

# ***CLASSIC NORTH INDIA***

*14Days /13 Nights*

***From the heart of modern India at New Delhi to the sweeping ghats of the Holy City of Varanasi; from the urban jungle that is Mumbai to the dense natural wilderness of Ranthambore. The magnificent sweep of this itinerary covers the classic cities of North India — Varanasi and Khajuraho — besides giving you a glimpse of Rajasthan, the Taj Mahal, and one of India's leading wildlife sanctuaries.***

## **Day 1**

### **Delhi**

Reception and welcome at Delhi Airport followed by transfer to your hotel.

## **Day 2**

### **Delhi**

A morning tour introduces you to the city of New and Old Delhi. Drive through the colonial heritage of Lutyen's and on to a closer look at the Qutab Minar and the Humayun Tomb. B

## **Day 3**

### **Delhi-Varanasi**

Transfer to the airport for your flight to Varanasi, one of Hinduism's seven holiest cities. This afternoon, travel to Sarnath where Buddha gave his first sermon after attaining enlightenment. At sunset witness the Aarti ceremony at the Ghats – a beautiful ceremony in which prayers and diyas (oil lamps) are offered to God. B

## **Day 4**

### **Varanasi-Khajuraho**

Today there is a morning boat ride on the River Ganges followed by a walk in the old lanes and a city tour; then an afternoon flight to Khajuraho, famed for its temples and erotic sculptures. B

## **Day 5**

### **Khajuraho-Agra**

This morning visit the magnificent carved temples of Khajuraho. Later, drive to Jhansi station and en route visit Orcha (4 hours) to connect with the train to Agra where you will spend the next two nights. B

## **Day 6**

### **Agra**

An early morning start with a sunrise visit to the Taj Mahal. After breakfast visit some of Agra's other major sights including the Red Fort and Itmad-Ud-Daulah. B

## **Day 7**

### **Agra-Ranthambore**

After a leisurely breakfast transfer to Bharatpur railway station, stopping en route to explore the deserted town of Fatehpur Sikri (2 hours) before the train journey through delightful scenery to Ranthambore National Park, the former hunting ground of the Maharajas of Jaipur. B

## **Day 8**

### **Ranthambore**

Today you will enjoy morning and afternoon game drives to search for the elusive Bengal tigers and view the varied wildlife of the national park. B

## **Day 9**

### **Ranthambore-Jaipur 200kms – 4 hrs**

A morning game drive and then a drive to the Pink City of Jaipur; the rest of the day is at leisure. B

## **Day 10**

### **Jaipur**

Today enjoy a guided tour of Jaipur, visiting sights such as the Amber Fort, City Palace and the Royal Observatory, among others. B

## **Day 11**

### **Jaipur-Udaipur**

From Jaipur you will fly to Udaipur where you will be transferred to your hotel. In the evening enjoy a boat ride on Lake Pichola. B

**Day 12****Udaipur**

This morning enjoy a guided sightseeing tour of Udaipur, visiting sights such as the City Place and Jagdish Temple. This afternoon is your own leisure time to explore some more or just relax. B

**Day 13****Udaipur-Mumbai**

This morning you will be transferred to the airport for your flight to Mumbai and, on arrival, will be transferred to your hotel. This afternoon enjoy a guided sightseeing tour of the cosmopolitan city of Mumbai. B

**Day 14****Mumbai**

Transfer to the airport for your return flight home. B