



INDIA CLASIC TOUR

DELHI - AGRA - VARANASI



Day 01: Arrive Delhi Sightseeing

Morning arrive at Delhi airport and meet our representative and proceed for a guided tour of Delhi.

Visit **The Qutab Minar** (The 72.5 M high tower dates back to the 13th century), one of the greatest bequests of the Islamic culture). Spend an hour and half to explore the Monument.

Drive past the **Rashtrapati Bhawan** (the official residence of the President of India, formerly the residence of the Viceroy of India, which has a magnificent view of the Rajpath and symmetrical North and South block Govt offices), and **India Gate** (is a majestic high arch, 42 meters high, built as a memorial to the Indian Soldiers killed in World War 1).

Chandini Chowk with Rickshaw ride, which is a popular and exciting way to explore the bustling markets and narrow lanes of this historic area. A rickshaw is a small, three-wheeled cart pulled by a person, commonly known as a rickshaw puller. These rickshaws are designed to navigate the narrow lanes of Chandni Chowk, allowing you to explore the market at a slower pace while enjoying the sights and sounds around you.

Later in the day drive to **Humayun Tomb** and visit the Tomb which is Mughal Architecture. As the day concludes, we'll return to the hotel for an overnight stay.



Day 02: Delhi - Agra- Delhi

Morning after early breakfast drive down to Agra (230 Kms) 4:5 Hrs.

Agra was once the capital of the Mughal empire and even today it seems to linger in the past. Not surprising, for the Mughal emperors with their passion for building, endowed the city with some of the finest structures in the world. It is very easy to slip away here through the centuries into the grandeur and intrigues of the Mughal court. Agra is an old city and it is said that its name was derived from Agrabana, a forest that finds its mention in the epic. In more recent times Agra came into prominence when Sikandar Lodi made it his capital city in 1501. The Lodi rule was to end very soon and Agra passed into the possession of the Mughals.

On arrival, we will proceed to visit **Taj Mahal**. (Taj Mahal is the jewel of Muslim art in India and one of the universally admired masterpieces of the world's heritage. Defined as "A Tear on the Face of Eternity", this white-splendored tomb was built by Emperor Shah Jahan in the memory of his favourite wife, Arjumand Banu Begum, better known as Mumtaz Mahal ("Chosen of the Palace"). The unique Mughal style architecture combines elements & styles of Persian, Central Asian, and Islamic architecture. Most striking



are the black and white chessboard marble floor, the four tall minarets (40 m high) at the corners of the structure, and the majestic grand dome in the middle. On closer inspection, the lettering of the Holy Quran verses around the archways appear to be uniform. The lettering spacing and density has been customized to give this impression to the viewer. The impressive Pietra dura artwork includes geometric elements & style, plants & flowers, which are common in Islamic architecture. After Taj Mahal we will stop for a buffet Lunch in Agra. [on direct payment]

Post Lunch you will visit **Agra Fort** (Near the gardens of the Taj Mahal stands this important 16th-century Mughal monument known as the Red Fort of Agra. Often, the Agra Fort is overshadowed by the pristine beauty of the Taj, but for those looking for something beyond romance, the Agra Fort is worth seeing. Akbar, the greatest empire-builder of the Mughals, commissioned the Agra Fort in 1565, and his grandson Shah Jahan, pulled down many of the original buildings and replaced them with marble ones, while Aurangzeb added the ramparts. Situated on the bank of river Yamuna, the Agra Fort today, stands as a citadel of the past that has witnessed centuries slip by. Built in red stone, the Agra fort stretches almost two kilometres on the bank of the Yamuna. A huge wall that stands 69 ft in height encircles the crescent shaped fort). Later in the day drive back to Delhi for overnight stay in hotel.



Day 03: Delhi - Varanasi by Flight

Morning after breakfast check out from hotel and proceed to Delhi airport to board the flight to Varanasi



Flight Time: By Indigo flight 1100/1240 Hrs. Upon arrival Varanasi airport, our driver will meet and take you to hotel for check- in.

Evening you will have Boat ride at Ganges River with guide and watch Ganga Aarti. (Worship). Night stay in Varanasi.

Meal: Breakfast



Day 04: Varanasi

Morning start with boat ride at Ganges River in Sun rise & observe local life and ritual. As the sun moves upwards, you will see more and more people walking on the Ghats to have a dip in the Ganges, pray to Sun God and perform morning meditations. You will see Yogis sitting cross-legged with rudraksha mala (A kind of holy neck less).

Come back to hotel en-route visit **Kashi Vishwanath temple**.

Breakfast at the hotel. Later you will have local sightseeing of Varanasi and Sarnath. Visit **Sarnath** (Where Lord Buddha gave his first lesson). **Dasaswamedh Ghat, Manikarnika Ghat, Bharat Mata Temple, Banares Hindu University**.

Back to hotel for overnight stay.

Meal: Breakfast



Day 5: Varanasi Departure

Morning after breakfast (as per the flight schedule) check out from hotel and transfer to Varanasi Airport to board your flight for the onwards journey.

Meal: Breakfast

---Tour Ends---