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Heart of India with Varanasi

**DELHI – JAIPUR – FATEHPUR SIKRI – AGRA – GWALIOR – ORCHHA
KHAJURAHO – VARANASI – DELHI**

14 days trip starting from \$1970 per person

To take a fast glimpse of India, the Golden triangle is the most preferred tour. Northern India conjures up memorable and colourful images including Delhi, Agra, and Jaipur. You will witness the fast-developing Capital of India- Delhi, the most romantic building in the World, The Taj Mahal, Fatehpur Sikri, the finest preserved deserted city in India and The Pink City of Jaipur, home to the wonderful former Maharaja Palace and splendid hilltop Amber Palace.

Gwalior, famous for its marvellous palaces, old temples, and the Medieval fort. Being the birthplace of the great musician Tansen, the city is also highlighted for its majestic history and rich cultural heritage. Khajuraho, a UNESCO world heritage site, best known for its rich historical charm, which shades of 85 Hindu, Jain, and Buddhist temples, the Khajuraho Group of Monuments enjoy fame for stunning nagara-style architecture and erotic sculptures that grace the temples to see all of life – JOY, LOVE, DIVINITY and WAR.

Lying on the banks of the holy River Ganges, breathes Varanasi, – many names of this city -Kashi, Banaras, Varanasi ...which is believed to be the oldest living city in the world. For centuries, the Hindus believed that dying here and getting cremated along the banks of Ganges allows one to break the cycle of re-birth and attain salvation. With intimate rituals of life and death being parallelly performed on the Ghats, walk through the busy alleyways, or watch the sunrise from a boat for an unforgettable experience.

DAY 01: DELHI

Arrive at Indira Gandhi International airport at Delhi and 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, 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. 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 – JAIPUR (258 KMS – 4½ HRS)

After breakfast, check out from the hotel and leave for Jaipur by surface. Enroute visit Amber Fort – remarkable for the majestic grandeur of its surroundings as for its sturdy battlements and beautiful palaces. Climb up to the fort on the back of an Elephant or by jeep.

Jaipur – the pink city of India. The capital of Rajasthan was given a colour coat of pink, a century ago in the honour of a visiting Prince, ever since it has retained the pink colour.

Upon arrival at Jaipur, check-in at the hotel. Overnight stay at the hotel.

DAY 04: JAIPUR

Post breakfast, local city tour visiting City Palace - where the former Maharaja still resides in a part of it but rest now serves as a museum. Also visit Jantar Mantar, an observatory built by a great astronomer Sawai Jai Singh onto drive past through Hawa Mahal (Palace of winds).

Late afternoon, explore the colourful bazaars of Jaipur where one can shop for Jewellery, Paintings, block prints, textiles, carpets, brassware, blue pottery etc.

Overnight stay at the hotel.

DAY 05: JAIPUR –FATEHPUR SIKRI – AGRA (242 KMS – 4½ HRS)

After breakfast, checkout from hotel and leave for Agra by surface. Enroute visit Fatehpur Sikri – 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 hotel. Rest of the day at leisure. Overnight stay at the hotel.

DAY 06: AGRA

Post breakfast, visit the World-famous Taj Mahal, built by Mughal Emperor Shah Jehan in the year 1652 as a memorial for his beloved wife Mumtaz Mahal. It took 22 years to create this jewel.

Agra Fort - four successive rulers helped create this massive fort. Tomb of Itmad-ud-Daullah – built by Empress Noorjehan in memory of her father. Rest of the day at leisure. Overnight stay at hotel.

DAY 07: AGRA – GWALIOR (120 KMS – 2½ HRS)

Post breakfast, check out from the hotel and leave for Gwalior by surface. Upon arrival at Gwalior, check in at the hotel. Rest of the day at leisure. Overnight stay at the hotel.

DAY 08: GWALIOR

Post breakfast, city tour by visiting Gwalior Fort - A steep road winds upwards to the fort, flanked by statues of the jain tirthankaras, carved into the rock face. The magnificent outer walls of the fort still stand, two miles in length and 35 ft. high, bearing witness to its reputation for being one of the most invincible Forts of India. The imposing structure inspired Emperor Babur to describe it as the "the pearl amongst the fortresses of Hind". Within the Fort premises visit Man Mandir Palace- built between 1486 & 1517 by Raja Mansingh. Though the exquisite tiles that once adorned its floors can no more be seen, the rooms and vast chambers with fine stone screens stand testimony to its past glory and visit - the 9th century Teli Ka Mandir, towering 100 ft. high is a Pratihara Vishnu temple of a unique blending of architectural styles. The shape of the roof is distinctively Dravidin, while the decorative embellishments have the typically Indo- Aryan characteristics of northern India. Also dedicated to Vishnu is the graceful Sas- Bahu Ka Mandir built in the 11th century and onto Museum-the current residence of the Scindia family and about 35 rooms have been converted into Jivaji Roa Scindia Museum. The architecture is a combination of Italian, Tuscan and Corinthian styles. Eye-catching treasures that can be viewed here include a silver train with cutglass wagone, a glass cradle from Italy, arms and many personal moments of the Scindia Royal family.

Evening witness Son-et-Lumiere at Manmandir Palace at Fort. Overnight stay at the hotel.

DAY 09: GWALIOR – ORCHHA (125 KMS – 2½ HRS)

After breakfast, check out from the hotel and leave for Orchha by surface. Upon arrival at Orchha, check-in at the hotel. Later, visit Orchha – a city of Legends. Orchha was founded in the 16th century by the Bundela chieftain Rudra Pratap and was once the capital of one of the largest and most powerful Kingdoms of Central India. Jehangir Mahal built during 17th Century, Raj Mahal, Raj Praveen Mahal, Ram Raj Temple, Chaturbhuj Temple, Suner Mahal are some outstanding examples of architecture that dominated Bundelkhand.

Return to the hotel. Overnight stay at the hotel.

DAY 10: ORCHHA – KHAJURAHO (180 KMS – 3½ HRS)

After breakfast, check out from the hotel and leave for Khajuraho by surface. Upon arrival at Khajuraho, check-in at the hotel. Time to relax.

Khajuraho –was the first capital of pre-Mughal Chandela's, who rose to rule the region in the 09th Century. Ethereal, enchanting and erotic Khajuraho is more than just a temple town where a millennium of erotica captured in stones for the World to see, where love is divine and its expression sublime, a land where every stone has a tale to tell.

In evening, enjoy cultural show or witness Sound and Light Show. Overnight stay at the hotel.

DAY 11: KHAJURAHO

After breakfast, Temple tour of Khajuraho.

Morning, visit the world famous Chandela Temples. These cluster of temples depicting human passions famous for their erotic carvings - built in the 10th and 11th centuries AD. Of the 85 original temples, 22 still survive-a joyful ode to life, depicted some of the most exquisite specimens of Hindu architecture and sculpture. It Depict images of gods and goddesses, warriors and musicians, real and mythological animals. It is an appeal to the Celestial women and all her marriott moods- her playfulness, her seductive ways, her infinite beauty rendered with love and exquisite artisians for future generation to know and cherish. Of the two groups of temples - Western and Eastern - important temples to visit are - Kandariya Mahadev, Chaunsath Yogini, Chitragupta, Lakshmana, Devi Jagdamba, Parvati, Vishvanath Temple and Nandi, Paraswanath and Adinath.

Return to the hotel. Overnight stay at the hotel.

DAY 12: KHAJURAHO – VARANASI (BY AIR)

Post breakfast, check out from the hotel and transfer to the airport for flight to Varanasi. Upon arrival at Varanasi Airport, transfer to the hotel and check-in at the hotel.

Afternoon, visit to Sarnath – the holy shrine of the Buddhist where LORD BUDHA preached his first sermon after he had gained Enlightenment.

Return to the hotel and overnight stay at the hotel.

DAY 13: VARANASI – DELHI (BY AIR)

Rise early for a sunrise boat ride on the Ganges River to observe life along the ghats (stone steps leading down to the river), as locals and pilgrims come to cleanse themselves, literally and spiritually, in the sacred waters. Return to the hotel.

After breakfast, time to relax. Later, check out from the hotel and transfer to the airport for flight to Delhi. Upon arrival at Delhi airport, transfer to the hotel and check-in at the hotel.

Overnight stay at the hotel.

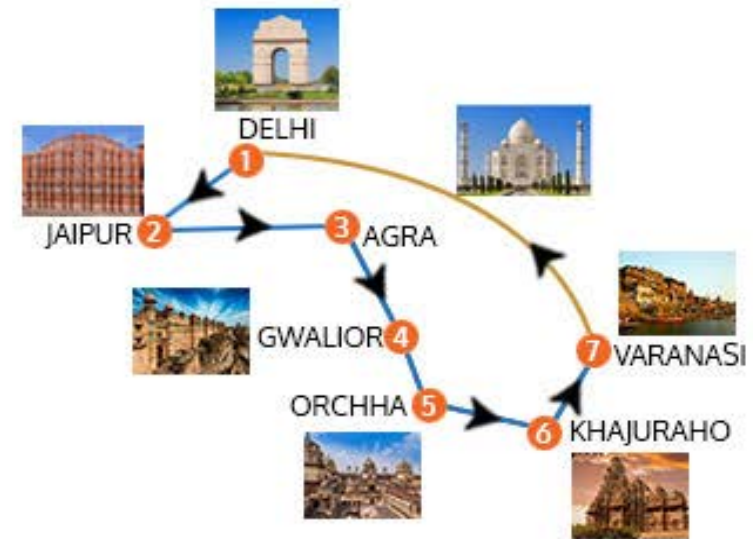
DAY 14: DELHI

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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