

## Forts and Palaces



<b>Day 1</b>	Company representatives will receive you on arrival at the international airport in Delhi and take you to your hotel where you rest for the night.
<b>Day 2</b>	We take you on a tour of Old and New Delhi. As we show you the sights and sounds of this buzzing city with over 17 million residents, you sample street food, see the presidential residence and heritage monuments of Delhi.
<b>Day 3</b>	We travel 4 hours by road from Delhi to Agra and take a brief tour of the city after reaching in the evening. We take you to the famous night haunts in the city and also give you a chance to see the white marble of the Taj bathed in Moonlight. En route we visit Sikandara – home of Akbar's tomb.
<b>Day 4</b>	During the day, we visit the majestic Taj – a monument of Love and one of the wonders of the world, spend time seeing the museum, the Agra Fort and a few other 16 <sup>th</sup> Century monuments. We wrap up our day with a visit to Fatehpur Sikri- a city of yesteryears, today lost in the mists of time.
<b>Day 5</b>	We travel 5 hours by road to a place called Orchha where we stay in Orchha Palace which was built in the 15 <sup>th</sup> Century. We also take you to a seasonal island near Orchha on the bank of the Betwa River.
<b>Day 6</b>	We travel 5 hours by road to reach Khajuraho. The Khajuraho groups of monuments have been listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site and are considered to be one of the seven wonders of India. We spend the evening enjoying a sound and light show organized in the lawns around the temple complex. The show is about an hour long and covers the history, philosophy and the art of sculpting of these temples.
<b>Day 7</b>	During the day, we visit the Khajuraho temples built between 950 to 1150AD also known worldwide for the erotic art depicted on the walls outside the temples.
<b>Day 8</b>	We travel from Khajuraho for 5 hours by road to reach Jhansi where we stay the night. At Jhansi, we visit the Fort and learn about the Queen of Jhansi who was a prominent figure in India's first freedom struggle against the British in 1850.
<b>Day 9</b>	We take a long road trip of about 10 hours from Jhansi to Ranthambore, the home of the tiger, where we relax for the evening.
<b>Day 10</b>	After a brief visit to the Ranthambore Fort and wildlife sanctuary, we take a 3 hour road trip to reach Jaipur also known as the Pink City.

<b>Day 11</b>	The city of Jaipur, founded on 18 <sup>th</sup> November 1727 also known as the Pink City, was the first planned city of India and boasts many forts, palaces and world heritage sights. We spend the day exploring Jaipur. We drive through the old jeweller's market to Hawa Mahal (Wind Palace), Amber and Nahargarh forts (built between 14 <sup>th</sup> and 17 <sup>th</sup> century) followed by visits to the various museums inside the City Palace and the ancient observatory, Jantar Mantar.
<b>Day 12</b>	We take a 7 hour road trip to reach Udaipur which is also known as the city of lakes owing to the 5 lakes which dot the city. We take you around town to show you Fateh Sagar, Rangasagar and Swaroopsagar Lakes.
<b>Day 13</b>	We take you to the City Palace in Udaipur built around the 15 <sup>th</sup> Century, the marble Lake Palace built around 1750 AD originally to serve as a summer palace and now a luxury 5 star hotel and Jag Mandir, an island in Lake Pichola known for its garden courtyard.
<b>Day 14</b>	We take a 4 hour road trip to reach Jodhpur. En route, we visit the Ranakpur Jain temples, built in 1439 AD. The main temple houses over 1444 marble pillars.
<b>Day 15</b>	At Jodhpur, we see the Mehrangarh fort and meander through the old streets of the city, enjoying the sights and sounds, which have stayed the same since the city's formal rise in 1100 AD.
<b>Day 16</b>	We take a 5 hour road trip to reach Jaisalmer where we spend the night in a heritage resort.
<b>Day 17</b>	Jaisalmer lies in the heart of the Thar desert and boasts the Jaisalmer fort built in 11 <sup>th</sup> Century. Apart from the fort, Jaisalmer has many havelis (places of residence) built by kings, rulers and ministers of yester years. We spend a night under the stars camping on the sand dunes enjoying local food and drink.
<b>Day 18</b>	We take a 6 hour road trip to reach Bikaner which was founded in 1486 AD and visit the Largarh Palace.
<b>Day 19</b>	We travel back from Bikaner to New Delhi by train.

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# Forts and palaces of North India

