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A RELAXING RAJASTHAN ENCOUNTER.

A fifteen day holiday encountering some of Rajasthan's repertoire of enthralling habitats, cultural architecture and relaxing environments. Including the metropolis of New Delhi, the Taj Mahal in Agra, the Tiger reserve in Ranthambore, the 'Pink City' of Jaipur and the impressive fort hotels of Bhainsrorgarh and Ahilya.

Day 01 Depart London For Delhi with Jet Airways.

Day 02 You will be met on arrival and transferred to your hotel. You will have the rest of the day at leisure.

Day 02 - 03 **LUTYENS BUNGALOW, DELHI – 1 NIGHT.**

A delightful colonial townhouse in the heart of New Delhi with mature gardens, small pool, personalised service and comfortable rooms.



Day 03 You will be met at your hotel and escorted on a morning sightseeing tour of Delhi.

New Delhi was conceived by the British in 1911, when the King-Emperor decided to transfer the government from Calcutta back to Delhi, making it a capital city once again. Designed by two British architects - Edwin Lutyens and Herbert Baker – it was created to reflect the might of the Empire as well as to accommodate up to 70,000 people. Finally completed on the eve of Independence, New Delhi today retains a distinctly British atmosphere, enhanced by the colonial-style buildings and spacious promenades and highways. Some of the main sights include:

Lal Qila (Red Fort): The very epitome of Mughal grandeur, the Red Fort was built out of red sandstone by Emperor Shah Jehan in 1648 A.D. The residence of senior Queens, the Rang Mahal (hall of colours) has private rooms with intricately carved screens.

One of Delhi's most striking monuments is the 278 feet high Qutub Minar, started by Qutub-ud-din Aibak and completed in 1368 A.D., the tower contains many ornamental inscriptions and four projecting balconies. Built as a tower of victory, it was also used by the muezzin to call the faithful to prayer.

India Gate: A memorial to the unknown soldier, India Gate was initially designed by Lutyens, as The All India War Memorial Arch, in honour of the 90,000 Indian Soldiers who lost their lives in World War I. This 42 metre high structure has the names of soldiers engraved all

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over it. An eternal flame burns here, in commemoration of the unknown soldier. India gate provides a spectacular view of the Rashtrapati Bhavan and its surrounding lawns.

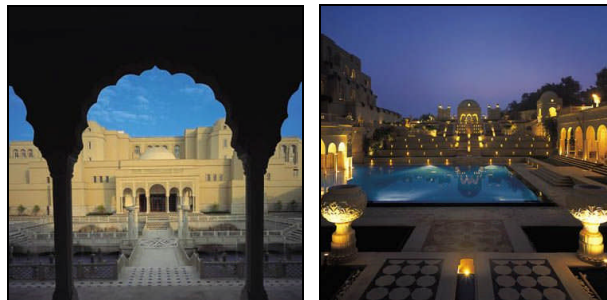
Jama Masjid: This mosque is the largest in India, and was built by Shah Jehan in 1685 A.D. Situated near the Red Fort in Old Delhi, the Jama Masjid has a seating capacity of more than 20,000. Crowned by three onion domes and tapering minarets made of marble and slate, this architectural beauty is also a place of religious significance.

After your sightseeing tour, you will be met and transferred to Agra,

Day 03 - 04

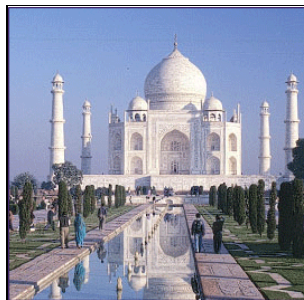
AMARVILAS, AGRA – 1 NIGHT.

Agra's most exclusive and luxurious hotel is only six hundred meters from the Taj Mahal. With domes, arches, reflection pools, terraced gardens, lakes and pavilions, Amarvilas draws its inspiration from Mughal architecture. All the rooms have exceptional views of the Taj Mahal.



Day 04

You will be met at your hotel and escorted on a dawn visit to the Taj Mahal. This is the best time to see the Taj, as the hues of the rising sun are reflected by the white marble and there are fewer visitors disturbing the tranquillity.



After visiting the Taj, you will be met and transferred to Ranthambore by road. In the evening, you will be met and escorted on a game drive of Ranthambore National Park.

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Day 04 - 06 **KHEM VILLAS, RANTHAMBORE – 2 NIGHTS.**

Established on land purchased in 1989 and regenerated back into a wild area with endemic fauna and flora encouraged, this camp's philosophy is 'Simplicity is the ultimate sophistication.' Spread over an area of 10 acres of natural grasslands and water bodies, it is common to see jackals, jungle cats, hyenas, desert fox, hares and deer within the camp grounds. The accommodation is divided into three categories and materials have been sourced locally. The camp is designed to provide an authentic experience that is unfussy yet functional, homely and hospitable.



Day 05 You will be met at your hotel and escorted on morning and evening games drives of Ranthambore National Park.

The town of Sawai Madhopur is the gateway to the world renowned tiger sanctuary, Ranthambore National Park. The 392 sq. km. park is made up of dry, deciduous forests stretching over an undulating terrain of the Aravalli and Vindhyan mountain ranges. Tigers roam freely and can be seen at close quarters. Ranthambore has a large number of deer, monkeys, wild boar and peafowl and also a population of leopard, hyena, jackal, jungle cat and sloth bear.



Day 06 You will be met at your hotel and escorted on a morning game drive. After, you will be met and transferred to the heart of Southern Rajasthan by road.

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Day 06 - 09 **BHAINSRORGARH FORT – 3 NIGHTS.**

Bhainsrorgarh Fort is one of the most picturesque and awe-inspiring forts of Rajasthan. Sitting on a rocky cliff, raised from the Chambal River, this authentic fort allows views of crocodiles swimming below and is situated perfectly for boating, walking and exploring.

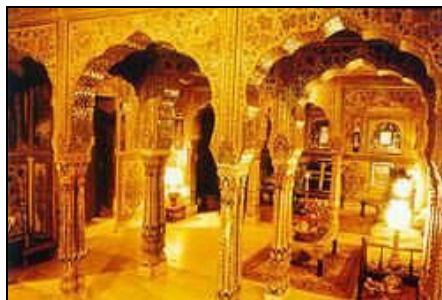


Day 07 - 08 You will have your days at leisure, enabling you to explore this beautiful area and all its rustic charm. Activities such as walking, boating and riding come highly recommended.

Day 09 You will be met at your hotel and transferred to Jaipur.

Day 09 - 11 **SAMODE HAVELI, JAIPUR – 2 NIGHTS.**

Built for a Prime Minister of the royal court in the mid-19th century, Samode Haveli is a charming 'Heritage Hotel' located in central Jaipur. Its elegant rooms and suites, sumptuously decorated dining room, attentive service and warm atmosphere give it the feel of a living palace. Of particular interest are the hotel's two Sheesh Mahal (mirrored) suites, decorated with antique furniture and traditional Rajasthani motifs.



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Day 10 You will be met at your hotel and escorted on a full days sightseeing tour of Jaipur.

Built in 1727 AD by Maharaja Sawai Jai Singh II, Jaipur is the capital city of Rajasthan. Also known as the Pink City due to its pink painted buildings, Jaipur is the only planned city of its time. A formidable wall encircles breath-taking palaces and broad avenues, overlooked by rugged fortresses perched atop the barren hills. Close by the magnificent Amber Fort, with its enchanting mirrored chambers and formal perfume gardens, can be reached by riding the steep track on the back of an elephant.



Jaipur is a great place for shopping and handicrafts. It is particularly famous for its block printing; blue pottery and handmade papers. Visit a shop called Sodhi's, which specialises in fabrics, linen and clothes. There are also a number of good jewellery shops in Jaipur, notably Bhandari Jewellers and the Gem Palace. The owners of the latter have been the official jewellers to the Maharajah since 1730 and despite the shop looking a bit disorganised, if you speak nicely to the owner, he may unearth some of the most amazing historical treasures for you to see. This is definitely a shop which is worth visiting whether you are in the market or not.

Day 11 You will be met at your hotel and transferred to the airport in time to check in for your flight to Indore.

You will be met on arrival and transferred to your hotel.

Day 11 - 15 **AHILYA FORT, INDORE – 3 NIGHTS.**

The majestic 250 year old Ahilya Fort sits on the edge of a cliff, high above the sacred Narmada River, and surrounded by the beautiful town of Maheshwar. The views over the river and down onto the ghats are exceptional at any time of day. Ahilya Fort offers guests a rare chance to get off the tourist trail whilst, at the same time, offering an abundance of things to see and do. With the fabulous, deserted city of Mandu nearby and the famed island temple of Omkareshwar even closer, this is a place at which to spend time and relax but from which you can also explore the area, unhassled or disturbed by other tourists. The food is delicious and it's all inclusive so, once here, you pay for nothing - be it food, alcohol, excursions or e-mail! The pool is lovely; meals are taken in different areas of the fort at different times; and all the charming rooms have superb views, balconies or gardens. Terraces and shady verandahs abound for relaxing on deep, cushioned mattresses or sofas; and a stroll down through the town to the ghats is a must. The

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architecture is outstanding; the weaving centre here is famous throughout India; and a boat trip at sundown with a refreshing glass in hand, is something you will never forget. Truly a memorable place where you could spend days or weeks!



Day 15

You will be met at your hotel and transferred to the airport in time to check in for your flight to Delhi.

On arrival, you will be met and transferred to the international airport in time to check in to your flight to London.

End of our services.

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**PRICE: £3031 PER PERSON SHARING
(SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND AVAILABILITY)**

PRICE INCLUDES

International Flights: With Jet Airways
Domestic Flights: With Jet Airways
Accommodation : As per the table below.
Taxes: All applicable taxes.
Transfers: In a chauffeur driven, air-conditioned vehicle as per itinerary.
Sightseeing Tours: All sightseeing and activities as per itinerary.

PRICE EXCLUDES

Miscellaneous: Tips, laundry, telephone calls, drinks and any other item of a personal nature
Meals: All meals not specified in the table below or the price includes section above.
Visas: Tourist Visas for India
General: Anything not mentioned in the 'Price Includes' section above