

# BEST OF NORTH INDIA

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## TOUR DAYS:

11 DAYS

## TOUR DATE:

23 Oct, 2018

## TOUR COST:

Per person on twin sharing basis:

**\$ 2999** Member

**\$ 3199** Non Member

Single Person Supplement:

**\$ 520**

## TOUR PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- International return airfare from Saskatoon
- 08Nights 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
- 1 Canter Safari at Ranthambore National Park
- English speaking guides
- International return airfare from Saskatoon
- Taxes & fuel surcharges

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**TOUR LODGING INFO:** 08 Nights Hotels+ 02 Nights on board flight  
Accommodation is provided on a twin sharing basis

CITY	NIGHTS	HOTELS
Delhi	02 Nights	Crowne Plaza, Okhla
Agra	02 Nights	Ramada Plaza
Ranthambore	02 Nights	Tree House
Jaipur	02 Nights	Holiday Inn, City Center

(If any of the above mentioned hotels are not available we will provide a similar alternative)

## TOUR ITINERARY:

### DAY 01: DEPART SASKATOON

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

### DAY 02: 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

### DAY 03: 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

### DAY 04: 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- 35 USD / 50 CAD per person**

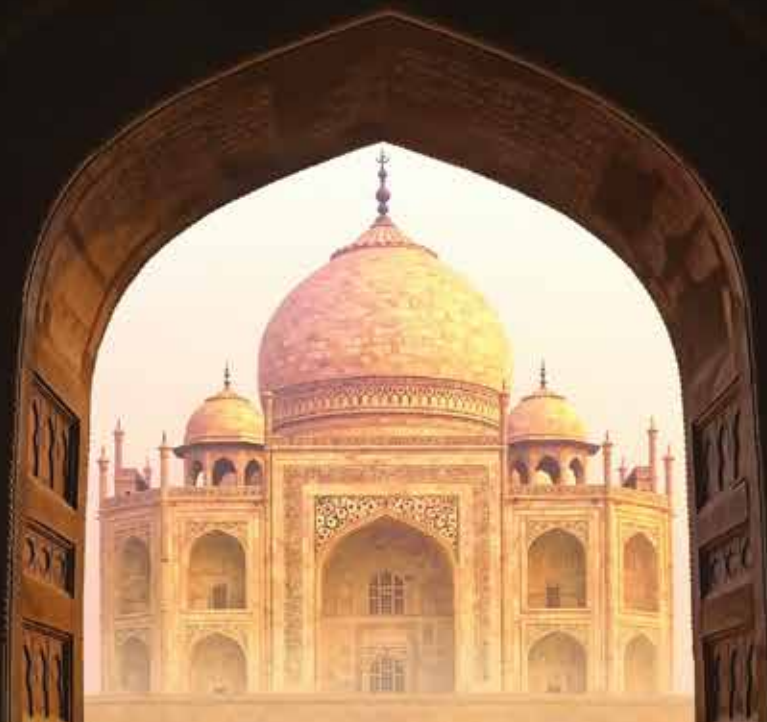
Known as the "Baby Taj", the first Mughal structure totally built from marble. In addition, visit the Sikandra, the sandstone and marble tomb of Akbar which blends Islamic, Hindu, Buddhist, Jain and Christian motifs and styles.

**Accommodation:** Overnight in Agra

**Meals Included:** Breakfast

### DAY 05: 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 - 40 USD / 55 CAD per person**

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

**DAY 06: 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

**DAY 07: RANTHAMBORE (180 KMS /04 HRS)**

**Breakfast:** At hotel

**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.

**INCLUDED: Ranthambore Canter Safari - 65 USD / 90 CAD per person on SIC basis**

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

**DAY 08: 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

**DAY 09: JAIPUR**

**Breakfast:** At hotel

**Morning:** After breakfast take a half-day tour 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 kilometres 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. Proceed to 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

**Optional: Visit of Jantar Mantar -35 USD / 50 CAD per person**  
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 Sing 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 - 55 USD / 75 CAD per person**  
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 - 60 USD / 80 CAD per person**

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

**DAY 10: JAIPUR - DELHI (JAIPUR - DELHI 260 KMS/06 HRS)**

**Breakfast:** At hotel

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

**DAY 11: DELHI - SASKATOON**

Depart early morning for your flight back to Saskatoon

**END OF OUR SERVICES**

### 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.

### OPTIONAL TOURS' BUNDLE PACKAGE at 25% DISCOUNT' CAD 175pp (for all four optional tours listed below)

DAY 4: Tomb of Itmad-Ud-Daulah - 50 CAD per person

DAY 5: Agra Fort - 55 CAD per person

DAY 9: Visit of Jantar Mantar - 50 CAD per person

DAY 9: Experience Elephants - 75 CAD per person

