

Tour Name: Heart & Soul of India

Tour Duration: 17 Nights/ 18 Days

Tour Map: <https://tinyurl.com/4kp2tky4>

Tour Overview

Explore the regal splendor of Heart & Soul of India on this captivating journey through India's historical heartland. Begin in Delhi, where Mughal marvels and bustling markets beckon, then venture to Varanasi, the spiritual capital on the banks of the Ganges. Discover the opulent palaces of Udaipur, the blue hues of Jodhpur, and the pink majesty of Jaipur, each city a testament to Rajasthan's royal legacy. Marvel at the grandeur of Agra's Taj Mahal and immerse yourself in the architectural wonders of Fatehpur Sikri. This tour promises a blend of history, culture, and vibrant traditions, offering an unforgettable exploration of India's captivating heritage.

Tour Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Delhi

- Arrive at Delhi Indira Gandhi International Airport and transfer to your hotel for check-in. Delhi, India's capital, welcomes you with its vibrant culture and rich history. After settling in, take some time to rest and recover from your journey. Delhi offers a blend of ancient heritage and modernity, promising a memorable travel experience from the very beginning. Enjoy the evening at leisure, preparing for the adventures that await in the days ahead.

Day 2: Delhi

- After breakfast at the hotel, start your day exploring the bustling streets of Chandni Chowk. Known for its vibrant atmosphere and variety of street food stalls, this area offers a sensory delight with its bustling markets and historical significance.
- Visit Jama Masjid, one of India's largest mosques, renowned for its stunning Mughal architecture and panoramic views from its minarets. Explore the mosque's courtyard and soak in its tranquil ambiance.
- Pay respects at Raj Ghat, a serene memorial dedicated to Mahatma Gandhi, set amidst well-maintained gardens. This tranquil spot offers a moment of reflection on Gandhi's life and legacy.
- Drive past India Gate, a war memorial archway honoring Indian soldiers who died in World War I. Capture photographs and learn about its historical significance from your guide.
- Explore Humayun's Tomb, a UNESCO World Heritage Site known for its Persian-inspired architecture, lush gardens, and serene ambiance. Admire the intricate details of the tomb's design and its surrounding Mughal-style charbagh garden.

- Visit Agrasen ki Baoli, an ancient stepwell known for its architectural grandeur and historical significance as a community gathering place. Descend into the stepwell and marvel at its symmetrical steps and detailed carvings.
- End the day exploring Qutub Minar, the tallest brick minaret in the world. Surrounding it are the ruins of ancient structures, including the Iron Pillar of Delhi, known for its rust-resistant composition and historical inscriptions.

Day 3: Delhi - Varanasi (flight)

- Start the day with breakfast at the hotel.
- Transfer to the airport for your flight to Varanasi.
- Upon arrival in Varanasi, transfer from the airport to your hotel.
- Visit Ramnagar Fort, a historic fortification on the eastern bank of the Ganges River.
- Explore the museum inside Ramnagar Fort, showcasing vintage cars, royal costumes, and antique weaponry.
- Experience the mesmerizing Ganga Aarti ceremony on the ghats of the sacred Ganges River.
- Witness the synchronized chanting of mantras, ringing of bells, and the offering of lamps during the evening ritual.
- Immerse yourself in the spiritual ambiance of Varanasi, preparing for deeper explorations tomorrow.

Day 4: Varanasi

- Start your day with breakfast at the hotel, followed by a morning boat ride on the Ganges River. Witness devout Hindus performing rituals and ceremonies along the ghats, immersing yourself in Varanasi's spiritual essence.
- Visit Kashi Vishwanath Temple, a renowned Hindu temple dedicated to Lord Shiva. Marvel at its intricate architecture and participate in the morning rituals that are central to the temple's daily life.
- Explore Banaras Hindu University (BHU), one of the largest residential universities in Asia. Wander through its sprawling campus, visit the Bharat Kala Bhavan Museum, and learn about its cultural and educational significance.
- Discover New Vishwanath Temple, a modern marble temple dedicated to Lord Shiva. Admire its pristine white architecture and learn about its role in modern Hindu worship.
- Journey to Sarnath, where Lord Buddha delivered his first sermon. Explore the Dhamek Stupa and the Archaeological Museum, home to ancient artifacts and sculptures that illuminate the region's Buddhist history.
- Experience Varanasi's traditional silk industry with visits to local workshops and markets. Learn about the intricate art of silk weaving and shop for traditional Varanasi silk products.
- Witness daily rituals and ceremonies at various lesser-known ghats along the Ganges River, gaining insight into the religious practices that define Varanasi's culture.

- Explore Bharat Kala Bhavan Museum, located within BHU and featuring a rich collection of sculptures, paintings, and artifacts that highlight Varanasi's cultural heritage.

Day 5: Varanasi - Mumbai (flight)

- Start the day with breakfast at the hotel.
- Transfer to the airport for your flight to Mumbai, the financial capital of India.
- Upon arrival in Mumbai, enjoy rest time for personal activities and relaxation, or explore nearby attractions independently.

Day 6: Mumbai

- Begin your day with breakfast at the hotel before embarking on a tour of Mumbai's iconic landmarks.
- Visit the Gateway of India, an arch monument overlooking the Arabian Sea and a symbol of Mumbai's historical significance and architectural grandeur.
- Explore Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya, formerly known as the Prince of Wales Museum. Delve into its extensive collection of ancient artifacts and exhibits that narrate India's rich cultural history.
- Stroll through Colaba Causeway, a vibrant market famous for its street shopping, cafes, and restaurants. Browse through eclectic souvenirs, antiques, and handicrafts while soaking in the local ambiance.
- Discover the Kala Ghoda Art District, renowned for its galleries, cultural spaces, and vibrant street art. Immerse yourself in Mumbai's contemporary art scene and explore its diverse cultural offerings.
- Visit Hanging Gardens, known for its manicured lawns, flower beds, and panoramic views of the city skyline. Capture stunning photographs and relax amidst serene surroundings.
- Explore Dhobi Ghat, the world's largest outdoor laundry. Witness the meticulous process of washing clothes by hand and gain insight into this unique aspect of Mumbai's daily life.
- Drive past and take a walking tour of heritage landmarks like Rajabai Clock Tower and Mumbai University, appreciating their colonial-era architecture and historical significance.

Day 7: Mumbai - Aurangabad (flight)

- Start the day with breakfast at the hotel.
- Transfer to the airport for your flight to Aurangabad, the gateway to the ancient caves of Ellora and Ajanta.
- Upon arrival in Aurangabad, check-in at the hotel.
- Proceed with an excursion to Ellora Caves. Marvel at the monumental Kailasha Temple, an architectural marvel carved out of a single rock, showcasing intricate sculptures and stunning craftsmanship.

- Explore the ancient Daulatabad Fort, known for its strategic location and defensive architecture, offering insights into medieval India's military prowess and historical significance.

Day 8: Aurangabad - Ajanta Caves - Aurangabad (210 kms round trip)

- Start the day with breakfast at the hotel.
- Embark on a full-day excursion to Ajanta Caves, a UNESCO World Heritage Site renowned for its rock-cut Buddhist cave monuments and exquisite paintings depicting the life of Buddha.
- Explore the ancient caves, marveling at the intricate sculptures and detailed frescoes that date back to the 2nd century BCE to the 6th century CE.
- Witness the architectural brilliance and artistic mastery of the cave complexes, including the iconic Cave 1 with its impressive Buddha statue and Cave 26 known for its intricate carvings.
- Take time to absorb the serene and spiritual ambiance of Ajanta, appreciating the historical and cultural significance of these ancient caves.
- Return to Aurangabad in the evening, reflecting on the day's explorations and experiences.

Day 9: Aurangabad - Ahmedabad (flight)

- Start the day with breakfast at the hotel.
- Visit Bibi Ka Maqbara, often called the "Mini Taj" due to its architectural resemblance to the Taj Mahal. Explore the intricate marble work and serene garden surroundings of this historical monument.
- Discover Aurangabad Caves, ancient rock-cut Buddhist shrines dating back to the 6th and 7th centuries. Admire the detailed carvings and sculptures depicting Buddhist legends and motifs.
- Explore Panchakki, a historical water mill famous for its ingenious engineering and serene surroundings. Learn about its historical significance and architectural marvels.
- After sightseeing, transfer to the airport for your flight to Ahmedabad, a city renowned for its rich cultural heritage, vibrant marketplaces, and historical landmarks.

Day 10: Ahmedabad - Udaipur (250 kms)

- Start your day with breakfast at the hotel.
- Begin with a half-day city tour of Ahmedabad, exploring its rich cultural and historical landmarks:
- Visit Sabarmati Ashram, the serene abode of Mahatma Gandhi, where he lived and worked during India's independence movement.
- Admire the historical significance and architectural grandeur of Bhadra Fort, an ancient fortification in the heart of Ahmedabad.
- Explore Sarkhej Roza, a serene complex known for its Indo-Saracenic architecture, including a mosque, tombs, and a palace.

- Marvel at the intricate stone latticework (jaali) on the windows of Sidi Saiyyed Mosque, known for its delicate craftsmanship.
- Visit Hutheesing Jain Temple, an ornate temple dedicated to Lord Dharmanatha, showcasing architectural splendor and peaceful surroundings.
- After lunch, embark on a scenic drive to Udaipur, the romantic city of lakes in Rajasthan known for its palaces, lakes, and vibrant culture.
- Arrive in Udaipur and check-in at your hotel.

Day 11: Udaipur

- Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before starting your day with a visit to the majestic City Palace. Marvel at its blend of Rajput and Mughal architectural styles, explore its courtyards and museums, and enjoy panoramic views of Lake Pichola.
- Visit Jagdish Temple, a beautifully carved Hindu temple dedicated to Lord Vishnu. Admire its intricate sculptures and participate in the temple's religious rituals.
- Explore Saheliyon ki Bari, a royal garden adorned with fountains, kiosks, marble elephants, and lush greenery, offering a tranquil retreat amidst Udaipur's bustling streets.
- Discover Bagore ki Haveli, a historical mansion showcasing traditional Mewar architecture and housing a museum with artifacts depicting Rajasthan's cultural heritage.
- Visit the Vintage Car Museum, home to a collection of classic cars and royal vehicles that provide a glimpse into Udaipur's royal legacy.
- Explore the bustling markets of Udaipur for a shopping experience. Indulge in traditional Rajasthani textiles, handicrafts, and jewelry, perfect for souvenirs or gifts.
- Conclude the day with a serene sunset boat ride on Lake Pichola, soaking in the mesmerizing views of Udaipur's palaces and scenic landscapes.

Day 12: Udaipur - Jodhpur (265 kms)

- Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before embarking on a scenic drive to Jodhpur, known as the Blue City of Rajasthan.
- En route, visit Ranakpur Jain Temple, a marvel of architectural brilliance renowned for its intricate marble carvings and 1,444 exquisitely carved pillars.
- Continue your journey to Jodhpur, soaking in the picturesque landscapes of rural Rajasthan.
- Upon arrival, check-in at your hotel and unwind after the journey.

Day 13: Jodhpur

- After breakfast, begin your exploration of Jodhpur with a visit to Mehrangarh Fort, one of the largest and most magnificent forts in India. Explore its expansive courtyards, intricate palaces like Moti Mahal and Phool Mahal, and museums showcasing royal artifacts and weaponry.
- Visit Jaswant Thada, a serene marble cenotaph built in memory of Maharaja Jaswant Singh II. Admire its intricate lattice work and panoramic views of the city.

- Explore Mandore Gardens, an ancient garden housing the cenotaphs of Jodhpur's rulers. Wander among its lush greenery, temples, and intricately carved monuments.
- Continue to Umaid Bhawan Palace, an opulent residence turned museum and hotel. Discover its fascinating history, art deco architecture, and luxurious interiors.
- Enjoy a leisurely evening exploring the vibrant markets and streets of Jodhpur, known for its textiles, handicrafts, and traditional Rajasthani cuisine.

Day 14: Jodhpur - Jaipur (330 kms)

- After breakfast, embark on a scenic drive to Jaipur, the capital city of Rajasthan famously known as the Pink City.
- En route, stop at Pushkar, a sacred town famous for the Brahma Temple, one of the few temples dedicated to Lord Brahma in the world. Explore the spiritual ambiance of Pushkar and, if timing permits, witness the colorful local life and bustling markets.
- Continue your journey to Jaipur, arriving in the afternoon.
- Check-in at your hotel and relax before your exploration of Jaipur begins the next day.

Day 15: Jaipur

- Start your day with breakfast at the hotel before visiting Amber Fort, a majestic hilltop fort with stunning views of Maota Lake. Explore its intricate Sheesh Mahal (Mirror Palace) and learn about its historical significance.
- Explore the City Palace, a royal residence with courtyards, gardens, and museums showcasing Jaipur's royal heritage and cultural artifacts.
- Discover Jantar Mantar, an astronomical observatory housing a collection of architectural astronomical instruments. Learn about ancient Indian astronomy and measurement techniques.
- Visit Albert Hall Museum, Rajasthan's oldest museum housed in a palatial building with a diverse collection of artifacts and exhibits.
- Explore Hawa Mahal, the Palace of Winds known for its intricate latticework and architectural elegance. Enjoy panoramic views of Jaipur's bustling streets and capture photographs of its iconic facade.
- Visit Birla Temple, a modern Hindu temple dedicated to Lord Vishnu and Goddess Lakshmi. Admire its marble architecture, intricate carvings, and serene ambiance.
- Conclude the day with a shopping experience in Jaipur's vibrant bazaars, known for textiles, handicrafts, jewelry, and traditional Rajasthani items.

Day 16: Jaipur - Agra (245 kms)

- After breakfast at the hotel, embark on a scenic drive to Agra, home of the iconic Taj Mahal.
- En route, visit Abhaneri, known for its historical stepwell and architectural marvels, and Fatehpur Sikri, a UNESCO World Heritage Site showcasing Mughal architecture and historical significance.

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Day 17: Agra - Delhi (204 kms)

- Begin your day with breakfast at the hotel before visiting the legendary Taj Mahal, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the New Seven Wonders of the World. Marvel at its white marble architecture and intricate craftsmanship.
- Explore Agra Fort, a UNESCO-listed fort palace known for its Mughal architecture and panoramic views of the Taj Mahal from its bastions.
- Visit Mehtab Bagh, a serene garden complex offering picturesque views of the Taj Mahal from across the Yamuna River.
- Drive back to Delhi for an overnight stay.

Day 18: Delhi - Departure

- After breakfast at the hotel, transfer to the airport for your departure flight.

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	5,637	3,110	2,762	2,771	2,496	2,418	2,272	2,163
4★ Deluxe	6,728	3,661	3,312	3,321	3,046	2,969	2,823	2,713
5★ Luxury	8,538	4,929	4,247	4,256	3,981	3,903	3,757	3,648

Valid for Travel: 16 April 2027 to 20 September 2027

Persons	Solo	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
3★ Standard	5,411	2,948	2,600	2,609	2,334	2,257	2,111	2,001
4★ Deluxe	5,934	3,263	2,914	2,923	2,649	2,571	2,425	2,316
5★ Luxury	7,570	4,400	3,717	3,726	3,452	3,374	3,228	3,119

Single Room Supplement

3★ Standard: USD 814 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 1,355 | 5★ Luxury: USD 2,229

Triple Sharing Discount (Per Person)

3★ Standard: USD 68 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 157 | 5★ Luxury: USD 277

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Price Includes:

- Assistance on arrival at airport.
- 17 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.

Price Does Not Include:

- Delhi - Varanasi - Mumbai - Aurangabad - Mumbai - Udaipur flight fare approx INR 25,500 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 17 nights' accommodation

3 Star Hotels

- Delhi x 3 nights: Dee Marks Hotel & Resorts/ Emerald Hotel
- Varanasi x 2 nights: Meraden Grand/ Hotel Tridev
- Mumbai x 3 nights: Hotel Godwin, Colaba/ Hotel Suba Palace
- Aurangabad x 2 nights: The Fern Residency/ Amarpreet Hotel
- Udaipur x 2 nights: Jaiwana Haveli/ Hotel Amar Kothi
- Jodhpur x 2 nights: ZONE By the Park/ The Fern Residency
- Jaipur x 2 nights: ZONE By THE Park/ The Fern Residency
- Agra x 1 night: Howard Plaza the Fern/ Hotel Atulyaa Taj

4 Star Hotels

- Delhi x 3 nights: The Hans/ The Royal Plaza
- Varanasi x 2 nights: Rivatas by Ideal/ The Amayaa
- Mumbai x 3 nights: Fariyas Hotel/ The Gordon House
- Aurangabad x 2 nights: Lemon Tree Hotel
- Udaipur x 2 nights: Hotel Lakend/ Amet Haveli
- Jodhpur x 2 nights: WH Bal Samand Lake Palace/ The Ummed
- Jaipur x 2 nights: Lemon Tree Premier/ The Fern An Ecotel Hotel

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- Agra x 1 night: Radisson Hotel/ Holiday Inn

5 Star Hotels

- Delhi x 2 nights: Le Meridien/ The Grand New Delhi
- Varanasi x 2 nights: Ramada JHV/ Radisson Hotel
- Mumbai x 3 nights: Trident Hotel/ President, Mumbai - IHCL SeleQtions
- Udaipur x 2 nights: Trident Hotel/ Shiv Niwas Palace
- Jodhpur x 2 nights: Ajit Bhawan/ Welcome Hotel
- Jaipur x 2 nights: Hilton Jaipur/ Radisson City Center
- Agra x 1 night: Courtyard by Marriott/ Trident Hotel

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.
- **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.