



## CULTURAL & SPIRITUAL IMMERSION – 11 DAYS

### Overview:

This tour blends the best of India's art, culture, and spirituality. Begin in the capital Delhi, continuing to the Pink City Jaipur. In Agra, explore one of the seven wonders, the Taj Mahal. Discover the extraordinary sculptures of the Khajuraho temples before travelling to Varanasi, a city as old as Babylon and Nineveh. Uncover the mysteries of the Hindu faith amidst the burning ghats, antique temples and heritage of crafts amongst its twisting bazaar streets filled with legendary Indian silks and brocades. Explore Mumbai, the country's financial capital and a center of business, fashion, and filmmaking.

### Trip Facts:

**Destination:** India  
**Theme:** Culture  
**Activity:** Tour  
**Difficulty:** N/A  
**Max Altitude:** 431 m/ 1,414 ft.  
**Best Season:** October – March

### Highlights:

- Explore the narrow maze of streets in Old Delhi by a rickshaw.
- Marvel at the opulence of the lives of the maharajas as you wonder through the City Palace complex in Jaipur.
- A boat ride to witness early morning life on the river ghats in Varanasi is an incomparable experience.



## Itinerary at glance:

Day	Program	Accommodation
1	Arrive Delhi	Hotel
2	In Delhi	Hotel
3	Delhi / Jaipur	Hotel
4	Jaipur	Hotel
5	Jaipur / Agra	Hotel
6	Agra / Jhansi / Khajuraho	Hotel
7	Khajuraho / Varanasi	Hotel
8	Varanasi	Hotel
9	Varanasi / Mumbai	Hotel
10	Mumbai	Hotel
11	Mumbai / Departure	

## Detailed Itinerary:

### Day 1: Arrive in Delhi

Upon arrival at the Delhi International Airport, you are met and assisted by one of our representatives and transferred to the hotel.

*Overnight at Hotel [-/-/-]*

### Day 2: In Delhi

After breakfast, begin your guided tour of the capital today highlighting the remarkable contrast between Old and New Delhi.

Take a cycle-rickshaw ride through the busy lanes of the colourful **Chandni Chowk** Market followed by a visit to the **Jama Masjid**.



In the afternoon, visit the **Humayun's Tomb, Gandhi Museum**, and drive past the President's house.

*Overnight at Hotel [B/-/-]*

### Day 3: Fly to Jaipur

Flight Duration: 1 hour approx.

This morning transfer to the airport to board your flight for Jaipur. Arrive at Jaipur airport and transfer to your hotel.

In the afternoon take a tour of the city with a guide visiting the **City Palace Complex** that comprises of palaces, pavilions, gardens, and temples.

Also visit the observatory **Jantar Mantar** and drive past the **Hawa Mahal**. End your day strolling through the markets in the old city that that sell everything from shoes to jewelry.

*Overnight at Hotel [B/-/-]*

### Day 4: In Jaipur

Today enjoy a half day tour of the **Amber Fort** which stands boldly on a hill.

Afternoon is at leisure to explore on your own or participate in the various activities / experiences that the city has to offer.

*Overnight at Hotel [B/-/-]*



### Day 5: Drive to Agra

Drive Distance & Time: 250km/ 5 hours approx.

This morning we take a long drive to Agra. Arrive at Agra and check into your hotel. In the afternoon take a guided tour of the city visiting the **Red Fort** and the iconic **Taj Mahal**.

*Overnight at Hotel [B/-/-]*

### Day 6: Train to Jhansi and drive to Khajuraho

Train Duration: 2.5 hours approx.

Drive Distance & Time: 175km/ 4 hours approx.

After breakfast, transfer to the railway station to board train to Jhansi. Arrive at Jhansi and drive to Khajuraho. En route stop at the medieval town of Orchha to visit the Jehangir Mahal palace and the temples.

Arrive at Khajuraho and check into the hotel.

*Overnight at Hotel [B/-/-]*

### Day 7: Fly to Varanasi

Flight Duration: 1 hour approx.

This morning, take a guided tour to the UNESCO World Heritage Khajuraho temples, most acknowledged for the exquisite temple art. Later transfer to the airport to board flight for Varanasi. Arrive at Varanasi airport and transfer to your hotel where rest of the day is at leisure.

*Overnight at Hotel [B/-/-]*



## Day 8: In Varanasi

Wake up early morning to take a boat ride on the River Ganges and witness the unique daily life which is played out in this city. After the boat ride walk through the narrow lanes of the old town amidst the traditional architecture, various shops selling tea, street food and sweets.

Return to the hotel for a late breakfast. In the afternoon take a guided tour of the city visiting the **Bharat Mata Temple**, **Durga Temple** and the **Benaras Hindu University**.

This evening you will be taken to the river 'ghats' (banks) to watch the 'aarti' worship ceremony.

*Overnight at Hotel [B/-/-]*

## Day 9: Fly to Mumbai

Flight Duration: 2.5 hours approx.

In the morning, visit **Sarnath** where Gautam Buddha preached his first sermon. Later transfer to the airport to board flight for Mumbai.

Arrive at Mumbai and transfer to the hotel.

*Overnight at Hotel [B/-/-]*

## Day 10: In Mumbai

After breakfast, visit the **Elephanta Caves** that are beautifully chiselled into a rock cliff and have great masterpieces of Indian sculpting.



At noon, explore the city visiting the Prince of Wales Museum, Victoria Terminus, Gateway of India and drive past the Crawford Market and Marine Drive.

*Overnight at Hotel [B/-/]*

## Day 11: Final Departure

Today you will be transferred to the airport in time to board your flight back home. [B]

### Trip Ends

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**Note:** All information in this itinerary is accurate to the best of our knowledge but please note that changes to our trips can and do occur. This may be due to our effort to improve our program or logistical reasons such as changes in flight schedules, traffic conditions, weather conditions, or government policies. Dharma Adventures will make every effort to keep you informed of any changes but cannot be held liable for any alterations made to the published itinerary.

[B= Breakfast, L= Lunch, D= Dinner]

### Trip Includes:

- Arrival/departure transfers.
- 2 nights Delhi, 2 nights Jaipur, 1 night Agra, 1-night Khajutaho, 2 nights Varanasi and 2 nights Mumbai on twin sharing room on bed and breakfast basis.
- All the sightseeing tours and transfers as per the above program with local English-speaking guide by private vehicle.
- Boat ride tour in Varanasi.
- Fast train journey in between Agra to Jhansi.
- All the entrance and monuments fees as indicated in the program.



### Trip Extras:

- India visa fee.
- International / Domestic airline airfare.
- Meals not included in the above program.
- Refreshments, bottled drinks.
- Tipping.
- Insurance and rescue of any form.
- Cost arising out of flight cancellation/road. blockades/landslides/riots and events beyond our control.
- Expenses of personal nature and any other expenses not mentioned in the above cost.
- Photography charges in the mosques, temples and monuments.
- Other services & items that are not mentioned in the above program.