

INDIA & NEPAL 13 days

Itinerary:

Day 1 : Arrive Delhi

Upon arrival in Delhi transfer to your hotel.

Lodging: Le Merdien Executive



Day 2 : Delhi (B)

Start your city tour with a visit of the magnificent Red Fort. See the Raj Ghat memorial to Mahatma Gandhi and Jama Masjid, the largest mosque in India. Explore Chandi Chowk, the busiest commercial area of the city, the 12th century Qutab Minar, the mausoleum of emperor Humayun and the modern Lakshmi Narayan temple. Drive past the India Gate, the president's residence, the parliament house and the secretariat buildings.

Meals: Breakfast **Lodging:** Le Merdien Executive

Day 3 : Delhi - Jaipur (B)

After breakfast drive to Jaipur. On arrival transfer to hotel and time to relax from the journey.

Meals: Breakfast **Lodging:** Four Points by Sheraton

Day 4 : Jaipur (B)

Today explore Amber Fort, the ancient capital of the state until 1728. See the temple of Kali, the hall of victory glittering with mirrors and Jai Mahal. Enjoy an elephant before a walking tour and a rickshaw ride in Jaipur's Old city where you can explore the colorful local bazaar. Drive past the Palace of winds, the landmark of Jaipur before visiting a local spice market. Wind up the evening with an 'aarti' (prayer ritual) ceremony at Birla Mandir, a modern Hindu temple.

Meals: Breakfast **Lodging:** Four Points by Sheraton

Day 5 : Jaipur - Agra (B)

In the morning after breakfast depart Jaipur for Agra, en route visit Fatehpur Sikri, once a glittering capital but abandoned due to scarcity of water. See the graceful buildings left behind including the Jama Masjid, Tomb of Salim Chishti and Panch Mahal.

Meals: Breakfast **Lodging:** Jaypee Palace

Day 6 : Agra (B)

After breakfast in the morning visit the world famous Taj Mahal built by Mughal Emperor Shahjehan in 1630 for his queen Mumtaz Mahal to enshrine her mortal remains. Later visit the Agra Fort, a cluster of mosques and palaces on the banks of the river.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner **Lodging:** Jaypee Palace

Day 7 : Agra - Jhansi - Khajuraho (B)

In the morning transfer to train station to board the train to Jhansi. Upon arrival in Jhansi transfer to Khajuraho, en route visit Orchha with its grandeur captured in stone. The Palace and

the temples build by Bundela rulers in the 16th and 17th century have kept much of their pristine perfection. Jehangir Mahal, a palace crowned by graceful chhatris has a spectacular view of soaring temple spires and cenotaphs.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner **Lodging:** Radisson

Day 8 : Khajuraho (B)

After breakfast visit the Khajuraho temples built by the Chandela kings between 950 AD and 1050 AD. The most important ones are the chaurset Yogini Temple dedicated to Goddess Kali, The Mahadev Temple, Chitragupta or Bharatji Temple with a lovely image of 11 headed Vishnu, Vishvanath, Nandi Temple, Lakshmana Temple, Visha Temple dedicated to Shiva, which is also the largest temple.

Meals: Breakfast **Lodging:** Radisson

Day 9 : Khajuraho - Varanasi (B)

In the morning transfer to airport for domestic flight to Varanasi. Upon arrival transfer to hotel. Later get an introduction to the oldest living city in the world and a deep philosophical insight into Hinduism as you visit the 'Ghats' (banks) of the river Ganges.

Meals: Breakfast **Lodging:** Radisson

Day 10 : Varanasi - Kathmandu (B)

Today morning boat excursion on the holy river Ganges to see the bathing Ghats and cremation site. Watching people bathing and worshipping at the ghats is one of the most extraordinary experiences. Later transfer to airport for flight to Kathmandu. Upon arrival transfer to hotel.

Meals: Breakfast **Lodging:** Soaltee Crown Plaza

Day 11 : Kathmandu (B)

After breakfast visit three major heritage sites of Kathmandu valley at the foot of the Himalayan Mountain, the glided copper gate in Bhadgaon, Pashupatinath Hindu temple of Shiva and the Buddhist shrine at the Bodhnath. Later you have a chance to walk around the local bazaars.

Meals: Breakfast **Lodging:** Soaltee Crown Plaza

Day 12 : Kathmandu (B / D)

Today continue with your visit with more temples, pagodas and the palaces Durbar. Later explore the city of art and architecture, Patan with its esthetic beauty and ambience.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner **Lodging:** Soaltee Crown Plaza

Day 13 : Kathmandu departure (B)

After breakfast transfer to the airport for your international return flight.

Meals: Breakfast

