

Tour Name: Classical India & Rajasthan

Tour Duration: 18 Nights/ 19 Days

Tour Map: <https://tinyurl.com/2py4b35u>

Tour Overview

Embark on an unforgettable adventure with "Classical India & Rajasthan," where the rich tapestry of India's royal past and vibrant cultural legacy unfolds. Begin in Delhi, exploring historic landmarks from Old Delhi's bustling markets to New Delhi's majestic monuments. Marvel at the iconic Taj Mahal in Agra before delving into the architectural treasures of Gwalior and Orchha. Discover the artistic wonders of Khajuraho and immerse yourself in the spiritual essence of Varanasi. Traverse the regal cities of Jaipur, Mandawa, and Bikaner, each offering its own unique charm and historical grandeur. Conclude your journey in the enchanting cities of Jaisalmer and Udaipur, where timeless forts, palaces, and serene lakes create a stunning backdrop for your royal exploration.

Tour Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Delhi

- Upon arrival at Delhi airport, you will be greeted by our representative who will assist you with the transfer to your hotel.
- After check-in, take time to relax and acclimate to the vibrant city of Delhi.

Day 2: Delhi City Tour

- Start your day with breakfast at the hotel.
- Visit the Red Fort, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, known for its grand Mughal architecture and historical significance. The fort features impressive walls and gates, lush gardens, and beautiful palaces.
- Enjoy a rickshaw ride through the bustling lanes of Chandni Chowk, experiencing the vibrant market life of Old Delhi with its narrow alleys and colorful shops.
- Explore Jama Masjid, the largest mosque in India, admired for its grandeur and intricate design. The mosque features expansive courtyards and striking white marble domes.
- Visit Raj Ghat, the memorial site of Mahatma Gandhi, to reflect on his legacy. The memorial is marked by a simple black marble platform and surrounded by beautiful gardens.
- In New Delhi, view India Gate, a war memorial dedicated to Indian soldiers, and Rashtrapati Bhavan, the President's residence, showcasing its vast lawns and impressive facade.
- Marvel at Qutub Minar, an iconic 12th-century minaret, adorned with intricate carvings and inscriptions. The surrounding Qutub Complex includes ancient ruins and the Iron Pillar.

- Visit Humayun's Tomb, a stunning Mughal mausoleum with a symmetrical layout and lush gardens. The tomb is a precursor to the Taj Mahal and is known for its red sandstone and white marble architecture.
- Conclude the day with a drive past the Parliament House and the diplomatic enclave, observing the administrative heart of India. This area is characterized by its colonial-era buildings and spacious avenues.

Day 3: Delhi - Agra (210km)

- Start your day with breakfast at the hotel before embarking on a scenic drive to Agra.
- Upon arrival in Agra, check in at your hotel and freshen up.
- Visit the Taj Mahal, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the Seven Wonders of the World, known for its stunning marble architecture and intricate inlay work. The mausoleum is surrounded by lush gardens and reflective pools.
- Explore Agra Fort, a majestic red sandstone fortress offering panoramic views of the Taj Mahal from its ramparts. The fort houses beautiful palaces, mosques, and audience halls.
- Visit the Baby Taj (Tomb of Itimad-ud-Daulah), renowned for its exquisite marble carvings and serene ambiance. This tomb is considered a precursor to the Taj Mahal and is known for its detailed pietra dura inlay work.
- Stroll through the vibrant local markets and taste the famous Agra petha (a traditional sweet) before returning to your hotel.

Day 4: Agra - Gwalior - Orchha (220kms)

- Start with breakfast at your hotel before departing for Gwalior.
- In Gwalior, visit the Gwalior Fort, a formidable fortress known for its intricate architecture, including the Man Mandir Palace with its blue tiles and the Saas Bahu Ka Mandir temples. The fort also offers panoramic views of the city and surrounding landscape.
- Continue your journey to Orchha, a historic town known for its well-preserved medieval architecture.
- Check in at your hotel in Orchha and relax.
- In the afternoon, explore the Orchha Fort complex, featuring magnificent palaces, temples, and cenotaphs (chhatris) on the banks of the Betwa River. Notable structures include the Jehangir Mahal, Raj Mahal, and the Laxminarayan Temple.
- Visit the Chaturbhuj Temple, an architectural marvel offering panoramic views of the surrounding landscape. The temple is known for its towering spire and elaborate carvings.
- Stroll through the town to enjoy its serene and historical ambiance, including the charming local bazaar.

Day 5: Orchha - Khajuraho (180kms)

- After breakfast, drive to Khajuraho, a UNESCO World Heritage Site famous for its intricately carved temples.

- Upon arrival, check in at your hotel and relax.
- Visit the Western Group of Temples, including the Kandariya Mahadev Temple, known for its detailed erotic sculptures and grand architecture.
- Explore the Eastern Group of Temples, which includes the Jain temples of Adinath and Parshvanath, known for their detailed carvings and serene surroundings.
- Discover the Southern Group of Temples, featuring the Duladeo Temple and the Chaturbhuj Temple, each showcasing unique architectural styles and artistic representations.
- Marvel at the artistry and craftsmanship of the Chandela dynasty, evident in the temples' ornate carvings and sculptures.

Day 6: Khajuraho - Varanasi (Flight)

- Start your day with breakfast at the hotel before transferring to the airport for your flight to Varanasi.
- Upon arrival in Varanasi, our representative will assist you with the transfer to your hotel.
- In the evening, experience the mesmerizing Ganga Aarti ceremony on the banks of the Ganges River. Witness the rhythmic chants, the lighting of oil lamps, and the spiritual atmosphere as devotees offer prayers to the river.

Day 7: Varanasi

- Begin your day with an early breakfast at the hotel.
- Take a boat ride on the Ganges River, observing pilgrims performing rituals and bathing in the sacred waters along the ghats (steps leading to the river). The boat ride provides a unique perspective of the city's spiritual and cultural life.
- Explore the narrow, bustling lanes of Varanasi and visit the Kashi Vishwanath Temple, dedicated to Lord Shiva, known for its spiritual significance and intricate design.
- Visit Sarnath, where Lord Buddha delivered his first sermon, and explore the ancient ruins, including the Dhamek Stupa and the Sarnath Museum, which houses important Buddhist artifacts and relics.
- Discover the local markets and experience the rich cultural heritage of Varanasi, including its renowned silk weaving industry and traditional crafts.

Day 8: Varanasi - Jaipur (Flight)

- Start your day with breakfast at the hotel before transferring to the airport for your flight to Jaipur.
- Upon arrival in Jaipur, transfer to your hotel and relax.
- Spend the rest of the day exploring the bustling local markets of Jaipur, known for their colorful handicrafts, textiles, and jewelry. Notable markets include Johari Bazaar and Bapu Bazaar.

Day 9: Jaipur City Tour

- After breakfast, embark on a full-day city tour of Jaipur.
- Visit Amber Fort, a grand fort located on a hill, and enjoy an elephant ride up to the fort to explore its stunning architecture and panoramic views. The fort features intricate frescoes, courtyards, and the beautiful Sheesh Mahal (Mirror Palace).
- Explore the City Palace, a complex of palaces with a blend of Rajput and Mughal architecture, including the Chandra Mahal and Mubarak Mahal. The palace houses a museum with royal artifacts and textiles.
- Visit Jantar Mantar, an astronomical observatory featuring large instruments used for measuring time and celestial positions. The observatory includes the Samrat Yantra, the world's largest sundial.
- See Hawa Mahal (Palace of Winds), an ornate façade designed for royal ladies to observe street festivities without being seen. The palace features intricate latticework and pink sandstone architecture.
- Conclude your tour with a visit to Sisodia Rani Garden, a beautiful garden with fountains and marble structures, and Birla Temple, known for its modern marble architecture and serene ambiance.

Day 10: Jaipur - Mandawa (170kms)

- Start with breakfast at the hotel before driving to Mandawa.
- Explore Mandawa's havelis (mansions), known for their intricate frescoes and artwork depicting tales of valor, love, and mythology. Notable havelis include Hanuman Prasad Goenka Haveli, Murmuria Haveli, and Jhunjhunwala Haveli.
- Wander through the narrow streets of Mandawa, enjoying the well-preserved traditional architecture and local culture.
- Visit the Mandawa Castle, an old fort-turned-hotel, to appreciate its historical significance and architectural charm.

Day 11: Mandawa - Bikaner (190kms)

- After breakfast, drive to Bikaner, a city known for its cultural and architectural richness.
- En route, visit the Karni Mata Temple in Deshnok, famous for its population of sacred rats and its unique religious significance. The temple is intricately decorated and a major pilgrimage site.
- In Bikaner, check in at your hotel and embark on a city tour.
- Explore Junagarh Fort, a formidable fortress with impressive architecture, including its opulent palaces, courtyards, and halls.
- Visit Lalgarh Palace, known for its blend of Rajput and Mughal architectural styles, featuring lavish interiors and well-preserved art and artifacts.
- Explore the vibrant bazaars, such as the Kote Gate and the Sardul Market, offering a unique shopping experience and local handicrafts.

Day 12: Bikaner - Jaisalmer (330kms)

- Start with breakfast at the hotel before embarking on a drive to Jaisalmer.
- Visit Jorbeer, a natural reserve known for its diverse bird population, including raptors. Enjoy birdwatching and soak in the tranquil atmosphere of the area.
- Continue your journey to Jaisalmer, famously known as the Golden City.
- Check in at your hotel and spend the evening at leisure, exploring the local area or relaxing.

Day 13: Jaisalmer City Tour

- Begin your day with breakfast at the hotel before exploring Jaisalmer.
- Visit Jaisalmer Fort, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, renowned for its golden sandstone architecture and intricate carvings. The fort houses several temples, palaces, and shops within its walls.
- Discover Patwon Ki Haveli, known for its elaborate facades and intricate carvings, and Salim Singh Ki Haveli, famous for its ornate balconies and distinctive architecture.
- In the afternoon, embark on a camel safari in the Sam Sand Dunes. Experience the vast golden sand dunes and witness a mesmerizing sunset. Enjoy traditional Rajasthani music and dance performances in the desert camp.

Day 14: Jaisalmer - Pokhran - Jodhpur (280kms)

- After breakfast, drive to Jodhpur, the Blue City of Rajasthan.
- En route, visit Pokhran Fort, a historic fort with a rich heritage and scenic views. Explore the fort's grand entrance, massive walls, and the intricate architecture of its various palaces and temples.
- Stop at the small town of Osian, known for its ancient temples and sand dunes. Visit the Osian Temples, including the Sachiya Mata Temple, renowned for its intricate carvings and peaceful surroundings.
- Upon arrival in Jodhpur, check in at your hotel and relax.
- Enjoy a leisurely evening at your hotel or explore local dining options to taste traditional Rajasthani cuisine.

Day 15: Jodhpur City Tour

- Start with breakfast at the hotel before embarking on a city tour of Jodhpur.
- Visit Mehrangarh Fort, one of the largest forts in India, known for its imposing structure and stunning views of the city. Explore its palaces, museums, and intricate courtyards. Highlights include the Sheesh Mahal (Mirror Palace), Phool Mahal (Flower Palace), and the fort's impressive collection of artifacts.
- Visit Jaswant Thada, a beautiful marble cenotaph built in memory of Maharaja Jaswant Singh II. Admire the serene ambiance, exquisite marble carvings, and the landscaped gardens surrounding the cenotaph.

- Explore the bustling Sardar Market, a vibrant bazaar offering a variety of local handicrafts, spices, and textiles. Experience the vibrant colors and flavors of Jodhpur's local culture.
- Visit Umaid Bhawan Palace, an opulent palace-turned-hotel and museum. Explore its grand architecture, lush gardens, and the museum showcasing royal artifacts and memorabilia.
- Discover the Mandore Gardens, a historical site featuring cenotaphs (chhatris) of Marwar rulers, temples, and beautiful gardens. The site offers a peaceful retreat with historical significance.
- Explore the local markets of Jodhpur, such as the Clock Tower Market and Nai Sarak, known for their vibrant stalls offering traditional Rajasthani textiles, handicrafts, and spices.

Day 16: Jodhpur - Ranakpur - Udaipur (260kms)

- After breakfast, drive to Udaipur with a stop at Ranakpur.
- Visit the Ranakpur Jain Temple complex, renowned for its exquisite marble architecture and intricate carvings. The temple features over 1,400 pillars, each uniquely carved.
- Continue your drive to Udaipur, the City of Lakes.
- Upon arrival, check in at your hotel and enjoy a serene boat ride on Lake Pichola. Admire the breathtaking views of the surrounding hills, palaces, and the picturesque lake.

Day 17: Udaipur City Tour

- Start your day with breakfast at the hotel before embarking on a full-day city tour of Udaipur.
- Visit the City Palace, a grand complex of palaces with courtyards, gardens, and stunning views of Lake Pichola. Explore the Crystal Gallery within the palace, featuring a remarkable collection of crystal artifacts.
- Visit Jagdish Temple, dedicated to Lord Vishnu, known for its detailed carvings and religious significance.
- Explore Saheliyon Ki Bari, a beautiful garden with fountains, marble elephants, and lush greenery, designed for the royal ladies of the court.
- In the evening, enjoy a cultural dance performance at Bagore Ki Haveli, showcasing traditional Rajasthani music and dance.

Day 18: Udaipur - Delhi (Flight)

- Start your day with breakfast at the hotel before transferring to the airport for your flight to Delhi.
- Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel and spend the rest of the day at leisure. You can explore the city on your own, indulge in some last-minute shopping, or simply relax and unwind.

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Day 19: Delhi - Departure

- After breakfast, check out from the hotel and transfer to the airport for your onward journey.

Package Price (USD Per Person Sharing Double/Twin Room)**Valid for Travel: 01 October 2026 – 15 April 2027**

Persons	Solo	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
3★ Standard	5,806	3,194	2,803	2,950	2,643	2,569	2,404	2,280
4★ Deluxe	6,975	3,800	3,409	3,556	3,248	3,175	3,010	2,886
5★ Luxury	8,909	5,104	4,408	4,555	4,248	4,174	4,009	3,885

Valid for Travel: 16 April 2027 to 15 September 2027

Persons	Solo	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
3★ Standard	5,518	3,008	2,618	2,765	2,457	2,384	2,218	2,094
4★ Deluxe	6,090	3,342	2,951	3,098	2,790	2,717	2,551	2,427
5★ Luxury	7,336	4,242	3,546	3,693	3,385	3,312	3,146	3,022

Single Room Supplement

3★ Standard: USD 829 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 1,392 | 5★ Luxury: USD 2,328

Triple Sharing Discount (Per Person)

3★ Standard: USD 91 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 161 | 5★ Luxury: USD 306

Price Includes:

- Assistance on arrival at airport.
- 18 Nights' accommodation in selected price category hotels.
- Daily breakfast at hotels.
- Private AC car/van for airport transfers, sightseeing, and excursions as per the program.
- English speaking tour guide on sightseeing days (local guide in each city), as per program.
- Monument entrances and activities charges mentioned in the itinerary.
- Bottled drinking water in car.
- Government taxes.

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Price Does Not Include:

- Khajuraho - Varanasi - Jaipur & Udaipur - Delhi flight ticket approx ₹15500 per person in economy class.
- Camera charges at monuments if any.
- Meals other than mentioned in inclusions.
- Expenses of personal nature like liquor, laundry, tips, telephone, fax, internet etc.
- Gratuities and optional activities.
- Anything not mentioned in inclusions.

Hotels used or similar for 18 nights' accommodation

3 Star Hotels

- Delhi x 3 nights: Dee Marks Hotel & Resorts/ Emerald Hotel
- Agra x 1 night: Howard Plaza the Fern/ Hotel Atulyaa Taj
- Orchha x 1 night: Orchha Resort/ Amar Mahal
- Khajuraho x 1 night: Ramada/SYNA Heritage Hotel
- Varanasi x 2 nights: Meraden Grand/ Hotel Tridev
- Jaipur x 2 nights: ZONE By THE Park/ The Fern Residency
- Mandawa x 1 night: Desert N Dunes/ Desert Mandawa
- Bikaner x 1 night: Bhanwar Niwas/ Gaj Kesri
- Jaisalmer x 2 nights: Saira Fort Sarover Portico/ Hotel Nachana Haveli
- Jodhpur x 2 nights: ZONE By the Park/The Fern Residency
- Udaipur x 2 nights: Jaiwana Haveli/ Hotel Amar Kothi

4 Star Hotels

- Delhi x 3 nights: The Hans/ The Royal Plaza
- Agra x 1 night: Radisson Hotel/ Holiday Inn
- Orchha x 1 night: Orchha Resort/ Amar Mahal
- Khajuraho x 1 night: Radisson Hotel/ Hotel Chandela
- Varanasi x 2 nights: Rivatas by Ideal/ The Amayaa
- Jaipur x 2 nights: Lemon Tree Premier/ The Fern An Ecotel Hotel
- Mandawa x 1 night: Vivaana Culture / Udai Vilas Palace
- Bikaner x 1 night: Lalgah Palace/ Laxmi Niwas Palace
- Jaisalmer x 2 nights: Rang Mahal/ WH Mandir Palace
- Jodhpur x 2 nights: WH Bal Samand Lake Palace/ The Ummed
- Udaipur x 2 nights: Hotel Lakend/ Amet Haveli

5 Star Hotels

- Delhi x 3 nights: Le Meridien/ The Grand New Delhi
- Agra x 1 night: Courtyard by Marriott/ Trident Hotel
- Khajuraho x 1 night: The Lalit Temple View

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- Varanasi x 2 nights: Ramada JHV/ Radisson Hotel
- Jaipur x 2 nights: Hilton Jaipur/ Radisson City Center
- Mandawa x 1 night: Castle Mandawa/ Alsisar Mahal
- Bikaner x 1 night: Narendra Bhawan
- Jaisalmer x 2 nights: Suryagarh/ Hotel Fort Rajwada
- Jodhpur x 2 nights: Ajit Bhawan/ Welcome Hotel
- Udaipur x 2 nights: Trident Hotel/ Shiv Nniwas Palace

Payment Policy:

- Deposit of 25% of the package cost at the time of booking.
- Deposit of 50% of the package cost, 30 days prior to arrival date
- Deposit of 100% of the package cost, 10 days prior to arrival date

Cancellation policy:

- Note: Written cancellation will be accepted on all working days, except Sundays. Any cancellation sent on Sundays will be considered on the next working day (Monday).
- X-mas and New Year Period (20 Dec to 05 Jan): The payment is non-refundable during this period.
- After Trip Commencement: If you cancel the trip after it has commenced, the refund will be limited to the amount we are able to recover from hoteliers/contractors. We are not responsible for refunds on unused hotel accommodations, chartered transportation, or missed meals.
- 61 days or more before the tour: No cancellation charges.
- Between 60 to 30 days before the tour: Cancellation charges equal to 20% of the full tour booking value.
- Between 30 to 15 days before the tour: Cancellation charges equal to 50% of the full tour booking value.
- Within 5 days before the tour or no show: Cancellation charges equal to 90% of the full tour booking value.

Our Liabilities & Limitations:

- Price Changes: After the finalization of the tour/service cost, if there are any hikes in entrance fees, taxes, fuel costs, or guide charges by the Government of India, these will be charged as extra.
- Role as Agent: Agora Voyages acts only as an agent for hotels, airlines, transporters, railways, and contractors providing services. All receipts, contracts, and tickets issued by us are subject to terms and conditions of the service providers.
- Itinerary Changes: All itineraries are sample itineraries intended to provide a general idea. We reserve the right to change the schedule based on factors such as weather, road conditions, or the physical ability of participants to ensure safety, comfort, and well-being.
- Rate Modifications: Our rates are based on negotiated rates with hotels and airlines. If the rates are modified by these service providers, we reserve the right to adjust the quoted rates accordingly. Hotel bookings are based on usual check-in and check-out times, unless otherwise indicated.

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- **Insurance:** We do not offer insurance for accidents, sickness, theft, or other unforeseen circumstances. We recommend travelers arrange for insurance in their home country. All personal property and baggage are at the client's risk at all times.
- **Unforeseen Circumstances:** We are not responsible for costs arising from landslides, roadblocks, bad weather, or similar unforeseen circumstances.

Tipping

- Tipping is not included in our price. It is optional but often expected in the travel industry. There is no limit on the amount you can tip, though the average guideline is around \$10-15 per day for guides, drivers, and other crew members.

Trip Comments

- After your trip, we would love to hear your experience. Any photos, suggestions, or feedback will be greatly appreciated. While we strive to make every trip perfect, we acknowledge that there is always room for improvement. Your comments, whether positive or constructive, are invaluable to us.