

Dreams of the Taj Tour

Travel Period: February 28 – March 6, 2019
(6 DAYS & 5 NIGHTS)

ITINERARY:



DAY 1 | MARCH 1, 2019 | FRIDAY | ARRIVES IN DELHI – JAIPUR (BY FLIGHT) (L/D)

- Arrives in Delhi
- Take connecting flight to Jaipur
- Arrive Jaipur and meet our company representative at Jaipur Airport
- Check-in and Lunch at hotel
- Free for your own leisure
- Transfer to the hotel
- Dinner and overnight at the hotel

Arrive Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport. **Welcome to India!** You will be met by accompanying English-speaking guide at the airport.

You will board the connecting flight to Jaipur.

The vibrant capital of Rajasthan renowned for its forts and palaces is popularly known as the "Pink City" because of the pink-coloured buildings in its old city. An ideal base of touring the royal state, the city has the distinction of being the third jewel of India's "Golden Triangle". Its main claim to fame is that it is India's first 'planned' city built by the famous 18th century astronomer King Sawai Jai Singh II.

Jaipur is not only the gateway to the state; it is also the most natural place to begin a discovery of Rajasthan's multifaceted attractions. Its beautiful buildings including the City Palace, Amer Fort and the landmark Hawa Mahal are truly worth seeing. Browsing through the markets in Jaipur, where skilled craftsmen display.

Arrive Jaipur International Airport @ **10:35 Hrs.** Here you will meet our company representative at the airport and transfer to the hotel for check-in.

Lunch at hotel.

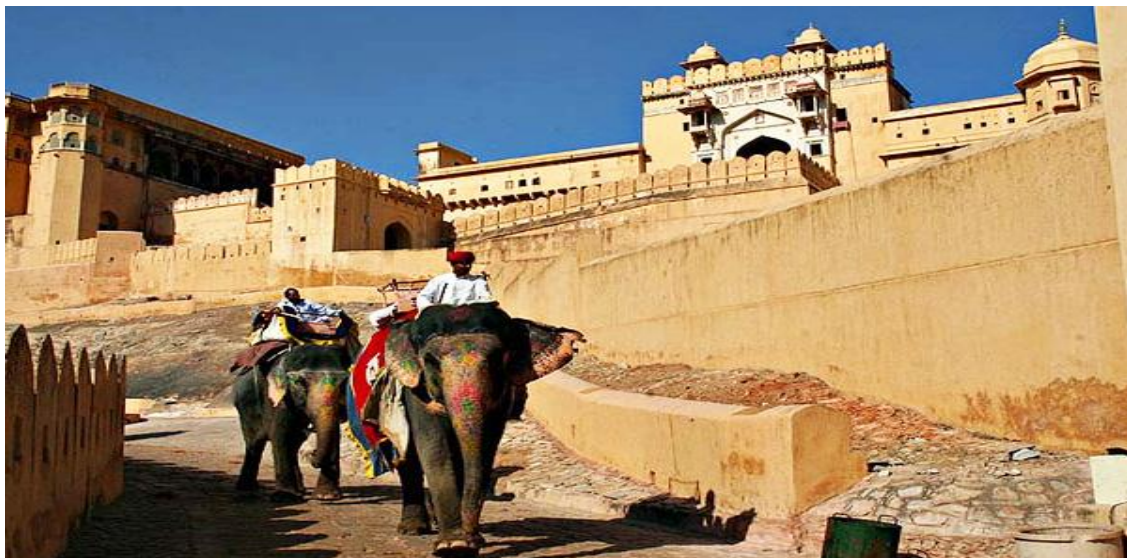
Free for your own leisure.

Dinner & overnight at the hotel.

DAY 2 | MARCH 2, 2019 | SATURDAY | JAIPUR (B/L/D)

- **Breakfast at hotel**
- **Half day excursion of Amber Fort**
- **Lunch at city restaurant**
- **Half day tour of Jaipur City**
- **Dinner & overnight at the hotel**

After breakfast proceed for an excursion of **Amber Fort**. 11 Kms. from Jaipur, Amber Fort is a marvellous example of Rajput architecture with its terraces and ramparts reflected in the Maota Lake below. Go up the fort on the back of a gaily-caparisoned elephant true to the style of the Maharajas of the past. The interiors of the fort have various royal halls decorated with intricate ivory, mirror and glasswork complemented by exquisite wall paintings. As you move between the rooms of this magnificent structure feel the history and visualize the pomp



and grandeur of a kingdom never conquered.

Elephant rides at Amber Fort cannot be guaranteed in advance. This is due to the fact that the number of elephants and the trips each elephant can take is very limited. All guests have to reach the Amber Fort in time and stand in line to wait their turn to climb the elephant., these lines could sometimes be very long and some guests have had to be turned back.

NOTE: While all the elephants at the Amber Fort are completely tame, docile and fully trained, we would advise that you avoid standing too close to the animals

while on the access ramps. Please also avoid patting / stroking the animals at all times and always avoid taking pictures next to the animals, even if suggested to do so by local guides.

Lunch at city restaurant.

After lunch, proceed with your private guide to the Old city of Jaipur.

Step into the **Jantar Mantar**, by the City palace, a bizarre garden of structures. Be amazed at how astronomers calculated eclipses and planetary positions accurately without sophisticated computers!



Your next stop will be the impressive **City palace**, now a public museum, which lies in the heart of the old Jaipur city. Marvel at the magnificence of Rajasthani architecture and artistry that blends seamlessly with distinct Mughal influences. The palace, which was once the private royal museum of art and artefacts from world over is now open to public. You will also drive past the **Hawa Mahal** (Palace of Winds).

Spend some time in the city's crowded and colourful bazaars that sell a wide variety of artisan goods and semi-precious stones, which are the local speciality.

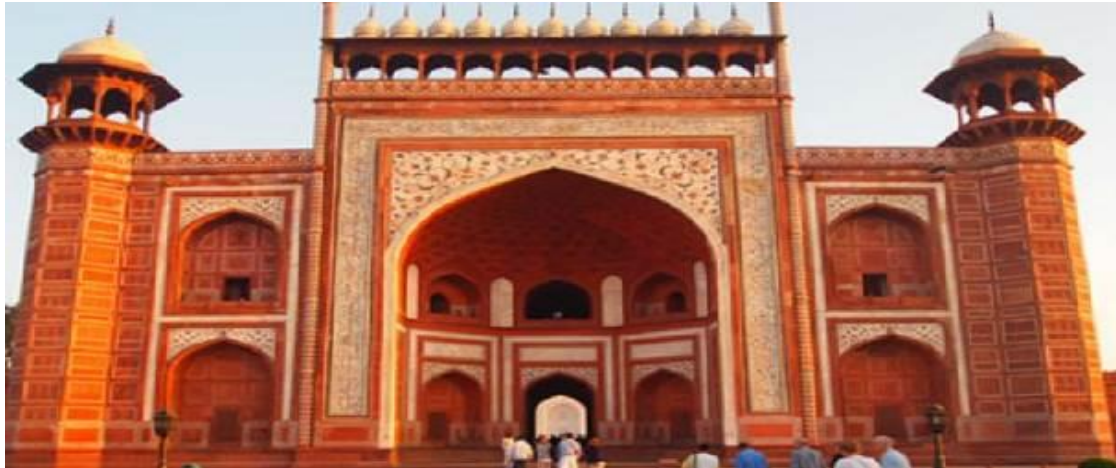
Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

DAY 3 | MARCH 3, 2019 | SUNDAY | JAIPUR - AGRA (B/L/D)

- Breakfast at hotel
- Check-out from the hotel & drive to Agra
- En route visit Fatehpur Sikri
- Arrive Agra & check in at hotel
- Lunch at hotel
- Evening visit of Agra Fort
- Evening witness Mohabbat -The-Taj Show
- Dinner & overnight at the hotel

After breakfast, check-out from the hotel & drive to Jaipur (approx. 6 hrs. drives). En route visit to the imperial city of the Mughal dynasty between 1571 and 1584 - Fatehpur Sikri. **Fatehpur Sikri** the deserted red sandstone city that was built by Emperor Akbar as his capital. It was a veritable fairy tale city and its 'ruins' are still in a pristine condition. It is not hard to imagine what the court life must have been like in the days of its grandeur.

Continue drive to Agra. Upon arrival in Agra, check in at the hotel.



Lunch at hotel.

Evening visit of **Agra Fort**: The great Mughal Emperor Akbar commissioned the construction of the Agra Fort in 1565, A.D. although additions were made till the time of his grandson Shahjahan. The forbidding exteriors of this fort hide an inner paradise. There are a few exquisite buildings like Moti Masjid - a white marble mosque akin to a perfect pearl; Diwan-Am, Diwan-E-Khaas, Musamman Burj - where Shahjahan died in 1666 A.D. Jahangir's Palace; Khaas Mahal and Shish Mahal



Evening Mohabbat -The-Taj Show (A live show on The Monument of Love Taj Mahal) Love without lust can be a spiritual experience, one that distinguishes man from beasts. It is a passion and the idea of being romantically engaged at a higher level that define the intensity of pure love. It was this kind of intense and obsessive love that found expression through a work of art the Taj Mahal which today figures as a crown in the list of wonders. Minus love and the romantic saga associated with it, the Taj Mahal would be just a well-arranged heap of white stones. What makes Taj Mahal stand out in the list of wonders is the passionate and romantic relationship that inspired its creation, the emotional halo that gets transformed into an architectural marvel. Indeed, the Taj Mahal is synonymous with pure Love.

Mohabbat The Taj, the-80-minute presentation that perfectly complements a pilgrimage to the Monument of Love. "Indeed, to fully appreciate and soak into the beauty of the monument, one is advised to see the musical presentation at the Kalakriti auditorium. Show Timings: First Show: 18.30 to 20.00 & Second Show: 20.30 to 22.00.



DAY 4 | MARCH 4, 2019 | MONDAY | AGRA (B/L/D)

- **Sunrise visit of Taj Mahal**
- **Breakfast at hotel**
- **Visit Itimad-ud-Daulah**
- **Lunch at hotel**
- **Sunset visit of Taj Mahal from Taj Khemma Mount with Hi Tea**
- **Dinner & overnight stay at hotel**

This morning proceeds for **Taj Mahal** the magnificent monument to love – The Taj Mahal, built by an emperor in memory of his beloved queen. Construction of the Taj Mahal began in 1631 and is believed to have taken 22 years to complete, with over 20,000 craftsmen working around the clock. The design and construction are said to be that of the legendary architect, Ustad Ahamad Lahori. Legend has it that once construction was completed, Shah Jehan had Lahori's hands cut off, and blinded, so he would never be able to duplicate the structure. What makes the Taj Mahal unique is its perfect proportions, distinct femininity, medium of construction and ornamentation. Its marble exterior reflects rose and golden tints at sunrise and sunset, while it is dazzling white during the day. It is impossible to visualize the Taj Mahal in any surrounding others than its paradoxical garden. Paradise, in Islam, is visualized as a lush garden where

running streams flow. When the Mughals brought this concept to India they elevated it to heights of incomparable artistry.



Return drive to hotel for breakfast.

Visit the **Tomb of Itimad-ud-Daulah** is a Mughal mausoleum in Agra. It is also referred to as a jewel box, Baby Taj and even a draft of the Taj Mahal. This tomb was commissioned by Jahangir's wife Nur Jahan, for her father Mirza Ghiyas Beg, who had been given the title Itimad-ud-Daulah (pillar of the state). This tomb was built between 1622-1628. The mausoleum is set in a large cruciform garden, criss-crossed by water courses and walkways. The walls are white marble from Rajasthan, which are encrusted with semi-precious stone decorations like cornelian, jasper, lapis lazuli, onyx, and topaz. The intricate work on the marble is certainly noteworthy!



Lunch at Hotel.

Sunset Visit of Taj Mahal from Taj Khemma mount with Hi tea

Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

DAY 5 | MARCH 5, 2019 | TUESDAY | AGRA - DELHI (B/L/D)

- **Early breakfast at hotel**
- **Check out from the hotel**
- **Drive to Delhi**
- **Arrive Delhi and Lunch at city restaurant**
- **Free for shopping**
- **Dinner at city restaurant, transfer to hotel for check-in**
- **Overnight at the hotel**

Early breakfast, check-out from the hotel & drive to Delhi. (Approx. 3 hrs. drive)

Arrive Delhi and straight drive to city restaurant for lunch.

After lunch, free for shopping at shopping mall or local market.

Dinner at city restaurant. After dinner transfer to hotel for check-in.

Overnight at the hotel.

DAY 6 | MARCH 6, 2019 | WEDNESDAY | DELHI (B/L/D)

- **Breakfast at hotel**
- **Check out from the hotel**
- **Morning sightseeing of Old Delhi**
- **Lunch at city restaurant**
- **Afternoon sightseeing of New Delhi**
- **Farewell dinner at city restaurant**
- **In time transfer to airport**

After breakfast proceed for a city tour of Old & New Delhi.

Old Delhi was an ancient walled city. Mughal Emperor Shah Jehan in 1650 switched the Mughal capital from Agra to Delhi. Shah Jehan possessing an exquisite talent, especially in architecture, created the seventh city and in the process brought about Delhi's glorious renaissance. Drive Past the Red Fort, the most opulent Fort and Palace of the Mughal Empire. Also enjoy rickshaw ride.

Rickshaw ride: Rickshaws are basically a three-wheeled bicycle with a seat for two passengers behind the driver. Rickshaw ride in Old Delhi is a memorable experience. Several small and beautifully designed rickshaws are available to take a ride through Old Delhi.



Also visit **Rajghat**, the memorial site of the Mahatma Gandhi; **Jama Masjid**, the largest mosque in India; and Chandni Chowk, the bustling and colourful market of the old city. Chandni Chowk was the commercial centre of Delhi in the old time and you will see it come alive in the morning as the trading day starts.

Lunch at city restaurant.

After lunch, proceed for a city tour of New Delhi.

New Delhi was designed and built by the British in the 1920's - it's a city of wide boulevards impressive Government buildings, green parks and gardens. In 1911 King George V announced the transfer of the capital from Calcutta to Delhi. The King's architects, Lutyens and Baker, set in motion the design and construction of Delhi's eight city - New Delhi. Lutyens designed an "Imperial City" having palatial-sized buildings set amid broad tree-lined avenues punctuated by Mughal style gardens, complete with fountains and shallow pools. It took 20 years to complete this immense undertaking only to have the British pack up and relinquish the subcontinent in 1947.

Your drive takes you along the ceremonial avenue, Rajpath, past the imposing **India Gate** (At the center of New Delhi stands the 42m high India Gate, an "Arc-de-Triomphe" like Archway in the middle of a crossroad. Almost similar to its French counterpart war memorial. It commemorates the 70,000 Indian soldiers who lost their lives fighting for the British Army during the First World War and bears the names of more than 13,516 British and Indian soldiers killed in the North-western Frontier in the Afghan war of 1919. The foundation stone was laid by His Royal Highness, the Duke of Connaught in 1921 and was designed by Edwin Lutyens), **President House** (The palatial building built on an area of 330 acres with a private garden designed by the illustrious Lutyens, as the official residence of the Viceroy of India during British reign, is now the official residence of the First Citizen) and the **Parliament House** (This is symbol of Indian democracy).



Continue with visit one monument from Delhi's past - **Qutub Minar** (Historical construction of a landmark in 1199, Qutub-ud-Din raised the Qutub Minar either as a victory tower or as a minaret to the adjacent mosque. From a base of



14.32m it tapers to 2.75m at a height of 72.5m)

Later enjoy the shopping at mall or at local market (if time permit).

Enjoy farewell dinner at city restaurant.

In time transfer to the airport to board the flight to your hometown.

Tour Ends.

Services included:

FLIGHT DETAILS : SINGAPORE AIRLINES/JET AIRWAYS					
FLIGHT NO	DATE	FROM	TO	ETD	ETA
SQ 921	28FEB	MANILA	SINGAPORE	1900	2245
SQ 402	01MAR	SINGAPORE	DELHI	0225	0555
9W 747	01MAR	DELHI	JAIPUR	0940	1035
SURFACE					
SQ 403	06MAR	DELHI	SINGAPORE	2145	0600+1
SQ 910	07MAR	SINGAPORE	MANILA	0920	1300

HOTELS ENVISAGED OR SIMILAR: (Depending on availability):

05 Star hotels

Cities	5-star Hotels (Standard Room)
Jaipur (2 nights)	Hotel Radisson City Centre, Jaipur
Agra (2 nights)	Hotel ITC Mughal
Delhi (1 Night)	Vivanta By Taj Dwarka

Total: 6 Days / 5 Nights

Check in time is 1400hrs & check out time is 1200 noon at all the hotels.

The per person costs using above hotels on twin sharing basis are as under.

No. of pax	Per person cost on twin sharing basis.
10 – 12 Paying Pax	US\$ 2,798
Single Supplement cost	US\$ 395
Supplement Cost if using Business Class Ticket	US\$ 2,100

All the above rates are valid from 1st to 6th March 2019.

The above cost includes:

- Accommodation on twin sharing / double sharing with all meals as specified above in the program.
- All transfers, sightseeing's and excursions using 01 Air-conditioned 18 Seater mini coach.
- Services of an English-speaking accompanying tour guide throughout the tour.
- One-time Entrance fees (except camera fees), as prevails currently.
- Delhi entrances –Qutub Minar & rickshaw ride (sharing basis)
- Agra entrances – Taj Mahal, Agra Fort, Itimad-ud-Daulah and Fatehpur Sikri.
- Jaipur entrances – Amber Fort, City Palace & Observatory.
- Sunset view of Taj Mahal from Taj Khemmas with Hi Tea.
- Elephant ride / Jeep ride at Amber Fort.
- All currently applicable Govt. taxes. Any hike in taxes or entrance fees will be payable extra.
- 02 Mineral water bottles (500 ml) per person, per day in the vehicle.
- Airfare and taxes
- Travel Insurance
- Visa fee

The above cost does not include:

- Any expenses of personal in nature like table drinks, laundry, telephone calls, mineral water during the meals, soft drinks, alcoholic drinks etc.
- Any camera fees at monuments and sites.
- Any other service or meals not mentioned above in the program.

IMPORTANT:

All elements included in this quotation are subject to availability until the booking is made. The hotels / services as quoted may change while our giving you the final confirmation based on current availability.

Also, kindly note, our above tour prices are based on the currently prevailing rate of exchange, fuel prices, entrances to monuments, government tax structure. Since these elements are controlled by the government and are always subject to change without prior notice – therefore, in case of any excessive hike in all or any of these elements our tour price might get affected and change accordingly.



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