



COLONIAL INDIA

13 Days / 12 Nights

Day 1

Delhi

On arrival into Delhi you will be met and transferred to your hotel for a 2-night stay.

Accommodation – 2 nights – Delhi

The Oberoi (5 Star Deluxe)

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The luxurious Oberoi, New Delhi is centrally located and overlooks the prestigious Delhi Golf Club. The hotel is in close proximity to the commercial and shopping districts and has a reputation for service, award-winning cuisine, and elegant accommodation. Its spacious rooms and suites, completely refurbished, feature state of the art facilities for discerning business travellers. An exclusive feature is the 24 hr personalized butler service.



Day 2

Delhi

A full day city tour today will introduce you to Delhi, including an exhilarating bicycle rickshaw ride through Chandni Chowk - a hustling & bustling market place and a maze of narrow streets. Visits will be made to:

- Jama Masjid – an architectural extravaganza of Shah Jahan, with its vast marble domes and minarets. The largest mosque in India, this is a handsome structure that is still used today
- Raj Ghat – where the Father of India, Mahatama Gandhi, was cremated in 1948
- Qutab Minar – an 11th century, 73-metre high victory tower built by slave king Qutubuddin Aibak and later completed by his successor Iltumish.

You will also drive past India Gate, Parliament House, and the President's House. If time permits, a visit will be made to a Sikh Temple. Overnight Delhi. B

Day 3

Delhi-Agra 200kms – 4 hrs drive

Drive to Agra this morning. This afternoon visit the Agra Fort, the original red sandstone fort built by Akbar in 1565. Shahjahan added the marble palaces inside. Inside the fort is a famous pure marble mosque, the Moti Masjid. Explore the colourful local bazaar, and also see the intricate work of marble inlaid with fine gemstones, which is unique to Agra.

Then late afternoon you will be taken to experience the ethereal beauty of the Taj Mahal – symbol of love – at sunset. Overnight Agra. B

Note that the Taj Mahal is closed on Fridays.



An immense mausoleum of white marble, built in Agra between 1631 and 1648 by order of the Mughal emperor Shah Jahan in memory of his favourite wife, the Taj Mahal is the jewel of Muslim art in India and one of the universally admired masterpieces of the world's heritage.

Accommodation – 1 night – Agra

The Oberoi Amarvilas – 5 star deluxe

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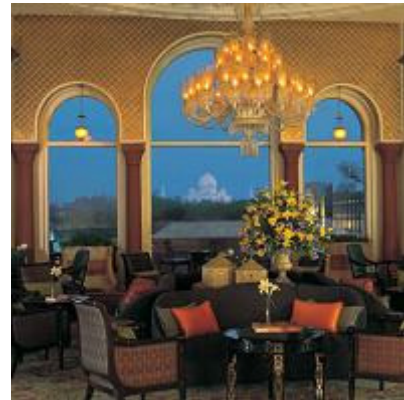
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**"...uninterrupted views of the
Magnificent Taj Mahal..."**

The Oberoi Amarvilas is a member of the Great Hotels of the World, a collection of the world's finest luxury hotels. Each of the 105 luxurious rooms and suites of this unique hotel has a view of the glorious monument. The Oberoi Amarvilas reflects its grandeur with terraced gardens, reflection pools and tastefully decorated interiors.

Mogul arches, domes and fountains complement the palace – offering superb views of the Taj Mahal, one of the Seven Wonders of the World. All guest rooms have teak floors, hand-knotted carpets, fine handcrafted furniture and luxurious marble bathrooms with separate shower stalls.

The amenities seem endless: a luxury spa with a range of therapies, a swimming pool beset by luxury sundeck chairs where snacks and drinks are served; an ornamented ballroom and a superb restaurant framing that most romantic vista in the world.



Day 4

Agra-Jaipur via Fatehpur Sikri 235kms

Drive to Jaipur this morning, stopping en route to explore Fatehpur Sikri – the deserted red sandstone city built by Emperor Akbar as his capital in the late 16th Century. On to the magnificent Pink City of Jaipur, where you will spend 3 nights. B

Jaipur, the vibrant capital of Rajasthan is popularly known as the 'Pink City' because of the pink-coloured buildings in its old city. It sits on a dry lakebed in a somewhat arid landscape surrounded by forts and palaces. The walled old city is in the northeast of Jaipur, the new parts spread to the south and west.

Jaipur offers a combination of splendid sightseeing and shopping opportunities. If Jaipur is a dream city for those with an eye for history and romance, it is also a shopper's paradise. The main tourist attractions are in the old city, and the principal shopping centre is Johari Bazaar, the jewellers' market.

The City owes its name, its foundation and its careful planning to the great warrior-astronomer Maharaja Jai Singh II. In 1728, he built the remarkable observatory, Jantar Mantar, which is still one of Jaipur's main attractions.



Day 5

Jaipur

Enjoy an elephant ride up to the Amber Fort this morning, and also visit the Palace, Kali Temple and Jai Mahal.

An afternoon city tour of Jaipur will include visiting The City Palace, Palace of Winds, Jai Singh's Observatory and of course shopping in the Pink City. B



Accommodation – 2 nights – Jaipur

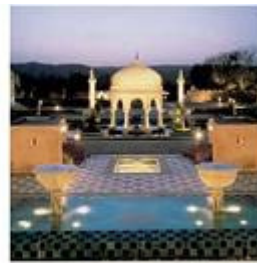
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Reminiscent of a princely fortress, the Oberoi Rajvillas revives the gracious lifestyles of the legendary Rajput princes. This “elegant oasis of opulence” is a member of the Great Hotels of the World, a collection of the world's finest luxury hotels. Set in a princely oasis of thirty-two acres of beautiful gardens, pools and exotic fountains reflecting Indian craftsmanship, right in the heart of Rajasthan, the Oberoi Rajvillas must be the perfect way to experience the palatial treasures of Jaipur. Just 30 minutes by car from Jaipur Airport and just 8 kilometres from the famous 'Pink City', Rajvillas is a palace in itself with decorated arches, colonnades, pillars, heavenly reflective pools, cool beautiful interiors and tented ceilings hung with silk. All 54 deluxe rooms at Rajvillas open onto tranquil courtyards in a traditional Rajasthani setting. Pool Villas offer the privilege of their own private pool.

Day 6

Jaipur-Udaipur

This morning you will be transferred to the airport for your flight to Udaipur.

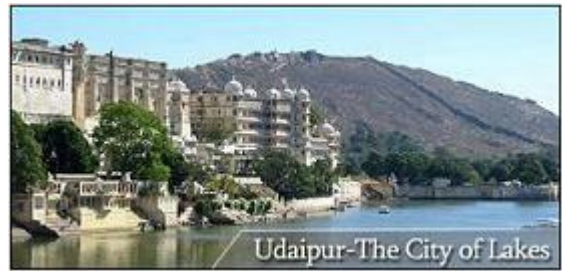
Depart Jaipur 7.15 a.m. Jet Airways flight 9W 3401

Arrive Udaipur 8.10 a.m. Flight time: 55mins

On arrival you will be met and transferred to the hotel. B

Udaipur's kaleidoscope of fairy-tale palaces, lakes, temples, gardens and narrow lanes strewn with stalls, carry the flavour of an heroic past, epitomising valour and chivalry. Their reflection in the placid waters of Lake Pichola is an enticing sight....

One of the most romantic cities in Rajasthan, Udaipur is also known as the city of lakes. The marble palaces, beautifully laid out gardens and the lakes make Udaipur seem almost like a mirage in the desert.



Udaipur-The City of Lakes

Accommodation – 2 nights – Udaipur

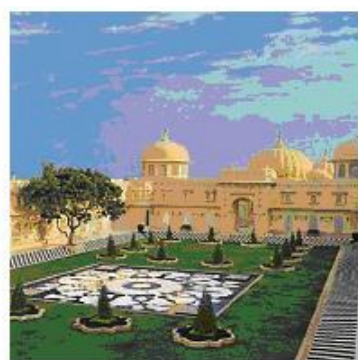
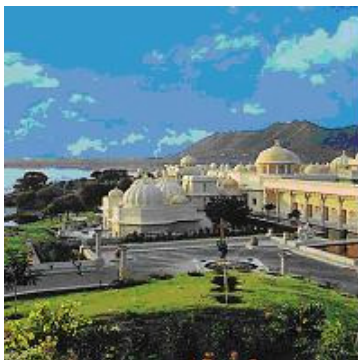
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In a city fabled for its palaces, The Oberoi Udaivilas can take its place with pride. With views over Lake Pichola to the spectacular City Palace, the hotel itself resembles a grand palace. Landscaped gardens and shady courtyards, decorative fountains and reflection pools, cool marble, ornate carving, inlay work and detailed interiors create a marvellous ambience of days gone by. Huge bedchambers with large private terraces, deluxe suites with private swimming pools, marble bathrooms, walk-in closets, butler service and 24-hour in-room dining make you feel like royalty. The restaurants serve international and Indian cuisine including regional favourites.

Day 7

Udaipur

This morning you will be taken on a half-day city tour of Udaipur. The City Palace, a marvel of marble and granite overlooking Lake Pichola, is the largest palace in Rajasthan, its exquisite workmanship making it a must on every visitor's itinerary. A visit will also be made to the exquisite Crystal Gallery, followed by tea or coffee at Durbar Hall. A free afternoon in this beautiful city for shopping or further sightseeing, or to just relax at your hotel. Evening boat ride on Lake Pichola. Overnight Udaipur. B

Day 8

Udaipur-Delhi

Transfer from the hotel to the airport this morning for your flight to Delhi

Depart Udaipur 8.20 a.m. Jet Airways flight 9W 3301

Arrive Delhi 9.35 a.m. Flight time: 1hrs 15mins

You will be met on arrival and transferred to your hotel. B

Accommodation – 1 night – Delhi

The Oberoi (5 Star Deluxe)

(Details as above)

Day 9

Delhi-Chandigarh-Mashobra

This morning you will be transferred to New Delhi Railway station to board the train to Chandigarh.

Depart Delhi 7.40 a.m. Shatabdi Express

Arrive Chandigarh 11.05 a.m.

You will be met on arrival and driven to Mashobra approx 130 kms (5 hrs drive). B

Accommodation – 3 nights – Mashobra

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Situated at 8,350 feet in the magnificent Himalayas, Wildflower Hall is a fairytale luxury resort set in 23 acres of virgin woods of pine and cedar. The former residence of Lord Kitchener, rebuilt to a new magnificence, Wildflower Hall recreates the grand style of the colonial era. Enjoy beautiful views of mountains and valleys from the rooms, restaurants, outdoor Jacuzzi and the heated swimming pool. Nature lovers can explore the Himalayas and enjoy adventure sports. For the ultimate in pampering the luxury spa pavilions are tranquil havens for revitalizing the body and soul.

From the 87 suites and rooms every guest has spectacular views over the cedar forests and mountain ranges. Every room has a spacious marble bathroom with separate shower and walk-in closets and personalised butler service. 3 Deluxe Suites feature a separate living room with a fireplace. In addition, the very grand Lord Kitchener Suite has a four-poster bed in the master suite and a second bedroom.



Day 10

Mashobra

Free day at Mashobra to either enjoy the spa or the surrounding. B

Day 11

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Day 12

Mashobra-Chandigarh-Delhi

This afternoon you will be transferred to Chandigarh station to board your train to Delhi.

Depart Chandigarh 6.22 p.m. Shatabdi Express

Arrive Delhi 9.55 p.m.

You will be met on arrival and transferred to your hotel. B

Accommodation – 1 night – Delhi

The Oberoi (5 Star Deluxe)

(Details as above)

Day 13

Delhi

This morning you will be transferred to Delhi airport for your flight home. B

Tour Cost per person— valid for travel from 15 Apr to 30 Sep

Land Only: 02 paying pax	A\$3315
Land Only 03 paying pax	A\$3100
Single Supplement:	A\$2465

Cost Includes:

- *Domestic airfare & taxes on sector Jaipur/Udaipur/Delhi on economy Class*
- *Train tickets on sector Delhi/Chandigarh/Delhi on executive air conditioned chair car*
- *Accommodation on twin sharing basis for a total of 12 nights*
- *Meals: Daily Buffet Breakfast.*
- *Local English speaking guide at all destinations.*
- *Air-conditioned Toyota Innova for all transport services.*
- *Entrance Charges at monuments (as mentioned in the itinerary).*
- *Rickshaw ride at Chandni Chowk market in Delhi*
- *Elephant ride in Jaipur at Amber Fort – subject to availability.*
- *Porterage at hotels/airports.*
- *Tips at hotels/restaurants/places of visit such as for shoekeeping etc.*
- *Assistance by English speaking representative for airport-hotel-airport transfers*

Costs Exclude:

- *International airfares ex Australia.*
- *Lunches & dinners*
- *Entrance charges for camera/video camera.*
- *Expenses of personal nature such as laundry, telephone calls, drinks, etc.*
- *Tips to driver/guide/boatman/elephant man.*