



The warm glow of dawn upon the timeless Taj Mahal

India: Spiritual Splendors

11 days priced from \$3,645
19 meals / Limited to 24 guests



Connections at a Glance

Discover your destination through these local connections.

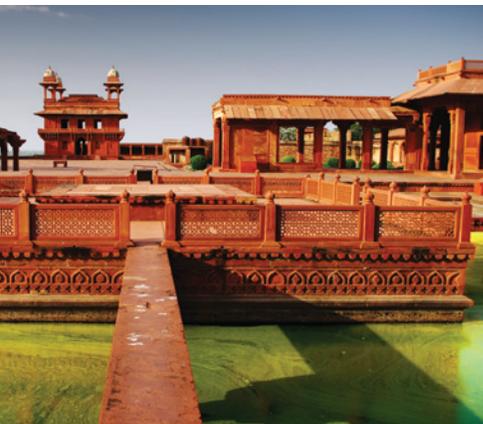
- Visit the Deepalaya School, which serves local underprivileged children, on a revealing Neighborhood Connection
- Take an exciting rickshaw ride through the colorful shopping district of Chandni Chowk on our Market Connection
- Experience both sunrise and sunset visits to the Taj Mahal
- Enjoy an elephant safari on a private Rajput farm
- Make a Spiritual Connection as you witness the evening Aarti ceremony near the Ganges by the light of candles and lanterns
- Marvel at an unforgettable sunrise on an early morning boat ride on the sacred river Ganges

DAY 1: ARRIVE IN DELHI, INDIA

Arrive in Delhi, where a representative is on hand to greet you.
Taj Palace Hotel

DAY 2: DELHI / *India's Capital*

This morning, make a Neighborhood Connection with a visit to the Deepalaya School, which supports the education of local underprivileged children. Then tour New Delhi, visiting two UNESCO World Heritage Sites: Humayun's Tomb, a red-sandstone predecessor to the Taj Mahal decorated with geometrical marble inlays, and 13th-century Qutub Minar, the tallest minaret in India. Meet your fellow guests tonight for a welcome dinner. *Taj Palace Hotel / Meals: B D*



DAY 3: DELHI / *Treasures of Old Delhi*

Tour some of India's most historic sites, including the 17th-century Jama Masjid, India's largest mosque. Take a rickshaw ride through Chandni Chowk bazaar for a Market Connection. View the famed Red Fort and afterward visit Raj Ghat, a memorial to Mahatma Gandhi. The afternoon is at leisure.

Taj Palace Hotel / Meals: B L

DAY 4: VARANASI / *The Holy City*

Fly to Varanasi, located on the Ganges River. Millions of pilgrims flock to Varanasi's *ghats* (riverbank steps), where the devout wash away their sins. This afternoon, visit Sarnath, the birthplace of Buddhism. Explore the ruins of a Buddhist monastery and a Buddhist museum. Later, witness the Aarti ceremony, as worshippers pray near the water by the light of candles and lanterns. *The Gateway Hotel Ganges, Varanasi / Meals: B D*

DAY 5: KHAJURAHO / *Medieval Temples*

Discover India's spirituality from another perspective — by taking an unforgettable sunrise boat ride on the Ganges. Afterward, fly to Khajuraho for an afternoon discovering its exquisitely carved temples. *Hotel Chandela, Khajuraho / Meals: B L D*

DAY 6: JHANSI / *On the Road to the Taj Mahal*

Travel to Jhansi to the 17th-century Orchha Palace and its group of Hindu temples. Eat lunch near the temples, and then board a train to Agra, home to the Taj Mahal. *ITC Mughal, Agra / Meals: B L*

DAY 7: AGRA / *The Greatest Monument to Love*

Visit the Taj Mahal early this morning to watch as the sunrise decorates its white surface in rosy pinks. Afterward, visit the Agra Fort before returning to your hotel for an afternoon at leisure. Return to the Taj Mahal at sunset to watch as the light dances off the crisp marble. *ITC Mughal, Agra / Meals: B D*

DAY 8: JAIPUR / *The Pink City*

Drive to Jaipur, stopping en route at Fatehpur Sikri, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. After lunch in Bharatpur, continue to the "pink city" of Jaipur, so called for its pink-hued sandstone buildings. *Jai Mahal Palace / Meals: B L*

DAY 9: JAIPUR / *Mughal Treasures*

Visit the Amber Fort, with its distinctive Mughal architecture, and then set off for a local village to ride an elephant through the countryside. After lunch, visit Palace of the Winds and the City Palace. Stop at the Jantar Mantar Observatory, to see the world's largest sundial. This evening, join your fellow guests for a farewell dinner. *Jai Mahal Palace / Meals: B L D*

DAYS 10 & 11: DELHI / *Return to the Capital and Depart*

Fly back to Delhi, where the remainder of day is at leisure. The next day, after breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight home. *Trident, Gurgaon (Day 10 only) / Meals: B*

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Witness one of the most moving of rituals: the Aarti ceremony, at which lamps and candles are lit in honor of the Hindu deities.

Hotel Spotlight

Take a closer look at this journey's inspiring accommodations.



Jai Mahal Palace
Stunning 18th-century palace hotel set amid lovely Mughal gardens in Jaipur.



ITC Mughal, Agra
Luxury hotel near the Taj Mahal with 233 opulent rooms and suites.

Dates

All departures are guaranteed to operate.

Feb 16-26

Nov 23-Dec 3

Arrives Sunday, departs Wednesday. Minimum age 10 years old.

Pricing

Double occupancy
Single supplement

Jan-Mar

Oct-Dec

\$4,295

\$4,395

\$1,850

\$1,975

Internal airfare

Economy class from \$580

Delhi/Varanasi/Khajuraho; Jaipur/Delhi



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