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MAHABALIPURAM – PONDICHERRY – CHENNAI**

23 days trip starting from \$3150 per person

Your experiences of best of India journey will fire your imagination. Capture stunning images of Forts & Palaces , hunting grounds of old Maharaja's where Royal Tigers are said to frequent the ruins, Iconic and Legendary Taj Mahal , History dates back to 02nd Century, Sublime Beaches , Shore Temples as well as bustling chowks and Bazaars , Eco friendly Hotels & Resorts set in luxurious Gardens and in tranquil surroundings are some of the iconic features of this program.

DAY 01: DELHI

Arrive at Delhi's Indira Gandhi International airport & meet our representative. Transfer to hotel. Check-in at the hotel. Rest of the day at leisure. Overnight stay at the hotel.

DAY 02: DELHI

After breakfast, morning half day city tour of Old Delhi visiting Raj Ghat - The Mausoleum of Mahatma Gandhi. Jama Masjid - the biggest Mosque in India and drive past Red Fort and tricycle tour of Chandani Chowk. Afternoon, half day city tour of New Delhi visiting drive past President House, Parliament House (House of Representatives) and India Gate - War Memorial (stop for photography), Qutab Minar - 72.55 meters, high Victory Tower, Humayun's Tomb - built of red sandstone and is a first substantial example of the Mughal architecture. If time permits visit Bahai Temple (lotus temple). Overnight stay at the hotel.

DAY 03: DELHI – AGRA (225 KMS – 3½ HRS)

After breakfast, check out from the hotel and leave for Agra by surface stopping enroute at a restaurant for refreshment. Upon arrival in Agra, check-in at the hotel. Later, sightseeing tour visiting the world-famous Taj Mahal built by Emperor Shah Jahan in 1630 in memory of his beloved wife, Queen Mumtaz Mahal, to enshrine her Mortal remains. visit Agra Fort built by the Emperor Akbar reflecting the skills of the ancient Indian Architects. Visit Tomb of Itmad-ud-Daullah, built by Empress Noorjehan in memory of her father. Overnight stay at the hotel.

DAY 04: AGRA – FATEHPUR SIKRI – RANTHAMBHORE (300 KMS – 06 HRS)

After breakfast, check out from the hotel and leave for Ranthambhore by surface. Enroute visit Fatehpur - Sikri (40 kms. from Agra) – once the capital of Mughal Empire and abandoned after 15 years due to scarcity of water. Its fortifications and Palaces are in a wonderful state of preservation.

Arrive at Ranthambhore and check in at the hotel. Time to relax.

Welcome to Sawai Madhopur and the beautiful 10th century fort of Ranthambore. Surrounded by the Ranthambore National Park – A Project Tiger reserve, the imposing ramparts of the fort soar above they too have tales to tell. Overnight stay at the hotel.

DAY 05: RANTHAMBHORE

Early morning, visit the national park. Afternoon, visit the national park again. Overnight stay at hotel.

DAY 06: RANTHAMBHORE – JAIPUR (180 KMS – 03 HRS)

After breakfast, check out from the hotel and leave for Jaipur by surface. Visit to Amber Fort – the ancient capital of the state until 1728. Ascend on the elephant's up back the hill on which the fort is situated. Arrive at Jaipur and check in at the hotel. Time to relax. Overnight stay at the hotel.

DAY 07: JAIPUR

After breakfast, sightseeing tour of Jaipur visiting City Palace, Museum, Hawa Mahal, Ram Niwas Garden and drive past the pink Rose Residential and business areas of Jaipur. Late afternoon, explore the colorful bazaars of Jaipur where one can shop for Jewellery, Paintings, block prints, textiles, carpets, brassware, blue pottery etc. Overnight stay at the hotel.

DAY 08: JAIPUR – UDAIPUR (BY AIR)

After breakfast, check out from the hotel and transfer to airport for flight to Udaipur. Arrive at Udaipur airport and transfer to the hotel. Arrive and check – in at the hotel.

Late afternoon, enjoy the boat ride in Lake Pichola with sunset view. Overnight stay at the hotel.

DAY 09: UDAIPUR

After breakfast, sightseeing of Udaipur by visiting –

The stunning City Palace, a marble complex that offers unforgettable views of the lake and its surroundings. It is in all its ancient glory, the residence of the Maharajas of Udaipur. It has several carved balconies, arches and decorated pillars, continue to the Crystal Gallery in Fateh Prakash Palace. Visit Saheliyon Ki Bari (Garden of the Maids of Honour) famous for its spectacular lawns, fountains and shady walks before returning to the hotel. Overnight stay at the hotel.

DAY 10: UDAIPUR – MUMBAI (BY AIR)

After breakfast, check out from the hotel and transfer to airport for flight to Mumbai. Arrive at Mumbai airport and transfer to the hotel. Arrive and check – in at the hotel.

Time to relax. Overnight stay at the hotel.

DAY 11: MUMBAI

Breakfast at the hotel and time at leisure.

Afternoon, half day city tour visiting the Gateway of India – an 85-foot-high arch whose design reflects India's Muslim and Hindu traditions. Visit the Prince of Wales Museum housing collection of Indo Saracenic architecture, Flora Fountain, Victoria Terminus, St. Thomas Cathedral, Crawford Market, Malabar Hill, Hanging Gardens and Mani Bhawan – a museum dedicated to the life and works of Mahatma Gandhi. Overnight stay at the hotel.

DAY 12: MUMBAI – BANGALORE (BY AIR)

After breakfast, check out from the hotel and transfer to airport for flight to Bangalore. Arrive at Bangalore airport and transfer to the hotel. Arrive and check – in at the hotel.

Afternoon, half day city tour visiting Vidhan Soudha a four storeyed spacious granite structure in the Neo Dravidian style. Housing the legislative chambers of the State Government, this 46 mtrs. high seat of the Government is Bangalore's best-known landmark. Visit the Lal Bagh – the garden spread over 240 acres and one of the best botanical gardens in the country, a paradise with rare trees brought from Persia, Afghanistan and France. Overnight stay at the hotel.

DAY 13: BANGALORE – MYSORE (150 KMS – 3½ HRS)

After early breakfast, check out from the hotel and leave for Mysore by surface, enroute visiting Srirangapatnam. Arrive at Mysore and check – in at the hotel.

Later, city tour of Mysore visiting Maharaja's Palace and Museum - built in the Indo-Saracenic style. It's an imposing structure standing the heart of the city and is one of the largest of its kind in India. It was formerly the residence of Wodeyar family. The Palace is a breath-taking sight particularly on Sundays & public holidays when it is illuminated. Visit the capital of warrior – King Hyder Ali & his son Tipu Sultan, has magnificent monuments that are well worth a visit. Also visit Golden royal Elephant and Durbar Hall. Visit Chamundi Hills – Right on the top of the hill is the temple of Goddess Chamundeshwari – family deity Mysore royal family and then visit Brindavan Gardens – Witness the exuberant beauty of Brindavan Gardens. Overnight stay at the hotel.

DAY 14: MYSORE – BANGALORE AIRPORT (200 KMS – 04 HRS) – KOCHI (BY AIR)

After early breakfast, check out from the hotel and leave for Bangalore airport for flight to Kochi. Arrive at Kochi airport and transfer to the hotel. Check in at the hotel.

Evening, witness the Kathakali Dance Programme. Overnight stay at the hotel.

DAY 15: KOCHI – KUMARAKOM (50 KMS – 1½ HRS)

After breakfast, check out from the hotel and sightseeing of Kochi –

Visit the Jewish Synagogue, built in 1568 AD and decorated with copper plates bearing the Hebrew script and hand painted Chinese tiles. The Ancient Catholic Church at Malayathur is dedicated to St. Thomas. Visit St. Francis Church in Fort cochin, built originally by the Portuguese in 1510 AD and is believed to be the first church built by Europeans in India. Vasco-da-Gama was originally buried here but forty years later his mortal remains were taken to Portugal. Also, visit the Mattan-Cherry Palace also called the Dutch Palace built by the Portuguese and presented to the King of Cochin in 1555 AD.

After Kochi sightseeing, leave for Kumarakom by surface. Arrive at Kumarakom and check in at the hotel. In evening, enjoy the sunset with boat cruise in Lake Vembanad. Overnight stay at the hotel.

DAY 16: KUMARAKOM – KOVALAM (175 KMS – 4½ HRS)

Morning, enjoy the boat cruise and bird watching at Pathiramanal Island , paradise for nature lovers . It is reachable from Muhamma boat Jetty. After breakfast, check out from the hotel and leave for Kovalam by surface. Arrive at Kovalam and check in at the hotel. Time to relax or stroll at the beautiful beach of Kovalam. Overnight stay at the hotel.

DAY 17: KOVALAM

After breakfast, checkout from hotel and leave for Agra by surface. Enroute visit Fatehpur - Sikri (40 kms. from Agra) - once the capital of Mughal Empire and abandoned after 15 years due to scarcity of water. Its fortifications and Palaces are in a wonderful state of preservation. Upon arrival at Agra, check-in at the hotel. Rest of the day at leisure. Overnight stay at the hotel.

DAY 18: KOVALAM – TRIVANDRUM (20 KMS – ½ HR) – CHENNAI (BY AIR) – MAHABALIPURAM (55 KMS – 01 HR)

After breakfast, check out from the hotel and transfer to Trivandrum airport for flight to Chennai. Enroute visit Padmanabhaswamy Temple. Across the world, the Sree Padmanabhaswamy Temple is renowned for its beauty and grandeur. Dedicated to Lord Vishnu, it is one of the 108 sacred Vishnu temples or 'Divya Deshams' in India. The great King of Travancore, Marthanda Varma is said to have done the renovation work that we see today

Arrive at Chennai airport and leave for Mahabalipuram by surface. Arrive at Mahabalipuram and check in at the hotel. Time to relax and stroll on the beautiful beach of Mahabalipuram. Overnight stay at the hotel.

DAY 19: MAHABALIPURAM – PONDICHERRY (95 KMS – 1½ HRS)

After breakfast, check out from the hotel and sightseeing of Mahabalipuram.

Visit the stunning rock carvings of Mahabalipuram. The remaining Shore Temple is a World Heritage Monument. There is also spectacular Five Rathas (chariots) ceremonial chariots, rock-cut monoliths, the Shore Temple by the sea and excellent sculptures that surround it.

After that, leave for Pondicherry by surface. Arrive at Pondicherry and check in at the hotel. Time to relax. Overnight stay at the hotel.

DAY 20: PONDICHERRY

After breakfast, sightseeing of Pondicherry –

Explore the extensive Ashram of Sri Aurobindo. Visit the Matri Mandir at Auroville. In evening, see the sunset at beach side. Overnight stay at the hotel.

DAY 21: PONDICHERRY – CHENNAI (155 KMS – 3½ HRS)

After breakfast, check out from the hotel and leave for Chennai by surface. Arrive at Chennai and check – in at the hotel. Time to relax. Overnight stay at the hotel.

DAY 22: CHENNAI

After breakfast, half day city tour by visiting, Fort St. George, built in 1640. The fort was the first bastion of the British East India Company in southern India; today, it houses the Secretariat and the Legislative Assembly of Tamil Nadu. See St. Mary's Church, consecrated in 1680 and one of the oldest British buildings in India. Explore the National Art Gallery whose exhibits feature all major South Indian periods, including the Chola, Vijayanagar, Hoysala and Chalukya. Continue to Kapaleeswara temple, the biggest in Chennai, noted for its beautifully carved gopuram (monumental tower). Stop at the peaceful Portuguese-built Santhome Cathedral, named after St. Thomas the Apostle, whose tomb is said to be beneath the basilica. Finish the day at Marina Beach at sunset. Overnight stay at the hotel.

DAY 23: CHENNAI

Breakfast at the hotel. Full day at leisure. Late check out from the hotel.

Evening transfer to hotel near airport for dinner and then transfer to international airport to fly back home / onward destination.



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