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Starts - Delhi

Ends – Delhi

Duration – 22 Days/ 21 Nights

Places Covered - Delhi, Jhunjunu/ Mandawa, Bikaner, Jaisalmer, Jodhpur, Ranakpur, Udaipur, Kumbalgarh, Jaipur, Ranthambore Tiger Reserve, Fatehpur Sikri, Agra, Khajuraho, Varanasi.

*“About Delhi: India a land of snake charmers and magicians and the capital of this land of mysteries is Delhi. Delhi is just not a city but a book-- a book which narrates the history of India. The city was built and destroyed seven times and has been witness to the various events which has brought India through the history books. Seven times this city went through the pain of being built and rebuilt. Today as the capital of India Delhi is the seat of administration and the monuments which tell the saga of a bygone era stand there. These icons are testimony to the grandeur of past and also an attraction for the tourists. With an area of 1483 sq. Kms, Delhi is all set to acquire full statehood. The charm of Delhi has attracted Emperors, Conquerors and poors equally. It is correctly said that Delhi is a land of 'Dilwalas' that is for people with heart. This phrase acquires a true color when one goes around the lanes of Delhi. Delhi-- a window to the kaleidoscope that is India.”*

**Day 01:-** Arrive Delhi, meet & assist at the airport & transfer to the hotel. Overnight in Delhi hotel.

**Day 02:-** After breakfast visit the ancient capital city, with its magnificent Red Fort the pageant of Indian History, from its origin around 1200 BC, through the periods under the Sultans in the 10<sup>th</sup> century and Mughals from the 14<sup>th</sup> Century. Then in afternoon visit New Delhi where ornate buildings recall the days when India was jewel in the crown of the British empire. Visit Qutab Minar, India Gate, Humayun's Tomb, Safdarjung Tomb, The President's House, Mahatma Gandhi Memorial, Lotus Temple & Laxmi Narayan Temple. Overnight in Delhi hotel.

*“About Jhunjunu: Stories of valor abound in the region. Innumerable monuments are connected with lives and tales of warriors of Jhunjunu. The Havelis (Traditional Royal Houses) of the rich and famous attract the tourists with the fresco paintings in different colors and shades. The culture and history of Jhunjunu is very well depicted in these paintings. However, these Havelis now either lie vacant or have been converted to hotels.”*

**Day 03:-** After breakfast drive to Mandawa/ Jhunjunu & transfer to the reserved hotel. Afternoon visit the beautiful frescoes, Havelis & Mansions. Mandawa witness one of the finest castles of Rajasthan, is now a hotel and house of collection of armories, costumes of ancestors, canons from 1820, ancient coins, numismatic collection of many other interesting items preserved in a museum. Overnight in Mandawa hotel.

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***“About Bikaner:*** *If ever beauty has bloomed in a desert, it has been at Bikaner. Founded in 1488 AD by Rao Bika Ji, it's located in North West part of Rajasthan state in INDIA. The imposing palaces, beautiful and richly sculptured temples of red and yellow sand stones display some of the finest creations of Rajput civilization. It's the lust for "dessert" or affection for "desert" that tickles every heart to visit Bikaner.”*

**Day 04:-** After breakfast Drive to Bikaner, arrive there & transfer to the hotel. Afternoon city sightseeing tour of Bikaner covering Lalgarh Palace, The Museum, Bhandra Sagar Jain Temple and the famous Deshnok Rat Temple (Where people pray & feed rats). Overnight in Bikaner hotel.

***“About Jaisalmer:*** *Situated amid picturesque Thar Desert, the Jaisalmer city commands premiere position among the tourist attractions scattered all over Rajasthan. The Jaisalmer city is revered both by Indian as well as foreign tourists. Who would have dreamt in such a vast sand oasis a castle worthy of an ancient throne, such an art in carven work of stone? It is like straight out of an Arabian Nights fable. The name Jaisalmer induces a dramatic picture of utter magic and brilliance of the desert. The hostile terrain notwithstanding the warmth and color of people is simply over whelming.”*

**Day 05:-** After breakfast drive to Jaisalmer, famously known as the “Desert City”. Arrive Jaisalmer and check in a mud hut/ tent in the deserts. Enjoy the traditional folk dances and the Rajasthani meals (Traditional Rajasthani Dinner) in the hut camp in sand dunes. Overnight in hut with cultural programs & bonfire.

**Day 06:-** After breakfast go on a camel Safari. In Afternoon drive to the city, check in your reserved hotel and then visit the magnificent Jaisalmer Fort, Patwon ki haveli (Heritage Home) & Salim Singh Ki Haveli with its carved balconies & brackets which are supreme examples of art. Overnight in Jaisalmer city hotel.

***“About Jodhpur:*** *Set at the edge of the Thar desert, the imperial city of Jodhpur echoes with tales of antiquity in the emptiness of the desert. Once the capital of the Marwar state, it was founded in 1459 A.D. by Rao Jodha-chief of the Rathore clan of Rajputs who claimed to be descendants of Rama - the epic hero of the Ramayana. The massive 15th century A.D. Mehrangarh Fort looms on the top of a rocky hill, soaring 125 Mts. Above the plains. The city is encompassed by a high wall -10 km long with 8 gates and innumerable bastions. A major trade centre of the 16th century A.D. the fortress-city of Jodhpur is now the second largest city of Rajasthan.”*

**Day 07:-** After Breakfast drive to Jodhpur, famously known as the “Blue City”. On arrival check in the hotel & evening free at leisure. Overnight in Hotel.

**Day 08:-** After breakfast morning city tour of the city covering the Mehrangarh Fort situated on a low sandstone hill. Within the fort visit Moti Mahal (Pearl Palace) and Phool Mahal (Flower Palace). Also visit

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Jaswant Thada, an imposing marble cenotaph built in memory of Maharaja Jaswant Singh II around 1899 & Umaid public gardens. Overnight in Hotel.

**“About Ranakpur:** *The location of Ranakpur, in the tranquil valley of the Aravalli range, 90 km from Udaipur, has also been responsible in attracting a whole lot of visitors to the city. The Ranakpur Jain Temples command huge respect from the Jain community worldwide. Built during the rule of Rana Kumbha, these temples have included Ranakpur in the list of five main pilgrim destinations of Jains in India. History has it that Rana Kumbha donated a vast stretch of land to Dhanna Shah so as to enable him to realize his dream of building a great temple. Today, these temples attract thousands of visitors every year from across the country and abroad.”*

**“About Udaipur:** *Udaipur is the jewel of Mewar - a kingdom ruled by the Sisodia dynasty for 1200 years. The foundation of the city has an interesting legend associated with it. According to it, Maharana Udai Singh, the founder, was hunting one day when he met a holy man meditating on a hill overlooking the Lake Pichhola. Overlooking the aquamarine expanses of the Lake Pichhola stands the splendid City Palace - a marvel in granite and marble. This city of Dawn, Udaipur is a lovely land around the azure water lakes, hemmed in by the lush hills of the Aravalis drenched in romance and beauty. Udaipur is a fascinating blend of sights, sounds and experiences - an inspiration for the imagination of the poets, painters and writers. Its kaleidoscope of fairy-tale palaces, lakes, temples, gardens and narrow lanes strewn with stalls, carry the flavor of heroic past, epitomizing valor and chivalry.”*

**Day 09:-** After breakfast drive to Udaipur (The city of Lakes & Palaces). Via Ranakpur. Spend time in Ranakpur, visiting the world famous “Jain Temples”. Arrive Udaipur, check in your hotel. Overnight in Hotel.

**Day 10:-** After breakfast morning city tour covering The Lake Palace, City Palace museum, Jagdish Temple, Sahelion ki Bari (Queen’s resort for their friends), Bhartiya lok Kala Mandir & the Pratap Memorial. Overnight in Hotel.

**“About Kumbhalgarh:** *Located to the south of Jaipur and about 105Km from Udaipur is Kumbhalgarh. The city is cradled in the cluster of thirteen mountain peaks of the Aravalli ranges and the formidable medieval citadel-Kumbhalgarh stands a wary sentinel to the past glory. Kumbhalgarh is famous for the Kumbhalgarh Fort which was built and designed by Maharana Kumbha in the 15th century AD and is the second principal fort of Rajasthan after Chittorgarh.”*

**“About Pushkar:** *Pushkar is a sacred town for the Hindus, situated 11 kms. to the North-West of Ajmer. Pushkar boasts temples, though few are as ancient as you might expect at such an important pilgrimage site. Since many of them were destroyed by Aurangzeb (A Mogul king), but subsequently rebuilt. The most*

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***famous is the Brahma Temple, said to be the only temple in the world dedicated to this deity. It stands on a high plinth with the Marble steps leading up to it. A silver turtle is set on the floor facing the Sanctum-Sanctorum. Around the turtle the Marble floor is inset with hundreds of silver coins. Coins engraved with donors names are also embedded in the walls. Peacocks adorn the temple walls as they are supposed to be the vehicle of lord Brahma's consort Saraswati. A small image of the milkmaid Gayatri, flanks the four-faced image of lord Brahma and is called Chaumurti The sanctuary has silver doors inside a carved marble gateway.***

**Day 11:-** After breakfast depart for the famous Pushkar city via Kumbhalgarh. En route also visit the famous Muslim shrine "The Ajmer Sharif" in Ajmer. Arrive Pushkar, check in the hotel. Then visit the temples of Pushkar (Lord Brahma Temple- one & only in the world) & in evening enjoy the sunset at the Pushkar lake . Overnight in Pushkar hotel.

***"About Jaipur: The capital of Rajasthan is popularly known as the Pink City. It was founded in 1727 AD by one of the greatest rulers of the Kachhawaha clan, the astronomer king Sawai Jai Singh. The pink color was used at the time of making to create an impression of red sandstone buildings of Mughal cities - and repainted in 1876, during the visit of the Prince of Wales. With broad avenues and spacious gardens, this capital of Rajasthan – Jaipur, is steeped in history and culture. Here the past comes alive in magnificent forts and palaces, blushed pink, where once lived the Maharajas (The Kings). The bustling markets of Jaipur, famous for Rajasthani jewellery, fabric and shoes, possess a timeless quality and are surely a treasure-trove for the shoppers. This fascinating city with its romantic charm takes you to an epoch of royalty and tradition."***

**Day 12:-** After breakfast drive to Jaipur – the fabled "Pink City" of the desert. Arrive Jaipur and transfer to the reserved hotel. In evening, visit the Pink city & its famous Pink Markets, locally known as Badi Chopar and Choti Chopar. Overnight in Jaipur hotel.

**Day 13:-** After breakfast visit the famous Amber fort. Ride up on the elephant back to the former capital of the Royals set against the back drop of the wooded hills see the luxurious and decorated rooms of the kings and queens also called as Sheesh Mahal. Later visit the Palace of Winds (Hawa Mahal) an architectural gem which is having hundreds of big & small windows which were used by the queens to greet and see their kings in older days of Purdah system (The women were not allowed to step out in public). Then visit the Jantar Mantar, City Palace and the stone observatory. Overnight in Jaipur hotel.

***"About Ranthambore – National Park: is positioned at the convergence of the Vindhyan plateau and Aravali hill, in the Eastern region of Rajasthan. Two rivers, namely Banas in the North and Chambal in the South, flow through this National Park. You can also find six artificial lakes and quite a few perennial***

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*streams passing through the Ranthambore National Park. In the year of 1955, this Park got declared as a game sanctuary. However, its status of a national park came in the year of 1980. The year 1972 marks the commencement of Project Tiger. It was at this point of time when this park was conferred the status of a tiger reserve in the country. Ranthambore National Park is spread on an area of 1,334 sq kms together with its neighboring sanctuaries - the Mansingh Sanctuary and the Kaila Devi Sanctuary. In this park, there are some areas earmarked for the tourists where they can wander at their heart's will and explore the fauna and flora housed here."*

**Day 14:-** After breakfast drive to Ranthambore - (Ranthambore contains the Royal Bengal Tigers in their natural habitat as well as other animals such as Leopards, Elephants and many smaller animals. Safaris by jeep/canter & Elephants are accompanied by an expert ranger) Arrive Ranthambore by road from Agra. Check in the reserved hut/ room of the resort. Visit the 1000 years old Ranthambore fort & in evening walk around the surrounding areas of the National Park. Overnight in the resort.

**Day 15:-** After breakfast spot the tigers while you are driven in the dense jungles of Ranthambore on a Safari with the reserved Canter / Jeep for tiger tracking & bird watching, take some memorable pictures. Overnight in the resort.

***“About Fatehpursikri:** Also known as the Ghost city or the haunted city – which was estranged capital of Mughal Emperor Akbar build in 1569 and deserted when its water supply failed. The founding of Fatehpur Sikri reads like a fairytale. When all else had failed, the Emperor Akbar came here in search of the renowned Sufi mystic, Sheikh Salim Chishti, to ask the blessing of a son. His prayer was heard, and soon a son was born. In honor of the saint, Akbar named the prince Salim and vowed to found a new city. So Fatehpur Sikri, a magnificent new city rose on the craggy hills 40 kms from Agra. Fatehpur Sikri is one of the finest examples of Mughal architectural splendor at its height. The sunset over the ruins is sight to cherish. Fatehpur Sikri is the best example of the culmination of Hindu and Muslim architecture.”*

***“About Agra:** Agra is famous as being home to one of the Seven Wonders of the World - Taj Mahal. The architectural splendor of the muslims, the fort and the palaces are vivid reminders of the opulence of the legendary Mughal empire, of which Agra was the capital in the 16th and early 17th centuries. Though its significance as a political center ended with the transfer of the capital to Delhi in 1634 by the emperor at that time - Shah Jahan, its architectural wealth has secured its place on the international map. A pleasant town with a comparatively slow pace, Agra is known for its superb inlay work on marble and soapstone by craftsmen who are descendants of those who worked under the Mughals. The city is also famous for its carpets, gold thread embroidery and leather shoes.”*

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**Day 16:-** After breakfast, drive to Agra (250 Kms approx.) via Fatehpursikri (Also known as the Ghost city or the haunted city) – which was estranged capital of Mughal Emperor Akbar build in 1569 and deserted when its water supply failed. Arrive Agra, transfer to the reserved hotel. Freshen up to witness a whole new city of traditions. Afternoon visit the Red Fort – The rusty Majestic Red sand stone fort of Agra standing on the banks of river Yamuna. The construction was started by Emperor Akbar in 1566. Later at the sunset visit the Magnificent TAJ MAHAL- One of the 7 wonders of the world & surely the most extravagant expression of love ever created. It was built by Emperor Shah Jehan for his beloved wife Mumtaz. Overnight in Agra hotel.

***About Khajuraho:-*** Khajuraho is known all over the world for its Kamasutra temples, sex, erotic architecture and sculpture. The construction of these Temples is thousand-year old took a little over two centuries. In terms of architecture of these temples, they form the high peak of the north Indian 'Nagara' style. Of the 85 temples believed to have been built between the 9th and 12th centuries only 20 have survived, many in splendid condition, others having given way to the ravages of time and nature. Close to and around Khajuraho is forest land; a small clearing houses a village populated by no more than 3,000 residents, but visited each year by thousands of tourists from all over the world.”

**Day 17:-** After breakfast, transfer to the train station for your onward journey by train to Khajuraho. Arrive Khajuraho, check in the reserved hotel, freshen up and then in evening visit the mesmerizing light & sound show in the world famous Kamasutra Temples. This show takes you back through the history and culture. Overnight in Khajuraho hotel.

**Day 18:-** After Breakfast, be ready to witness the world renowned Kamasutra Temples. During the evening you are free at leisure to walk/ explore/ rest etc. Then late night, transfer to the train station for your train to Varanasi. Overnight in train.

***“About Varanasi: Chaotic, Colorful, Charismatic and Claustrophobic- Varanasi’s ancient alleyways and the bathing Ghats (river banks) leading to the holy River Ganges are an essential part of India. This is India’s Hindu spiritual heartland, a place of pilgrimage, daily devotion and death. Also known s Kashi and Benares, the city of Shiva may be an auspicious place to die, but it is bursting with life.”***

**Day 19:-** Arrive Varanasi. Pickup from the station and transfer to the reserved accommodation. Evening visit the Ghats of River Ganges for a mesmerizing Aarti (Prayer), where every evening at dusk, thousands of devotees and tourists gather on the steps of Dasaswamedha Ghat (River Bank) for the Ganges Aarti (Fire worship) ceremony. As the darkness descends, it’s a highly charged spiritual extravaganza where oil lamps are lit, bells clang, incense burns and bhajans (devotional prayers) are chanted. Many devotees light a small basket of flowers and set it adrift on the Ganges. Overnight in Varanasi hotel.

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**Day 21:-** Dawn boat ride on Ganges – Of all the experiences in Varanasi, there is nothing quite as humbling as an early morning boat ride on the Ganges. Set your alarm for a pre dawn start. The driver takes you to the Dasaswamedha Ghat or Assi Ghat for the ride. Sitting in your rickety wooden rowing boat, there's an eerie sense of peace on the river until the sunrise bathes the river banks in gold and reveals the moving theater of spiritual devotion. All along the river banks, crowds of people are bathing, performing praying ceremony, praying to the Sun god and washing away the sins of Life. During the day city tour like Vishwanath temple, Banaras Hindu University, Archaeological museum etc. & the Sarnath Temple tour which is 10 kms north east and is a thriving center for Buddhists. Overnight in Hotel.

**Day 22:-** After breakfast transfer to the airport for your onward flight to Delhi. The Tour Ends... (You can choose to travel with an overnight train)

## INCLUDES:-

- Car with Driver as mentioned in the itinerary.
- All fuel costs, state taxes, toll taxes, parking fee, permits.
- All sightseeing at the visiting places as per the itinerary.
- Driver's allowances (like food, accommodations etc.)
- All airport & station transfers.
- Hotels all places with Air conditioned rooms, breakfast & taxes.
- Sunrise boat ride, Sarnath Temple tour, City tour & return station transfers in Varanasi.
- Trains/ Flights from Agra – Khajuraho - Varanasi – Delhi.
- Overnight Desert/ Camel Safari in Jaisalmer with meals.
- Elephant Ride in Jaipur
- Tiger Safari in Ranthambore.

## EXCLUDES:-

- Anything not mentioned in the "Includes" column.
- Any personal nature expenses like tips, food (lunch & dinners etc), shopping, laundry, camera charges, Payments for personal charges like liquors, wine, mineral water, telephone charges, Portorage at hotels and airports, insurance etc.
- Entrance fee in monuments/ places of visit. Visa Costs.
- Cost incurred due to mishaps, strikes, political unrest etc.
- The prices are subject to change without any prior notice depending on the availability of the hotels/ flights etc unless booked and paid for. We have made no reservations yet.