

MYTH & MAGIC - 11 Days / 10 Nights

From USD 954 onwards

DELHI MANDAWA JAIPUR FATEHPUR SIKRI AGRA ++ JHANSI ORCHHA KHAJURAHO / VARANASI / DELHI							
CATEGORY	PERIOD	MEAL PLAN	PRICE PER PERSON			MIN. PAX	FROM - TO
			1/2 DBL	SGL SUPPL	1/3 TPL		
Superior	04/01/06 - 09/30/06	BB	954	294	924	02	Delhi - Delhi
Superior	10/01/06 - 12/15/06 01/16/07 - 03/31/07	BB	1170	420	1104	02	Delhi - Delhi
Superior	12/16/06 - 01/15/07	BB	1170	420	1104	02	Delhi - Delhi
Deluxe	04/01/06 - 09/30/06	BB	1194	468	1104	02	Delhi - Delhi
Deluxe	10/01/06 - 12/15/06 01/16/06 - 03/31/07	BB	1530	684	1374	02	Delhi - Delhi
Deluxe	12/16/06 - 01/15/07	BB	1530	684	1374	02	Delhi - Delhi

DAY 01: DELHI

Arrival at Delhi. You will be greeted and assisted at the Airport by GITC representative and transferred to the hotel. Sprawling on the banks of the river Yamuna, Delhi, the capital of India, personifies the soul of the country. The city conceals within its bosom, the remains of the civilizations that flourished over the last three thousand years. From time immemorial, several dynasties have flourished on its regal soil. The legacy of that past survives in the many monuments left behind by the regents, each a chronicle of the glory of its time and an imprint of the character of the ruler. Check in at hotel for 02 nights. Spend the rest of the day at leisure.

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DAY 04: MANDAWA – JAIPUR

[190 kms/ 3 hrs]
After breakfast, check out and proceed to Jaipur. Popularly known as the Pink City, Jaipur was built in 1727 AD by Maharaja Jai Singh. Check in at hotel for 01 night. Afternoon proceed for city tour covering City Palace, Hawa Mahal & Jantar Mantar. The City Palace in the heart of the old city is a blend of Rajasthan & Mughal architecture. Hawa Mahal, a five storied structure of pink sandstone with overhanging latticed balconies is unique in conception and is designed to catch the cool breeze on a hot summer day.

the Taj Mahal. Later visit Agra Fort – built by three of the great Mughal emperors. Afternoon visit the Taj Mahal, built by Emperor Shah Jahan commemorating his wife, Mumtaz. It is one of the finest examples of Indo-Saracenic Architecture, took 22 years for construction and is one among of the seven wonders of the world. (Taj Mahal is closed on Fridays)

goddesses, warriors, real & mythological animals and erotic figures as well.

DAY 09: KHAJURAHO / VARANASI

Breakfast. Check out and transfer to Airport to connect flight for Varanasi. [9W724 1330/1410 hrs]. On arrival meet and transfer to hotel for 02 nights. Afternoon proceed to the village of Sarnath. Buddha came to Sarnath to preach his message of the middleway to nirvana after he achieved enlightenment at Bodhgaya. He gave his famous first sermon here to a handful of followers in a deer park. In the 3rd century BC Emperor Ashoka made Sarnath a centre of Buddhist worship, built magnificent stupas and monasteries, erected an engraved pillar. Visit the Park, Museum, Main Shrine and Ashoka's Pillar.

DAY 07: AGRA ++ JHANSI – ORCHHA [60 kms/ 1 ½ hrs] – **KHAJURAHO** [150 kms/ 3 ½ hrs]

After breakfast, check out and transfer to railway station to board SHATABDI EXP. to Jhansi [0820/ 1030 hrs]. On arrival meet and transfer to Orchha. Once the capital city of the Bundelas, Orchha is now just a few streets within a wonderful complex of well preserved palaces and temples. The picture book setting of spires and domes breaks the skyline in every direction. Refreshingly free of touts, Orchha's peaceful beauty makes it a very relaxing and tranquil place to stay. Later, proceed for Khajuraho. Check in at hotel for 02 nights.

DAY 10: VARANASI

The religious capital of Hinduism, Varanasi is the oldest living city of India, and one of the world's most ancient. Crowded with temples, and its labyrinth of streets, the city attracts large number of tourists – domestic & international. A dip in the holy river Ganges here is believed by pilgrims, to wash off all their sins. An early morning boat ride presents an incredibly creepy scene as multitudes of devotees come to the river to pay homage to the Sun God, Surya; pass by the bathing ghats where thousands of pilgrims purify themselves in the holy water of the Ganges River, and the burning ghats where cremations are conducted.

DAY 08: KHAJURAHO

The stunningly exquisite temples of Khajuraho are deservedly one of India's major attractions and are superb examples of Indo-Aryan architecture. These temples were built by a Chandela dynasty that survived for over five centuries, before falling to the Mughal onslaught. Most date from a century-long burst of creative genius from 950 to 1050. These works of architectural and sculptural genius have a historic and poetic resonance that immediately captures the imagination. Breakfast. Visit the spectacular temples that have exquisitely carved statues of gods,

DAY 11: VARANASI / DELHI

Breakfast. Check out and transfer to Airport to connect flight for Delhi. [9W724 1440/1600 hrs]

DAY 02: DELHI

After breakfast, proceed for sightseeing tour of Old Delhi. Visit Jama Masjid, the largest mosque in India; Red Fort, one of the best surviving Mughal monuments, both built by Emperor Shah Jehan in 17th century; Raj Ghat where you can see the monuments raised in memory of Mahatma Gandhi (the father of the nation) and other great leaders of modern India. Afternoon visit Jantar Mantar – an 18th century masonry observatory, Lakshmi Narayan Temple which epitomizes modern Indian temple architecture, Qutab Minar – one of the earliest remains of imperial Delhi built in 13th century; Humayun's Tomb & Craft Museum; drive past India Gate & Parliament House.

DAY 05: JAIPUR – FATEHPUR SIKRI – AGRA [238 kms/ 5 hrs]

After breakfast, check out and visit Amber Fort. The magnificent delicate-pink, fort-palace of Amber, a beautiful, ethereal example of Rajput architecture, rises from a rocky mountainside about 11 kms north of Jaipur. Enjoy an elephant ride at the fort. Later drive to Agra. En route visit the fairy tale city of Fatehpur Sikri which was also the short lived capital of Mughal empire between 1571 and 1585, during the reign of Emperor Akbar. Visit the magnificent world heritage building belonging to the Mughals. Continue your journey to Agra. Check in at hotel for 02 nights.

Tour Concludes!

DAY 03: DELHI – MANDAWA

[246 kms/ 6 ½ hrs]
After breakfast, checkout and leave for Mandawa. The semi-desert Shekhawati region is renowned for its magnificent painted *havelis*. The region also boasts of the Rajasthan fort, a couple of minor castles, distinctive wells, tombs and a handful of interesting mosques. Check in at

DAY 06: AGRA

This sprawling industrial city is synonymous with the Taj Mahal, India's most famous monument. The Mughal emperor Babur established his capital here in 1526 and the next century Agra witnesses a remarkable spate of architectural activity as each emperor tried to outdo the splendid monuments built by his predecessors. Breakfast. Visit tomb of Itimad-ud-Daula also known as 'Baby Taj' as its design foreshadows



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Map not to scale

INCLUSIONS: 10 nights accommodation in double room on twin sharing on BB basis. All transfers, sightseeing and excursions as per the itinerary in A/c medium car. Service of a local English speaking guide wherever applicable. Arrival & departure assistance. Elephant ride at Amber Fort. Entrance tickets. All currently applicable taxes (any Govt. or State taxes subsequently introduced will be extra.) EXCLUSIONS: Expenses of a personal nature such as hard/soft drinks, still/video camera fees at monuments, laundry, phone/fax, tips & gratuities, travel insurance. Flight tickets. Any increase in fuel costs. Any items not mentioned in the clause "Inclusions". X-max & New Year eve supplement. Flight & train fares & schedules are subject to change.