



# Flavors of India

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*\*Special Diwali Departure*



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**12 Days • 22 Meals** Come, seek and discover the magic of India on a tour that takes you to Delhi, Agra, Ranthambore, Jaipur and Samode. Experience the history in Delhi, visit the Taj Mahal and the “Pink City” of Jaipur, search for tigers on safaris in Ranthambore National Park, and overnight in an authentic Indian palace in Samode.

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ 22 Meals (10 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 10 dinners)
- ✓ Airport transfers on tour dates when air is provided by Mayflower Cruises & Tours
- ✓ Included city tour of Old Delhi and visit to the Red Fort, with a local guide
- ✓ Enjoy a rickshaw cycle ride through Old Delhi's Chandni Chowk
- ✓ Visit the sites of Raj Ghat, Jama Masjid, Humayun's Tomb and Qutub Minar
- ✓ Enjoy sunset and sunrise visits to the Taj Mahal
- ✓ Visit Agra's Red Fort
- ✓ Visit Fatehpur Sikri – a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- ✓ Included scenic rail experience to Sawai Madhopur
- ✓ Enjoy two safari adventures in Ranthambore National Park with a chance to see the famed Bengal Tiger and other wildlife
- ✓ Included city tour in Jaipur to visit the City Palace, 'Jantar Mantar', and Hawa Mahal – Palace of the Winds
- ✓ Experience local culture as you dine with an Indian family during an included dinner
- ✓ Visit the Amber Fort with a local guide
- ✓ Live like royalty with luxurious accommodations during an overnight stay at an historic Indian palace
- ✓ \$60 in Mayflower Money



Ride through Old Delhi's Chandni Chowk on a rickshaw cycle

### DAY 1 – Depart the USA

Depart the USA on an overnight flight to New Delhi, India, a city that bridges two different worlds.

### DAY 2 – New Delhi, India

Upon arrival in New Delhi, late evening, a representative of Mayflower Cruises & Tours will meet you and assist with the transfer to your hotel. Please note, some flights may not arrive until early morning on Day Three.

### DAY 3 – Old Delhi

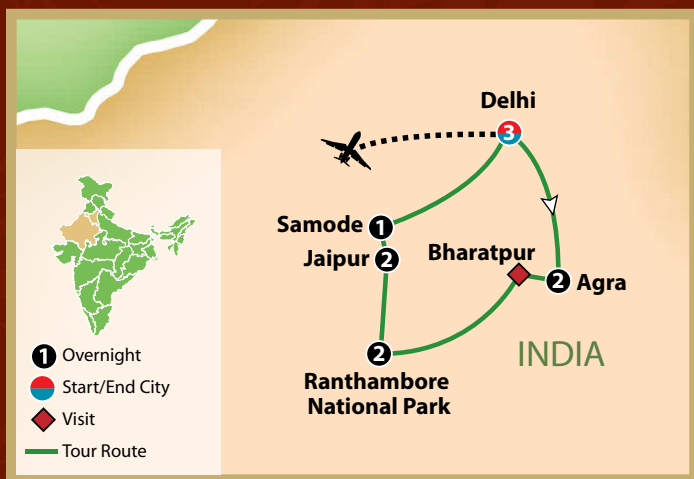
Begin the day with a tour of Old Delhi, a labyrinth of narrow lanes overflowing with major attractions and World Heritage Sites. Visit the Red Fort, the largest monument of the city and the most opulent fort and palace of the Mughal Empire. The memorial site of Mahatma Gandhi, Raj Ghat, sits serenely on the banks of the Yamuna River. Jama Masjid, another architectural treasure and the largest mosque in India, is also visited. Experience life like a local on a rickshaw cycle ride around Chandni Chowk, the bustling and colorful street market of the old city. An afternoon visit to Bangla Sahib showcases the most prominent Sikh house of worship in Delhi. This evening, a welcome dinner is included. **Meals: B, D**

### DAY 4 – New Delhi, the Capital of India

With its wide boulevards, impressive government buildings, green parks and gardens, the city is in complete contrast to Old Delhi. Your excursion travels along the ceremonial avenue, Rajpath, past the Parliament House and Rashtrapati Bhawan - official residence of India's President. See India's counterpart to France's Arc de Triomphe as a photo stop is made at India Gate – a commemoration to fallen soldiers. Visit two monuments from India's past – the magnificent garden tomb of the Mughal Emperor Humayun and Qutub Minar, the second tallest tower in India and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The remainder of the day is at leisure. **Meals: B, D**

### DAY 5 – Delhi to Agra

After breakfast, journey to Agra, home of the Taj Mahal. Built by Emperor Shah Jahan, it's considered one of the Wonders of the World and its beauty has never been surpassed. This afternoon, enjoy a life enriching experience with a sunset visit to Mehtab Bagh, a recently



## HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

**Days Two through Four** – Crowne Plaza Mayur Vihar, Delhi, India

**Days Five and Six** – DoubleTree by Hilton, Agra, India

**Days Seven and Eight** – Tree House Anuraga, Ranthambore, India

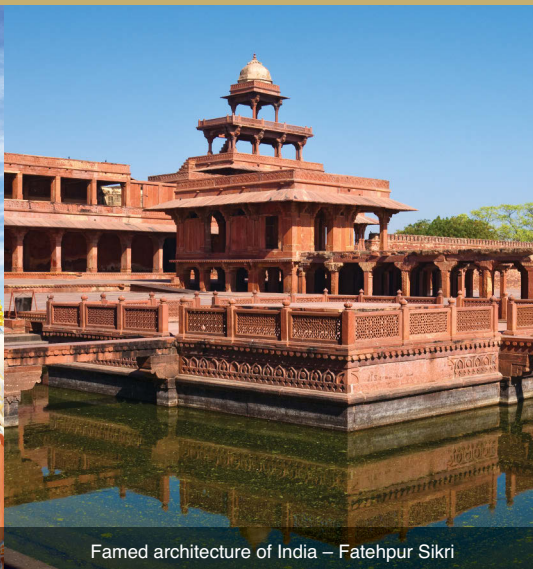
**Days Nine and Ten** – Holiday Inn City Centre, Jaipur, India

**Day Eleven** – Samode Palace, Samode, India

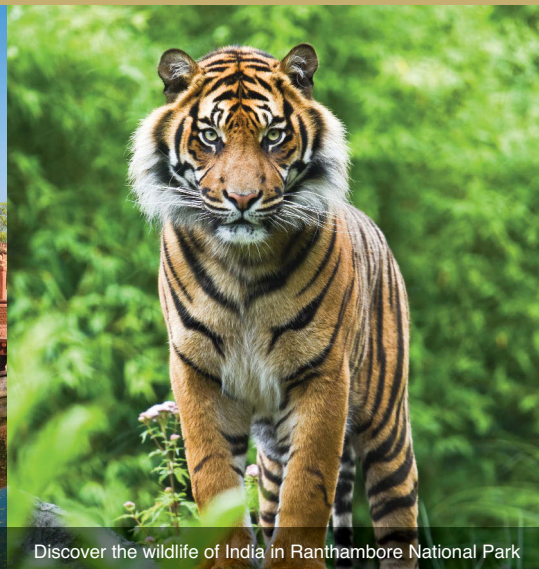




Jaipur's iconic landmark – Hawa Mahal



Famed architecture of India – Fatehpur Sikri



Discover the wildlife of India in Ranthambore National Park

excavated Mughal garden, with a breathtaking view of the Taj Mahal from across the River Yamuna. What a perfect end to the day as you see this magnificent monument, as the sun sets, gradually turning the white marble to a soft rosy pink. **Meals: B, D**

#### DAY 6 – Agra

Sunsets aren't the only way to experience the beauty of the Taj Mahal. The day begins with yet another awe-inspiring experience with a return to the Taj Mahal for a sunrise visit. The rays of the sun cast a golden sheen upon this architectural masterpiece and provide yet another unbelievably amazing sight. While visiting the Red Fort of Agra, discover the inner paradise hidden by its forbidding exteriors. Emperor Shah Jahan was imprisoned in this fortress and walled city, yet he could still see his exquisite Taj Mahal every day. The final afternoon in Agra is at leisure. **Meals: B, D**

#### DAY 7 – Fatehpur Sikri, Bharatpur and Ranthambore

Departing Agra, journey by coach to Bharatpur. En-route, visit a real-life ghost town: the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Fatehpur Sikri (City of Victory), built by Emperor Akbar as his capital. Dramatically abandoned a few years after it was built, its 'ruins' are still in pristine condition. After an included lunch in Bharatpur, board the train and enjoy a scenic rail journey to Sawai Madhopur. Gateway to Ranthambore, and one of the largest and most renowned national parks in Northern India, it's a blend of history and nature, supporting a diverse range of flora and fauna. **Meals: B, L, D**

#### DAY 8 – Ranthambore National Park

Explore Ranthambore on morning and afternoon safari adventures. As you drive through the sanctuary, observe majestic predators in their natural habitat and set your sights on tigers, leopards, deer and other animals your naturalist guide helps you spot in the forest. Keep your camera ready to snap those once-in-a-lifetime photos! **Meals: B, L, D**

#### DAY 9 – Jaipur, Think Pink!

Travel to the walled city of Jaipur, known as the "Pink City" due to the color of its buildings. Visit the City Palace and see some of the most imposing architecture of the city. Inside the palace is a resplendent collection of robes of royal princes, carpets, an armory of

weapons, and miniature paintings portraying historic events. At the awe-inspiring Jantar Mantar, an observatory built in 1726 AD, see curiously shaped and oversized instruments that are still astonishingly accurate today. Tonight you are immersed in culture as you dine with a local family. From the traditional greeting upon arrival to conversation and dinner with the family, it's truly a life enriching experience. **Meals: B, D**

#### DAY 10 – Amber Fort

Located on a hill high above the city, in a rugged and picturesque setting, the towers and domes of the Amber Fort are reminiscent of scenes from a fairytale. Discover the opulent palace complex as your guide takes you through the halls, gardens, pavilions and temples of this fascinating site made of red sandstone and marble. On the return, stop at the Hawa Mahal (Palace of Winds) – the most well-known landmark and icon of Jaipur. This five-story architectural wonder has a spectacular pyramidal façade. Its 953 delicately honey-combed pink sandstone windows allowed the women of the palace to observe daily life without being seen. The remainder of the day is free of planned activities. **Meals: B, D**

#### DAY 11 – Jaipur to Samode

Following a relaxing morning in Jaipur, journey to Samode – an enchanting village in the Aravalli Hills, with a simple landscape of mustard fields and an intricate royal history. This afternoon, experience the village on a camel cart ride along the rugged countryside into nearby villages and fields. This evening, you're in for a royal treat as you overnight in an authentic palace! Mosaics on the walls tell stories of times past; antique furniture; old-world accents; luxurious sleeping rooms; landscaped gardens...it's all yours on the final night in India! **Meals: B, D**

#### DAY 12 – Samode / Delhi / USA

The morning is at leisure to enjoy the palace grounds, or explore the cobbled lanes and markets of Samode Village. This afternoon, journey back to Delhi, with a late afternoon arrival. Enjoy an included dinner before transferring to the airport for the flight home. Due to the day's logistics, flights should depart Delhi after 10:00pm.

**Meals: B, D**

*Itinerary is subject to change.*





Live like royalty with an overnight at the luxurious Samode Palace



## Optional Post Tour Extension to Dubai, United Arab Emirates

*Extend your stay with an optional three-night program in Dubai.*

**3 Days • 4 Meals** Culture, tradition and adventure await as you discover Dubai's heritage that has evolved from the Iron Age to today's modern metropolis. From the iconic sites of the Burj Al Arab Hotel and the magnificent Jumeirah Mosque to the sites of everyday life in the oldest part of the city, the diversity is amazing. During the included city tour, visit the Dubai Museum in the Fahidi Fort and take a water taxi to Dubai Creek where a walk through the bustling alleys of the souks fills your senses with the mystical aromas of spice and the dazzling sparkle of gold jewelry. Enjoy a 4 x 4 land cruiser adventure as your driver takes you to the desert for the thrill of a safari on the golden sand dunes. Witness a beautiful desert sunset and continue to a Bedouin camp for a BBQ dinner, camel ride and local entertainment. A perfect ending to your three days in Dubai.

### HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Hilton Garden Inn Mall of Emirates, or similar, Dubai

**\$749 per person Twin / Single Room add \$499**

*Airfare not included; call for rates*

2019 DEPARTURE	PER PERSON TWIN ROOM	SINGLE ROOM
October 17	\$3,879	add \$999



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### \*Special Diwali Departure

One of the most important and glamorous holidays in India, Diwali is the festival of lights. Homes are decorated with thousands of lamps, people dress in colorful outfits and fireworks light up the night sky. Celebrate this holiday in grandeur during your palatial stay in Samode.

### Travelers Protection Plan (TPP) - \$199 per person (optional)

This nonrefundable fee waives all cancellation fees when we are notified of cancellation one day before the tour departs. If you must leave the tour early due to personal illness, illness or death of a member of your immediate family, TPP guarantees full refund for any unused services after the departure of the tour. Other benefits include medical expenses for illness and injury, emergency transportation, 24 hour hotline, and lost or stolen baggage assistance. Return air transportation is included ONLY if your air tickets were provided by Mayflower Cruises & Tours. If you purchase the optional Travelers Protection Plan (TPP), you will be refunded all payments, including deposit amount, less the TPP premium amount.

#### Cancellation Charges Without Traveler's Protection Plan (TPP)

- 91 days or more Deposit Amount
- 90 to 45 days prior 20% of tour cost
- 44 to 15 day prior 30% of tour cost
- 14 to 1 day prior 40% of tour cost
- Day 1 of departure 100% of tour cost
- or early departure from tour
- No refund on unused portions of the tour

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**Passport & Visas** – Each U.S. citizen must have a valid passport. Expiry date of passports should be at least 6 months after the return date of tour. If you don't have a passport, call our office and we'll tell you how to apply for one. Some countries require visas for entry by U.S. citizens. We will send visa applications and instructions if a visa is required for your tour. Holders of non-U.S. passports should contact their nearest consulate and inquire about the necessary passport or visa documentation required for entry into the countries visited. NOTE: Due to airline security measures, your passport name must match your airline ticket name and your tour reservation name or you may be denied aircraft boarding.

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