

MAJESTIC INDIA



11 DAYS

DEPARTURE

24 Sep 2018

**CANADA - DELHI - AGRA - JAIPUR
PUSHKAR - UDAIPUR - DELHI - CANADA**

TOUR PRICE:

Per person on Twin sharing basis:

CAD 3099

Single person supplement:

CAD 899

Non-Chamber Members, please add \$50

TOUR PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- 8 Nights' accommodation at listed hotels or similar
- **International Airfare** from Toronto (Inc. Taxes)
- Return airport transfers
- Daily buffet breakfast
- 3 special dinners
- Rickshaw Ride in Jaipur
- Elephant ride at Amber Fort, Jaipur
- Boat ride on Lake Pichola, Udaipur
- Sightseeing & Entrance fees as per the itinerary
- Service of an English speaking Tour Manager
- All transportation in an AC Chauffeur driven vehicle
- All presently applicable taxes



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TOUR LODGING INFO:

Accommodation will be provided on a twin sharing basis

CITY	NIGHTS	HOTELS
New Delhi	01 Night	Metropolitan Hotel
Agra	02 Nights	Trident
Jaipur	02 Nights	Trident
Pushkar	01 Night	Pushkar Resort
Udaipur	02 Nights	Trident

TOUR ITINERARY:

DAY 01 CANADA

Today: Make your way to your gateway airport to board your flight to India. Enjoy in-flight meals and services. Overnight onboard the flight

DAY 02 DELHI

Evening: Welcome to Delhi, India! a monumental city with a vibrant mix of old and new teeming bazaars, stately British boulevards, powerful Mughal palaces and forts, and intricate, ethereal towers, temples and tombs. On arrival at Delhi International Airport you will be met and assisted by our company executive and transferred to your hotel.

Accommodation: Overnight in Delhi

DAY 03 DELHI - AGRA (205 KMS / 5 HRS)

Breakfast: At hotel

Morning: Tour Old and New Delhi visiting Raj Ghat, Mahatma Gandhi's serene and evocative cremation site, India Gate (the War Memorial) and the Presidents House (from the outside), the Baha'i Lotus Temple (closed on Mondays) - this distinctive lotus shaped marvel in marble is a symbol of peace, the Qutub Minar a stunning 240-foot minaret, the tallest in the world surrounded by an elaborate complex built in the Indo-Islamic architectural tradition.

Afternoon: Drive to Agra. On arrival check in to the hotel

Evening: At leisure

Accommodation: Overnight in Agra

Meals Included: Breakfast

DAY 04 AGRA

Early Morning: Enjoy the sunrise at the Taj Mahal. Often considered the pinnacle of Mughal art in India, the Taj Mahal was built by Emperor Shah Jahan for his beloved wife Mumtaz Mahal. When declaring it a world heritage site, **UNESCO** described it as "the jewel of Muslim art in India". There are few words that can describe the magnificence of this monument. Marvel as light and colors transform this stunning monument in the beautiful dawn glow. Return back to the hotel

Breakfast: At hotel

Morning: Enjoy the morning free at leisure or take an **Optional tour to Itmad-Ud-Daulah (\$25/pp)**, known as the "Baby Taj", the first Mughal structure totally built from marble. In addition, visit the Sikandra, the sandstone and marble tomb of Akbar which blends Islamic, Hindu, Buddhist, Jain and Christian motifs and styles.

Afternoon: Visit Agra Fort; another **UNESO heritage site** built and added to between the 16th and 17th centuries by successive rulers of the Mughal Dynasty. The fort was built primarily as a military structure, but Shah Jahan upgraded it to a palace and later it became his gilded prison for 8 years after his son Aurangzeb seized power. The elegant building inside reflects an interesting synthesis of Hindu and Central Asian architectural styles.

Evening: Marble craftsmanship demonstration

Accommodation: Overnight in Agra

DAY 05 AGRA - JAIPUR(236 KMS / 5 HRS)

Breakfast: At hotel

Morning: Drive to Jaipur en-route visiting Fatehpur Sikri an eerily abandoned capital from the Mughal Empire between 1570 and 1586. Akbar built this city to celebrate the birth of his son and future heir to the throne, Emperor Jahangir. While Akbar is believed to have been illiterate, he took great interest in the arts and architecture; Fatehpur Sikri is one of his masterworks. Sadly, it served as capital for little more than a decade, eventually abandoned for lack of accessible water.

Afternoon: On arrival check in to the hotel. Jaipur, Rajasthan's capital is also known as the Pink City. The origin of this nickname becomes immediately apparent as you enter the old city walls and greet the pink-colored buildings that rise at every turn.

Dinner: Authentic Rajasthani cuisine at a local restaurant

Accommodation: Overnight in Jaipur

Meals Included: Breakfast & Dinner

DAY 06 JAIPUR

Breakfast: At hotel

Morning: Start with an exhilarating excursion to Amber Fort perched on top of a hill. A royal ride on elephant (subject to availability) up the hill like the Maharajas of past times and visit the Jagmandir (the hall of victory). Perched on a hillside on the outskirts of town, the palace

was constructed in the 1590s by Maharaja Man Singh, the commander of Akbar's army, and was largely motivated by the highly defensible location. This is a beautiful and very well preserved structure, built on four levels and surrounded by ruins, which served as the backdrop for the Mira Nair movie "Kama Sutra: A Tale of Love."

Afternoon: View the grand Hawa Mahal (Palace of Winds). This magnificent structure was built to allow the royal ladies of the palace to discretely watch the grand processions along the main street, City Palace and impressive Jantar Mantar, an astronomical observatory built in the early 1700s by Maharaja Jai Singh II, the great warrior-astronomer to which this city owes its name. Also enjoy a rickshaw ride through the old part of the Pink city.

Evening: Demonstration of gem-cutting & polishing

Accommodation: Overnight in Jaipur

Meals Included: Breakfast

DAY 07 JAIPUR - PUSHKAR (140 KMS /3.5 HRS)

Breakfast: At hotel

Morning: Drive to Pushkar a sacred city for Hindus. Surrounded by hills on three sides and sand dunes on the fourth, Pushkar forms a fascinating location and a befitting backdrop for the annual religious and cattle fair (held in November). A quiet, secluded desert town for 51 weeks a year, for just a few days it becomes an absolutely incredible and authentic extravaganza during the annual Pushkar Fair. Drawing people from all around the globe, it is also quite possibly the largest camel and cattle-trading fair in the world.

Afternoon: Arrive in Pushkar; check in to the hotel. Enjoy a walking tour of the holy city of the God, Brahma; visit the holy Pushkar Lake and the famous 8th century Brahma Temple dedicated to Lord Brahma the creator of the universe and the only Bull temple in the world. Experience a special Pooja ceremony at a Ghat with a Hindu priest on the banks of Pushkar Lake

Accommodation: Overnight in Pushkar (Special Deluxe Tents during the Pushkar Camel Fair)

Meals Included: Breakfast

DAY 08 PUSHKAR - UDAIPUR (260 KMS / 5 HRS)

Breakfast: At hotel

Morning: After breakfast drive to Udaipur. Udaipur is the majestic city of lakes and palaces. Founded by Maharana Udai Singh in 1559 and fondly referred to as Rajasthan's most

romantic city, its rich history is matched by its picturesque setting among the Aravalli Mountains and three manmade lakes.

Afternoon: On arrival in Udaipur; check in to the hotel.

Evening: Take a sunset cruise on Lake Pichola, sailing past picturesque Ghats and palaces, stopping at the island of Jag Mandir, a 17th century water palace that witnessed two important historical events. It was the refuge for Prince Khurram, later known as Shah Jahan, when he was exiled by his father and later during the uprising of 1857, the island offered safety to several British families who fled from nearby Née much.

Accommodation: Overnight in Udaipur

Meals Included: Breakfast

DAY 09 UDAIPUR

Breakfast: At hotel

Morning: Begin our day at the City Palace, overlooking the blue waters of Lake Pichola. Maharana Udai Singh initiated construction in 1559 A.D. and it was subsequently expanded, with impressive uniformity, by several succeeding Maharanas. The palace consists of a number of beautiful courtyards and gardens. The main hall has been converted into a museum, housing opulent artifacts and original works of art. Inside the complex we will find the exquisite crystal gallery, exhibiting 19th century pieces including crystal chandeliers, tables, sofas and beds. We will continue walking towards the Jagdish Temple to study its many remarkable friezes. Lavishly built in 1651 by Maharana Jagat Singh, it is easy to understand why Jagdish is the most venerated Hindu temple in Udaipur. Afterwards we will explore the Old City, wandering through its bustling streets lined with art shops, spice vendors, tailors and more.

Evening: Special dinner at 1559 Restaurant

Accommodation: Overnight in Udaipur

Meals Included: Breakfast & Dinner

DAY 10 UDAIPUR - DELHI - CANADA

Breakfast: At hotel

Morning: Morning at leisure. Late afternoon transfer to airport to connect with flight back to Delhi and then connect with your international flight back home.

Meals Included: Breakfast

DAY 11 DELHI - CANADA

Arrive back in Canada

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