

INDIA & NEPAL TREASURES 13 days



Itinerary:

Day 1 : Arrive New Delhi

Upon arrival in New Delhi transfer to your hotel and time to relax from your flight.

Lodging: Leela Palace Hotel

Day 2 : New 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.

Lodging: Leela Palace Hotel

Day 3 : Delhi - Jaipur (B)

After breakfast make your way to Jaipur. On arrival transfer to your hotel and time to relax from the journey.

Lodging: Rambagh Palace Hotel

Day 4 : Jaipur (B)

Today explore Amber Fort, start with a visit of the temple of Kali and Jai Mahal. Enjoy a walking tour and a rickshaw ride in Jaipur's Old city where you can explore the colorful local bazaar. Later see 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.

Lodging: Rambagh Palace Hotel

Day 5 : Jaipur - Agra (B)

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

Lodging: Oberoi Amarvilas Hotel

Day 6 : Agra (B)

After breakfast 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.

Lodging: Oberoi Amarvilas Hotel

Day 7 : Agra - Jhansi - Khajuraho (B)

In the morning leave for Khajuraho, en route visit Orchha with its grandeur captured in stone. The Palace and the temples built 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.

Lodging: Syna Heritage Hotel

Day 8 : Khajuraho (B)

After breakfast visit the Khajuraho temples, a group of Hindu and Jain temples built by the Chandela kings and UNESCO World Heritage Site. The temples are famous for their nagara-style architectural symbolism.

Lodging: Syna Heritage Hotel

Day 9 : Khajuraho - Varanasi (B)

In the morning transfer to airport for your domestic flight to Varanasi. Upon arrival transfer to your 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.

Lodging: Brij Rama Palace Hotel

Day 10 : Varanasi - Kathmandu (B)

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

Lodging: Dwarika's Hotel

Day 11 : Kathmandu (B)

After breakfast visit three major heritage sites of Kathmandu valley at the foot of the Himalayan Mountain: the gilded 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.

Lodging: Dwarika's Hotel

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.

Lodging: Dwarika's Hotel

Day 13 : Kathmandu departure (B)

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

