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GOLDEN TRIANGLE

DAY 01

DELHI

Arrive Delhi.

Assistance on arrival and transfer to the hotel.

(Check in time 1200 Noon)

Overnight at the hotel.

DAY 02

DELHI / JAIPUR (258 Km – 05 Hrs)

Morning combined sightseeing tour of

OLD DELHI: An ancient walled city. Here you will see Red Fort, the most opulent Fort and Palace of the Mughal Empire: Raj Ghat, the memorial site of the Mahatma Gandhi; Jama Masjid, the largest mosque in India; and Chandni Chowk, the bustling and colourful market of the old city.

NEW DELHI: This city designed and built by the British in the 1920's - a city of wide boulevards impressive Government buildings, green parks and gardens. You will visit the Qutub Minar. Drive along the ceremonial avenue, Rajpath, past the imposing India Gate and Parliament House.

Leave Delhi for Jaipur by surface, on arrival check in at the hotel.

Overnight at the hotel.

DAY 03

JAIPUR

Morning visit Amber fort with Elephant/Jeep ride.

AMBER FORT: 11 kms from Jaipur - A marvelous example of Rajput architecture with its terraces and ramparts reflected in the Maota Lake below. The ascent to the fort is on gaily caparisoned elephants.

Afternoon visit

JAIPUR CITY: City Palace Museum - an imposing blend of traditional Rajasthani and Mughal art. The Museum is resplendent with its collection of robes of royal princes, carpets, an armoury of old weapons and miniature paintings. Visit Jantar Mantar (Observatory), Hawa Mahal (Palace of Winds).

Overnight at the hotel.

DAY 04

JAIPUR / AGRA (232 Km - 05 Hrs)

Leave Jaipur for Agra by surface enroute visiting

FATEHPUR SIKRI : A fascinating ghost town, lies a little beyond Agra the deserted Red sandstone city that was built by Emperor Akbar as his capital. Set like a jewel in a courtyard of pink sandstone is the marble tomb of the Saint Salim Chisti, enclosed by delicately carved marble screens.

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DAY 05

AGRA

Full day visit

AGRA CITY - is the medieval city of the famous 17th century masterpiece Taj Mahal, which of course is the most splendid of all buildings - perhaps the most perfect architectural monument in the world. Agra is not only famous for Taj Mahal but the impressive Mughal Red Fort known as the Agra Fort.

(Taj Mahal is closed on Fridays)

Overnight at the hotel.

DAY 06

AGRA / DELHI (203 Km – 04 Hrs)

Leave Agra for Delhi by surface, on arrival drop at city center.

(no hotel accommodation)

Late evening transfer to airport in time to connect flight for your onward destination.

DAY 07

LEAVE DELHI

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ROYAL RAJASTHAN

DAY 01

DELHI

Arrive Delhi.

Assistance on arrival and check in at the hotel.

(Check in time 1200 Noon)

Overnight at the hotel.

DAY 02

DELHI / AGRA (203 Km – 04 Hrs)

Morning combined visit of Old and New Delhi.

OLD DELHI: An ancient walled city. Here you will see Red Fort, the most opulent Fort and Palace of the Mughal Empire: Raj Ghat, the memorial site of the Mahatma Gandhi; Jama Masjid, the largest mosque in India; and Chandni Chowk, the bustling and colourful market of the old city.

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Leave Delhi for Agra by surface, on arrival check in at the hotel.

Overnight at the hotel.

DAY 03

AGRA / JAIPUR (232 Km)

Morning sightseeing tour of

AGRA CITY - is the medieval city of the famous 17th century masterpiece Taj Mahal, which of course is the most splendid of all buildings - perhaps the most perfect architectural monument in the world. It was built in the memory of the beloved wife Mumtaz Mahal of one of the greatest kings Shah Jehan of the Mughal Empire - Agra is not only famous for Taj Mahal but the impressive Mughal Red Fort known as the Agra Fort.

(Taj Mahal is closed on Fridays)

Leave Agra for Jaipur by surface enroute visiting

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JAIPUR

Morning excursion to Amber Fort with Elephant / Jeep ride

AMBER FORT: 11 kms from Jaipur - A marvelous example of Rajput architecture with its terraces and ramparts reflected in the Maota Lake below. The magnificent old citadel, a labyrinth of massive walls and towers, shrouds an exquisite marble palace, pillared and carved glimmering with a million tiny mirrors, which create tantalising reflection effect. The ascent to the fort is on gaily caparisoned elephants.

Afternoon visit

JAIPUR CITY: City Palace Museum - an imposing blend of traditional Rajasthani and Mughal art. The Museum is resplendent with its collection of robes of royal princes, carpets, an armoury of old weapons, miniature paintings portraying court scenes, battle scenes and procession, Jantar Mantar (Observatory) - an accurate Observatory built in 1726 AD : Hawa Mahal (Palace of Winds) - a five storeyed wonder with a spectacular pyramidal facade and overhanging windows with latticed screens, domes, spires and Johri Bazar.

Overnight at the hotel.

DAY 05

JAIPUR / MANDAWA (167 Km – 04 Hrs)

Leave Jaipur for Mandawa by surface, on arrival check in at the hotel.

Afternoon visit

MANDAWA: A small town in the Shekhawati region of Rajasthan with a unique medieval charm. The streets are lined with richly painted houses and each town is bustling with activity. Each home and small little castles are richly painted with Shekhawati paintings known for its uniqueness and rich colours are still unimaginable that it could have been possible to exist during those old days.

Overnight at the hotel.

DAY 06

MANDAWA / BIKANER (188 Km – 04 Hrs)

Leave Mandawa for Bikaner by surface, on arrival check in at the hotel.

Afternoon sightseeing tour of

BIKANER CITY - A desert fortified city on the ancient caravan routes that originated from Africa and West Asia. The fort, founded by Raja Rai Singh, is distinguished by its long range of 37 pavilions, a line of balconies. It also has windows of varying designs which lend it a graceful dignity. An enormous archway leads to the Jormal temple in a spacious courtyard. Tar Mandir is the royal chapel where Royal weddings and births were once solemnised.

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DAY 07

BIKANER / JAISALMER (333 Km – 06 Hrs)

Leave for Jaisalmer by surface, on arrival check in at the hotel.
Overnight at the hotel.

DAY 08

JAISALMER

Morning sightseeing tour of

JAISALMER CITY: The citadel city built in the 12th century is an architectural dream in yellow sandstone lying in the lonely silence of the Thar Desert, would provoke wonder, at what could have induced Jaisal, a Bhatti Prince, to settle right in the heart of a desolate desert. The forts and palaces and several superbly carved Jain temples in and around Jaisalmer are all reminiscent of a gloriously history. From the balconies jutting out from either side of the lanes, almost touch overhead. Patwon ki Haveli, Nathmalji ki Haveli are some of the notable mansions.

Afternoon excursion to Sam Dunes & enjoy Camel ride.

SAM DESERT: 40 kms from Jaisalmer are the Silver Gold Sand Dunes of Sam, as the sky is set on fire, and Rajasthani musicians play haunting tunes, can be an unforgettable experience.

Overnight at the hotel.

DAY 09

JAISALMER / JODHPUR (308 Km – 06 Hrs)

Leave Jaisalmer for Jodhpur by surface, on arrival check in at the hotel.

Afternoon sightseeing tour of

JODHPUR CITY: The home of the Rathore rulers - the princely state of Rajasthan. A high 10 kms long stone wall protects the well fortified city. Within, stands an imposing fort on a low range of sandstone hills, about 125 mts. above the surrounding plains. Visit Mehrangarh Fort - founded in 1459 A.D. by Rao Jodha (After whom the city is named) the Fort is intricately adorned with long carved panels and latticed windows of exquisite designs in Red Sandstone. Also visit Jaswant Thada - an imposing white marble cenotaph built to commemorate the acts of bravery and generosity of the rulers in 19th century.

Overnight at the hotel.

DAY 10

JODHPUR / KUMBHALGARH (167 Km – 04 Hrs)

Leave Jodhpur for Kumbhalgarh by surface enroute visit Ranakpur.

RANAKPUR: Famous for the quadruple Jain temple dedicated, like the temples at Mount Abu to Adinath. The whole structure has 80 domes and is of 400 pillars.

After visit continue drive, on arrival check in at the hotel.

Overnight at the hotel.

DAY 11

KUMBHALGARH / UDAIPUR (110 Km – 03 Hrs)

Morning visit Fort.



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Leave Kumbhalgarh for Udaipur by surface, on arrival check in at the hotel. Pm boat ride at Lake Pichola. Overnight at the hotel.

DAY 12 UDAIPUR

Morning excursion to Eklingji and Nagda.

EKLINGJI: 14 miles North-East of Udaipur is the village of Kailashpuri which is known for its 108 temples surrounded by a high fortified wall, the whole complex is known as Sri Eklingji temple and has been a holy site associated with Lord Shiva since ancient times. The present structure however, date from the 16th century.

NAGDA: Close to Kailashpuri down a rough country road is believed to have been established by Nagaditya the fourth Mewar king a descendant of the Guhadatta who was born in a cave in the Aravali mountains. There are several temples dating back to the fourth century A.D.

Afternoon sightseeing tour of

UDAIPUR CITY: In the most midst of this romantic fate ridden land you come Udaipur, beautiful city of lakes, palaces and fountain. In the shadows of dark green hills, Udaipur's three lakes - Pichola, Fateh Sagar and Udai Sagar are shimmering jewels from the opal surfaces of which rise fairytale white palaces. Maharana Udai Singh sought shelter here from the Mughal hordes and then tarried to fashion a city out of the silent vale. Visit the City Palace Museum - grandeur and intricacy stroked all over in Granite, Marble and Mosaic displayed in the sparkling white filigreed balconies and windows, ornate arches and cupolas atop magnificent octagonal towers, Jagdish Temple - built in 1651 A.D. Also visit Sahelion Ki Bari - the spectacular garden displaying the unique life style of the royal ladies who once lived in the palace.

Overnight at the hotel.

DAY 13 UDAIPUR / DELHI

Morning free.

Transfer to airport in time to connect flight IC 472 1705 / 1920 Hrs for Delhi.

Dep Udaipur : 1725 Hrs.

Arr Delhi : 1930 Hrs.

Transfer to International airport in time to connect flight for Onward destination.

(no hotel accomodation)

DAY 14 LEAVE DELHI

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(FLIGHT SCHEDULES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE)



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Rajasthan with Khajuraho and Varanasi Program

Day 01 Arrive Delhi

Meeting assistance on arrival and transfer to the Hotel.

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Overnight at Hotel.

Day 02 Delhi / Mandawa (260 Kms. / 5 Hrs.)

After breakfast, combined tour of Old Delhi and New Delhi.

Old Delhi : An ancient walled city. Here you will see Red Fort (visit subject to security permission) , the most opulent Fort and Palace of the Mughal Empire: Raj Ghat, the memorial site of the Mahatma Gandhi; Jama Masjid, the largest mosque in India; and Chandni Chowk, the bustling and colourful market of the old city.

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Afternoon, drive to Mandawa , on arrival check into the hotel.

Overnight at Hotel.

Day 03 Mandawa / Bikaner (185 Kms. / 4 Hrs.)

After breakfast, visit of **Mandawa** : A small town in the Shekhawati region of Rajasthan with a unique medieval charm. The streets are lined with richly painted houses and each town is bustling with activity. Each home and small little castles are richly painted with Shekhawati paintings known for its uniqueness and rich colours are still unimaginable that it could have been possible to exist during those old days.

After visit drive to Bikaner, on arrival check into the hotel.

Overnight at Hotel.

Day 04 Bikaner / Jaisalmer (333 Kms. / 6 Hrs.)

After breakfast, visit of **Bikaner** : A desert fortified city on the ancient caravan routes that originated from Africa and West Asia. The fort, founded by Raja Rai Singh, is distinguished by its long range of 37 pavilions, a line of balconies. It also has windows of varying designs which lend it a graceful dignity. An enormous archway leads to the Jormal temple in a spacious courtyard. Tar Mandir is the royal chapel where Royal weddings and births were once solemnised.



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After visit drive to Jaisalmer, on arrival check into the hotel.

Overnight at Hotel.

Day 05 Jaisalmer

After breakfast, sightseeing tour of **Jaisalmer City** : The citadel city built in the 12th century is an architectural dream in yellow sandstone lying in the lonely silence of the Thar Desert, would provoke wonder, at what could have induced Jaisal, a Bhatti Prince, to settle right in the heart of a desolate desert. The forts and palaces and several superbly carved Jain temples in and around Jaisalmer are all reminiscent of a gloriously history. From the balconies jutting out from either side of the lanes, almost touch overhead. Patwon ki Haveli, Nathmalji ki Haveli are some of the notable mansions.

Afternoon excursion **Sam Desert** : Located 45 kms west of Jaisalmer, are the proper sand dunes and popular with camel safaris. this Jaisalmer's nearest real Sahara like desert. the ripples on the wind caressed dunes create enchanting images - a photograph's delight. The sand shimmers under the glow of hotel sun highlighting what actually a desert stands for. Various cultural programmes are organized again the backdrops of these fascinating dunes. Adventure freaks can go out on a **camel Safari getting the real feel of the desert on the Camel ride back.**

Overnight at Hotel.

Day 06 Jaisalmer / Jodhpur (305 Kms./ 6 Hrs.)

After breakfast drive to Jodhpur, on arrival check in at the hotel

Afternoon visit **Jodhpur City** : The home of the Rathore rulers - the princely state of Rajasthan. A high 10 kms long stone wall protects the well fortified city. Within, stands an imposing fort on a low range of sandstone hills, about 125 mts. above the surrounding plains. Visit Mehrangarh Fort - founded in 1459 A.D. by Rao Jodha (After whom the city is named) the Fort is intricately adorned with long carved panels and latticed windows of exquisite designs in Red Sandstone. Also visit Jaswant Thada - an imposing white marble cenotaph built to commemorate the acts of bravery and generosity of the rulers in 19th century.

Overnight at Hotel.

Day 07 Jodhpur / Jaipur (341 Kms. / 7 Hrs.)

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Overnight at Hotel.

Day 08 Jaipur

After breakfast, proceed to Amber Fort the ascent to the Fort will be on Elephant back / Jeeps, **Amber Fort**, the former capital of the royal Jaipur. Few fail to be moved by the dramatic Rajput grandeur of this hilltop fortress-palace 11-km north of Jaipur. Set on the dry wrinkled Aravali Hills, and surrounded by fortified battlements, the palace traddles two sepia-hued tundra hills overlooking Maota Lake, and its sprawling crenellated walls lattice the surrounding hills. We will ride up to this hilltop palace on a caparisoned, painted elephant, passing through the ancient main gate where Maharajas of Jaipur have entered for four hundred years. Our guide will elaborate on the history of this architectural masterpiece with its mirror-studded alcoves, dazzling mosaics and water-cooled swings that delight today's visitors as they did their former royal residents.

Afternoon visit **Jaipur City** : the Hawa Mahal or Palace of the Winds, a five-storied structure of pink sandstone with semi-octagonal and delicately honeycombed windows overlooking the main street of the old city. It was built in 1799 so that veiled royal woman could peer down unseen by the world through its 593 stone screens.

We proceed for a guided tour of the City Palace & Observatory. The City Palace in the heart of the old city is a blend of Rajasthani and Mughal architecture. The center of the palace is a seven storied building called Chandra Palace, with fine views over the gardens and the city. Next top the City Palace is the Solar Observatory - an astronomical treasure house, with solar device that gives accurate predictions till date.

Overnight at Hotel.

Day 09 Jaipur / Agra (232 Kms. / 4 & ½ Hrs.)

After breakfast, drive to Agra en-route visit **Fatehpur Sikri**: A fascinating ghost town, lies a little beyond Agra the deserted Red sandstone city that was built by Emperor Akbar as his capital. It was a veritable fairy tale city and its ruins are still in a pristine condition. It is not hard to imagine what the court life must have been like in the days of its grandeur. Set like a jewel in a courtyard of pink sandstone is the marble tomb of the Saint Salim Chisti, enclosed by delicately carved marble screens. After visit drive to Agra, on arrival check in at Hotel.

Afternoon, visit Taj Mahal and Agra City ,

Taj Mahal :Agra is the city of the Taj Mahal, perhaps the most photographed monument in the world. However, no matter how many pictures you have seen or no matter how high your expectations are, the Taj never lets you down - the unparalleled glory and beauty of the building surpasses beyond all human imaginations. At sun rise we visit the Taj Mahal to witness this spectacular monument built for love. Besides perfect symmetry in every aspect of its construction, the inlay work of semi precious stones into marble in pietra dura style is absolutely remarkable. **(Taj Mahal closed on Fridays)**

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Overnight at Hotel.

Day 13 Varanasi / Delhi (9W 724 1440 Hrs. / 1600 Hrs.)

Early morning, boat ride on holy river Ganges.– to see the ritual bathing and cremation is worth the effort of waking up before sunrise, a direct contact with life on the banks of the Ganges. Hindu pilgrims come to bath in the sacred Ganga, facing the rising sun, or at dusk, when leaf-boat lamps are floated down the river.

After breakfast, visit **Varanasi City** : The consists of visiting the city temples – the durga temple, better known as the Monkey temple on account of the large number of monkeys residing there and the temple of Vishwanath (or Vesheshwar "Lord of the Universe") are the most sacred spots in the city. Visit will also include Bharat Mata or Mother India Temple and the Benares Hindu University

Afternoon transfer to airport to board flight to Delhi.

Meeting assistance on arrival and transfer to International airport to board flight back home.

Day 14 Leave Delhi

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Rajasthan Program

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(Check in time 1200 Hrs.)

Overnight at the hotel.

Day 02 Delhi / Mandawa (260 Kms. / 5 Hrs.)

After breakfast half day combined tour of Old Delhi and New Delhi.

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latticed windows of exquisite designs in Red Sandstone. Also visit Jaswant Thada - an imposing white marble cenotaph built to commemorate the acts of bravery and generosity of the rulers in 19th century.

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Day 07 Jodhpur / Udaipur (259 Kms./ 5 Hrs.)

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After visit continue drive to Udaipur, on arrival check into the hotel

Evening boat ride at Lake Pichola. **Lake Pichola**: Fringed with hills, gardens, havelis, ghats and temples, Lake Pichola is the scenic focus of Udaipur. Set in it are Jag Niwas and Jag Mandir Palaces.

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Day 08 Udaipur

After breakfast morning excursion to

Eklingji : 14 miles North-East of Udaipur is the village of Kailashpuri which is known for its 108 temples surrounded by a high fortified wall, the whole complex is known as Sri Eklingji temple and has been a holy site associated with Lord Shiva since ancient times. The present structure however, dates from the 16th century.

Nagda: Close to Kailashpuri down a rough country road is believed to have been established by Nagaditya the fourth Mewar king a descendant of the Guhadatta who was born in a cave in the Aravali Mountains. There are several temples dating back to the fourth century A.D

Afternoon visit of **Udaipur City**: In the most midst of this romantic fate ridden land you come Udaipur, beautiful city of lakes, palaces and fountain. In the shadows of dark green hills, Udaipur's three lakes - Pichola, Fateh Sagar and Udai Sagar are shimmering jewels from the opal surfaces of which rise fairytale white palaces. Maharana Udai Singh sought shelter here from the Mughal hordes and then tarried to fashion a city out of the silent vale. Visit the City Palace Museum - grandeur and intricacy stroked all over in Granite, Marble and Mosaic displayed in the sparkling white filigreed balconies and windows, ornate arches and cupolas atop magnificent octagonal towers, Jagdish



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Temple - built in 1651 A.D. Also visit Sahelion Ki Bari - the spectacular garden displaying the unique life style of the royal ladies who once lived in the palace.

Overnight at the hotel.

Day 09 Udaipur / Pushkar (285 Kms. / 6 Hrs.)

After breakfast, drive to Pushkar, on arrival check into the hotel.

Afternoon visit **Pushkar** : Pushkar is a well-known Hindu pilgrim centre. It is just 10 km from Ajmer. The **Pushkar Lake** and the **Brahma temple** (see picture) are the most important sites here. Pushkar is better known for the cattle fair. Pushkar is among the five dhams or pilgrimages that are held in high esteem by Hindus, the others being Badrinath, Puri, Rameswaram, and Dwarka. It is said that in battle lord Brahma killed the demon Vajra Nabh with a lotus flower, whose petals floated down to earth and landed in three places in and around Pushkar where lakes sprang up. According to legends, Pushkar Lake was surrounded by 500 temples and 52 palaces (several rajas and maharajas maintained palaces here for pilgrimage) at one point. The Brahma temple is the most important temple here and is, in fact, the only Brahma temple of India.

Overnight at the hotel.

Day 10 Pushkar /Jaipur (142 Kms. / 3 Hrs.)

After breakfast, drive to Jaipur, on arrival check into the hotel.

Afternoon free.

Overnight at the hotel.

Day 11 Jaipur

After breakfast, proceed to Amber Fort the ascent to the Fort will be on Elephant back / Jeeps, **Amber Fort**, the former capital of the royal Jaipurs. Few fail to be moved by the dramatic Rajput grandeur of this hilltop fortress-palace 11-km north of Jaipur. Set on the dry wrinkled Aravali Hills, and surrounded by fortified battlements, the palace traddles two sepia-hued tundra hills overlooking Maota Lake and its sprawling crenellated walls lattice the surrounding hills. We will ride up to this hilltop palace on a caparisoned, painted elephant, passing through the ancient main gate where Maharajas of Jaipur have entered for four hundred years. Our guide will elaborate on the history of this architectural masterpiece with its mirror-studded alcoves, dazzling mosaics and water-cooled swings that delight today's visitors as they did their former royal residents.



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Afternoon visit **Jaipur City**: the Hawa Mahal or Palace of the Winds, a five-storied structure of pink sandstone with semi-octagonal and delicately honeycombed windows overlooking the main street of the old city. It was built in 1799 so that veiled royal woman could peer down unseen by the world through its 593 stone screens.

We proceed for a guided tour of the City Palace & Observatory. The City Palace in the heart of the old city is a blend of Rajasthani and Mughal architecture. The center of the palace is a seven storied building called Chandra Palace, with fine views over the gardens and the city. Next top the City Palace is the Solar Observatory - an astronomical treasure house, with solar device that gives accurate predictions till date.

Overnight at the hotel

Day 12 Jaipur / Agra (232 Kms. / 4 & ½ Hrs.)

After breakfast, drive to Agra en-route visit **Fatehpur Sikri**: A fascinating ghost town, lies a little beyond Agra the deserted Red sandstone city that was built by Emperor Akbar as his capital. It was a veritable fairy tale city and its ruins are still in a pristine condition. It is not hard to imagine what the court life must have been like in the days of its grandeur. Set like a jewel in a courtyard of pink sandstone is the marble tomb of the Saint Salim Chisti, enclosed by delicately carved marble screens.

After visit drive to Agra, on arrival check in at Hotel.

Afternoon free.

Overnight at the hotel

Day 13 Agra / Delhi (203 Kms. / 4 Hrs.)

After breakfast, visit Taj Mahal and Agra City,

Taj Mahal: Agra is the city of the Taj Mahal, perhaps the most photographed monument in the world. However, no matter how many pictures you have seen or no matter how high your expectations are, the Taj never lets you down - the unparalleled glory and beauty of the building surpasses beyond all human imaginations. At sun rise we visit the Taj Mahal to witness this spectacular monument built for love. Besides perfect symmetry in every aspect of its construction, the inlay work of semi precious stones into marble in pietra dura style is absolutely remarkable. (**Taj Mahal closed on Fridays**).



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Agra City : Agra is not only famous for Taj Mahal but the impressive Mughal Red Fort known as the Agra Fort. The story of the Mughal Empire in stone. Built by Emperor Akbar and successively enriched with places and marble pavilions

After visit drive to Delhi International airport to board flight back home.

Day 14 **Leave Delhi**

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SPLENDORS OF INDIA / NEPAL

DAY 01

DELHI

Arrive Delhi.

Assistance on arrival and transfer to the hotel.

(Check in time 1200 Noon)

Overnight at the hotel.

DAY 02

DELHI

Full day visit Old Delhi and New Delhi.

OLD DELHI: An ancient walled city. Here you will see Red Fort, the most opulent Fort and Palace of the Mughal Empire: Raj Ghat, the memorial site of the Mahatma Gandhi; Jama Masjid, the largest mosque in India; and Chandni Chowk, the bustling and colourful market of the old city.

NEW DELHI: This city designed and built by the British in the 1920's - a city of wide boulevards impressive Government buildings, green parks and gardens. You will visit the Qutub Minar. Drive along the ceremonial avenue, Rajpath, past the imposing India Gate and Parliament House.

Overnight at the hotel.

DAY 03

DELHI / JAIPUR (258 Km - 05 Hrs)

Leave Delhi for Jaipur by surface, on arrival check in at the hotel.

Evening free to visit Bazaar.

Overnight at the hotel.

DAY 04

JAIPUR

Morning visit Amber fort with Elephant/Jeep ride.

AMBER FORT: 11 kms from Jaipur - A marvelous example of Rajput architecture with its terraces and ramparts reflected in the Maota Lake below. The ascent to the fort is on gaily caparisoned elephants.

Afternoon visit

JAIPUR CITY: City Palace Museum - an imposing blend of traditional Rajasthani and Mughal art. The Museum is resplendent with its collection of robes of royal princes, carpets, an armoury of old weapons and miniature paintings. Visit Jantar Mantar (Observatory), Hawa Mahal (Palace of Winds).

Overnight at the hotel.

DAY 05

JAIPUR / AGRA (232 Km - 05 Hrs)

Leave Jaipur for Agra by surface enroute visiting

FATEHPUR SIKRI : A fascinating ghost town, lies a little beyond Agra the deserted Red sandstone city that was built by Emperor Akbar as



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his capital. Set like a jewel in a courtyard of pink sandstone is the marble tomb of the Saint Salim Chisti, enclosed by delicately carved marble screens.

After the visit continue your drive, on arrival check in at the hotel.

Overnight at the hotel.

DAY 06

AGRA

Full day visit city and Sikandra.

AGRA CITY - is the medieval city of the famous 17th century masterpiece Taj Mahal, which of course is the most splendid of all buildings - perhaps the most perfect architectural monument in the world. Agra is not only famous for Taj Mahal but the impressive Mughal Red Fort known as the Agra Fort.

(Taj Mahal is closed on Fridays)

SIKANDRA - 8 Kms South West of Agra is the tomb of the Emperor Akbar, built in white marble. Built on the outskirts of the city is in its own way, splendid specimen of the Mughal Architecture. Beware of Monkeys!!!

Overnight at the hotel.

DAY 07

AGRA / JHANSI / KHAJURAHO

Transfer to railway station in time to connect Shatabdi Express for Jhansi.

Dep Agra : 0810 Hrs.

Arr Jhansi : 1040 Hrs.

Assistance on arrival and drive to Khajuraho enroute visit Orchha

ORCHHA: The Bundela chief Raja Rudra Pratap (1501-31) chose an easily defended and beautiful site for his capital. Set on the island on a bend in the Betwa River, it is elevated above the surrounding wooded countryside. Once capital of its own state, Orchha contains three palaces - The Raj Mahal, Rai Parveen Mahal, Jahangir Mahal - each built by succeeding Maharajas in a similar style and combining to form a complex as imposing as that at Udaipur. Other places of interest includes Ram Raja Temple & Chaturbhuj Temple.

After the visit continue drive to Khajuraho and check in at the hotel.

Overnight at the hotel.

DAY 08

KHAJURAHO / VARANASI

Morning visit

KHAJURAHO CITY: Founded in the 9th and 10th century by the rulers of Chandela Dynasty, influenced by tantrism, in eroticism becomes a theme of philosophical interest and the aim is sublimation of sexual relationship in the sexual act or "Maithun", women being regarded as the incarnation of the divine energy or "Shakti". It is also possible that the Khajuraho were influenced by "Kama Sutra".among the temples to



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visit are the Kandariya Mahadeo, Chaunsat Yogini, Chitrugupta temple, Vishwanath temple, and various other temples.

Transfer to airport in time to connect 9W 724 for Varanasi.

Dep Khajuraho : 1330 Hrs.

Arr Varanasi : 1410 Hrs.

Assistance on arrival and transfer to the hotel.

Overnight at the hotel.

DAY 09

VARANASI

Early morning boat ride on holy river Ganges.

Later visit

VARANASI CITY : The consists of visiting the city temples – the durga temple, better known as the Monkey temple on account of the large number of monkeys residing there and the temple of Vishwanath (or Vesheshwar "Lord of the Universe") are the most sacred spots in the city. Visit will also include Bharat Mata or Mother India

Temple and the Benares Hindu University.

Afternoon excursion to Sarnath

SARNATH : 10 kms from the centre of the city, Sarnath symbolises the birth of Buddhism. It was here that Lord Buddha revealed his doctrine and founded his monastic community. The Museum at Sarnath is amongst the most important in India

Overnight at the hotel.

DAY 10

VARANASI / KATHMANDU

Transfer to airport in time to connect flight IC751 (**Operating on Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays**) for Kathmandu.

Dep Varanasi : 1210 Hrs.

Arr Kathmandu : 1320 Hrs.

Assistance on arrival and transfer to the hotel.

Overnight at the hotel.

DAY 11

KATHMANDU

Full day visit city and Patan.

KATHMANDU CITY: It is the unique and fascinating capital of Nepal. First visit the 2000 year old stupa at Swayambhunath, then drive to the Central Durbar Square where you will see fine examples of Nepalese architectre in Kathmandu's Palace and Pagodas.

PATAN: You drive through the Nepalese country-side and visit Patan, known as the 'City of Grace and Fine Arts' where you will witness interesting and beautiful places of art and architecture.

Overnight at the hotel.

DAY 12

KATHMANDU

Full day visit Pashpatinath, Bodhnath and Bhadgaon.



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Pashupati : Situated five kilometers east of Kathmandu on the bank of sacred Bagmati river, the temple of lord Shiva Pashupatinath with two tiered golden roof and silver doors is famous for its super architecture. Entrance to the temple precinct is permitted to the Hindus only however, visitors can clearly see the temple.

Bodhnath : The stupa of Bodhnath lies eight kilometers east of Kathmandu. This colossal and ancient stupa, one of the biggest in the world has the all seeing eyes of Lord Buddha. It was built by Lichchhavi king Mana dev in the fifth century A.D. it is built on an octagonal base inset with prayer wheels.

Bhadgaon : Situated at an altitude of 140 mt, is a home of medieval art and architecture. Shaped like a conchshell, Bhadgaon means the city of devotees. The city lies about 14 kms. East of Kathmandu. Overnight at the hotel.

DAY 13

KATHMANDU / DELHI

Transfer to airport in time to connect flight 9W 261 for Delhi.

Dep Kathmandu : 1415 Hrs.

Arr Delhi : 1545 Hrs.

Meeting assistance on arrival and drop at city center.

(no hotel accommodation)

Late evening transfer to International airport in time to connect flight for your onward destination.

DAY 14

LEAVE DELHI

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SPLENDORS OF SOUTH INDIA

DAY 01

ARRIVE CHENNAI

Arrive Chennai.

Assistance on arrival and transfer to the hotel.

(Check in time 1200 Noon)

Overnight at the hotel.

DAY 02

CHENNAI / MAHABALIPURAM (58 Km – 01 Hr 30 Min)

Morning visit

CHENNAI CITY: Typical Indian city, its the capital of Tamil Nadu. Though it was the oldest settlement of the British, Madras remained unaffected in spirit. Only the cathedral and the Fort of St. George are a reminder of its British past. Visit the Marina Beach - second longest beach in the world, its an elegant promenade; Fort St.George - the first foothold of British from where Robert Clive started the expansion of British Rule.

Leave Chennai for Mahabalipuram by surface, on arrival check in at the hotel.

Afternoon visit

MAHABALIPURAM: An ancient coastal port South of Madras, here you will see many sculptures and temples of typical South India architectural designs; the five Radhas - A group of Monolithic monuments of animal figures carved out of solid rock; the shore temple, lashed by the waves of the sea, and the Huge frescoes; the penance of Bhagirath.

Overnight at the hotel.

DAY 03

MAHABALIPURAM

Morning visit

KANCHEEPURAM: Known as the Golden city of a Thousand Temples. This is one of India's sacred cities. Many early styles of temple architecture may be seen here. Visit Ekambareshwar Temple, Kailashnath Temple, Kamakshi Temple, the Vaikunthaperumal Temple.

Afternoon free.

Overnight at the hotel.

DAY 04

MAHABALIPURAM / TANJORE (287 Km – 06 Hrs)

Leave Mahabalipuram for Tanjore by surface enroute visit Chidambaram.

After the visit continue drive, on arrival check in at the hotel.

Overnight at the hotel.

DAY 05

TANJORE

Morning excursion to Trichy

TRICHY : Visit the Rock Fort, Srirangam, one of the largest temple of God Vishnu and the Jambkeswaram temple of Lord Shiva submerged in water.

Afternoon visit

TANJORE: Famous for the Classic Dravidian style temple of Brihadishwara (Shiva in his fearsome aspect), also noted for its art and crafts; pottery, silk, jewellery, beaten copper, bronzes & silver statuetes.

Overnight at the hotel.

DAY 06 TANJORE / MADURAI (182 Km - 04 Hrs)

Morning free.

Afternoon leave Tanjore for Madurai by surface, on arrival check in at the hotel.

Overnight at the hotel.

DAY 07 MADURAI

Morning visit

MADURAI CITY: You will visit Meenakshi temple - built in the 17th century, the iconography makes much use of the lotus, which in Indian symbolism is a representation of the female sex and at the same time an emblem of bliss and of the abode of the Gods : Palace of Nayak Tirumalai - depicting influence of Mughal art on traditional Hindu art - the beginning of the Indo-saracenic or Indo-mauresque style.

Evening witness Puja ceremony at Shree Meenakshi Temple.

Overnight at the hotel.

DAY 08 MADURAI / COIMBATORE (226 Km - 06 Hrs)

Leave Madurai for Coimbatore by surface, on arrival Check in at the hotel.

Overnight at the hotel.

DAY 09 COIMBATORE / MYSORE (256 Km - 06 Hrs)

Leave Coimbatore for Mysore by surface enroute visit Ooty.

After the visit continue drive to Mysore, on arrival check in at the hotel.

Overnight at the hotel.

DAY 10 MYSORE

Full day visit city and Srirangapatnam.

MYSORE: The old capital town has the magnificent Maharaja's Palace, Chamundi Temple, and the Art Gallery with a fine collection of paintings and musical instruments.

Overnight at the hotel.



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- DAY 11 MYSORE / HASSAN (120 Km – 03 Hrs)**
Leave Mysore for Hassan by surface, on arrival check in the hotel.
Afternoon visit **BELUR - HALEBID** - Visit the Chennakeswara Temple at Belur and the Hoyasaleswara Temple at Halebid. These are some of the finest examples of temple architecture.
Overnight at the hotel.
- DAY 12 HASSAN / BANGALORE (210 Km – 05 Hrs)**
Leave Hassan for Bangalore by surface enroute visit Sravanabelagola.
After the visit continue drive for Bangalore, on arrival check in at the hotel.
Overnight at the hotel.
- DAY 13 BANGALORE**
Morning visit
BANGALORE CITY : The tour includes the Lal Bagh, Gole Temple, the Government buildings, Vishweshwara Industrial and Technological Museum and the Ulsoor Lake.
(Check out 1200 Hrs)
Late evening transfer airport in time to connect flight for onward destination.
- DAY 14 LEAVE BANGALORE**

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WONDERS OF SOUTH INDIA

DAY 01

ARRIVE CHENNAI

Meeting assistance on arrival and transfer to HOTEL
(Hotel check in time 1200 Hrs)
Overnight at hotel.

DAY 02

CHENNAI / MAHABALIPURAM (58 Km – 01 Hr 30 Min)

Morning tour of :

CHENNAI CITY: Typical Indian city, its the capital of Tamil Nadu. Though it was the oldest settlement of the British, Madras remained unaffected in spirit. Only the cathedral and the Fort of St. George are a reminder of its British past. Visit the Marina Beach - second longest beach in the world, its an elegant promenade; Fort St.George - the first foothold of British from where Robert Clive started the expansion of British Rule.

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Overnight at hotel.

DAY 03

MAHABALIPURAM / PONDICHERY (104 Kms // 03 hrs)

Morning visit

KANCHEEPURAM: Known as the Golden city of a Thousand Temples. This is one of India's sacred cities. Many early styles of temple architecture may be seen here. Visit Ekambareshwar Temple, Kailashnath Temple, Kamakshi Temple, the Vaikunthaperumal Temple. Leave Chennai for Pondicherry by surface, on arrival check-in at hotel. Afternoon city tour of Pondicherry.

PONDICHERY: Sri Aurobindo Ashram - see the marble 'Samadhi' where Sri Aurobindo's and the Mother's remains are kept. Ecole Francaise d' Extreme Orient and The French Institute.
Overnight at hotel.

DAY 04

PONDICHERY / TANJORE (231 Kms // 8 hrs)

Leave Pondicherry for Tanjore by surface, on arrival check-in at HOTEL.

Afternoon city tour of Tanjore.

TANJORE: Famous for the Classic Dravidian style temple of Brihadishwara (Shiva in his fearsome aspect), also noted for its art



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and crafts; pottery, silk, jewellery, beaten copper, bronzes & silver statuetes.

Overnight at hotel.

DAY 05 TANJORE / TRICHY / MADURAI (128 Kms / 4 Hrs)

Leave Tanjore for Madurai by surface, enroute visit :

TRICHY CITY: Visit the Rock Fort, Srirangam, one of the largest temple of God Vishnu .

After the visit continue your drive, on arrival check-in at HOTEL.

Overnight at hotel.

DAY 06 MADURAI

Morning tour of :

MADURAI CITY: You will visit Meenakshi temple - built in the 17th century, the iconography makes much use of the lotus, which in Indian symbolism is a representation of the female sex and at the same time an emblem of bliss and of the abode of the Gods : Palace of Nayak Tirumalai - depicting influence of Mughal art on traditional Hindu art - the beginning of the Indo-saracenic or Indo-mauresque style.

Evening witness puja ceremony of Shree Meenakshi Temple.

Overnight at hotel.

DAY 07 MADURAI / PERIYAR (160 kms / 4.30 hrs)

Leave Madurai for Periyar by surface, on arrival check-in at HOTEL.

Afternoon enjoy game view

PERIYAR GAME SANCTUARY: One of the best in India, this sanctuary extends to 777 sq. km and is encompassed by part of the high mountain ranges, the western ghats, Periyar has a splendid artificial lake donated with snags of dead wood, which provide a perch for waterbirds; Dater, Grey Heron, Egret and Kingfisher. It is one of the finest habitats for the Asiatic elephants. These enormous mammals swim in the waters and streams are easily observed from launches cruising across the Lake.

Overnight at hotel.

DAY 08 PERIYAR / COCHIN (183 Kms – 05 Hrs)

Leave Periyar for Cochin by surface, on arrival check-in at HOTEL.

Rest of the day at leisure.

Overnight at hotel.

DAY 09 COCHIN

Morning city tour of Cochin :

COCHIN CITY - Also known as "Queen of Arabian Sea" due to its natural harbour being one of the finest. The Chinese fishing nets synagogue, Dutch palaces, Portuguese architecture and British influences, all blending harmoniously with the basic Kerala heritage



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testify that the rulers of Cochin traded goods as well as knowledge with the visitors from Far off lands.

Late evening witness :

KATHAKALI DANCE SHOW: As its name implies is a story play. This is a form of Dance drama is over 400 years old. Dancers in enormous skirts, glittering crowns and painted faces enact ancient legends. A performance seen by the light of tall brass lamps is an unforgettable experience.

Overnight at hotel.

DAY 10 COCHIN / ALLEPPY / HOUSE BOAT

Leave Cochin for Alleppy and embark at House Boat.

Rest of the day enjoy at House Boat.

Overnight at House Boat.

DAY 11 HOUSE BOAT / KUMARAKOM

Morning disembark at Kumarakom and check in the hotel.

Rest of the day free for independent activities.

Overnight on board.

DAY 12 KUMARAKOM / KOVALAM (204 Kms – 04 Hrs)

Leave Kumarakom for Kovalam by surface, on arrival check-in at hotel.

Rest of the day free for beach activities.

Overnight at hotel.

DAY 13 KOVALAM

Day free to relax at beach.

Overnight at hotel.

DAY 14 LEAVE TRIVANDRUM

Early morning transfer to international airport in time to connect flight for your onward destination.

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South India Tour

Day 01 Arrive Cochin

Meeting and assistance on arrival and transfer to the Hotel.
(Check in time 1200 Hrs.)

Overnight at Hotel

Day 02 Cochin

After breakfast, visit **Cochin**: - Also known as "Queen of Arabian Sea" due to its natural harbour being one of the finest. The Chinese fishing nets synagogue, Dutch palaces, Portuguese architecture and British influences, all blending harmoniously with the basic Kerala heritage testify that the rulers of Cochin traded goods as well as knowledge with the visitors from Far off lands.

Dutch Palace, (Closed on Fridays) The Dutch Palace was originally built by the Portuguese in 17th century. The Dutch modified it and presented to the Raja of Kochi. Coronation of many Rajas of Kochi were held here. The place has a fine collection of mural paintings the scenes from the Hindu epics Mahabharatha and Ramayana. Fort Kochi beach, a walk along the beach, particularly at sunset with the chinese fishing nets and sailing ships in the background, is just fantastic. Many European style bungalows can be seen along the shoreline.

Jewish Synagogue, Located near the Dutch Palace, the synagogue, elaborately adorned by Chinese tiles and Belgian chandeliers, was built in 1568. Giant scrolls of the Old Testament can be found here. St. Francis Church, St. Francis Church is the oldest church built by European in India. On his 3rd visit to Kerala, Vasco da Gama, the Portuguese trader who reached India from Europe by sea, fell ill and died in Kochi. He was buried in the St. Francis Church. Later his remains were taken back to Portugal, the exact place where he was buried has been marked out inside the church, making it's a very auspicious place for the Christians.

Overnight at Hotel.

Day 03 Cochin - Munnar (135 Kms / 3 Hrs.)

After breakfast, drive to Munnar, on arrival check into the hotel.
Afternoon visit Munnar.

Overnight: at the Hotel.



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Day 04 Munnar / Periyar (160 Kms. / 3 Hrs.)

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Afternoon visit **Periyar** : Periyar and its cool, misty Cardamom Hills - a magnificently scenic region 4000 feet and higher, with forests and valleys, roaring streams and pristine jungles. Arrive at Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary, one of India's first Project Tiger Reserves and an excellent place to view elephants and many other animals. **Viewing wildlife by boat on Lake Periyar** where animals come to drink. Sail within close range of elephant groups, feeding and bathing. Scout for statuesque sambar deer and giant wild oxen, or guar, browsing in the marshes. Search the green wooded shores for wild boars, monkeys, and an array of birdlife. If you are lucky, you will get a rare sighting of tiger. Spend the night in splendid isolation at your comfortable jungle cottage.

Overnight at Hotel.

Day 05 Periyar / Kumarakom (165 Kms. / 4 Hrs.)

After breakfast drive to Kumarakom, on arrival check in at the Hotel.

After free for own activities.

(To experience Kerala's famous backwaters that comprise of vast lakes and a system of narrow canals and waterways linking them to one another. Not so long ago, these waterways served as the backbone of Kerala's transportation. Kumarakom is the ideal place to experience the fascinating lifestyles of the backwaters.)

Overnight at Hotel.

Day 06 Kumarakom / House Boat

After breakfast, embarks the **Houseboat** for a unique experience through the narrow canals and channels of the backwaters of Kerala. The materials that go into the making of houseboat are all local and Eco-friendly; bamboo poles, coconut fiber ropes, bamboo mats carpets etc. The main wood used is "Anjali ". The Houseboat provides all comforts - Beds, a kitchen, western toilets and an upper deck. Traditional lanterns are used as lights. The cuisine is of traditional Kerala flavour along with the local Specialties - delicious fish and prawns.

We spend the day Cruising on our boat through remote tribal villages along the tranquil backwaters of Kerala is a superb experience. Sensational in its own silent way, the cruise takes you along snake boat docks, friendly cheering villagers, coir (Jute) making



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communities, toddy (local spirit) shops, fishing nets pitched for the day's catch, banded paddy fields and manual canoes of different sizes criss-crossing each other. The experience enables you to reach beautiful untouched areas.

Overnight on Houseboat.

Day 07 House Boat / Alleppey

After breakfast, disembark at Alleppey and check in at Hotel.

Afternoon free for own activities.

Overnight at the hotel.

Day 08 Alleppey / Kovalam (160 Kms / 4 Hrs.)

After breakfast drive to Kovalam, on arrival check in at the Hotel.

Afternoon free for own activities.

Overnight at the hotel.

Day 09 Kovalam

Day is free for own activities.

Overnight at the hotel.

Day 10 Leave Trivandrum

In time transfer to airport to board flight to Back home

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Ayurveda Tour

Day 01 Arrive Chennai

Meeting and assistance on arrival and transfer to the Hotel.
(Check in time 1200 Hrs.)

Overnight at Hotel.

Day 02 Chennai/ Kanchipuram /Mahabalipuram (120 Kms. /2 & ½ Hrs.)

After breakfast, visit **Chennai City**: the gracious capital city of Tamil Nadu is the fourth largest metropolis in India. Located on a 17km stretch of the Coramandel coast, the city is trisected by the waterways of Cooum and Adyar and the Buckingham Canal

Sri Kapaleswarar Temple : Not far from Triplicane, in Mylapore, there is yet another 8th century Pallava temple. The temple 'Gopuram'(tower) is characteristic of Dravidian style architecture .Dedicated to Lord Shiva, this temple has some beautiful sculptures, among which the bronze idols of 63 Saivite Saints (Nayanmars) which adorn the outer courtyard are rare specimens. **Guindy National Park** : Once this was all part of Governor's Estate. Now it is fragmented and the major part is a thickly forested game sanctuary where the spotted deer and the black buck roam about and a wealth of smaller fauna thrive. **Fort ST. George** : Fort St. George occupies a place of pride and prominence in Chennai. It was built in 1640 AD, by the British East India Company under the direct supervision of Francis Day and Andrew Cogon. This bastion achieved name from St. George, the patron saint of England. The fort houses St. Mary's Church and fort museum.

Government Museum Complex : Once British Society in Chennai used to meet in the Pantheon. Its 18th century buildings and grounds have over the years since then been developed into the Connemara Library, one of the country's three National Libraries, the national Art Gallery, a beautiful building of Jaipur- Mughal architecture.

After visit, drive to Mahabalipuram, enroute visit Kanchipuram: Known as the Golden city of a Thousand Temples. This is one of India's sacred cities. Many early styles of temple architecture may be seen here. Visit Ekambareshwar Temple, Kailashnath Temple, Kamakshi Temple, the Vaikunthaperumal Temple

After visit drive to Mahabalipuram, on arrival check in at the Hotel



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Overnight at Hotel.

Day 03 Mahabalipuram / Tanjore (293 Kms. / 6 & ½ Hrs.)

After breakfast, visit **Mahabalipuram** : An ancient coastal port South of Madras, here you will see many sculptures and temples of typical South India architectural designs; the five Radhas - A group of Monolithic monuments of animal figures carved out of solid rock; the shore temple, lashed by the waves of the sea, and the Huge frescoes; the penance of Bhagirath

After visit, drive to Tanjore, on arrival check in at hotel.

Overnight at Hotel.

Day 04 Tanjore

After breakfast, excursion to **Trichy** :Trichy Situated on the banks of river Cauvery, This is famous for the beautifully sculpted Ranganatha temple at Srirangam, the biggest in India & which makes Trichy a very auspicious and sacred Hindu city.The attractions here include Rock Fort, SriJambukeshwara Temple,Tiruvannaikaval,Srirangam,

Afternoon visit **Tanjore**: Famous for the Classic Dravidian style temple of Brihadishwara (Shiva in his fearsome aspect), also noted for its art and crafts; pottery, silk, jewellery, beaten copper, bronzes & silver statuettes.

Overnight at the Hotel.

Day 05 Tanjore / Madurai (182 Kms. / 3 & ½ Hrs)

After breakfast, drive to Madurai, on arrival check-in at Hotel

Afternoon visit **Madurai City**: visit Meenakshi temple - built in the 17th century, the iconography makes much use of the lotus, which in Indian symbolism is a representation of the female sex and at the same time an emblem of bliss and of the abode of the Gods: Palace of Nayak Tirumalai - depicting influence of Mughal art on traditional Hindu art - the beginning of the Indo-saracenic or Indo-mauresque style.

Evening witness puja ceremony at Shree Meenakshi Temple.

Overnight at Hotel.



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Overnight at the Hotel.

Day 07 Periyar / Kovalam (260 Kms. / 6 Hrs.)

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Afternoon free for own activities.

Overnight at the Hotel.

Day 08 Kovalam

Day is free.

Overnight at the Hotel.

Day 09 Kovalam

Day is free.

Overnight at the Hotel.

Day 10 Kovalam

Day is free.

Overnight at the Hotel.

Day 11 Leave Trivandrum

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Day 01 ARRIVE MUMBAI

Arrive Mumbai

Meeting assistance on arrival and transfer to hotel .

Overnight at the hotel.

Day 02 MUMBAI / AHMEDABAD (flight)

Morning visit **Mumbai City**: Our first stop is at Bombay's landmark the Gateway to India, an elegant 26 mtrs stone archway, hastily erected as a symbol of welcome to Queen Mary and King George V of England on their visit to India in 1911. In the years following, artisans added decorative carvings and lovely Jharokha work (window carvings), and completed it in 1923. We continue to the hanging gardens perched above Malabar Hill. These terraced gardens provide a beautiful panoramic view of the Arabian Sea were laid out in the early 1880s covering Bombay's main reservoir. Continue to Mani Bhavan, Mahatma Gandhi's home and Museum. This charming, 3 storied Gujarati house, painted brown and yellow, in a lovely Parsi neighbourhood on Malabar Hill, was the home of Mahatma Gandhi from 1917-1934. Now overseen and maintained by the Gandhi Institute, it houses a library and a small museum about Gandhi's life and birth. You can visit Gandhi's room, where his simple belongings are displayed including his personal Bible, Quoran and Gita. Kamla Nehru Park and Hanging Gardens situated on the slopes of Malabar Hill, offering a panoramic view of Marine drive & Chowpatty Beach, Prince of Wales Museum, Mani bhawan, Dhobi Ghat, Gateway of India and drive through the Crawford market, Marine drive & Flora Fountain.

Afternoon transfer to airport to connect flight **9w 323** to Ahmedabad.

Dep. Mumbai : 1850 Hrs.

Arr. Ahmedabad : 1950 Hrs.

Meeting assistance on arrival and transfer to hotel.

Overnight at the hotel.

Day 03 AHMEDABAD

Morning visit **Ahmedabad City** : magnificent Mosque of Siddi Saiyad with its exquisite stone carvings, the beautiful Jama Masjid, White marbled Hathee Singh's Temple, Dada Hari Baoli, Sabarmati Ashram started by Mahatma Gandhi .

Afternoon excursion to **Gandhinagar (30 Kms. one way)**: Akshardam has become an unusual attraction of Gandhinagar with the famous temple of "Swaminarayan Sect" - the richest sect in the world. It is a unique cultural complex built in memory of Lord Swaminarayan. It is a miracle worked by the service and devotion of thousands of volunteers and is an intricately carved, majestic monument of 6000 tons of pink sand



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stone awash with spiritual stillness. It is a place of education, entertainment and enlightenment.

Overnight at the hotel.

Day 04 AHMEDABAD / POSHINA (140 Kms. / 3 Hrs.)

Morning drive to Poshina , on arrival check into the hotel.

Afternoon visit **Poshina** : The tribal land of Aravalli. Explore the Bhils & Garacia tribal culture of North Gujarat & Southern Rajasthan. The village of Poshina is home to a number of artisans the tribal arrow crafters, silver, Potters, blacksmiths and the bazaar is famous for silver tribal jewelry, ORNATE sheathed daggers and terra cotta horses. Around Poshina are hamlets Of the bhils and Garacia tribal communities, know for their colorful Attires and artistic ornaments. The jain temple, the intricately carved Med review Shiva temple and the royal catteries (cenotaphs) of the rulers Of Poshina are sure to leave you mesmerized.

Overnight at the hotel.

Day 05 POSHINA / DASADA (210 Kms. / 4 & ½ Hrs.)

Morning drive to Dasada, enroute visit Patan,Modhera,

PATAN: 73 Kms from Balaram. Patan has over 100 beautifully carved Jain temples & many attractive traditional carved wooden houses. It is the centre for fine textiles particularly silk patola sarees produced by the characteristic 'ikat' technique.

MODHERA : The sun Temple of Modera is one of the finest example of Indian temple architecture of its period. Built in 1026 A.D. the temple is dedicated to the Sun Goa, Surya and stands high on a plinth overlooking a deep stone- steeped tank. Every inch of the edifice, both inside and outside is magnificently carved with Gods and Goddesses, birds, beasts and flower

After visit continue your drive to Dasada, on arrival check into the hotel.

Overnight at the hotel.

Day 06 DASADA

Full day excursion to **The Little Rann of Kutch** : which covers an area of roughly 5,000 square km, is primarily known as the Indian Wild Ass Sanctuary. The sanctuary was established in 1972 as the last natural habitat of the Indian Wild Ass (Equus Hemionus Khur). One of the three surviving species of the Wild Ass in the world-the other two being found in Central Asia and in and around Tibet-the Khur is high on the list of endangered species.

Overnight at the hotel.

Day 07 DASADA / BHUJ

Morning drive to Bhuj , on arrival check into the Hotel.

Afternoon visit Bhuj : visit **Aina Mahal** which now serves as a museum was built during the rule of Rao Lakhpattiji. It now stands as a repository of the culture and history of Kachchi. Also Visit Kachchh museum, the oldest museum in Gujarat established in 1877. Visit Ethologu Museum which is having unique collection of books and painting

Overnight at the hotel.

Day 08 BHUJ

Full Day Excursion to **Banny Village** : Full Day excursion to Tribal villages like **Tunda Vandha** is a unique Rabari village in this village most of the male population is generally away from the village. Also visit **Anjar** which is famous fo the shrine of Jesal and Toral, the folklore duo wherein the tough outlaw Jesal was Chastised by Tarol, a Kachchhi woman; is also a centre of fairs. Evening arrival at mandvi, Located on the Virgin coast of the Arabian Sea. Mandvi town was the prmier port of the Kutch state. The Vijay Vilas Palace was built 1940's as a summer treat of the Royal Family of Kutch. The Palae is nestled in 450 acres of lush greenery with a 2 km long private beach.

Overnight at the hotel.

Day 09 BHUJ /WANKANER / RAJKOT (257 Kms./ 5 Hrs.)

Morning drive to Rajkot, enroute visit Wankener

Wankener : The town of Wankaner in western Gujarat is situated in the heart of an island and on the peninsula of Saurashtra, 48.27 km from Rajkot. This peninsula is approximately of the size of Scotland and during monsoon. It has a neck only 70 miles wide connecting it to the mainland. The peninsula was once ruled by different princely states, of which Wankaner was one. Within the peninsula, Wankaner enjoys a unique situation that it is on the National Highway, which stretches from Ahmedabad to Kandla. The township is nestled on the bend of the river Machhu. Perhaps that is why the place was named Wankaner or 'on the bend of a river'.

After the visit continue your drive to Rajkot, on arrival check into the Hotel.

Rest of the day free to explore the **Rajkot City** .

Overnight at the hotel.

Day 10 RAJKOT / SASANGIR (190 Kms. / 4 Hrs.)

Early morning excursion to **Sayla** : (35 Kms. From Rajkot) Sayla is the centre for ikkat silk weaving. The Bharwad shepherds and other communities around Sayla are also known for their intricate beadwork on fabrics. Sayla is the village of Somasar known for its silk and cotton weaving. Sejathpur, about the same distance from Sayla, is a Kathi village known for its beadwork.

Later drive o Sasangir , on arrival check into the hotel

Afternoon visit **Sasan Gir Sanctuary** : This famous Lion sanctuary lies at the bottom of the Saurasktra peninsula in the western state of Gujurat. Terrain is rugged and hilly



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particularly in the northern and western areas with the Gir hills, a low lying range of volcanic origin. The forest is generally of a tropical dry deciduous type, with teak as the principal species forming up to 70% of the crop. The Gir lion sanctuary project was initiated in 1972 with one of its main objectives being to remove the local indigenous people (Maldharis) from the interior of the park. The reason for the displacement of this devoutly religious pastoral community was their on-going conflict with the Gir Lions. In the distant past plenty of water and grazing was available in Gir and the Maldharis and the magnificent Asiatic Lions co-existed with little conflict. Lions in the main were not interested in domestic livestock and the Maldharis were able to protect their stock with relative ease. Prior to and after Independence conditions in Gir deteriorated rapidly to the detriment both of the Maldharis and the Lions. Widespread destruction of private forests was initiated when the owners got wind of the likely takeover of their forest by the newly formed state government. This was followed by hydro-electric projects, which involved the mass clearance of forests, for example the Ukai project in South Gujarat which involved the sacrifice of 40,000 hectares of teak forest.

Overnight at the hotel.

Day 11 SASANGIR / SOMNATH /DIU (165 Kms./ 3 Hrs. via Somnath)

Morning drive to Diu , enroute visit, Somnath

Somnath : It is the seat of the one of the twelve most sacred "Jyotirlingas" of Lord Shiva. Its origin which can be dated back to the Vedic times, the temple was the object of attack by several Muslim invaders. The old temple has been rebuilt after a lapse of about 1000 years. Maintaining the same Chalukyan architectural grandeur that commands excellent view adjoining the sea. A fair on the day of Kartik Poornima is held here in the month of Kartik (October - November) when over a lakh people congregate.

After visit drive to Diu , on arrival check into the Hotel.

Overnight at the hotel.

Day 12 DIU

Full day free for beach activities.

Overnight at the hotel.

Day 13 DIU /ALANG/BHAVNAGAR (215 Kms./ 4 & 1/2 Hrs.)

Morning drive to Bhavnagar , enroute visit Alang,

Alang : visit the largest ship- making yard.

After visit drive to Bhavnagar, on arrival check into the Hotel.

Afternoon visit **Bhavnagar** : was founded in 1723 A.D. by Bhav Singhji, member of the Gohil Rajput clan which came to the Saurashtra coast from Rajasthan in the 12th century. It grew into one of the 15 richest princely states in India during the early – 20th



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century. The Nilambagh palace hotel was built in 1859 AD as the Yuvraj bungalow (Residence of the crown prince) by a German architect, Mr. Simms and became the royal residence.

Overnight at the hotel.

Day 14 BHAVNAGAR / PALITANA / BARODA (350 Kms. / 7 Hrs.)

Morning drive to Baroda via **Palitana** : (55 Kms.)Palitana is one of India's most picturesque pilgrim centres. Lying at the foot of Shatrunjaya Hill, it has 863 exquisitely carved temples built in marble over an impressive span of nine hundred years. The architectural appeal of Palitana transcends religious boundaries and attracts tourists of all faiths. Palitana is also a living sacred symbol of Jainism. Palitana is a 'must visit' destination for the Jains and all those who would like to witness what the subtle combination of human enterprise, architectural skills, philanthropy and channelised religious fervour can achieve. The mount Shatrunjaya lies hardly a kilometer away from the town, the way, which is now thronged on both the sides by sarais and minor temples, including Kala Bhandars (museums). The mountain is associated with Rishabhdev, the first tirthankar, also known as Adinath. It is believed that all the tirthankars, except Neminath, attained nirvan here. The multitude of temples, half palaces, half fortresses and made of splendid marble,

After visit drive to Baroda, on arrival check into the hotel.

Overnight at the hotel.

Day 15 BARODA /MUMBAI

Full day visit **Baroda**, the City of Palaces has often been called the cultural capital of Gujarat and is filled with relics of its princely past. It is also one of the corporate capitals with IPCL, ONGC and other major industries. There are numerous national and multi-national projects also coming up. Archaeological findings indicate that human habitations existed in the city since prehistoric times. Vadodara passed through the hands of the Guptas, Chalukyas, Rashtrakutas, Solankis, the Sultans of Delhi and the Mughals before passing on to the Marathas. It owes its present day grandeur to Maharaja Sayajirao, a great patron of art, architecture and music. It is situated on the banks of the river Vishwamitri. Baroda is the western derivative of the term; 'Vadodara' meaning 'City of Banyan Trees'. It is also known as the garden city of Gujarat. It is a graceful city of palaces, parks, temples, and museums. Places to visit are: Nazarbaug Palace - Built in old classical style, the Gaekwads used the palace on ceremonial occasions. Lakshmi Vilas Palace - The Royal Family's residence is an extravagant building in Indo- Saracenic style. Pratap Vilas Palace - Built as the residence of the royal family, this is a magnificent building in the Indo - Sarcenic style, housing a collection of old armory and sculptures in bronze, marble and terra cotta. The Baroda museum and art gallery and the Maharaja Fateh Singh Museum boast of an excellent art collection of works by Indian artists and European Masters, of Mughal miniatures and valuable palm leaf manuscripts of Buddhist and Jain origin.



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Evening transfer to airport to connect flight **9w 344** to Mumbai.

Dep. Baroda : 1935 Hrs.

Arr. Mumbai : 2035 Hrs.

Meeting assistance on arrival and transfer to International airport to connect flight to Back home.

Day 16 LEAVE MUMBAI

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