

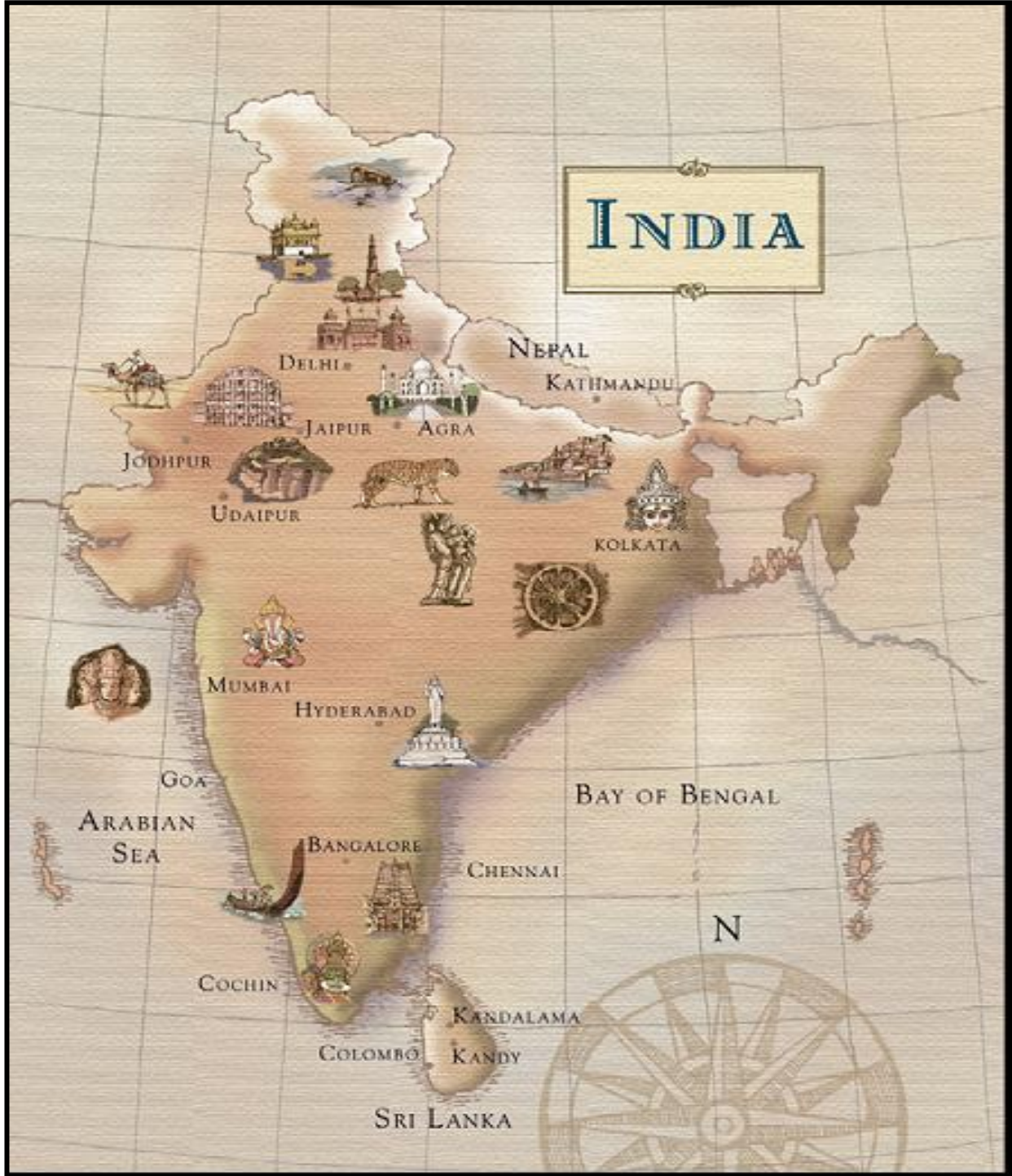


# An Invitation to Golden Triangle (Sample Program)





MAP OF INDIA





## THE TREASURES OF INDIA

### DESTINATION DELHI

India's capital and a major gateway to the country, contemporary **Delhi** is a bustling metropolis, which successfully combines in its folds - the ancient with the modern. It is the site of many ancient and medieval monuments, archaeological sites and remains. One of the most historic capitals in the world, Delhi is a treasure trove that reveals the ultimate combination of tradition and trends. A tour of Delhi will provide the visitor with much to see and admire from Mughal monuments to modern malls, from traditional arts and crafts to trendy fashion shows, from skyscrapers to parks and gardens.



### DESTINATION AGRA

The city of **Agra**, the quintessence of the grand Mughal era, reigns to this day in the public mind as the embodiment of royal grace, imposing architecture and power. Agra is globally renowned as the city of the Taj Mahal. But this royal Mughal city has, in addition to the legendary Taj, many monuments that epitomize the high point of Mughal architecture. No tour to India can be complete without paying a visit to this erstwhile capital of the Mughals and the city of the Taj Mahal, the world's most beloved monument. With its laidback lifestyle and its immense wealth of architecture, handicrafts and jewellery, Agra is amongst the most remarkable city of the world.

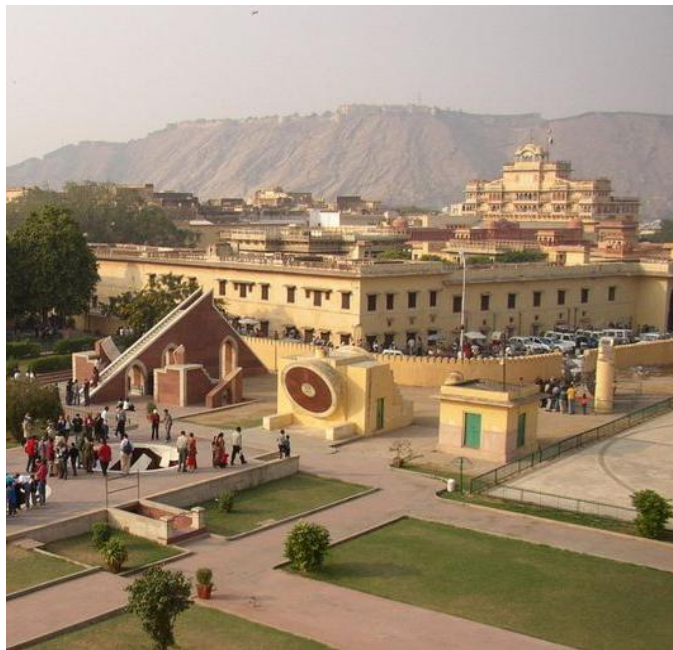




### **DESTINATION JAIPUR**

The vibrant capital of Rajasthan renowned for its forts and palaces is popularly known as the 'Pink City' because of the pink-colored buildings in its old city. An ideal base for touring the royal state, the city has the distinction of being the third jewel of India's "Golden Triangle". Its main claim to fame is that it is India's first 'planned' city built by the famous 18th century astronomer King Sawai Jai Singh II.

Its beautiful buildings including the City Palace, Amer Fort and the landmark Hawa Mahal are truly worth seeing. Browsing through the markets in Jaipur, where skilled craftsmen display jewellery, paintings, carvings and colourful textiles, is an enjoyable experience for tourists.





## TOUR PROGRAMME

### DAY 01: ARRIVE DELHI

#### **ARRIVAL:**

Arrive Delhi, the Indira Gandhi International Airport is a major gateway to India and is a vital link between India and rest of the globe. The International Terminal (Terminal II) has 35 airlines flying to major cities across the world. Following customs, immigration formalities and baggage collection, a Cox & Kings representative will meet you as you EXIT the ARRIVALS TERMINAL building.

#### **TRANSPORTATION:**

We will provide a 44 seater air-conditioned volvo for all transfers, sightseeing tours, excursions and drives from one destination to another. For comfortable seating each coach will seat a maximum of 40 pax. The Volvo Coach has a height of 3.80m, width of 2.55m and length of 13.0m. All seats are pushback fastened with seatbelts, an emergency exit door, and fully automatic climate unit with air-conditioning, roof-mounted heaters. These coaches have hydraulic suspension.



#### **SPECIAL SERVICES AT THE HOTEL**

##### **Traditional Welcome:**

Experience Indian warmth and hospitality as you are greeted with a Traditional Welcome at the hotel. The guests will be welcomed with garlands, followed by the 'Aarti' ceremony where the forehead is anointed with the traditional red 'tika' which is considered auspicious. Relax with a welcome drink following which proceed for check-in.

Overnight at the hotel.

### DAY 02: DELHI

**AM** Buffet breakfast at the hotel.

#### **Guided City Tour of Old Delhi**

Today, you will head for a guided city tour of the Old City of 'Shahjahanabad', founded by one of the greatest Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan. Your introduction to the city will be with a visit to **Raj Ghat** - the cremation site of Mahatma Gandhi, drive past the **Red Fort** - the magical monument in red sandstone, built at the pinnacle of the Mogul empire. From here proceed through the bustling streets to **Jama Masjid**, the largest mosque in Asia built by Shahjahan.



Experience a short **cycle rickshaw ride** through the narrow lanes of the Old Delhi market area.

**PM** Lunch at the Indian Speciality restaurant “CHOR BIZARE”

**Chor Bizarre** attempts to replicate a 'thieves market' packed with fascinating odds and ends, mismatched settings, out-of-place furnishings, and reassembled bits and pieces, innovatively displayed to create one of India's most visually dynamic restaurants (a branch of which is also in London. It is the only restaurant outside of the Kashmir valley that has access to the secrets of 'Wazwan' - the legendary ceremonial feast of 36 courses. It offers the complete eating out experience - great décor, distinct ambience enhanced by assorted Indian and Western 50's music, wondrous cocktails, superlative food and charming 'Old World' service.

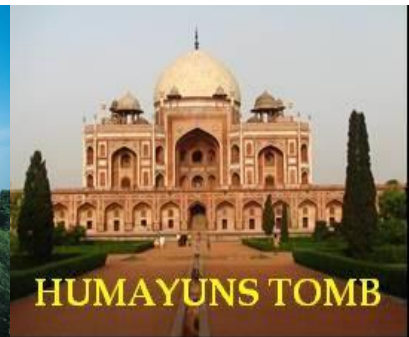
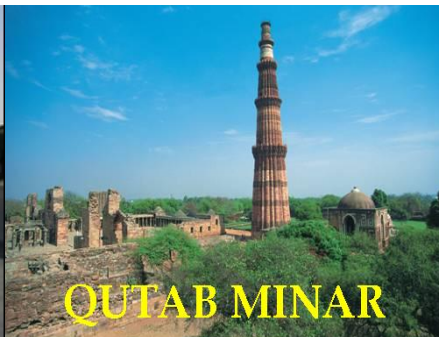
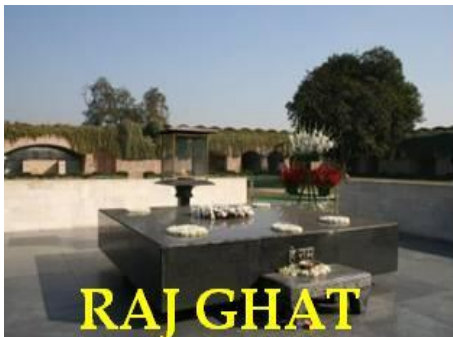
**PM** **Guided tour of New Delhi.**

Imperial Delhi is an area in Delhi, specifically New Delhi, named after the leading British architect Edwin Lutyens, who was responsible for much of the architectural design and building here when India was part of the British Empire.

Lutyens laid out the central administrative area of the city. At the heart of the city was the impressive Rashtrapati Bhawan, formerly known as Viceroy's House, located on the top of Raisina Hill. Drive past the Rashtrapati Bhawan – the President's Residence, the Parliament House – the Government headquarters and other Government buildings.

The **Qutb Minar** is tall, with 379 steps leading to the top. The diameter of the base is 14.3 meters, while the top floor measures 2.75 meters in diameter. Surrounding the building are many fine examples of Indian artwork from the time it was built in 1193. Built on the foundation of a Hindu temple, many elements of the construction reflect their Hindu and Jain origins. Within the complex, there are myriad monuments that combine both Islamic calligraphy and Hindu motifs.

**Humayun's Tomb** is a complex of buildings built as the Mughal Emperor Humayun's tomb, commissioned by Humayun's wife Hamida Banu Begum in 1562 CE, and designed by Mirak Mirza Ghiyath, a Persian architect. It was the first garden-tomb on the Indian subcontinent, and is located in Nizamuddin East, Delhi, India, close to the *Dina-panah* citadel also known as *Purana Qila*, that Humayun founded in 1533. The complex was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1993, and since then has undergone extensive restoration work, which is still underway.





Evening: Dinner at the hotel.

**“OPTIONAL” - Dinner at the speciality restaurant Spice Route.**

Heralded as one of the top ten restaurants in the world by Condé Nast Traveler, The Spice Route - serving Southeast Asian cuisine, has been designed to reflect the journey of spices from the Malabar Coast in Kerala through Sri Lanka, Malaysia and Indonesia to Thailand and Vietnam.



The Restaurant is an overwhelming visual depiction of the art and culture that travelled through these regions.

Overnight at the hotel

**DAY 03: DELHI - AGRA**

**Early AM** Tea / coffee at the hotel.

**AM** A Cox & Kings representative will meet & transfer you to railway station to board train to Agra.

Departure: Delhi  
Arrive: Agra

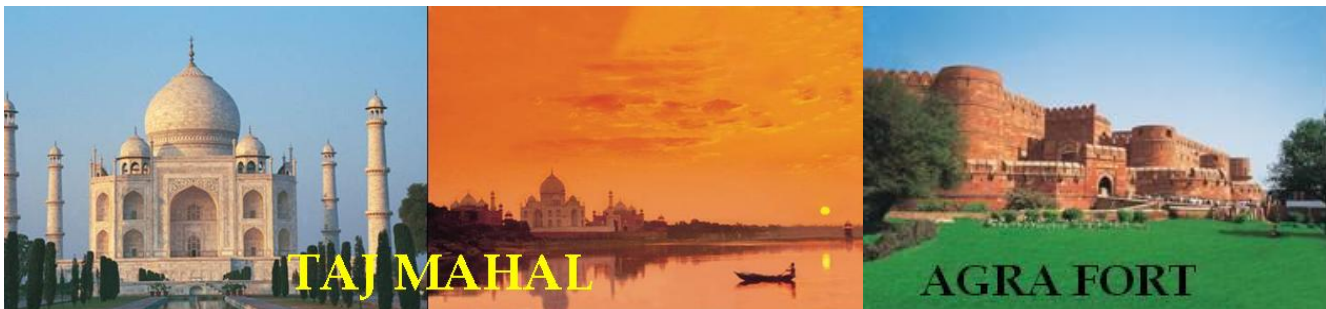
At: 0610 AM  
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Upon arrival, transfer to the hotel for buffet breakfast.

Enjoy Tonga ride (Horse carriage) from a parking area to Taj Mahal.

This morning you will visit the world renowned **Taj Mahal**. Referred to as one of the wonders of the world, the Taj Mahal is the epitome of tourism in India and is celebrated for its architectural magnificence and aesthetic beauty. A symphony in white marble, a tribute to eternal love, it was built by the Emperor Shah Jahan in memory of his wife Mumtaz Mahal. There are tombs of Mumtaz and Shahjahan within the mausoleum. Done in white marble, it took 22 years and over 20,000 workers and craftsmen to complete this rhapsody in stone (1630-52 AD). The main structure is set amidst landscaped gardens. While on three sides it is surrounded by high walls, the rear is bound by the river Yamuna. **(Closed on Friday's)**.





After visit, return back to the hotel.

Check in to the hotel followed by lunch.

**PM** Afternoon free for independent activities or you can enjoy spa facilities at the hotel.

**“OPTIONAL” VISIT TO AGRA FORT.**

Few forts in the world have a more fascinating story to tell than the **Great Fort of Agra**, an outstanding example of Mughal architecture and the seat and stronghold of the Mughal Empire under successive generations. Originally planned as an impregnable military structure by Akbar, the Agra Fort, over a period of time, acquired all the elegance, lavishness and majesty of an imperial palace. Situated 1 km upstream of the Taj Mahal, on the right bank of the Yamuna, the Agra fort was built under the direction of Akbar, by Mohammed Quasim Khan, his commander-in-Chief and Governor of Kabul and added to by his son Jehangir and grandson Shahjahan.

Evening: Dinner at the hotel.

**“OPTIONAL” MAGIC SHOW & ASTROLOGER DURING DINNER AT HOTEL.**

Presto...! The world of fantasy, the web of magic unveils for viewers.

There is nothing that captures the magical spirit of the lad as much as the conjuror who entralls his audience with sleights of hands and a range of tricks. Only the adventurous can volunteer to be sawed in half. Magic, in activity, the seeming treatment and supernatural control of the natural world for the fun and surprise of an audience.

Today you will get a change to know about some fact about you and your life. An astrologer will tell about some interesting facts about you.

**OR**

**“OPTIONAL – MUGHAL THEME DINNER AT HOTEL”**

Courtesan Night followed by dinner exclusively organized for you. As you approach, colourfully attired dancers will entice you to join them in a whirling melee. Travel back in time to the medieval period and experience the golden era India experienced under the legendary Mughal dynasty. The lavish dresses that adorned both men and women are symbolic of those times and you will receive one of these princely costumes in your room to wear in the evening pre ceding the dinner. Elegant Kathak dancers perform whilst a mouth watering array of Mughlai delicacies are served

The cost will include:

- Exclusive venue
- Set up for the evening
- Entertainment
- Performance by professional dancers
- Buffet dinner.

Overnight at the hotel.



## DAY 04: AGRA - FATEHPUR SIKRI - JAIPUR

**AM** Buffet breakfast at the hotel or you have an option to enjoy Champagne breakfast at Taj Khema.

❖ **“OPTIONAL” CHAMPAGNE BREAKFAST AT TAJ KHEMA.**

In the morning you will proceed to Taj Khema, situated on an elevated garden with excellent views of the Taj Mahal. Enjoy Champagne breakfast at the banks of the river Yamuna with the splendid Taj Mahal as the backdrop. Enjoy this picturesque setting.

Champagne breakfast includes:

1. Exclusive venue is hired; it is an elevated garden with view of Taj Mahal (Taj Khema)
2. Round tables of 6-8 pax are set up under a canopy.
3. Waiters with white gloves serve Champagne with breakfast

Though the Taj appears to be amazingly perfect from almost any angle, it is the close-up marble inlay work, which is really astounding. You will have ample time to view and be mesmerized by this outstanding piece of architecture.

**PM** Post breakfast you will be drive to Jaipur (221 Kms/approx 5 hours) enroute visiting Fatehpur Sikri.

Akbar's abandoned capital; **Fatehpur Sikri** was built by Mughal emperor Akbar in 1571 in honour of the Sufi saint, Sheikh Salim Chisti. It was the Mughal capital for 14 years after which it was abandoned due to paucity of water. It is made of red sandstone and combines influences from both Hindu and Mughal architecture. Even to this day, the entrance to the fort is through the road that Akbar built which leads to the Buland Darwaza, a huge 54 metres gateway. Other inspiring monuments in Fatehpur Sikri are the Hiran Minar that Akbar built in memory of his favourite elephant, Tomb of Sheikh Salim Chishti, Birbal's House and the Diwan-i-Khas.

**Battery buses will take you till the gates of Fatehpur Sikri from a certain point.**

After visit, continue drive to Jaipur.

**PM** Enroute stop for lunch at Chandra Mahal Haveli with tractor transfer to the hotel.

**Chandra Mahal Haveli**, which is picturesquely located in Peharsar Bharatpur at a distance of 45kms from Fatehpur Sikri. This royal edifice is a fusion of a marvellous structural blend of Mughal and Rajput architecture. Rich Muslim nobles built the mansion in the 1850's and its proximity to the mughal durbar is apparent in the architecture, which reminds one of Fatehpur Sikri. Enjoy a tractor transfer to the hotel and a walk through the village for an orientation on the lifestyle of the local villagers.

**PM** Post lunch, continue drive to Jaipur.





PM Check in at the hotel.

❖ **“OPTIONAL” COMPANY LOGO BY RICE RANGOLI ON THE GATES OF THE HOTEL.**

**Rangoli** is one of the most popular art forms in India. In Indian cultures, all guests and visitors occupy a very special place, and a rangoli is an expression of this warm hospitality. It is a form of sand painting decoration that uses finely ground white powder and colours, and is used commonly outside homes in India. Sprinkling powder by hand is a very laborious and difficult process, however, and it's difficult to render fine details - meaning the image must be quite large. Rangoli with the client's logo can be created.

Or

❖ **“OPTIONAL” GRAND ROYAL WELCOME PROCESSION**

This theme recreates the ambiance of the welcome accorded to a victorious Rajput warrior. The entire driveway to the hotel is lined with caparisoned elephants and camels. Elephants with trunks raised in salute accompany guest who are taken in royal carriages or on elephant back to the hotel. A band of musician & horseman precede the procession amidst a shower of rose petals. Valets drape each lady with dupatta and the gents are dressed with safas. Guests are treated with garlands and the tikka ceremony is performed. Afterwards relax to the music of the Shehnai while you sip a Non Alcoholic drink and Rajasthani Folk dances.

Evening: Dinner at the hotel.

❖ **“OPTIONAL” EXHIBITION ELEPHANT POLO MATCH FOLLOWED BY DINNER.**

In the evening, you will have an exclusive exhibition Elephant Polo Match followed by dinner. Nestled in the western corner of the Indian sub-continent, the desert kingdoms of Rajasthan have for centuries been the personification of valour and chivalry in India. The crenellated turrets and bastions of the innumerable forts that dot the landscape bear mute testimony to the memory of warriors and battles long.

**The sequence of events for the clients / Inclusions:**

- 45 minutes ride in your car followed by a five minute run in Jeeps will get you to the campsite – Elephant Polo Ground.
- On arrival you are welcomed and given wet towels.
- A military band along with a procession of horses and camels is standing at the venue to welcome the guests at the entrance.
- A salute from the animal himself greets the clients. And a discourse on the rules of the game is being discussed. Welcome drinks (Non alcoholic) will be served here.
- You will also be invited to participate in the actual game.
- After the game is over, you will enjoy a tug of war with elephants and later escorted to the dining area where dinner is served.

Overnight at the hotel.





## DAY 05: JAIPUR

**AM** Buffet breakfast at the hotel.

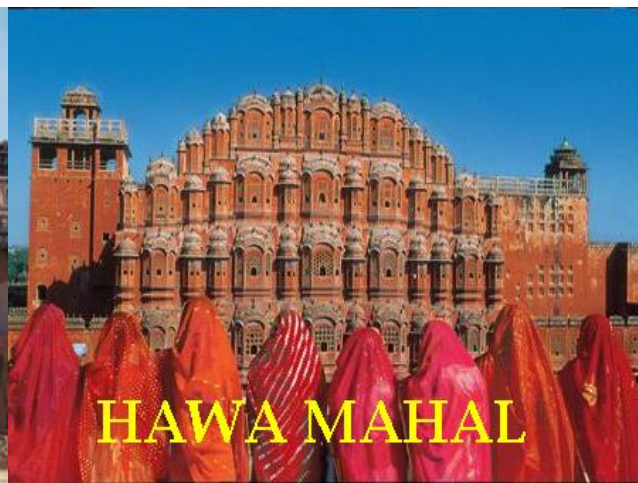
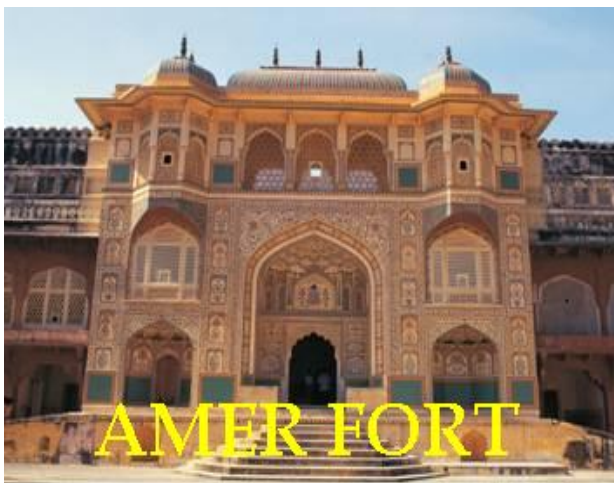
**AM** Morning excursion to **Amer Fort** with a photo stop at Hawa Mahal. You will be taken for half day sightseeing of Jaipur. Stop for a brief photostop at the 'Palace of Winds', also known as **Hawa Mahal**. It is really an elaborate it's a behind, which the ladies of the court used to watch the daily goings on in the street below. It is extremely intricate in its pink sandstone carving. The cool wind blows through its. It's of windows and latticed screens through which the queens of the court once viewed the streets of the city.

After which you will be driven just outside Jaipur to the ancient capital of Amber to see the fabulous **Amber Fort**. Maharaja Mansingh, Mughal Emperor Akbar's most successful General, started the construction of Amber Fort in the 17<sup>th</sup> century. Before the City Palace was constructed in Jaipur, Amber was the seat of power. The fort is surrounded by fortified battlements and overlooks the Moat Lake. Ruins and remains are spread over the Aravalli hills and sprawling crenulated walls lattice the surrounding area. On arrival at the foot of the fort, Jeeps will take you up to the fortress.

Once on top, stroll through the sprawling complex of courtyards and halls. Many of the rooms have delightful wall paintings, with precious stones and mirrors inlaid in the walls.

Post your excursion to Amer fort you will enjoy a shopping tour. A shopping tour will be organised for people in Jaipur is a veritable paradise for shoppers. Enjoy the variety modern and traditional artifacts, as the group visits some of the most popular shopping areas and outlets.

Today you witness a shopping street located in the heart of the city. An experience you will not forget. Block printing is a technique in which, the cotton or silk cloth is first bleached. Then the fabric is dyed, unless a light background is desired. Thereafter, the fabric is printed using carved blocks, first the outline blocks, then the ones to fill color. Colorful prints of birds, animals, human figures, gods and goddesses are popular. You will also visit to gem, jewellery & textile shops.





**PM** Lunch at the hotel.

❖ **“OPTIONAL” COOKING DEMONSTRATION FOLLOWED BY LUNCH.**

Today you will discover the secrets of the Indian Dishes like Beryani, Samosa, Curries etc. Experience the mouth watering flavors of Indian Curries. The highlight of the lunch is an opportunity to witness the intricacies of Indian cooking in a brief cooking demonstration. For the adventurous, we recommend a try an Indian cooking.

**PM** Afternoon free for relaxation or you have an option to enjoy below activity.

❖ **“OPTIONAL” TUK TUK RIDE THROUGH THE MARKET.**

An Auto rickshaw (auto or rickshaw or tuk - tuk in popular parlance) is a vehicle for hire that is one of the chief modes of transport in India. It is a motorized version of the traditional rickshaw, a small two- or three-wheeled cart pulled by a person, and the velotaxi.

Today you will enjoy a tuk tuk ride through the bustling & colourful market of Jaipur.

Evening: Dinner at the hotel.

❖ **“OPTIONAL” – GALA EVENING AT CITY PALACE.**

Group upon arrival will be welcomed at the Private entrance gate of the Royal family with Tikka and garlanding. Then they will proceed to Chandra Mahal Varandha for welcome drink. Folk dances and cocktails at Sobha Niwas followed by dinner at Sukh Niwas Terrace. It will be a colourful evening with a sumptuous meal.

Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip, Lord Mountbatten, Lady Jacqueline Kennedy, King and Queen of Sweden and Belgium, Prince Charles and Lady Diana, King and Queen of Nepal, Bill Clinton, Kofi Anan, Princess of Thailand are some of the distinguished guests who had the privilege of enjoying the Royal hospitality of the royal family of Jaipur.

You have the opportunity to enjoy delicacies from the royal kitchen served to you during your dinner at Sukh Niwas. Sukh Niwas means the abode of happiness. It is painted in gold and subtle vegetable colours and serves as the welcome hall. Designed in harmonious east and west combination it has Lalique tables, Silver furniture, rare miniatures, exquisite carpets, and antique Bohemian Crystal chandeliers. The dining chair backrests are embroidered with the Royal Insignia of Maharaja Sawai Madho Singh II and the glass topped crystal table has lighting from below.





### Royal Dinner Sequence

- The guests will arrive from the Tripolia Gate – This entrance is otherwise used exclusively only by the Royal Family Members. The cars/coaches will come upto the gate of the Mubarak Mahal –the Royal Reception area of the City Palace. Where the guests will be received.
- The sound of Nagaras and Trumpet will announce the arrival of the guests.
- A welcome procession of 4 Elephants, 8 Horses with Lancers, 8 Camels and 2 Buggy will be arranged near Mubarak Mahal.
- The procession and the guests will enter the main Palace through the Rajendra Pol. Girls in traditional attire will shower the rose petals from the Jharokhas.
- The animals will align themselves on both the sides in front of the KHASA GATE.
- Girls attired in Traditional Rajasthani costumes will welcome the guests with Teeka and garland at the steps of Sarvato Bhadra.
- The guests will enjoy a performance of folk dances OR Kathak with Cocktails at Sukh Niwas Terrace.
- Guests will enjoy the Dinner at Pitam Niwas.

Overnight at the hotel.

## DAY 06: JAIPUR - DELHI

**AM** Buffet breakfast at the hotel.

**AM** Sightseeing tour of Jaipur City. Visit to City Palace & Observatory. Enjoy a tour of the Pink City, an “abode of rajahs”. The highlights of the tour include a visit to the **City Palace Museum**, which has a superb collection of Rajasthani costumes, and armory of Mughals and Rajputs including swords of different shapes and sizes with chiseled handles. Many antiques and artifacts belonging to the ruling family are housed here, including a collection of weaponry. It also has an art gallery with an excellent collection of miniature paintings, carpets, royal paraphernalia and rare astronomical works in Arabic, Persian, Latin and Sanskrit. Proceed to the awe inspiring **Jantar Mantar Observatory**, a stone astrological and astronomical Observatory built by Maharaja Jai Singh in the 18th century.

### CHECK OUT AT 1200 HRS.

**PM** Lunch at the hotel.

**PM** The group has some free time for shopping(Bazzar Walk) .

**PM** Later in the afternoon Cox and Kings Representative will transfer you to the airport to board a flight for Jaipur

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**Evening:** On arrival you will be transferred to your hotel for dinner.

### “OPTIONAL” - ROOMS FOR WASH & CHANGE (02 PAX PER ROOM)

Post dinner, a Cox & Kings representative will meet & transfer you to international airport for your flight back home.



## DAY 07: DEPART DELHI

Depart by an early morning flight your country.

**END**

