Taj Fateh Prakash Palace Meals Breakfast



#### DAY 10 UDAIPUR-MUMBAI

Transfer to the airport to board your flight to Mumbai **Udaipur-Mumbai** 

Indigo Air 6E 5185, 0830-0950 hours (economy class) Vistara UK 614, 1420-1555 hours (economy class)

Overnight : The Oberoi (Premier Bay View Room)

Meals : Breakfast

### DAY 11, MUMBAI

Visit **Dharavi** and get a quick glimpse into the heart of small-scale industry in Mumbai. Known to many as 'one of the largest slums in Asia', it houses about one million of Mumbai's inhabitants and its industries have an annual turnover of approximately US\$ 665 million.





In the afternoon, enjoy a driving tour of the heritage buildings in the throbbing Kala Ghoda Art District of Colaba and the age-old historic Dockyard Road. Visit Victoria Terminus, a historic railway terminus and UNESCO World Heritage Site and an outstanding example of Victorian Gothic Revival architecture, blended with themes deriving from Indian traditional architecture.

#### Afternoon Free

Overnight : The Oberoi Meals : Breakfast

DAY 12 DEPART MUMBAI

Room is available till 12 noon. You will be transferred to the airport for your flight home.

**Meals: Breakfast** 

Price US\$ 5590/- per person on twin share basis

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#### **PRICE INCLUSIONS:**

- Accommodation for 11 nights in 4 & 5\* hotels
- Meals as specified in the itinerary Breakfast on all days
- Transportation using an air-conditioned vehicle with driver
- Domestic bottled mineral water in the vehicles during transfers
- Assistance at airport/railway station and for check in/check out at all locations
- Services of a local English speaking guide
- All entrances and activities as per the program (single visit)
- Domestic airfare on economy class on the sector Jaipur-Udaipur-Mumbai
- All currently applicable taxes

#### PRICE EXCLUSIONS:

- International airfare, visa fees, airport tax or any kind of insurance cover
- Any meals other than in inclusions
- Drinks of any nature, any other meals than those mentioned in the itinerary
- Tips or gratuities of any sort.
- Any car arrangements on free days
- Still and video camera fee at monuments
- Items of personal nature like drinks, laundry, telephone calls, tips, camera fees etc
- Liability for change in itinerary due to reasons beyond our control like change in flight and train schedule; cancellation of flights, political disturbances, natural phenomenon,
- Any other item not specifically mentioned above as 'INCLUDED'
- Any increase to current government GST

#### **GENERAL CONDITIONS:**

- The price are on Per Person basis in US\$
- Check-in time is 1400hrs and Check-Out time is 1100hrs
- All prices are subject to any revision of tax and tariff structure
- Itinerary based on current air schedules, may be subject to change
- Domestic flights allow 15 kgs check in and 7 kgs hand baggage only

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