



BEST OF NORTH INDIA

TOUR DAYS: 11 DAYS

TOUR TYPE: SMALL GROUP TOUR

SASKATOON – DELHI – AGRA – RANTHAMBORE – JAIPUR – DELHI – SASKATOON

TOUR SUMMARY:

See the best of North India on this unforgettable tour. Travel from Delhi, the bustling national Capital, to Agra, home of the Taj Mahal, and explore Ranthambore, where you may see Royal Bengal Tigers roaming wild and free. Continue to Jaipur, the imperial pink city.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

- Discover Old and New Delhi and their many highlights
- Visit the incredible Taj Mahal at sunrise
- Explore Ranthambore National Park in search of Royal Bengal Tiger
- Tour the famed 'Pink City' of Jaipur

TOUR LODGING INFO: *08 Nights Hotels + 02 Nights on board flight*

Accommodation is provided on a twin sharing basis

MAIN TOUR PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- 08 Nights accommodation at listed hotels or similar
- On arrival meeting & assistance by our representative
- Indian Traditional welcome
- Daily buffet breakfast
- All meals in Ranthambore
- Special Rajasthani Dinner in Jaipur
- Transportation/Transfers in an air-conditioned deluxe coach
- Sightseeing & entrance fees as per the itinerary
- Shoe Covers at the Taj Mahal
- 02 Canter Safari at Ranthambore National Park
- English speaking guides
- Taxes & fuel surcharges

PRE/ POST TOUR PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- accommodation at listed hotels or similar
- On arrival meeting & assistance by our representative
- Indian Traditional welcome
- Daily buffet breakfast
- Transportation/Transfers in an air-conditioned CAR
- Sightseeing & entrance fees as per the itinerary
- Shoe Covers at the Taj Mahal
- English speaking local guides
- Taxes & fuel surcharges

ANY TOUR PACKAGE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Items of a personal nature, Tips & gratuities
- Visa fees
- Optional tours
- Travel Insurance
- International Airfare for land only packages
- Any item not mentioned as included



EXTRA SERVICES:

Extra post nights in Delhi: 165 CAD per person in Twin Sharing
225 CAD per person in a Single room

*Above rates include Airport transfers.

Air Deviation : **only estimate** – possibly ranging from CAD 250 to CAD 350 *per person
All air fare subject to airline seat availability and pricing at time of ticketing

*Note : if we can get the flight routed ex =Mumbai back to Saskatoon – we will apply the BOMDEL fare toward the fare difference

OPTIONAL POST STAY OFFERINGS

PRICES: POST TOUR 02 NIGHTS GOA & 02 NIGHTS MUMBAI

02 pax – 09 pax CAD 1353 per person on twin sharing
10 pax – 14 pax CAD 1144 per person on twin sharing
15 pax – 19 pax CAD 1121 per person on twin sharing
20 pax – and over CAD 1090 per person on twin sharing

Single room supplement CAD 603

PRICES above include

ACCOMODATION (BED and BREAKFAST)

Goa 02 Nights Kenilworth Beach Resort
Mumbai 02 Nights Fariyas Hotel

Domestic airfare and airport hotel transfers for this trip

- 1. Jaipur-Goa-Mumbai flights
- 2. Mumbai- Delhi flight

2 half day seat in coach city tour of GOA and MUMBAI you will be picked up and dropped off at hotel before and after the tour



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MAIN TOUR ITINERARY:

23OCT : **DEPARTURE SASKATOON**

Today make your own way to the airport to depart on your overnight flight to India.
Enjoy in-flight meals and services

24 OCT : **DELHI ARRIVAL**

The capital of India is a bustling metropolis that successfully combines the ancient and the modern in its folds. Delhi can broadly be divided into two parts, Old Delhi and New Delhi. Old Delhi was the capital of Delhi's Muslim rulers notably the Mughals between 17th & 19th centuries. New Delhi on the other hand is referred to as the Imperial city when the British decided to move their capital from Calcutta in 1911. On arrival, you will be met transferred to the hotel for a non-alcoholic welcome drink.

Accommodation: Overnight in Delhi

25 OCT : **DELHI**

Breakfast: At hotel

Morning:

Your adventure begins this morning in Old Delhi, the Mughal capital established by Shah Jahan in 1638. At the famous Red Fort, where Jawaharlal Nehru unfurled the flag of newly-independent India on August 15, 1947, trade the vehicle for bicycle rickshaws. Weave through the warren of crooked, congested alleys off Chandni Chowk, one of India's oldest and busiest bazaars, where you will see the traditional workmanship for which India is well known and still thrives. Visit Raj Ghat, Mahatma Gandhi's serene and evocative cremation site and the Jama Masjid, one of the largest mosques in India. The majestic **Jama Masjid** – meaning world-reflecting' mosque – is Old Delhi's principal place of worship, and the largest and most renowned of its kind in India. Built in the 17th century by the Mughal Emperor Shahjahan – who also built the Taj Mahal and the Red Fort – it's an elaborate structure featuring an expansive geometric base topped with globe-shaped minarets crafted from strips of red sandstone and white marble, and a massive courtyard that can hold up to 25 000 people. This afternoon visit the **Qutab Minar**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, a stunning 240-foot minaret, the tallest in the world, surrounded by an elaborate complex built in the Indo-Islamic architectural tradition.

Accommodation: Overnight in Delhi

Meals Included: Breakfast

26 OCT : **DELHI - AGRA**

(232 KMS / 05 HRS)

Breakfast: At hotel

Morning:

After breakfast drive to the medieval city of Agra, home of the world-famous Taj Mahal. Agra is one of India's prime tourist destinations for specifically this reason, though its attractions also extend to an array of other impressive historical sights. The Taj, however, is in a league of its own and needless to say is a must-see for any visitor to the city. Commissioned by the Mughal emperor Shah Jahan in the 15th century as a memorial to his beloved wife Mumtaz Mahal, it is an architectural masterpiece of exquisite craftsmanship and perfect proportions. Enjoy your afternoon at leisure or perhaps book an optional tour to the Tomb of Itmad-Ud-Daulah.

Optional: **Tomb of Itmad-Ud-Daulah**

Known as the "Baby Taj", the first Mughal structure totally built from marble. In addition, visit the Sikandra, the sandstone and marble tomb of Akbar which blends Islamic, Hindu, Buddhist, Jain and Christian motifs and styles.

Accommodation: Overnight in Agra

Meals Included: Breakfast

27 OCT SAT : **AGRA**

Early Morning:

Early this morning visit the **Taj Mahal** (closed on Fridays). Often considered the pinnacle of Mughal art in India, the Taj was built by Emperor Shah Jahan for his beloved wife Mumtaz Mahal. When declaring it a world heritage site, UNESCO described it as "the jewel of Muslim art in India". There are few words that can describe the magnificence of this monument. Marvel as light and colors transform this stunning monument in the beautiful



rising sun's rays. Return to the hotel for breakfast. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure or perhaps book an optional tour to Agra Fort.

Breakfast: At hotel
Optional: **Agra Fort**

Known as the Red Fort of Agra, this walled imperial city was founded in 1565 by the Emperor Akbar (1556-1605) and is a well-deserving UNESCO World Heritage site, located just 2.5 kilometers from the famous Taj Mahal. Its palaces, grand mosques and elaborate public hall are crafted from pink-red sandstone and are testament to an era when Indo-Muslim art, strongly marked by influences from Persia, was at its height. Emperor Shah Jahan, who built the Taj Mahal for his deceased wife, was imprisoned by his son Aurangzeb in Agra Fort. He is said to have died in the Musamman Burj, a marble tower he himself built, with one of the most alluring views of the Taj Mahal.

Accommodation: Overnight in Agra
Meals Included: Breakfast

28 OCT : AGRA - RANTHAMBORE (280 KMS / 06 HRS)

Breakfast: At hotel

Morning: After breakfast drive to Ranthambore. **Ranthambore National Park**, at 150 square miles, is one of India's smallest tiger reserves, but it boasts one of the country's largest tiger populations and an impressive array of other animal and bird life (over 270 species of birds have been documented). It is situated between the Aravalli and Vindhya mountain ranges, forested with deciduous trees and dotted with natural and manmade lakes and spectacular ancient ruins. Wildlife including leopard, sloth bear, wild boar, langur nilgai, sambar and chital inhabit the park in abundance. Crocodiles are found in some of these lakes, which are also seasonally rich in water birds.

Accommodation: Overnight in Ranthambore
Meals Included: Breakfast & Dinner

29 OCT: RANTHAMBORE (180 KMS / 04 HRS)

Morning: Our day will begin with pre-dawn coffee and biscuits before setting off on an **early morning game drive** with a park guide in search of the elusive Royal Bengal Tiger. Return to the hotel for lunch. Enjoy your afternoon at leisure or perhaps return to the park for an optional afternoon game drive.

Breakfast: At hotel

Afternoon: another jungle safari.

Enjoy a three-hour afternoon canter safari (sharing basis) in Ranthambore National Park. A Canter safari is the best way see exotic wildlife. A Canter safari vehicle can accommodate between 16-20 people.

Accommodation: Overnight in Ranthambore
Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

30 OCT : RANTHAMBORE – JAIPUR (180 KMS / 04 HRS)

Breakfast: At hotel

Morning: This morning, depart for the "Pink City" of Jaipur - Rajasthan's capital, the origin of Jaipur's nickname becomes immediately apparent as we enter the old city walls and greet the pink-colored buildings that rise at every turn. Jaipur is an excellent place to enjoy unparalleled shopping and people watching. You may want to spend time in the oldest and busiest of markets in the walled city, Johori Bazaar, a true feast for the senses. Aromatic spices fill the air, while oxcarts, rickshaws, cows, bejeweled women and men with shocking pink turbans jostle through the labyrinthine streets.

Dinner: Authentic Rajasthani dinner

Accommodation: Overnight in Jaipur

Meals Included: Breakfast & Dinner

OCT 31 : JAIPUR

Breakfast: At hotel



Morning: **Visit of city palace**
Half-day tour of the city visiting the Maharaja's City Palace where you will see the Mubarak Mahal, the Museums of Textiles, the Diwan-e-Khas and Diwan-e-am. The City Palace forms one of the most famous tourist attractions and a major landmark in Jaipur. The beautiful palace was built by Maharaja Sawai Jai Singh during his reign. Among the various forts and palaces of Jaipur, the City Palace stands apart, with its outstanding art and architecture. Afterwards drive past the Hawa Mahal - an impressive bee hive like tower with a beautiful façade for a photo stop. Enjoy your afternoon at leisure or perhaps pre book one of our optional tours. Overnight in Jaipur

Afternoon At leisure

Optional: **Half day tour of Amber Fort**
Amber Fort, officially known as the 'Amer Palace', is one of the most famous forts of Rajasthan attracting around 4000 to 5000 visitors a day during peak tourist season. The palace was named after the small town of Amer, where it is situated - only eleven kilometers from Jaipur. Perfectly picturesque, this 16th century hillside residence is well preserved, boasting grand pavilions and mirrored halls that open onto flourishing gardens and courtyards. Although the palace's main construction started in 1592 by Maharaja Man Singh, it was added to over the years by successive rulers and continued to be occupied by them until Jaipur was built.

Optional: **Visit of Jantar Mantar**
Jantar Mantar, literally meaning "instruments for measuring the harmony of the heavens" is the oldest in India. Each instrument has a specific purpose and gives an accurate reading. The impressive Jantar Mantar, an astronomical observatory built in the early 1700s by Maharaja Jai Singh II, the astronomer to which this city owes its name. The term "Jantar Mantar" literally means "instruments for measuring the harmony of the heavens". It houses various architectural and astrological instruments that have caught the interests of astronomers, historians and architects around the world. It is considered to be one of the largest observatories ever built.

Optional: **Experience Elephants**
Visitors are taken on a journey to the world of elephants and are guided through an unforgettable experience with these magnificent creatures. Visitors are able to touch, feed, paint, wash, cook and get to know these animals. This tour offers visitors the incredible opportunity to walk hand-in-trunk with elephants. Enter the world of elephant with an Elephant Back Ride. Bare-back Elephant Back Riding enables us as humans to feel the power and bulk of an elephant in contrast with the quietness, delicateness and grace of these mammoth creatures' movement as they walk/glide across the ground. Understand the height at which an elephant stands and experience their environment from an elephant's perspective

Optional: **Traditional Indian Cooking Lesson**
Enjoy a lesson on Indian style cooking, interact with a local family and learn about the mysteries and secrets of Indian Cooking

Accommodation: Overnight in Jaipur

Meals Included: Breakfast

NOV 1 : JAIPUR – DELHI (JAIPUR – DELHI 260 KMS/06 HRS)

Breakfast: At hotel in Jaipur

Morning: After a leisurely breakfast we travel back overland to Delhi to Indira Gandhi International Airport for your flight
Back home

NOV 2 : DELHI – SASKATOON

Board your early morning for your flight back to Saskatoon

END OF OUR SERVICES

OPTIONAL POST TRIP EXTENSION:

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Bhawan, the Gandhi Museum, for an intriguing visit. Serving as Mahatma Gandhi's Bombay base between 1917 and 1934, Mani Bhawan now serves as a museum and memorial. A series of tiny dioramas tell Gandhi's life story; photos covering the walls capture historic events; a sitting room and bedroom preserved behind glass take you back through time; and personal artefacts offer insights into Gandhi's hopes and struggles. One letter is addressed to Hitler, asking him to refrain from war. Gandhi also corresponded with Roosevelt, Tolstoy and Einstein. Then discover the fascinating Dhobi Ghat. Each day laundry from all over Mumbai is brought here soaped, soaked, boiled, beaten, and thrashed. The next day, after being aired, pressed, folded and wrapped, the bundles are returned from where they came. The secret that keeps the operation running smoothly is the coded symbol that each dhobi-wallah places on every item. Afterwards drive past the Flora Fountain before visiting Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus (formerly the Victoria Terminus) a 19th century railway station in Mumbai, known for its architectural mix of Victorian Gothic Revival and traditional Indian features. It is a symbol of the blossoming period of Mumbai as a commercial city in the late 19th century; it was inspired by St. Pancras Station in London. It was built during Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee year. The building has an extraordinary conglomeration of domes, spires, Corinthian columns and minarets in a style described by journalist James Cameron as "Victorian-Gothic-Saracenic-Italianate-Oriental-St. Pancras-Baroque." The first trains in India left from this station in 1853; today half a million commuters use this station every day. Spend time in Crawford Market the centre of market life in South Mumbai since it was built in the days of the British Raj. Overnight in Mumbai

Day 5: NOV 05

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Morning at leisure. Late afternoon transfer to airport to connect with flight back to Delhi and then connect with your international flight back home.

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