

Holy India

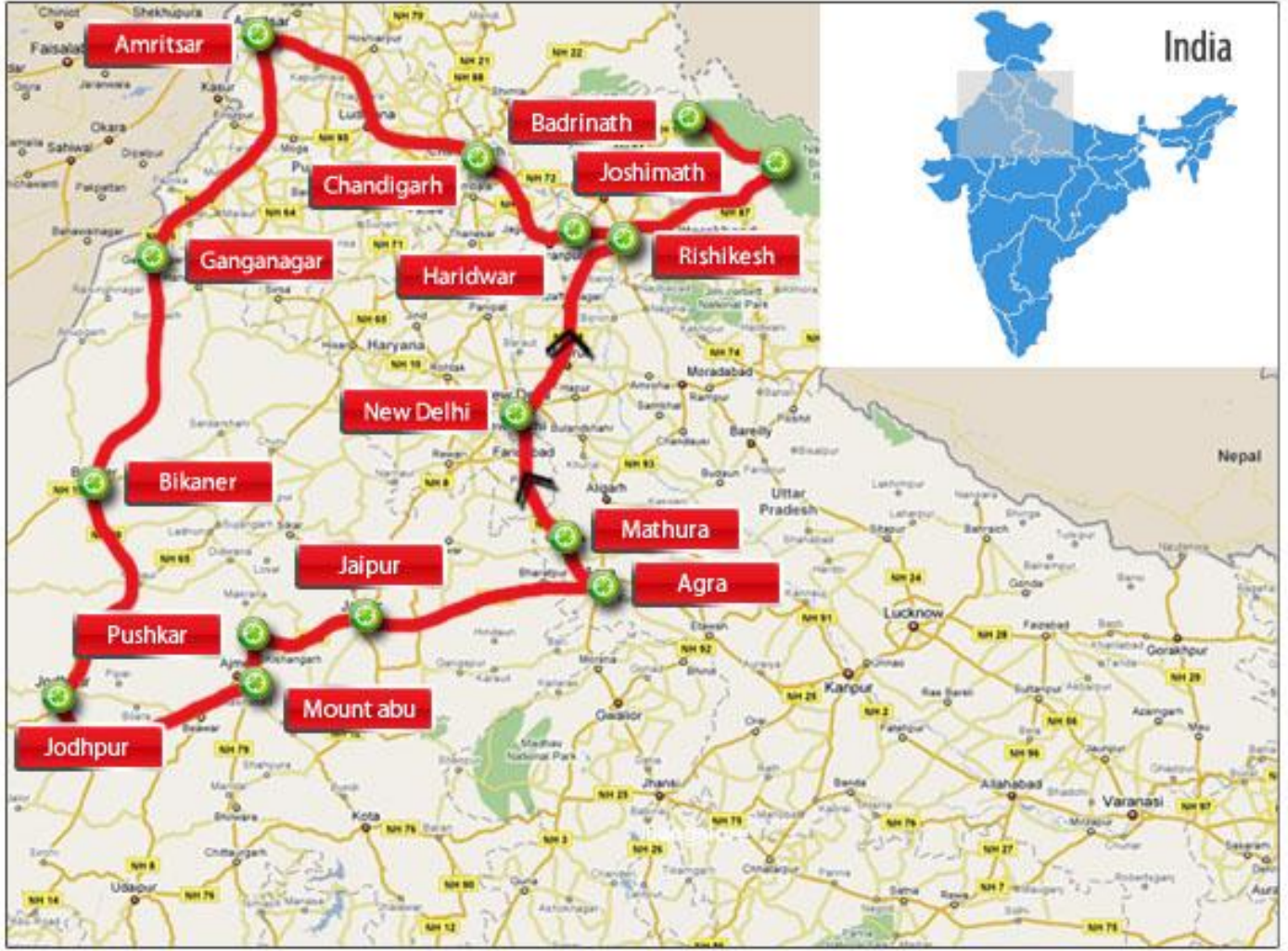


Day 1	Company representatives will receive you on arrival at the international airport in Delhi and take you to your hotel.
Day 2	We take you on a tour of Old and New Delhi. As we show you the sights and sounds of this buzzing city with over 17 million residents, you sample street food, see the presidential residence and heritage monuments of Delhi. We visit the Lotus Temple, a religious shrine of the Bahais. The awe inspiring exterior of this temple is in stark contrast to its simple interiors.
Day 3	We travel from Delhi to Rishikesh which is an alcohol free, vegetarian city owing to its religious importance to the people of India. Amongst other things, Rishikesh is an adventure spot famous for whitewater rafting on the Ganges, with rapids rated class 3 and class 4. It is also a center for hiking and backpacking.
Day 4	From Rishikesh we travel to the holy city of Joshimath which is a long 10 hour drive. Joshimath region is also home to the valley of flowers where wild flowers grow untamed and unchecked over multiple mountain ranges. The valley of flowers can be reached only through a 2 day trek.
Day 5	From Joshimath, we take a 1.5 hour road trip to the pilgrimage town of Badrinath which is located at an altitude of 3400 meters. While you get acclimatized to the climate and relatively thin air at this altitude, we visit the Badrinath temple. Badrinath has been a holy pilgrimage site for the Hindus since the 9 th century and currently receives over 600,000 pilgrims each year. It is also known as the doorway to heaven. We return to Joshimath in the evening.
Day 6	We travel 10 hours by road from Joshimath back to Rishikesh and have a relaxed evening.
Day 7	At Rishikesh, we spend a day relaxing and taking in the beauty of this city which is also called the gateway to the Himalayas. You can decide from a variety of adventure sports like rafting to keep you busy or hike around the hills and be close to nature.
Day 8	We travel by road from Rishikesh to Chandigarh. During the course of the 5 hour journey, we stop at Haridwar which is regarded as one of the 7 holiest places for Hindus. We visit the famous temple in Haridwar and can also take a dip in the Ganges (depending on the time of year).
Day 9	We travel from Chandigarh to the holy city of Amritsar by road. This trip through the most fertile plains of North India takes us 7 hours. We take you to the Golden Temple which is the holiest shrine of the Sikh religion. To India's 20 million Sikh residents, the Golden temple is a unique symbol of faith, beauty and peace.

Day 10	From Amritsar, we take you by road to Sri Ganganagar, the northernmost city of Rajasthan. Here we stay the night in a farmhouse away from the hustle and bustle of the city and dine with the locals. One look at the night sky in this place is enough for you to understand why our ancestors were perpetually mesmerized by the stars.
Day 11	We travel by road to Bikaner which is also known as India's snack capital. The drive is about 4 hours. Almost all major brands of Snacks and savories in north India have a connection to this city. Here we visit a unique temple dedicated to Rats (if you have the stomach for it)
Day 12	From Bikaner we travel to Jodhpur where we visit the Jodhpur fort and museum and spend a relaxed evening.
Day 13	We travel 6 hours from Jodhpur to the beautiful hill city of Mount Abu which is the only hill station in the state of Rajasthan. After we reach mount Abu, we take you for a stroll along the Nakki lake and spend a relaxed evening.
Day 14	At Mount Abu, we visit the Dilwara temples built between the 11th and 13th century and known for their stunning use of marble. We also visit the The Achalgarh fort, built in the 14th century by Rana Kumbha of Mewar. It encloses several beautiful Jain temples, including the Achaleswar Mahadev Temple (built in 1412 AD) and the Kantinath Temple (built in 1513 AD).
Day 15	From Mount Abu, we take a 7 hour drive to reach Pushkar where we spend the night. At Pushkar, you can explore the desert on camel-back or visit the Varaha Temple which is one of the most visited temples in Pushkar.
Day 16	From Pushkar, we take a 3 hour drive to Jaipur. The city of Jaipur, founded on 18 th 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), followed by visits the various museums inside the City Palace and the ancient observatory, Jantar Mantar.
Day 17	At Jaipur we visit the Birla Mandir made completely out of white marble followed by a visit to Galtaji which is a renowned holy site comprising of many temples built in pink stone.
Day 18	From Jaipur, we take a 6 hour drive to Agra where we visit the Magnificent Taj Mahal which was created over a period of more than 20 years. We spend the evening admiring the enchanting beauty of the Taj bathed in moonlight followed by a brief tour through the city.
Day 19	From Agra we take a 1 hour road trip to Mathura which is also known as the birth place of the Hindu Lord Krishna. Mathura has a host of holy sites and temples. We visit the Dwarikadheesh Temple and visit Vishram Ghat which is a bath and worship place on the banks of river Yamuna and the main ghat in Mathura, central to 25 other ghats.
Day 20	From Mathura we take a 4 hour drive to end our trip in Delhi.

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By Road By Air