

New Year in India

7 Nights 27 December 2019 – 3 January 2020



27 Dec: Arrival Delhi by flight

- Meeting and assistance on arrival & transfer from airport to hotel (standard check-in time is 2PM).
- Rest of the day is at leisure for own activities.
- EVENING OPTIONAL VISIT OF KINGDOM OF DREAMS (ON EXTRA CHARGES)

The ultimate entertainment and leisure destination, sprawling across acres of land, the carnival that is India is distilled into one iconic destination. This fabulous Kingdom brings to life a blend of India's art, culture, heritage, craft, cuisine and performing art...all with the technological wizardry of today. It showcases modern & traditional India in an entertaining format to all visitors. Nautanki Mahal: showcasing an extravagant cinematic and theatrical musical. Culture Gully: an elaborate culture, arts, crafts and food boulevard. Showshaa Theatre: a fabulous, colorful drama marquee spotlighting Indian mythology productions, a mock wedding show and the great Indian talent circus. Iifa Buzz: a glamorous Bollywood themed cafe. (Closed on Mondays)

Overnight at the hotel.

28 Dec: In Delhi

After breakfast, proceed for the guided city tour of Old & New Delhi.





- Sightseeing of Old Delhi visiting the historic **Red Fort** (only photo stop from outside) Shah Jehan's elegant citadel in red sandstone.
- Very near the Fort is Masjid-i-Jahan Numa commonly known as the Jama Masjid (Friday Mosque), India's largest mosque, also built by Shah Jahan. This mosque houses several relics in a closet in the north gate, including a copy of the Qur'an written on deer skin.
- Go for an **interesting walk** through the famous bazaars of **Chandni Chowk**, created by Shah Jahan, the old city, with the Red Fort as its focal point and Jama Masjid as the praying centre, has a fascinating market called Chandni Chowk.
- Also visit **Raj Ghat** the memorial to Mahatma Gandhi is a simple black marble platform that marks the spot of his cremation. The memorial has the epitaph *Hē Ram*, believed to be the last words uttered by Gandhi.
- Lunch at local restaurant, Malcha Marg.
- In New Delhi, drive past **India Gate**, the memorial of the First World War and the road that leads from there to **President House**, which is flanked by the houses of **Parliament**, Government Secretariat buildings.
- Finally visit the **Qutub Minar**, a Tower of Victory that was built in the 12th century by Qutbuddin Aibak.
- EVENING OPTIONAL VISIT OF AKSHARDHAM TEMPLE (ON EXTRA CHARGES)

 Visit and witness the essence of Hinduism at this temple one of the biggest and most intricate religious places of worship ever constructed. A visit to this monument is a journey though the gateway to the essence of ancient India and the best of Hindu culture and Vedic civilization. The monument is a fusion of pink stone and pure white marble, where pink stone symbolizes bhakti in eternal bloom and white marble that of absolute purity and eternal peace.
- Overnight at the hotel.

29 Dec: Delhi - Agra by surface (203 kms/3.5 hrs)

- After breakfast, drive to Agra. On arrival check in at the hotel.
- Afternoon sightseeing of the **Mehtab Bagh**, The place is an ideal spot for it provides picturesque view of Taj Mahal. The name Mehtab Bagh means 'Moon Lit Garden' and the same was testified by the beautiful reflection of Taj Mahal in the pool at night in Mehtab Bagh. The place has a history of its own. It is believed that the great emperor Shah Jahan who built Taj Mahal for his queen wanted an identical one for himself at Mehtab Bagh. However the archaeological findings have proved the existence of garden complex. Whatever the popular beliefs be, the place is worth a visit as it provides bewitching image of Taj Mahal. **Dinner &** Overnight at the hotel.





30 Dec: In Agra

- After breakfast, we will take you for sightseeing tour of Agra which includes beautiful Taj Mahal.
- First we will visit the majestic marble edifice, **Taj Mahal**. The Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan built the Taj Mahal in the memory of his beloved wife, Mumtaj Mahal. Taj Mahal, the epitome of love and romance stands on the banks of river Yamuna. The architecture is considered as the finest specimen of Mughal style of architecture. The architecture is highly inspired from different styles of architecture, which includes Persian, Indian and Turkish. The design & layout of Taj Mahal never fails to enrapture architects, engineers, historians as well as common man. **(Closed on Fridays)**
- Visit **Agra Fort** is among the finest examples of the fusion architecture that has dominated the Mogul period. The assimilation of these different styles has given the buildings within the fort a distinctive look. To name a few, for example, the Jahangir Palace built by Akbar is the most magnificent blend of Persian and local style whereas Divan-e-Aam mixes subtleness of Turkish exteriors with the complex pattern of Persian architecture.
- EVENING OPTIONAL MOHABBAT THE TAJ SHOW (ON EXTRA CHARGES)

 Mohabbat the Taj A show which has taken seven years of chiseling and carving by 28 craftsmen and designers. Made in pure white Makrana marble like the original 17th century monument, a Taj Mahal replica. This programme has exciting and innovative presentation of a song and drama spectacle involving 60 artists, they have tried to merry the traditional media with the latest gadgetry, audio visual technology, including laser. The Taj will be presented in 10 different moods, representing varying seasons and hours of the day.' The show will a love story set in the 17th century ambience and woven around the Taj. Timings: 06:15 PM
- Overnight at the hotel.

31 Dec: Agra-Fatehpur Sikri-Jaipur (255 kms /5.5 hrs)

- After breakfast, you will drive to Jaipur; while driving towards Jaipur you will stop at **Fatehpur Sikri** for a brief period.

 Fatehpur Sikri was once the capital of the Mughal Empire. The city boasts of some of the magnificent monuments of the medieval period. Akbar, the great Mughal Emperor, made it the capital but was later abandoned due to scarcity of water. Some of the attractions at Fatehpur Sikri are the Panch Mahal, the Buland Darwaza and the Dargah of Sheikh Salim Chisti.
- On arrival, check-in at hotel.
- Evening enjoy mandatory New Year eve gala dinner at your hotel.
- Overnight at the hotel.

01 Jan: In Jaipur

After breakfast, you will explore the massive **Amber Fort**. Visit the Temple of Kali, the Hall of Victory or Jai Mahal and Jagmandir. It has halls of Public and Private Audience, a Sheesh Mahal (hall of





mirrors) various marble palaces which are marvellous examples of ancient Rajput architecture. The Temple of Amba (Mother Goddess), the patron deity of the Royal family is at the entrance to the palace.

- Afternoon proceed for the city tour of the pink city, visit the **City Palace** the former royal residence built in a blend of the Rajasthani and Mughal styles which houses a museum with a superb collection of Rajasthani costumes and armoury of the Mughals and Rajputs, including swords of different shapes and sizes with ornate handles.
- Also visit the **Jantar Mantar** an astrological and astronomical Observatory built by Maharaja Jai Singh in 18th century, which is remarkable for its accuracy even at the present times.
- Stop at Palace of Winds for taking pictures.
- Overnight at the hotel.

02 Jan: Jaipur-Delhi (approx. 265 kms/6 hrs)

- After leisurely breakfast, drive back to Delhi & upon arrival, check-in at your hotel.
- Rest of the day is at leisure for own activities.
- Overnight at the hotel.

03 Jan: Departure from Delhi by flight

In time transfer to Delhi airport to board flight back for onward destination.

Selected hotels (or similar)

Nights	Regions	Deluxe 5* Stars or similar
2	Delhi	The Grand / Le Meridien
2	Agra	Jaypee Palace
2	Jaipur	Crowne Plaza
1	Delhi	The Grand / Le Meridien





Prices Include

Round trip ticket to Delhi (economy class) Round trip transfer: airport – hotel – airport 7-night accommodation at hotel based on Double occupancy

Meal: Breakfast

English speaking local guides

All transfers in air conditioned motor coach

New Year Gala Dinner in Jaipur Service Charges and Taxes

Prices Exclude

Airport taxes Fuel surcharge

DIP surcharge \$5/ticket

Early Check in and Late Checkout charges

Visa fees

Travel insurance

Other Expenses

Entrance Fees to places of interest not mentioned above

Tips

Starting price per person In US\$

Hotel 2 Passengers Deluxe 5* Hotels 1257

Prices may change without prior notice and subject to availability at time of booking

Flight Schedule

From	То	Flight No	Departure	Arrival
Beirut	Bahrain	GF 910	13:00	17:10
Bahrain	Delhi	GF 132	20:35	02:55
Delhi	Bahrain	GF 133	04:40	07:05
Bahrain	Beirut	GF 911	09:35	12:25

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