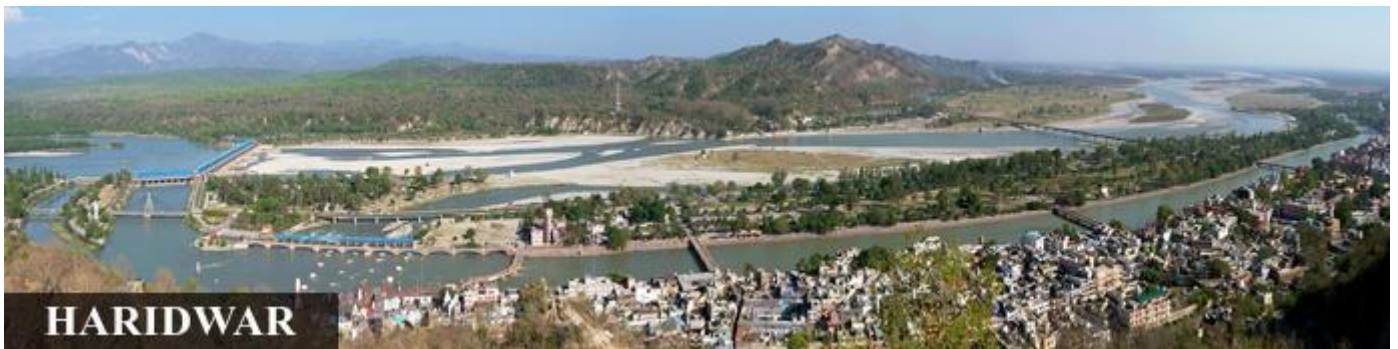




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New Delhi - Haridwar - Udaipur - Jaipur - Agra
11 Days / 10 Nights



Introduction

Begin your journey in the bustling urban jungle in Delhi. Amazing cuisine, mind-boggling history, bustling bazaars, and big city vibes give Delhi a dynamic energy. Then head up into the Himalayas to the serene and soulful towns of Haridwar and Rishikesh, known for their spiritual aura, and picturesque setting on the banks of the holy river Ganges. Then continue down to Rajasthan to the cultural capitals, Udaipur, Deogarh and Jaipur, full of royal heritage and regal splendour. Journey on to Agra and visit the magnificent Taj Mahal, a stunning landmark that is sheer poetry in stone.

Accommodation	Destination	Basis	Duration
ITC Maurya Hotel	New Delhi	B&B	2 Nights
The Haveli Hari Ganga	Haridwar	B&B	2 Nights
Trident Hotel Udaipur	Udaipur	B&B	3 Nights
ITC Rajputana a Luxury Collection Hotel Jaipur	Jaipur	B&B	2 Nights
ITC Mughal, a Luxury Collection Resort & Spa, Agra	Agra	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 10 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

ITC Maurya Hotel, 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

Upon your arrival at Delhi's international airport, you will be warmly welcomed by your Orange DMC representative, who will assist you with a seamless transfer to your luxury hotel. Settle in and unwind, letting the comforts of your elegant surroundings mark the beginning of your Indian journey. Overnight stay at the hotel.

Overnight: ITC Maurya Hotel

ITC Maurya Hotel is located in New Delhi's prestigious diplomatic enclave, offering refined luxury in the heart of India's capital. Nearby attractions include Rashtrapati Bhavan, India Gate, and the bustling Connaught Place. Guest rooms feature bespoke décor, complimentary Wi-Fi, a personal safe, luxury toiletries, and a well-stocked minibar. Guests can savour award-winning cuisine at Bukhara, Dum Pukht, and the contemporary Avartana. The hotel also boasts Kaya Kalp spa, a serene outdoor pool, a modern fitness centre, and Salon Di Wills. With its LEED Platinum certification, ITC Maurya blends sustainability with elegance, making it a preferred choice for global dignitaries.



Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 2

ITC Maurya Hotel, New Delhi

Day Itinerary

Begin your day with a captivating culinary journey through the bustling streets of Old Delhi. Sample iconic street foods from legendary eateries, some with over a century of history, as you wander through vibrant markets and take a rickshaw ride through the maze-like lanes. Visit the sacred Bangla Sahib Gurudwara and experience the Sikh tradition of langar, a communal meal open to all. In the afternoon, explore the grandeur of Imperial Delhi, including the Qutub Minar, India Gate, Parliament House, and the Rashtrapati Bhawan. Return to your hotel for an overnight stay.

Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 3

The Haveli Hari Ganga, 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

Rise early and set off with a packed breakfast for your transfer to the railway station to board the train to Haridwar. Enjoy a scenic 5-hour journey through the lush countryside. Upon arrival, your driver will meet you and escort you to your hotel, beautifully located on the banks of the sacred Ganges River. In the evening, visit the revered Mansa Devi Temple and witness a traditional Aarti ceremony along the river, an enchanting spiritual experience. Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

Overnight: The Haveli Hari Ganga

Haveli Hari Ganga is set between the river and hills with a view of central Haridwar on the other side. The atmosphere at the Haveli Hari Ganga is intimate and comfortable.

The hotel has 20 air conditioned rooms and suites. Each room has basic amenities to suit the modern traveller.

There is plenty to see and do in and around the Haveli Hari Ganga. Facilities for visitors at the hotel are multi-cuisine restaurants, a coffee shop, massage and steam room. Guests can also book sightseeing tours to explore the hotel's surroundings: safari tour of the Rajaji National Park, nature walks, bird watching and white water rafting.



Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 4

The Haveli Hari Ganga, Haridwar

Day Itinerary

Begin your morning at a relaxed pace, with the option to enjoy a private yoga session at your hotel. Choose to visit a nearby Himalayan village or school, or explore the iconic Beatles Ashram for a glimpse into its spiritual legacy. In the afternoon, journey to Rishikesh, the world-renowned yoga capital, and witness the mesmerizing Aarti ceremony at Parmarth Niketan Ashram along the banks of the Ganges. Return to your hotel for the evening, with the rest of your time at leisure to unwind.

Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 5

Trident Hotel Udaipur, Udaipur

Udaipur

Dubbed the ‘Venice of the East’, the city of Udaipur is built around three interconnected lakes – Lake Pichhola, Fateh Sagar Lake, and the smaller Swaroop Sagar Lake – and is encircled by the hills of the Aravalli mountain range. It is home to an array of ancient temples and fairy-tale-like palaces (several of the latter have been converted into luxury heritage hotels) and is known as one of Rajasthan’s most beautiful and romantic cities. Must-see attractions include the City Palace, the Lake Palace (set on a small island in the middle of Lake Pichhola), and the Udaipur Solar Observatory – Asia’s premier solar-gazing site.

Day Itinerary

Start your day at a relaxed pace, with the option to join a private yoga session at your hotel. After a leisurely breakfast, transfer by car to Dehradun airport for your onward flight to Udaipur via Delhi. Upon arrival, a private transfer will take you to your hotel, where you can unwind amidst the serene surroundings. Udaipur, often called the ‘City of Lakes,’ enchants with its palaces, gardens, and tranquil waters. In the evening, enjoy a delightful dinner by the shimmering Lake Pichhola, soaking in the city’s magical ambiance.

Overnight: Trident Hotel Udaipur

Experience the splendour of Rajasthan in Udaipur, nicknamed the 'City of Lakes' for its picturesque lakes framed by the Aravalli range. The history of Udaipur is a rich and charming tapestry of lakeside palaces, forts, temples and gardens which reflect the varied influences of centuries past. Built over 43 acres on the banks of Lake Pichhola, Trident Udaipur Hotel is perfectly located to explore the famed sites of the city, such as the City Palace, the Crystal Gallery, the Monsoon Palace or the beautiful Jagmandir.

After soaking in the sights of this historic city, return to a private sanctuary at Trident to unwind. Inspired by the architectural and cultural heritage of Udaipur, all the 137 rooms and 4 suites are furnished in hues of muted beige and cream with traditional artefacts, reflecting elegance and charm.

No royal hospitality is quite complete without a lavish feast. The main restaurant, Aravalli, serves authentic dishes from the Kingdom of Mewar, known for its fine cuisine. Children will love the signature Trident Kids' Club, their very own paradise with games, a play area and their very own tent. Enjoy a walk in the sprawling gardens at 'Bada Mahal' - a 150 year old wild life conservatory within the hotel premises. It is also recommended to let the concierge arrange a boat ride under the stars on the beautiful lake in the quaint pontoons to surrender to the charms of this magnificent city.



BasisBed and Breakfast

Day 6**Trident Hotel Udaipur, Udaipur**

Day Itinerary

After a leisurely morning, set out to visit the ornate Jagdish Temple and wander through the lively streets of Udaipur, stopping at quaint art shops and the historic bathing ghats. Continue to the magnificent City Palace, where you can admire an exquisite collection of crystal, peacock mosaics, ceramics, and miniature paintings. In the afternoon, explore the bustling local markets for unique finds. Return to your hotel for a relaxed dinner, with the rest of the evening at your leisure.

BasisBed and Breakfast

Day 7**Trident Hotel Udaipur, Udaipur**

Day Itinerary

Start your day with a leisurely morning and an optional yoga session at the hotel. Afterwards, embark on a day trip to the stunning Ranakpur Temple, celebrated for its exquisite Jain architecture and intricate marble carvings. Return to your hotel in the evening for a relaxing overnight stay.

BasisBed and Breakfast

Day 8

ITC Rajputana a Luxury Collection Hotel Jaipur, Jaipur

Jaipur

Fringed by the rugged Aravali Hills, Jaipur, nicknamed the ‘Pink City’ for its salmon-hued terracotta buildings, is the capital and largest city in the Rajasthan State. This metropolis combines tradition and modernity with its vibrant bazaars, lavish palaces, and ancient temples. Don’t miss the fairy-tale splendour of the Amber Fort, set against the backdrop of the arid landscape and hosting enthralling sound and light shows; the UNESCO-listed Jantar Mantar, a collection of 300-year-old astronomical tools which look like contemporary art; and the opulent City Palace, with its palatial structures, sprawling gardens, and atmospheric courtyards. Jaipur falls within the Golden Triangle, a popular tourist circuit, which includes Delhi, Jaipur, and Agra, and it also serves as a gateway to the neighbouring desert cities of Jaisalmer and Jodhpur.

Day Itinerary

Begin your day with a leisurely morning and an optional yoga session at the hotel. After breakfast, embark on a scenic drive to Jaipur, the Pink City, soaking in the sights of rural Rajasthan—the vibrant turbans, colorful ethnic attire, and sparkling silver jewelry of the locals are truly captivating. Upon arrival, check in to your hotel and enjoy a relaxing evening at leisure. Dinner and overnight stay at the hotel.

Overnight: ITC Rajputana a Luxury Collection Hotel Jaipur

ITC Rajputana a Luxury Collection Hotel is located in the heart of Jaipur, Rajasthan, India, with access to the Kanak Vrindavan Garden, the Monkey Temple, and Jitesh Arts. The property features well-appointed and comfortably furnished rooms and suites with tea/coffee makers, private bathrooms, hairdryer, ironing facilities, mini-fridges, TVs, and air conditioning. Guests can enjoy a complimentary breakfast on-site daily. Facilities and services include restaurants, on-site laundry facilities, a fitness centre, a spa, meeting/event rooms, a swimming pool, a gift shop, wake-up calls, room service, daily housekeeping, and Wi-Fi.



Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 9

ITC Rajputana a Luxury Collection Hotel Jaipur, Jaipur

Day Itinerary

Start your day with a leisurely morning and an optional yoga session at the hotel. Afterward, explore Jaipur's highlights, beginning with the majestic Amber Fort and continuing to the bustling bazaars of the Pink City. Visit iconic landmarks including Hawa Mahal, City Palace, Jantar Mantar, and Birla Mandir. In the evening, indulge in a hands-on cooking class, followed by a sumptuous dinner. Overnight stay at the hotel.

Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 10

ITC Mughal, a Luxury Collection Resort & Spa, Agra, Agra

Agra

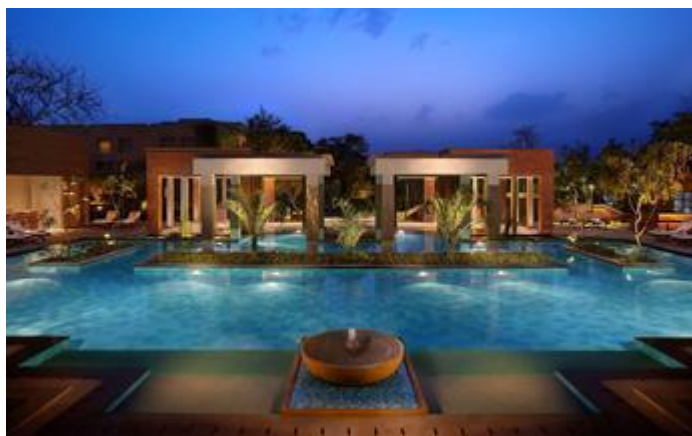
Set on the banks of the Yamuna River in Uttar Pradesh, Agra is a beautiful city famous for its incredible Taj Mahal building, one of the seven wonders of the world. Commissioned by the Mughal emperor Shah Jahan in the 15th century as a memorial to his beloved wife Mumtaz Mahal, this is an architectural masterpiece of exquisite craftsmanship and perfect proportions. The city boasts numerous other superb attractions, including the red-hued sandstone Agra Fort, built in the 16th century; the Shahi Jama Masjid mosque, a 17th-century congregational mosque located in the historic core of Agra, and Itmad-ud-Daulah's tomb, with its white marble facade embellished with intricate inlaid designs, also called the 'Baby Taj'.

Day Itinerary

After breakfast, depart Jaipur for Agra, with a scenic stop at Abhaneri to enjoy lunch and a charming village safari. Arrive in Agra in the afternoon and check in to your hotel. Later, visit the magnificent Agra Fort, a Mughal architectural masterpiece commissioned by Emperor Akbar. Take a leisurely heritage walk through the city to uncover Agra's hidden Mughal gems. Overnight at the hotel.

Overnight: ITC Mughal, a Luxury Collection Resort & Spa, Agra

ITC Mughal, a Luxury Collection Resort & Spa, Agra, lies in Tajganj, just a short drive from the Taj Mahal and close to Agra Fort. The opulent rooms, arranged around courtyards and pedestrian bridges, feature air-conditioning, tea/coffee facilities, and complimentary Wi-Fi. Dining venues include a north-west frontier restaurant, an all-day multi-cuisine buffet venue, and a relaxed lobby bar offering light bites and beverages. Leisure facilities encompass a spa, outdoor swimming pool, and a fitness centre.



Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 11

End of Itinerary

Day Itinerary

Begin your day with an early morning visit to the Taj Mahal, witnessing its pristine white dome bathed in the soft glow of sunrise—a breathtaking symbol of eternal love. Explore its exquisite interiors and intricate craftsmanship. After breakfast, transfer to Delhi airport for your onward journey.

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.
