

Tour Name: Classical India & Tiger Safari Tour

Tour Duration: 12 Nights/ 13 Days

Tour Map: <https://tinyurl.com/mtp6pvi>

Tour Overview

Explore the diverse tapestry of India on the "Cultural Capitals & Wildlife Sanctuaries of India" tour, where ancient heritage meets untamed nature. Begin in Delhi, delving into the Mughal and colonial legacies. Journey to Agra to behold the iconic Taj Mahal, then to Jaipur for vibrant bazaars and historic forts. Encounter the elusive tiger in Ranthambore and explore the medieval charm of Orchha. Discover the architectural marvels of Khajuraho's temples before immersing yourself in spiritual Varanasi, witnessing sacred rituals along the Ganges. This journey blends cultural splendor with wildlife adventures, offering an unforgettable exploration of India's rich tapestry.

Tour Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Delhi

- Upon arrival in Delhi, you will be greeted and transferred to your hotel. Take some time to relax and prepare for your upcoming exploration of India's cultural and wildlife treasures.

Day 2: Delhi

- After breakfast, embark on a full-day city tour of Delhi:
- Jama Masjid: Explore the grandeur of one of India's largest mosques, built with red sandstone and white marble. Admire its intricate architecture and serene ambiance.
- Red Fort (Lal Qila): Visit this UNESCO World Heritage site, known for its Mughal architecture and historical significance as the main residence of the emperors of the Mughal dynasty.
- Raj Ghat: Pay homage to Mahatma Gandhi at his memorial site, where he was cremated following his assassination in 1948.
- India Gate: A war memorial dedicated to the Indian soldiers who died during World War I. Take a leisurely walk around its gardens and enjoy the views.
- Qutub Minar: Marvel at this UNESCO-listed minaret, the tallest brick minaret in the world, dating back to the 12th century. Explore the surrounding archaeological area.

- Humayun's Tomb: Visit the tomb of the Mughal Emperor Humayun, an excellent example of Persian architecture and a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Day 3: Delhi - Agra (210kms)

- Depart for Agra after breakfast. Upon arrival, visit:
- Taj Mahal: Experience the sunrise at this iconic symbol of love, crafted from white marble and adorned with intricate carvings and precious gemstones. A UNESCO World Heritage site.
- Agra Fort: Explore this red sandstone fort, a UNESCO World Heritage site, which served as the main residence of the Mughal emperors.
- Itmad-ud-Daulah's Tomb (Baby Taj): Visit this exquisite marble mausoleum often regarded as a draft of the Taj Mahal, known for its intricate marble inlay work.

Day 4: Agra - Fatehpur Sikri - Jaipur (240kms)

- En route to Jaipur, stop to explore:
- Fatehpur Sikri: Discover this abandoned Mughal city, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Explore its well-preserved palaces, mosques, and courtyards, reflecting a blend of Hindu and Islamic architectural styles.
- Abhaneri Stepwell (Chand Baori): Visit one of the largest and deepest stepwells in India, known for its intricate geometric patterns and historical significance.
- Continue to Jaipur and check-in at your hotel.

Day 5: Jaipur

- After breakfast, explore the Pink City of Jaipur:
- Amber Fort (Amer Fort): Ascend the fort on an elephant back or Jeep to explore its palaces, courtyards, and stunning views of Maota Lake.
- Hawa Mahal (Palace of Winds): Admire the unique five-story palace with its honeycomb facade, designed for royal ladies to observe everyday life without being seen.
- City Palace: Visit the royal residence of the Maharaja of Jaipur, showcasing a blend of Rajput and Mughal architecture, and housing museums with a rich collection of artifacts.

- Jantar Mantar: Explore the UNESCO-listed astronomical observatory, featuring instruments for measuring time, predicting eclipses, tracking stars' location, and other astronomical phenomena.
- Birla Temple (Lakshmi Narayan Temple): Visit this modern temple dedicated to Lord Vishnu and Goddess Lakshmi, constructed of white marble and located at the base of Moti Dungari Hill.
- Shopping Experience: Explore vibrant markets like Johari Bazaar and Bapu Bazaar for handicrafts, textiles, jewelry, and souvenirs.

Day 6: Jaipur - Ranthambore National Park (155kms)

- Drive to Ranthambore and check-in at your wildlife lodge. In the afternoon, enjoy your first safari in Ranthambore National Park, known for its tiger population and diverse wildlife.

Day 7: Ranthambore

- Embark on morning and afternoon safaris in Ranthambore National Park:
- Morning Safari: Explore the dense forests and water bodies of Ranthambore in search of tigers, leopards, and other wildlife. The park is also home to a variety of bird species.
- Afternoon Safari: Visit different zones of the park to maximize wildlife sightings. Keep an eye out for sloth bears, wild boars, and the elusive Indian wolf.

Day 8: Ranthambore - Shivpuri - Orchha (300kms)

- Travel to Orchha via Shivpuri, known for its historical and natural beauty. En route, visit:
- Shivpuri: Explore its lush forests, lakes, and the Chhatris (cenotaphs) of the Scindia rulers.
- Continue to Orchha, a medieval town known for its palaces and temples built in the Bundela style of architecture.

Day 9: Orchha - Panna National Park (200kms)

- Explore Orchha's historical landmarks:
- Orchha Fort Complex: Discover the fort and its associated palaces, including Jahangir Mahal, Raj Mahal, and Rai Parveen Mahal, showcasing magnificent architecture and historical significance.

- Chaturbhuj Temple: Visit this Hindu temple dedicated to Lord Vishnu, known for its unique blend of fort and temple architecture.
- Laxmi Narayan Temple: Admire the intricate carvings and vibrant frescoes depicting mythological scenes.
- Drive to Panna National Park, known for its diverse wildlife and landscapes. Upon arrival, enjoy an afternoon safari to explore its natural beauty and wildlife.

Day 10: Panna NP - Khajuraho (35kms)

- Embark on a morning safari in Panna National Park to spot wildlife in its natural habitat. Then, drive to Khajuraho and check-in at your hotel.
- In Khajuraho, visit:
 - Western Group of Temples: Explore the UNESCO World Heritage site, featuring temples like Kandariya Mahadev, Lakshmana, and Vishvanatha, renowned for their exquisite architecture and intricate erotic sculptures.
 - Eastern Group of Temples: Visit temples dedicated to Jain deities, including Parsvanath and Adinath.
- Khajuraho Dance Festival: If visiting during February, witness the Khajuraho Dance Festival, showcasing classical Indian dance forms against the backdrop of the temples.

Day 11: Khajuraho - Varanasi (flight)

- Fly to Varanasi, one of the oldest living cities in the world and a major spiritual hub. Upon arrival, immerse yourself in the spiritual atmosphere:
- Evening Aarti Ceremony: Witness the mesmerizing Ganga Aarti ritual on the banks of the River Ganges, a spiritual experience.

Day 12: Varanasi

- Experience the spiritual essence of Varanasi with a sunrise boat ride on the Ganges, observing the rituals and activities along the ghats. Full Day Sightseeing in Varanasi:
- Visit Kashi Vishwanath Temple: Explore this revered Hindu temple dedicated to Lord Shiva, located in the heart of Varanasi.
- Sarnath: Visit the place where Lord Buddha delivered his first sermon after attaining enlightenment. Explore the Dhamek Stupa and Sarnath Museum.

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- Banaras Hindu University (BHU): Explore the renowned university campus, known for its beautiful architecture and the Bharat Kala Bhavan Museum, showcasing a vast collection of artifacts and art pieces.
- Manikarnika Ghat: Witness one of the oldest and most sacred ghats, known for its continuous cremation fires. Gain insights into Hindu funeral rites and traditions.
- Silk Weaving Centre: Visit a local workshop to see the intricate art of weaving Banarasi silk sarees, a craft that has been passed down through generations.
- Local Bazaars: Wander through Varanasi's vibrant markets, such as Vishwanath Gali and Thateri Bazaar, for handicrafts, textiles, and local street food delicacies.

Day 13: Varanasi - Delhi (flight) - Departure

- Fly back to Delhi. Spend the day at leisure or explore local markets for last-minute shopping and souvenirs.
- Transfer to the airport for your departure flight, concluding your journey through India's classical cities, wildlife reserves, and cultural landmarks.

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	4,267	2,471	2,195	2,202	2,020	1,993	1,893	1,817
4★ Deluxe	5,042	2,903	2,627	2,634	2,452	2,425	2,324	2,249
5★ Luxury	6,545	3,854	3,401	3,409	3,226	3,199	3,099	3,024

Valid for Travel: 16 April 2027 – 20 September 2027

Persons	Solo	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
3★ Standard	4,267	2,471	2,195	2,202	2,020	1,993	1,893	1,817
4★ Deluxe	4,600	2,664	2,388	2,395	2,213	2,186	2,086	2,010
5★ Luxury	5,994	3,538	3,085	3,092	2,910	2,883	2,783	2,707

Single Room Supplement

3★ Standard: USD 632 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 958 | 5★ Luxury: USD 1,686

Triple Sharing Discount (Per Person)

3★ Standard: USD 47 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 121 | 5★ Luxury: USD 213

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Price Includes:

- Assistance on arrival at airport.
- 12 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.
- 2-Time shared Gypsy safari in Ranthambore National Park with naturalist.
- 1-Time shared Gypsy safari in Panna National Park with naturalist.
- Bottled drinking water in car.
- Government taxes.

Price Does Not Include:

- Any flight tickets. Khajuraho - Varanasi & Varanasi - Delhi flight fare approx INR 9,500 per person in economy class.
- Camera charges at monuments if any.
- Meals other than mentioned in the 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 12 nights' accommodation

3 Star Hotels

- Delhi x 2 nights: Dee Marks Hotel & Resorts/ Emerald Hotel
- Agra x 1 night: Howard Plaza the Fern/ Hotel Atulyaa Taj
- Jaipur x 2 nights: ZONE By THE Park/ The Fern Residency

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- Ranthambore x 2 nights: The Fern Ranthambhore Forest Resort/ Tiger Den Resort
- Orchha x 1 night: Orchha Resort/ Amar Mahal
- Panna National Park x 1 night: Ken River Lodge/ Tendu Leaf Jungle Resort
- Khajuraho x 1 night: Ramada/SYNA Heritage Hotel
- Varanasi x 2 nights: Meraden Grand/ Hotel Tridev

4 Star Hotels

- Delhi x 2 nights: The Hans/ The Royal Plaza
- Agra x 1 night: Radisson Hotel/ Holiday Inn
- Jaipur x 2 nights: Lemon Tree Premier/ The Fern An Ecotel Hotel
- Ranthambore x 2 nights: Dev Vilas/ WH Mount Valley Resort
- Orchha x 1 night: Orchha Resort/ Amar Mahal
- Panna National Park x 1 night: Sarai at Toria
- Khajuraho x 1 night: Ramada/SYNA Heritage Hotel
- Varanasi x 2 nights: Rivatas by Ideal/ The Amayaa

5 Star Hotels

- Delhi x 2 nights: Le Meridien/ The Grand New Delhi
- Agra x 1 night: Courtyard by Marriott/ Trident Hotel
- Jaipur x 2 nights: Hilton Jaipur/ Radisson City Center
- Ranthambore x 2 nights: The Kipling Lodge- Nature Kalp/ The Tigress
- Orchha x 1 night: Orchha Palace and Convention Centre
- Panna National Park x 1 night: Pashan Garh, A Taj Safari
- Khajuraho x 1 night: The Lalit Temple View
- Varanasi x 2 nights: Ramada JHV/ Radisson Hotel

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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

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the quoted rates accordingly. Hotel bookings are based on usual check-in and check-out times, unless otherwise indicated.

- **Liability Disclaimer:** We are not responsible for delays, alterations, or expenses incurred due to natural hazards, flight cancellations, accidents, weather, sickness, political closures, or any unforeseen incidents.
- **Damage, Loss, or Injury:** We are not responsible for any loss, injury, or damage to persons, property, or otherwise, caused by acts of God, fire, accidents, machinery breakdowns, political disturbances, theft, epidemics, or other factors beyond our control.
- **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.