

Itinerary

Thursday, March 15 – Mumbai

Upon arrival at Mumbai airport you will be met and assisted by our local representative at the airport and transferred to your chosen hotel.

Mumbai
Or Bombay to call it by the name its better known by, was a swampy, mosquito infested, marshy island off the west coast of India with little or no potential, or so thought the Portuguese when they gave it to Charles II of England as part of the dowry of Catherine of Braganza. How very stupid of them! The British East India Company leased it from the Crown, and developed the small fishing villages and natural harbours into Bombay, the subcontinent’s busiest port and the region’s centre for trade, finance and industry. Maharashtra’s capital, Mumbai, wears several hats or should we say crowns? Mumbai is not just India’s largest city, it is also its commercial capital, industrial powerhouse, busiest port, fashion capital, home to ‘Bollywood’ (India’s Hollywood), world’s biggest textile market – the list goes on and on.

Overnight at Trident Nariman
http://www.tridenthotels.com/mumbai_nariman_point/index.asp

Friday, March 16 – Mumbai

Breakfast at the hotel

Fourth annual Barnard College Global Symposium: Women Changing India or Day at Leisure

Overnight at Trident Nariman
http://www.tridenthotels.com/mumbai_nariman_point/index.asp

Saturday, March 17 – Mumbai

Breakfast at the hotel

Optional City Tour or Day at Leisure

Overnight at Trident Nariman
http://www.tridenthotels.com/mumbai_nariman_point/index.asp
Sunday, March 18 – Mumbai to Jaipur

Flight Option: AI Flight 611 Depart Mumbai 1050am – Arrive Jaipur 1225pm

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Jaipur

Jaipur’s past is never too far from hand. The city of victory, Jaipur presides over the fascinating desert state and its people: surrounded by rugged hills, each crowned by a formidable fort; and beautiful palaces, mansions and gardens dotted throughout its precincts. The palaces and forts of yesteryear that were witness to royal processions and splendor are now living monuments, accepted quite naturally into the lifestyles of the people of the “pink city”. Except for the busy traffic of bicycles, cars and buses, little seems to have changed. There is a timeless quality to Jaipur’s bazaars and its people. With its historical past, Jaipur revives legends of the ancient Rajputs. The dresses of the women and the turbans of the men add color to this fascinating city.

Overnight at Trident Jaipur

Monday, March 19 - Jaipur

Breakfast at the hotel

Morning Excursion to Amber Fort with an Elephant Ride

Amber Fort -- 12 kilometers from Jaipur is the deserted city of Amber and the Amber Fort. It was once the ancient capital of the Rajput Empire. From the road you can climb up to the Fort in approximately 10 minutes, but it is also possible to ride up on elephant back. In addition, there is a small Kali Temple on the premises.

Later explore the ‘Pink City’, the bustling metropolis that is Rajasthan’s capital, seeing the Observatory and the City Palace. Well known as the Pink City of India, Jaipur is the state capital and largest city of Rajasthan. Most of the structures in the old walled city are built with pink sandstone, giving the city its name. You will visit the City Palace which houses a museum containing rare manuscripts, paintings and an armory. Then, proceed on to the Jantar Mantar Observatory, built in the 17th century by Jai Singh, a famous astronomer. The observatory has a 900-foot-high sundial. The Central Museum, founded in 1876, has a large collection of antiques. You will drive past the Hawa Mahal, also known as the “Palace of Winds”. Hawa Mahal, built in a unique design, is the landmark of Jaipur, and was used by the ladies of the court to watch the daily goings-on in the street below.

Evening at Leisure

Overnight at Trident Jaipur

Tuesday, March 20 – Jaipur to Fatehpur Sikri to Agra

Breakfast at the hotel

Transfer from Jaipur to Agra with Visit to Fatehpur Sikri
Fatehpur Sikri - The deserted red sandstone city was built by the Great Mughal Emperor Akbar as his capital and palace in the late 16th century. It was abandoned soon after it was built when the local wells went dry and it remains today in much the same condition that it was over 300 years ago. It is complete with palaces and mosques and used to be a town larger than London when it was originally constructed. Now it is an extraordinary place to wander around with its buildings in near perfect condition.

Arrival in Agra and check in at your chosen hotel

Agra
Agra in terms of ambiance is still associated with its Mughal period. The Mughal besides being great rulers were also great builders and they preserved their best architectural wonders for Agra & its neighborhood. It has many wonderful monuments and the Taj Mahal, the greatest of them all, is a masterpiece of Mughal architecture at its best. The massive but elegant Agra Fort, the delicate artistry of Itimad-ud-daullah’s tomb, the magnificent Taj and Akbar’s deserted capital, Fatehpur Sikri, are each unique and outstanding.

Evening at Leisure

Overnight at Trident Agra
http://www.tridenthotels.com/agra/index.asp

Wednesday, March 21 – Agra - Delhi

Breakfast at the hotel

Morning Visit to Agra Fort
The seat and the stronghold of the Mughal Empire under successive generations. This was the seat of Mughal rule and administration and the present structure owes its origins to Akbar who erected the walls and gates and the first buildings on the eastern banks of Yamuna River. Shah Jehan added the impressive quarters and the mosque while Aurangzeb added the outer ramparts. Visit its Hall of Public Audience and its Royal Pavilions.

ITMAD-UD-DAULAH – To the north of Agra fort, on the opposite bank of the Yamuna, is the tomb of Mirza Ghiyas Beg, Jahangir’s wazir, also known as Itmad-ud-daullah. The tomb is also referred to as the ‘baby Taj’, as it was the very first Mughal structure to be totally built from marble and make extensive use of pietra dura.

Afternoon Visit to the Taj Mahal
The Taj Mahal is everything that has been said about it and more. Taking 22 years and 20,000 men to build, the white marble was quarried 200 miles away and was transported to the site by a fleet of 1000 elephants. Built by the Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan as an expression of his love for his wife Mumtaz Mahal, in mid 17th century, the Taj Mahal is truly one of the wonders of the world. 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.

Transfer to Delhi

**Overnight at Oberoi Maidens**
http://www.maidenshotel.com/

**Thursday, March 22 – Delhi**

Breakfast at the hotel

**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. Amidst the fast spiraling skyscrapers the remnants of a bygone time in the form of its many monuments stand as silent reminders to the region’s ancient legacy. The first impressions for any visitor traveling in from the airport are of a spacious, garden city, tree-lined with a number of beautiful parks.*

**Morning Tour of Old Delhi**
Old Delhi is a world all in its own. As you meander through the bustling streets of this Mughal nerve-centre of old, is difficult to imagine that way back in 1648, Emperor Shah Jahan’s daughter Jahanara built up the area only to pander to her father’s fetish for grandiose processions. Here you will see the Jama Masjid, built in 1650 AD, and one of the largest mosques in India. Drive through the fabled Chandni Chowk (literally, ‘Silver Street’), once the most opulent perfume market of India, but now a bustling market, good for hunting down old and new silver and gold from jewelers whose forefathers served the emperors. Tour the Red Fort dating back as far as 1639-48 AD, and built by Emperor Shah Jahan, who also built the Taj Mahal. Visit Raj Ghat where Mahatma Gandhi was cremated following his assassination in 1948. Continue visit to India Gate.

**Afternoon Tour of New Delhi**
New Delhi was planned and built by the British in the 1920s and is characterized by Sir Edwin Lutyen's monumental architecture. You will visit Humayun's Tomb, aptly called the predecessor of the Taj Mahal because of its ornate Mughal style of architecture, later perfected in the Taj Mahal. Continue drive to 12th century Qutab Minar, considered one of the most perfect towers in the world, measuring 72 meters high. Nearby, amidst the ruins of the Quwwat ul Islam Mosque stands the iron pillar, which is over 1500 years old and seemingly immune to rust. Visit India Gate - a 42 meter high gateway, constructed as a memorial in honour of 90,000
soldiers who sacrificed their lives during World War I. 'Amar Jawan Jyoti' or the flame of the immortal warrior is burning under it since 1971. The eternal flame reminds the sacrifice of these brave soldiers. These soldiers valiantly sacrificed their lives during the Indo-Pakistan War of December 1971. Finally drive past the government buildings, President’s House and Parliament House.

Evening at Leisure

**Overnight at Oberoi Maidens**

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**Friday, March 23 - Delhi**

Breakfast at the hotel

*After breakfast transfer to airport for departing flight*

**End of Services**
PROPOSAL PRICING & OPTIONS

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*Please note that airfare & schedule is subject to change*

Optional Half Day Mumbai City Tour / Approximate duration of tour: 04 Hrs
Saturday, March 17, 2012

Your first stop will be the Jain Temples, built of marble and dedicated to the first Jain Tirthankara. From the temples you will be driven along Malabar Hill via the Tower of Silence - a round stone construction on which Parsis place their dead to be eaten by the vultures and Hanging Gardens which is built over Bombay’s reservoir. From here one can get a panoramic view of picturesque Marine Drive.

From Malabar Hill you will be driven to Mani Bhawan (Gandhi Memorial), the house where the Father of the Nation stayed on his early visits to the city. The room, in which Gandhi stayed, preserved as it was, and the scenes of Gandhi’s life in photographs and models are of special interest followed by a photo stop at the Dhobi Ghats, a huge open-air laundry, which makes an interesting viewing.

Your last stop before proceeding to the hotel is the Prince of Wales Museum (closed on Mondays) – gothic and Moorish architecture in the striking confluence of styles that came to be known as Indo Saracenic. It boasts of a significant collection of Indus valley artifacts some of them dating back to more than 5000 years. Most impressive are the miniature paintings – nearly 2000 of them – from various stylistic schools of India.

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The Above cost includes:-
Transport for sightseeing, local English Speaking Guide, Entrance fee to the monuments as per program and applicable taxes

The Cost does not include:-
Any Tips/Gratuities, any other expense not mentioned in the clause “cost includes”.
**ABOVE QUOTE INCLUDES:**

- 08 Nights accommodation in hotels mentioned or similar on twin sharing basis.
- Assistance by local representatives at the airports / Hotels (except optional Mumbai)
- All accommodations based on Bed & Breakfast Basis.
- All transfers, excursions and sightseeing tours will be by air-conditioned transportation.
  The vehicle used under each pax bracket will be as follows:
    - 10 / 14 pax - AC Mini Coach
    - 15 / 19 pax - AC Large Coach
- Entrance fees at all monuments (one time only) as specified in the itinerary, road taxes, parking fee, fuel charges, interstate taxes, and porterage at all hotels, railway station & airports.
- Services of Accompanied English Speaking Guide service from Arrival at Jaipur till departure at Delhi as per program.
- Elephant ride to climb up to Amber Fort in Jaipur (Subject to availability)
- All currently applicable taxes.
- **Tour Conductor**: One Free Tour Conductor on land package, in single accommodation.

**QUOTE DOES NOT INCLUDE:**

- Expenses of personal nature like tipping, laundry, telephone/fax calls, alcoholic/non-alcoholic beverages, camera/video camera fee at monuments, medical expenses, airport departure tax, any insurance, passport, visas, etc...
- Any meals other than the mentioned above.
- Any other services not mentioned in the inclusions.
- Any Insurance
- Any airfares and taxes

**OBSERVATIONS:**

- Hotel Check-In 1400 / Check-out time 1200 HRS
- Prices are subject to change with any increase in the cost.
- Rates include only those items specified in your itinerary.
- Taj Mahal is closed on Fridays
- Elephant ride is subject to availability as Government of Rajasthan has restricted the number of rides and prior reservation. Clients will have to queue themselves and wait to see if they can get a chance to have the elephant ride. Moreover, during Summer Season i.e. from April till September the Elephants will be permitted to do 03 Rounds in the Morning from 0700 hours to 0945 hours and 01 Round in the Afternoon from 1600 hours to 1800 hours and the boarding at the elephant stand is permitted only during these hours. Hence, there is no guarantee that even after queuing, they will get an elephant ride if the quota of rides is over.
- If the suggested hotels are not available at the time of the group confirmation, Destination Partners will offer alternative hotels with new rates.
- Optional tours/services: prices valid only if booked in advance, before departure. We do not guarantee the same prices if tours are confirmed after client’s arrival as tour and local guides are commissioned locally.
- Rates in US dollars are valid for the request period only; payment via check.
- In case of different dates or number of paying passengers, rates will be subject to changes.
- In case of human or computer error, Destination Partners reserve the right to re-invoice for the correct price or service.
- Airport taxes and Fees subject to change prior to ticketing