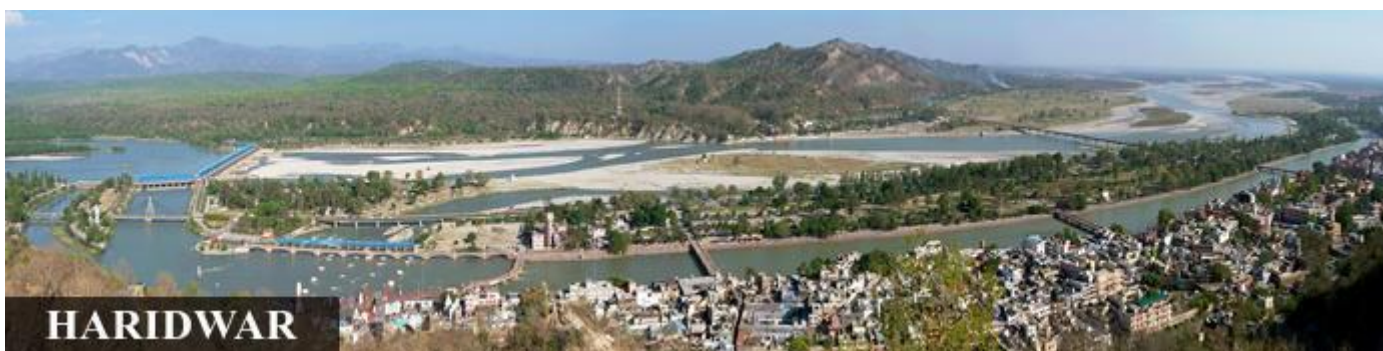


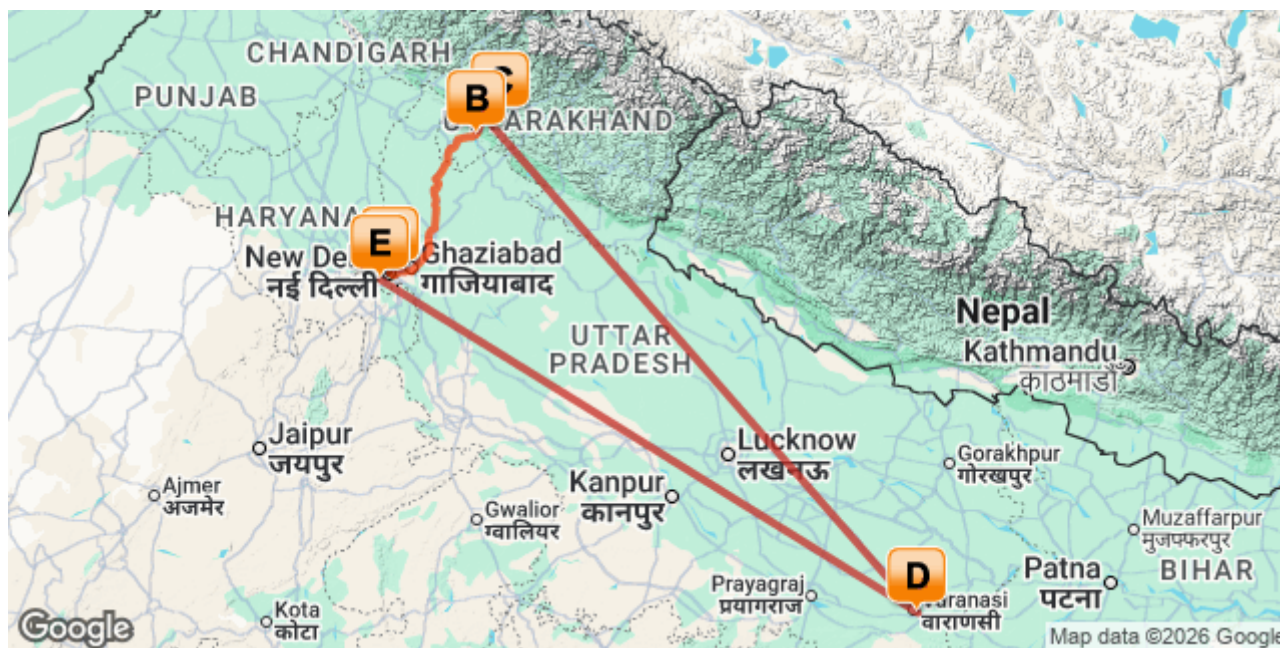


Divinity Tours



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New Delhi - Haridwar - Rishikesh - Varanasi
8 Days / 7 Nights



Introduction

This spiritual sojourn begins in Haridwar, one of the most revered sites in Hinduism, that lies along the banks of the holy river Ganges. Discover temples, spiritual traditions, and ancient philosophy as you immerse yourself in its spiritual aura. Continue to Rishikesh, where the Beatles found their enlightenment. Your journey takes you on to Ayodhya, an erstwhile kingdom which plays a pivotal role in the epic Hindu legend, The Ramayana. Head onward to Varanasi – your journey's end. Varanasi lies on the banks of the River Ganges, the eternal river, and is one of the most sacred places in the Hindu belief system.

Accommodation	Destination	Basis	Duration
The Imperial New Delhi	New Delhi	B&B	1 Night
Pilibhit House, Haridwar - IHCL SeleQtions	Haridwar	B&B	2 Nights
Anand Kashi by the Ganges	Rishikesh	B&B	1 Night
BrijRama Palace	Varanasi	B&B	2 Nights
Roseate House New Delhi	New Delhi	B&B	1 Night

Key

B&B: Bed and Breakfast

Included

- Hotels accommodation twin sharing at the hotels mentioned above or similar for a total of 07 nights in a mentioned category rooms with breakfast & inclusive of all currently government applicable taxes.
- Services of using air-conditioned vehicle for inter-cities transfers and sightseeing.
- Meeting and assistance on arrival / departure at airports.
- All sightseeing tours / excursions as per program mentioned above.
- Unlimited water bottle during long journeys.
- Service of an English (as per requirement) speaking local guides till 04 Pax & 04 Pax onwards we will provide English speaking accompanying escort.
- Rates include entrances to all the monuments as mentioned in the program.

Excluded

- Does not include any airfare, any item not mentioned above, any items of personal nature such as table drinks, laundry, telephone bills, video camera fees, tips to guides/escort, drivers, bell boys, etc.
- Any International airfare, Travel Insurances or Visa – Please ensure clients have a valid E-visa and passport for their travel to India.
- Any other expenses of personal nature.

Day 1

The Imperial New Delhi, New Delhi

New Delhi

India's capital, New Delhi, lies on the Indo-Gangetic Plain, within the National Capital Territory of Delhi. Made up of the ancient walled city of Old Delhi and the more modern sector, New Delhi, the city encompasses a staggering array of beautiful buildings, including three UNESCO World Heritage Sites – the grand, sandstone Red Fort, striking Qutab Minar, and fascinating Humayun's Tomb. Architecture enthusiasts will delight in the iconic Lotus Temple. Hear 'qawwalis' (devotional music) at the dargah (tomb) of the Sufi saint Nizam-ud-din Auliya; or wander through the 17th century Chandni Chowk marketplace – still one of the city's most popular retail centres today, famous for its traditional jewellery and saris. The gorgeous Sunder Nursery and Lodi Garden provide calm, flower-filled oases for picnicking.

Day Itinerary

As you arrive in Delhi, you'll be warmly welcomed by our representative and whisked away to your hotel. Feel the city's vibrant energy as you pass bustling streets, colourful markets, and historic landmarks, before settling into the calm and comfort of your luxurious accommodation, ready to begin your journey.

Overnight: The Imperial New Delhi

The Imperial New Delhi is a five-star heritage hotel located in Connaught Place, at the heart of India's capital. Guests are within easy reach of India Gate, Rashtrapati Bhavan, and vibrant bazaars. Guest rooms feature high ceilings, natural light, elegant furnishings, spacious layouts, and privacy for discerning travellers. Dining options include award-winning restaurants serving Asian and international cuisine, alongside the famed Patiala Peg bar. Facilities encompass wellness services, curated cultural tours, meeting and event spaces, and a boutique. Blending Victorian, Art Deco, and Lutyens' architecture, The Imperial offers timeless luxury and a refined retreat amidst New Delhi's historic and cultural landmarks.



Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 2

Pilibhit House, Haridwar - IHCL SeleQtions, Haridwar

Haridwar

An important ancient and holy city south of Rishikesh, Haridwar enjoys a picturesque position on the banks of the River Ganges in North India's Uttarakhand state. After its 253 kilometre journey from its source at the Gangotri Glacier in the Himalayas, Haridwar is the first town to meet the sacred river after its mountainous course. The town bustles with locals and renunciants who perform ritualistic bathing in the icy, fast-flowing waters to wash away their sins. The famous Har-ki-Pairi Ghat is a religious hub, where every evening, a sea of floating candles and flowers are sent down the river as Hindu prayer offerings. Due to its significance as a Hindi pilgrimage site, worshipers from far and wide flock to the city during major festivals, including the annual Kanwar Mela.

Day Itinerary

After a hearty breakfast, set off on a scenic drive through the rolling countryside towards Haridwar, one of India's most revered spiritual centers. Upon arrival, check in to your hotel perched on the tranquil banks of the Ganges. This afternoon, engage with a distinguished speaker who will offer insights into the timeless wisdom of Hinduism and Vedanta. As dusk falls, witness an Aarti ceremony on the river, where flickering lamps and sacred chants create a truly mesmerising atmosphere. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

Overnight: Pilibhit House, Haridwar - IHCL SeleQtions

Pilibhit House, Haridwar - IHCL SeleQtions sits charmingly by the Ganges overlooking the glorious Shivalik Himalayas. This heritage residence houses the largest private bathing ghat of the region for the customary dip and some quiet moments with the river. Accommodation features artfully designed rooms and suites across 3 levels, that either face the open courtyard or offer views of the Ganges. The Dining Room presents a range of international cuisine and the best local home recipes, with the food being divinely vegetarian. The alfresco seating ensures views of the Ganges aplenty. Should guests have something more evocative in mind, the River Deck, Pool Deck by the Mango Tree and The Terrace with their panoramic views will be memorable as dining spots. The property also features a terraced structure that wraps around peaceful courtyards.



Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 3

Pilibhit House, Haridwar - IHCL SeleQtions, Haridwar

Day Itinerary

Begin your day with the serene blessings of the Ganges at sunrise, followed by a personalized yoga session at your hotel, designed to harmonize body, mind, and spirit. After a wholesome breakfast, ascend Bilwa Parvat hill to visit the revered Mansa Devi Temple, dedicated to the goddess Shakti, and take in sweeping panoramic views of Haridwar below. The afternoon is at your leisure to soak in the sacred ambiance. As evening falls, a skilled palmist will offer intimate insights and guidance, interpreting the lines of your palm in the tranquil setting of this holy city. Dinner and overnight stay at your hotel.

Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 4

Anand Kashi By The Ganges, Rishikesh

Rishikesh

Nestled in the mountains of northern India, on the banks of the mighty Ganges, Rishikesh is a holy town and spiritual centre for local and international pilgrims alike. Ashrams, yoga centres and temples make up the bulk of the buildings, with the revered Parmarth Niketan Ashram taking centre stage. Labelled as the World Capital of Yoga, the town welcomes visitors to a relaxing, reviving and spiritual experience. One of the area's interesting things to do is the Ganga Satri ritual (pujah), which is performed on the steps of the Parmarth Niketan Ashram overlooking the river every evening at sunset.

Day Itinerary

After a nourishing breakfast, journey to Rishikesh, the world-renowned yoga capital nestled along the banks of the Ganges. In the afternoon, step into the iconic Beatles Ashram, a sanctuary where the legendary band sought spiritual inspiration in 1968, and explore its graffiti-clad walls and tranquil meditation spaces. As the day winds down, witness the soul-stirring Aarti ceremony at Parmarth Niketan Ashram, where lamps float on the river and chants fill the air, before returning to your hotel for dinner and an overnight stay.

Overnight: Anand Kashi By The Ganges

Set in the heart of the holy land of Uttarakhand, Anand Kashi By The Ganges is a hidden gem tucked away in the lush valley of the Himalayan mountains. Located by one of the most auspicious bends of the Ganges, it is resplendent with idyllic charm, mystical stories, and transcendent tranquility. The hotel offers a selection of rooms and suites featuring air-conditioning, free Wi-Fi access, and TVs. During their stay, guests can enjoy delicious meals and refreshing drinks at the on-site restaurant and bar. Other facilities include an infinity swimming pool, a fitness centre and a spa where guests can relax and unwind.



Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 5

BrijRama Palace, Varanasi

Varanasi

An ancient and deeply sacred city, Varanasi rests along the banks of the holy River Ganges and encompasses a wealth of beautiful riverside temples, stately old forts and vibrant markets. It's considered the spiritual capital of Hinduism, and it's widely believed that dying here will bring salvation. As a result, the city is home to a multitude of ghats – stone steps leading to the river – some of which are used for bathing rituals and others as cremation sites. An early morning boat ride along the Ganges offers an excellent way to take in the ghats and the bustling activity centred on them.

Day Itinerary

Begin your day at a gentle pace, with the option of a private yoga session to awaken your mind and body. After a wholesome breakfast, check out and transfer to Dehradun airport for your onward flight to Varanasi. Upon arrival, a warm welcome awaits as our representative escorts you to your hotel, where you can settle in and soak in the timeless energy of this sacred city.

Overnight: BrijRama Palace

BrijRama Palace is a heritage hotel located on Darbhanga Ghat overlooking the sacred Ganges in Varanasi. Nearby attractions include the revered Kashi Vishwanath Temple, Dashashwamedh Ghat, and the historic lanes of the city. Guest rooms feature amenities such as elegant Banarasi art, Bhadohi carpets, clawfoot bathtubs, panoramic river views, and private corridors. Guests can savour authentic cuisine at Darbhanga Dining or enjoy high tea at Udayan Terrace. Facilities include yoga sessions, guided heritage walks, cultural performances, and boat rides, offering a blend of spiritual immersion and royal comfort within one of Varanasi's oldest palaces.



Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 6

BrijRama Palace, Varanasi

Day Itinerary

Start the morning with a hearty breakfast at your hotel before stepping into the labyrinthine streets of Varanasi, where every corner hums with centuries of spiritual life. Later, journey to Sarnath to explore its ancient ruins and insightful museum, tracing the footsteps of the Buddha. In the evening, immerse yourself in the timeless rhythms of classical Indian music and dance, performed by maestros from the Benaras Gharana, bringing the city's rich cultural heritage to life.

Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 7

Roseate House New Delhi, New Delhi

New Delhi

As previously described

Day Itinerary

After breakfast, transfer to Varanasi airport for your flight to Delhi. Upon arrival, check in to your hotel and spend the day at leisure. Wander through Delhi's bustling markets, or simply relax and reflect on the spiritual and cultural journey you've experienced across India.

Overnight: Roseate House New Delhi

Roseate House New Delhi is a contemporary 5-star hotel located in the Aerocity hospitality district of New Delhi, just minutes from Indira Gandhi International Airport and the Aerocity metro station. It sits close to Worldmark Aerocity, the Indian Air Force Museum and Central Mall, making it ideal for exploring both shopping and cultural sites. Guest rooms include air conditioning, a minibar, tea and coffee facilities, a flat-screen TV and a seating area. On-site dining options include the all-day bistro DEL, Indian fine-dining at Kheer, the rooftop lounge Tara, Chidiya Ghar bar and Roasted by Roseate patisserie. The hotel also features an infinity rooftop pool, a spa and wellness centre, meeting spaces and a fitness centre.



Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 8

End of Itinerary

Day Itinerary

As your transformative journey draws to a close, a morning transfer to the airport awaits, carrying with you the memories, insights, and serenity gathered along this soulful voyage.

Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Travel Information



Vast, diverse, deeply spiritual and utterly unforgettable, India is unlike anywhere else on earth – a melting pot of ethnicities and religions, a treasure trove of history and culture, and a curious mixture of chaos and serenity. Stretching across more than three million square kilometres, it encompasses a staggering array of landscapes, vistas and environs, and offers unparalleled travel experiences – from the beautiful beaches of Goa, to the compelling craziness of Kolkata, the sacred Ganges river banks of Varanasi, the snow-capped peaks of the Himalayas in Kashmir and the ancient, exquisitely crafted temples dotted across the entire country. Not to mention the vibrant, friendly people, and the incredible cuisine.

Banking and Currency

Currency

Local currency: Indian Rupee

Symbol: ₹

ISO code: INR

Subunit: The Indian Rupee is divided into 100 paise, but since 2011, only the 50-paise coin is still accepted as valid currency.

Banknotes: ₹5, ₹10, ₹20, ₹50, ₹100, ₹200, ₹500

Coins: ₹0.50 (50 paise), ₹1, ₹2, ₹5, ₹10, ₹20

₹500 and ₹1000 banknotes of Mahatma Gandhi series issued up to November 08, 2016, have ceased to be Legal Tender with effect from the midnight of November 8, 2016.

Banking

Card Transactions: Yes

ATMs: Yes

Mastercard: Yes

Visa: Yes

American Express: Limited acceptance

Diner's club: Limited acceptance

Banking Hours:

Weekdays: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Weekends: Limited hours or closed, check with local banks.

Public Holidays: Yes (Varies, typically reduced hours)

Foreign exchange services: Yes

Travel, Transport and Getting Around

Air:

Main airlines: Air India, IndiGo, SpiceJet, Vistara

International Airports: Indira Gandhi International Airport (DEL), Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport

(BOM), Kempegowda International Airport (BLR), and others
 Domestic Airports: Numerous, including Jaipur, Lucknow, Guwahati, and Patna.

Road:

Driving on the: Left
 Tar roads: Yes
 Gravel roads: Limited
 Valid International Driver's License needed: Yes
 Car hire available: Yes
 Taxis: Yes
 E-hailing services: Yes

Bus:

Inter-city bus services: Yes
 Local city bus networks: Yes

Rail:

Railway system: Extensive
 Subway System: Limited (in select cities)

Water:

Ferries: Limited
 Water taxis: Limited
 Leisure cruises: Limited

Food, Drink and Cuisine Advice

Food and water safety:

Can you drink the tap water: No
 Fresh fruit and veg: Wash thoroughly or peel
 Ice: Use commercially produced ice
 Meat: Ensure it's well-cooked
 Street food: Yes

Local cuisine: Indian cuisine is diverse and varies greatly by region. Highlights include dishes like biryani, curry, dosa, chaat, and tandoori specialties. Vegetarian options are plentiful.

Drinks: Chai, lassi, sugarcane juice, and various regional beverages like coconut water. Alcoholic beverages are available, with beer and whiskey being popular choices.

Tipping: Generally 5-10% in restaurants; tipping for other services is discretionary.

Climate and Weather

Annual rainfall: Varies greatly by region, 500 mm-4,000 mm

Average temperature: Varies greatly by region, 15°C-30°C

Summer:

Average highs: 25-45°C
 Average lows: 20-30°C

Winter:

Average highs: 10-25°C
 Average lows: 5-15°C

Best time to visit: The best time to visit India depends on the region and your preferences. Generally, the winter months from October to March offer milder temperatures and are ideal for exploring most parts of the country.

Clothing and Dress Recommendations

Spring and Summer

Cool, light, breathable and comfortable: Yes

Lightweight warm clothes: No

Winter and Autumn

Jerseys, cardigans, sweaters, jackets: Recommended

Heavyweight clothing and boots: No

General

Umbrella and raincoat: Yes

Warm gloves, hat and scarf: No

Swimming costume (bathing suit): Yes

Hat, sunglasses and sunblock: Yes

Walking shoes: Yes

Casual: Yes

Smart-casual attire: Yes

Internet Availability

Internet cafes: Limited, mobile data or Wi-Fi in accommodations and cafes available.

Accommodation options: Yes

Restaurants: Yes

Cafes: Yes

Shopping malls: Yes

Public parks: Limited

Libraries: Limited

Electricity and Plug Standards

Plug Type: Type C, Type D, Type M

Voltage (V): 230

Frequency Hertz (Hz): 50

*Travel plug adapter and voltage converter might be necessary depending on your appliances.
