

India

Depart Cairns 28 September at 9.40AM arrive Guangzhou 3.10PM – China Southern

Depart Guangzhou 28 September at 7.10PM arrive Delhi 10.25PM – China Southern

Commence the following tour in Delhi on the 28 September and ending in Delhi on the 06 October

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Delhi

Welcome to Delhi, the capital of modern India. Hotel rooms are available for a mid-afternoon check-in.

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Delhi

Your day starts with a sightseeing tour of Old Delhi including a CYCLE RICKSHAW RIDE. See the splendid 17th century Mughal Red Fort before visiting landmarks such as RAJ GHAT and the majestic three-domed JAMA MASJID/ the largest mosque in Asia. Experience a walk in the alleys of CHANDNI CHOWK; and later, visit the ancient stepwell AGRASEN KI BAOLI, which has 103 steps and a series of carved chambers and passages. This afternoon, enjoy New Delhi's major sights, including the towering QUTUB MINAR, ancient tomb of the Emperor Humayun; the grand India Gate war memorial; then, a drive past Parliament and Rashtrapati Bhavan. (B/L)

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Delhi - Agra

Today, we travel to Agra and visit AGRA FORT, a colossal, redsandstone UNESCO World Heritage Site comprising the spectacular Mughal Palace with audience halls, the Room of Mirrors, and the pavilion where Shahjahan spent his last days. Visit the famous TAJ MAHAL at sunset. This remarkable edifice was commissioned by Shahjahan as a memorial to his wife, Mumtaz Mahal, and took 22 years to build. (B)

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Agra - Fatehpur Sikri - Ranthambore National Park

Today, stop at FATEHPUR SIKRI, an abandoned city. Tour the sandstone palaces, elegant courtyards, and victory gate of this ghostly place built in 1569 and deserted by its people when the water ran out. After lunch, board a TRAIN for Ranthambore National Park, home to its famous tigers and the only place in Rajasthan where these impressive creatures can be seen in the wild. The area is said to have been the first setting and an inspiration of Rudyard Kipling's The Jungle Book. (B/L/D)

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Ranthambore

Keep a watchful eye to spot telltale tiger stripes during your MORNING GAME DRIVE. Also, look out for leopards, striped hyenas, sambar deer, sloth bears, and Indian wild boar. This afternoon relax at your hotel or consider an optional afternoon game drive. (B/L/D)

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Ranthambore - Jaipur

Rise early this morning for another GAME DRIVE in this magical land. Later, arrive at Jaipur, Rajasthan's quintessential royal city. Often referred to as the "Pink City," Jaipur is studded with intricately adorned temples and monuments. (B)

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Jaipur

Start with a visit to the legendary AMBER FORT, known as the "Sleeping Beauty of Rajasthan." This fortress-palace has a sombre exterior that hides a richly ornate interior of royal apartments, including an alabaster Hall of Victory and a superb Chamber of Mirrors. Next, visit JANTAR

MANTAR and explore the CITY PALACE MUSEUM, with its collection of paintings, carpets, weapons, and costumes; then enjoy time at the bustling markets of the old city. (B)

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Jaipur - Delhi

Today, drive back to Delhi. The remainder of the day is at your leisure. (B)

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Delhi

Your tour ends with breakfast this morning. (B) **Please Note:** Some flights depart Delhi very early in the morning. In these cases, breakfast is not included on Day 9, and you will have to depart for the airport late in the evening of or just after midnight on day 9.

- DELHI: Visit Raj Ghat, Jama Masjid, and Qutub Minar; cycle rickshaw ride; walk through Chandni Chowk.
- AGRA: Visit Taj Mahal at sunset; visit Agra Fort and Fatehpur Sikri.
- BHARATPUR-RANTHAMBORE NATIONAL PARK: Travel by train.
- RANTHAMBORE NATIONAL PARK: Two game drives.
- JAIPUR: Visit Amber Fort, Jantar Mantar, and City Palace Museum.
- TRANSPORTATION: Private, deluxe, airconditioned coach while touring; train from Ranthambore to Delhi.
- INSIDE VISITS and special features are shown in UPPERCASE in the tour description, including admission charges where applicable.
- PROFESSIONAL TOUR DIRECTOR

Depart Delhi 06 October at 11.30PM arrive Guangzhou 07 October at 7.05AM – China Southern

DAY USE HOTEL ACCOMMODATION INCLUDED

Depart Guangzhou 07 October at 10.10PM arrive Cairns 08 October at 7.55AM – China Southern

Cost per person \$2,324*pp and includes the following:

- Airfares
- Airport taxes
- 9-day tour including breakfast daily, 3 lunches and 2 dinners and sightseeing as per itinerary.