

TRAIL OF THE MAHARAJAH • 11 DAYS/10 NIGHTS • PRIVATE TOUR



Experience how India's great and good spent their days and see the extraordinary architecture, incredible palaces and beautiful monuments that they created. This tour is ideal for grasping the sense of history and proud tradition of northern India, and there is the chance to stay in some truly unique accommodation.

India's capital, Delhi • Visit the Taj Mahal • Explore the 'Pink City' of Jaipur • View the romantic Lake Palace

Day 1 – Delhi

On arrival in the capital you will be met for your private transfer to your hotel. Relax and enjoy some fantastic Indian cuisine at the hotel and perhaps explore this vibrant city for the rest of the day.

Day 2 - Delhi

After breakfast enjoy the contrast between New and Old Delhi with a tour that takes in the best the British left behind in New Delhi and the much more ancient temples and monuments from Indian history. The evening is free to choose one of the superb restaurants that Delhi has to offer.

Day 3 – Delhi to Agra

Your driver will take you from Delhi through the countryside to Agra, home of the Taj Mahal. The trip is fascinating as you pass through villages, slow down for cows and see the general organised chaos that characterises Indian life.

This is the day to double check the camera! The Taj Mahal is brought alive by the story behind it so enjoy the sense of history and romance and wonder at the stunning setting. Afterwards visit the Agra Fort. Very impressive in its own right, it also gives wonderful views of the river and the Taj in the distance.

Day 4 – Agra to Jaipur

Head away from Agra towards the deserts of Rajasthan. On the way pause for a visit to Fatehpur Sikri, a deserted city dating from the 16th century. The red sandstone palaces and temples are incredibly well-preserved and the site is undeniably impressive. Jaipur is a vibrant city and it is well worth heading out to explore in the evening.

Day 5 - Jaipur

Practise your mahouting skills with an elephant ride up to the Amber Fort above Jaipur. The spectacular yellow building contrasts brilliantly with the azure sky, and while an elephant may not be the fastest way to the top, it makes for a stylish arrival! Discover the rest of Jaipur's historical treasures with a city tour and perhaps later hone your haggling at the market.

Day 6 – Jaipur to Jodhpur

Leave Jaipur and head west across the desert towards the Blue City of Jodhpur. This historic city is dominated by Mehrangarh Fort and Umaid Bhawan Palace, home to the Maharajah of Jodhpur. On arrival take time out to relax and rest after the journey.

Day 7 - Jodhpur

After a good night's sleep and breakfast get out and learn about this fascinating city – there's plenty to see and discover.

Day 8 - Jodhpur to Delwara

Your driver will take you south towards Delwara a small village, less than 20 miles away from Udaipur. Your home for tonight will be the fabulous 18th century palace, Devi Garh. On arrival relax, unwind and allow yourself to experience what it feels like to live as a Maharajah. Why not explore the surrounding village on foot or take a cycling trip of the area?

Day 9 - Delwara to Udaipur

Today take a short drive to the lakeside city of Udaipur. Home to the stunning and romantic Lake Palace, Udaipur is a beautiful place built around three lakes that are just perfect to kick back by and watch a few sunsets. The Lake Palace is now a luxury hotel (please ask for details) and when the waters of Lake Pichhola are high, this has to be one of the most atmospheric places to stay or enjoy a dinner in the world. For film buffs it has the added bonus of being the setting for the finale of the James Bond film 'Octopussy'. Udaipur is a friendly and interesting city with a wealth of attractions, but it is also fun to relax in.

Day 10 - Udaipur

Explore the city and its various lakes.

Day 11 - Udaipur to Delhi

Fly back to Delhi and connect to your next destination.

Inclusions: 10 nights' accommodation (choose from an average of 3*, 4*, 4+* or 5*) – transfers and transport in an air-conditioned car – internal flight from Udaipur to Delhi - tours, entry fees and a local English speaking guide – 10 breakfasts.

Extras: tips.

Departs: daily.

Price: average 3* from £1,432 per person, average 5* from £3,297 per person.

