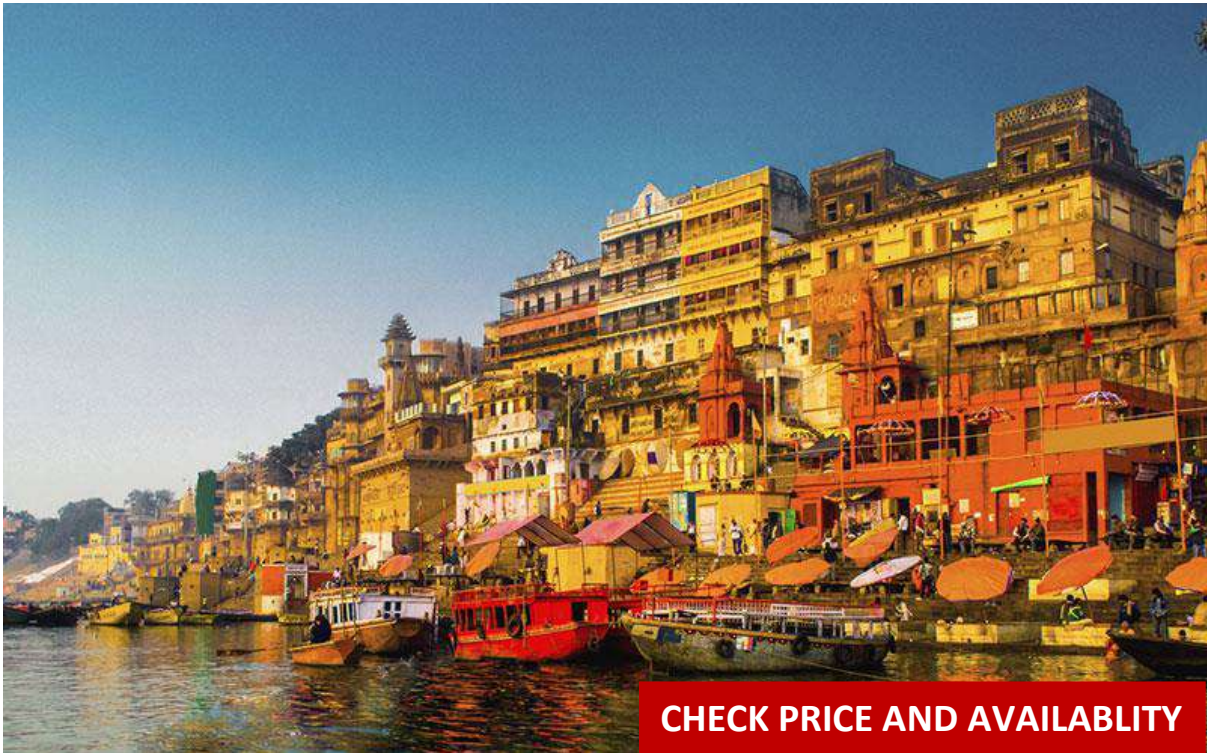


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Reviews



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Start Point

Delhi

End Point

Delhi

Vacation Style



Activity Level



Embark a lifetime journey on India group tour package with Max Holidays. Join our India group tour taking you to some of the best sites highlighting the cultural heritage of Northern India. Beginning from Old and New Delhi sightseeing the tour takes you further to Jaipur (also known as Pink city due to pink coloured building and houses dotted all around the city) which is one of the most popular and most charming cities of India from tourism aspect. Moving forward to the historical sites of Amer Fort, Jal Mahal Palace and Fatehpur Sikri we will arrive in Agra where the most beautiful monument Taj Mahal awaits you to explore and praise its beauty. The journey then centres to the classical village of Orcha dotted with some beautiful temples and a fort. Following is the visit to some finally carved erotic temples of Khajuraho dating back to period between AD 900 and 1130. The temples of Khajuraho are among the best examples of medieval heritage of India. Before concluding the India group tour at Delhi we will visit our last destination, Varanasi. Considered to be world's oldest living city, Varanasi is known as a city of Hindus. This India group tour is perhaps one of the best tour itineraries a traveller may ever want in a holiday to India

## Detailed Itinerary

### Day 01 Arrive Delhi

Namaste and welcome to the city of an amazing blend of Old and New civilization. Meet the Max Holidays company's representative at the airport as you arrive to join our India group tour 'Cultural heritage of India'. Get an assisted transfer to your hotel where you will have a leisurely time till next morning.

Included meals : no meal

Included entrances : no sightseeing tour

### Day 02 In Delhi

Kick start your tour this morning with a delicious breakfast in the hotel restaurant. The tour today will start from a drive to New Delhi Railway Station; over here we will take you to a '02 hours' City Walk near

New Delhi Railway Station, through the streets of Paharganj and finally to a shelter home. This walk is organised by Salaam Balak Tour Trust to provide shelter to the children who has been harassed, kidnapped and forced to beg or become a child labour who are often found in and around the areas of New Delhi Railway Station. This trust makes them work as tour guides during the 02 hours walk to improve their English skills. So, the tour guide or a child from the streets will accompany you through the walk and will tell you short stories about struggle in their



past life. After a remarkable experience of the walk now a Tour Guide of Max Holidays will meet you at a pre-decided place. Moving forward, you will board metro from New Delhi Metro Station to Jama Masjid. At first, you can explore the largest Mosques of India – Jama Masjid. After that enjoy a rickshaw ride (a man driven cart) at Jama Masjid. Later sightseeing of Raj Ghat - built in the memory of Mahatma Gandhi 'the Father of the Nation'. Later visit the 215 feet tall concrete minaret 'Qutub Minar' which was created as the symbol of victory of Mughal emperor Qutub ud Din Aibak over the last Hindu dynasty in Delhi and Bangla Sahib Gurudwara - a Sikh Temple.

**Highlights:** Salaam Balak Tour, Metro Ride from New Delhi Railway Station to Jama Masjid, Rickshaw Ride, Jama Masjid, Raj Ghat, Qutub Minar, Bangla Sahib Gurudwara.

**Included meals :** Breakfast

**Included entrances :** Salaam Baalak Tour, Metro Ride from New Delhi Railway Station to Jama Masjid, Rickshaw Ride, Qutub Minar.

### Day 03 Delhi to Jaipur (256 KMS)

In the morning after breakfast, you will depart to Jaipur that is the most popular city of the colourful state of Rajasthan. Halt at the middle of the way to have some tea/coffee (on your own) and then continue your drive and enjoy countryside. As you reach Jaipur, you will realise that the sweeping desert has replaced the cityscape. As you enter Jaipur, you will see men and women in colourful costumes, men wearing long moustaches and colourful turbans.

Upon reaching Jaipur, check in at your hotel and then visit the Pink city of Jaipur. Visit Jantar Mantar Observatory & Birla Temple – also known as Lakshmi Narayan Temple. Overnight stay at Hotel in Jaipur.

**Highlights:** Jantar Mantar, Birla Temple

**Included meals :** Breakfast

**Included entrances :** Jantar Mantar Observatory

### Day 04 Jaipur sightseeing

After spending leisurely night in the hotel, take your breakfast and get ready for an

excursion to majestic forts and palace of Rajasthan. Visit Amer Fort palace which is situated on a hill in the Aravalli ranges of Jaipur. Enjoy travelling up the hill on the back of a traditionally decorated friendly elephant from the main entrance of the fort. It is advisable to reach here early to enjoy the elephant ride as it is subject to availability. Visit Diwan-e-Aam, Diwan-e-Khaas, Sheesh Mahal and other beautiful areas of the palace.

Later, drive back to the city and on the way Photo Shoot at the Jal Mahal Palace – built in the Middle of Man Sagar Lake. In the afternoon, enjoy a food walk to the streets of the pink city where you will get to taste 10 different Indian popular street food and if required can provide lunch at the Laxmi Mishthan Bandhar. The walk begins from the famous monument Hawa Mahal to Triploya Bazar, Hanuman Ka Rasta, Gopal Ji Ka Rasta, Johari Bazaar and will conclude at a pre-decided place. Also, you will get an opportunity to taste the traditional food of Rajasthan Dal Baati Churma. Evening free for leisure time or you can take visit to Gaitore Chhatris (No Guide)- Cenotaphs of Kings. This is a Royal cremation ground of the Kachwaha Rajputs. Also, you can visit the Albert Hall (No Guide) – one of the oldest Museums of Rajasthan.

**Optional Visit:** Rajasthani Folk dance with dinner in City Restaurant or Hotel.

**Highlights:** Amer Fort, Photo stop at Jal Mahal, Street Food Walk.

**Included meals :** Breakfast & Lunch

**Included entrances :** Amer Fort, Elephant ride / Jeep Ride, Food Walk

### Day 05 Jaipur to Agra (223 kms)

Today morning, enjoy breakfast in the hotel restaurant and then depart to Agra. Agra was the capital of Mughal empire in India during 16th century. Today Agra has many beautiful monuments reminding us of the great love of Mughals for art, literature and architecture. Enroute sightseeing at Abhaneri Village to see the amazingly crafted Chand Baori Stepwell. While driving to Agra about 30 kms before the city you will find a massive walled city inviting you to pay a visit. This is Fatehpur Sikri, the deserted city today once was the capital of Mughals before they moved to Agra due to lack of water at Fatehpur Sikri. There are many important sites within the

city blended with Islamic and Hindu architecture. Enjoy battery van ride to the main entrance of Fatehpur Sikri. Later proceed to Agra, on arrival check in at Hotel. Overnight stay at Hotel in Agra.

**Optional visit:** An optional visit to the famous show 'Mohabbat-e-Taj' can be arranged for an individual or group upon request at an additional price. This is a one-hour stage show (English and Hindi only) based on the life creators of Taj Mahal. The show is available mostly during the winter season time.

**Highlights:** Chand Baori Stepwell, Fatehpur Sikri, Battery Van Ride at Fatehpur Sikri.

**Included meals :** Breakfast

**Included entrances :** Fatehpur Sikri, Battery Van Ride.

### Day 06 Agra-Jhansi Train journey to Orchha (20 KMS)

Wake up early in the morning, enjoy the Tonga ride at a distance from the Taj Mahal, then visit the white marble beauty, the finest monument ever built in the history of love and one of the wonders of the world, Taj Mahal. Standing on the bank of river Yamuna, Taj Mahal invites thousands of travelers every year. After sightseeing of the beautiful Taj Mahal, move back to the hotel for breakfast.

Later on, drive to Agra Railway Station for boarding the air-conditioned tourist train from Agra to Jhansi which will make you come closer to the lifestyle of the country.

Reach Jhansi from where you will be transferred in a private vehicle to the beautiful village of Orchha. On the way to Orchha, it is highly recommended to make a visit to the Taragram Paper factory that is a factory which recycle the waste papers and makes them reusable again in the form of a gift-wrapping paper, etc. On arrival check in at hotel, then sightseeing of Orchha; frozen in time, the medieval city of Madhya Pradesh is dotted with palaces and temples dating back to the Bundela dynasty. The heritage of Orchha still remains its original grandeur. Visit the historic village on the bank of the river and explore the Ram Raja Temple, Jahangir Mahal, Cenotaphs and Palace, Orcha Fort, Chaturbuj Temple. Overnight stay at Hotel in Orchha.

**Highlights:** Tonga Ride (Horse Cart), Taj Mahal, Ram Raja Temple, Jahangir Mahal, Cenotaphs and Palace, Orchha Fort, Chaturbuj Temple, Taragram Paper Factory

**Included meals :** Breakfast

**Included entrances :** Tonga Ride (Horse Cart), Taj Mahal, Orcha Fort

## Day 07 Orchha to Khajuraho (180 KMS)

Morning breakfast at hotel, straight drive towards Khajuraho- the land of Chandelas. World renowned for its fine carved erotic temples dating back to 950 and 1050 CE. Midway take a small stop in any restaurant to refresh yourself.

On arrival check in at hotel and then proceed for sightseeing of Khajuraho visit Eastern and Western of the Kamasutra temples which include many Hindu and Jain temples. The temple complex and especially the western group contain some stunning architecture. The major attractions are the 31-meter-high Kandariya Mahadeo temple, Vishvanatha Temple, Chausath Yogini Temple, Jagdambe Temple and Chitradurga Temple. Enjoy evening free at leisure. Overnight stay at Hotel in Khajuraho.

**Highlights:** Eastern & Western Temples of Khajuraho

**Included meals :** Breakfast

**Included entrances :** Eastern & Western Temples of Khajuraho

## Day 08 Khajuraho to Varanasi (By flight)

Morning breakfast at hotel and then later transfer to Khajuraho Airport to board flight for Varanasi. Varanasi is one of the holiest cities in India for Hindu religion. It is also considered to be one of the oldest living cities in the world.

Upon reaching Varanasi meet with Max Holidays staff and drive to your hotel. Later take a rikshaw ride towards the Ghat & from a distance to River Ganges take a short walk to the 'Dashashwamedh Ghat' (famous bank of Ganges). It is the place where you will witness the grand Ganges aarti in the evening. This magnificent event takes place every evening and people from around the world gather here to enjoy the

spiritual atmosphere of this place. Overnight stay at Hotel in Varanasi.

**Note:** During off season, we shall provide you an overnight train to the Mahoba Railway Station (80 Kms from Khajuraho) to Varanasi as flight does not operate during May, June, July and August month. The train will be in the evening so if you wish you can take some add on trips in Khajuraho like a trip to Panna National Park to enjoy jungle safari, visit to Dam, lunch at Ken River Lodge (A tree house restaurant), visit to local village and see how people live there. Charges will be additional for this add on trips. However, the check-out time from Hotel shall remain same 1200 hrs.

**Highlights:** A Rickshaw ride towards the River Ganga Ghat in Varanasi, evening grand Ganga Aarti ceremony.

**Included meals :** Breakfast

**Included entrances :** No

## Day 09 Varanasi Tour

The sacred city of Varanasi wakes up very early in the morning and people get engaged in their day to day activities very early. A visit to the bank of river Ganges in the morning is a good idea to witness the early morning offering on the bank of the river. The bank of the river is dotted with several famous Hindu temples. The popular stretch for the boat ride is from Dashashwamedh Ghat to Manikarnika Ghat. During the ride, you will be explained about the history of the city, its religious significance and special features of various Ghats. As you reach the Manikarnika Ghat, get off the boat and take 45 minutes interesting walk through narrow lanes of Varanasi. You will visit the famous Kashi Vishwanath Temple (Golden Temple), many smile shrines, old houses and lodges for pilgrims. Continue walk towards the flower market and then drive back to your hotel.

Later visit the internationally famed Banaras Hindu University which is spanning across in 1300 acres. Drive through the university campus. Evening free for leisure time.

### Optional Visit:

1) Visit to Sarnath temples which are located 10 kms out of Varanasi city. Sarnath is a famous Buddhist site in India

where Buddha came to deliver his first sermon.

2) Yoga Tour: Early in the morning at around 05:30 am, a representative will pick up from the hotel and take you to the Tulsi Ghat where you will enjoy the 90 minutes of Yoga Class given by renowned Yoga instructor name Miss. Smriti Chakravarti in front of River Ganges.

3) Home Cooking Curry with an Indian Family – This will be kind of a different experience for you where you will get to know about Indian Food & Spices. You will be taken to an Indian Family Home where they will brief you about Indian Food Habits and also teach you how to cook Indian Food.

4) Village Tour near 25 kms away from Varanasi Village Lamhi, Village Dasharathi Puri. Here you can enjoy the Cultural essence of Indian Village and see the making of clay pottery – means clay is used for making utensils, decorative pieces, and constructive products like bricks, walls and floor tiles. Even you can see how poultry farming is done, local school children, etc.

**Note:** When you will be travelling from train during the month of May, June, July and August, the train will reach today in the morning. Once you reach station, transfer shall be provided to your pre-booked hotel. Evening, enjoy grand aarti ceremony on Holy River Ganges. Night stay will be Varanasi.

**Highlights:** Morning Boat Ride, Kashi Vishwanath Temple, Banaras Hindu University

**Included meals :** Breakfast

**Included entrances :** Morning Boat ride

## Day 10 Fly Home ex Delhi

Morning breakfast at Hotel then transfer to Varanasi Airport to board flight to Delhi. In Delhi take a connecting flight back to home from Indra Gandhi International airport.

**Note:** For train tour, Day 09 tour Programme shall be given today only. After sightseeing, transfer to Varanasi airport to board flight to Delhi. Onward journey from Delhi towards home or next destination.

**Included meals :** Breakfast

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## What's included

- **Airport Services** - Private air conditioned car with driver Company staff for airport assistance
- **Accommodation** - 09 nights in handpicked hotels
- **Meals** - 09 Breakfasts, 01 Lunch
- **Transport** - All ground transport for sightseeing trips
- **Entry Tickets** - Monument and museum tickets
- **Guides / Escorts** - Expert local tour guides for sightseeing tours
- **Activities** – Walking tour, Rickshaw ride, Metro ride, Elephant ride, Food Walk, Battery Van ride, Tonga Ride, Boat ride.
- **Other inclusions** - Govt. of India taxes and Company service charges.

## What's not included

- **Flights** - International or domestic flights are not included
- **Travel insurance** - Please carry a valid travel insurance
- **Visa** - Visa fee and charges
- **Other Fees** - Video / still camera fees wherever it is applicable
- **Meals** - Meals not specified
- **Personal expenses** - Any kind of personal expenses/bills

## Trip Map



### Accommodation style

This trip offers you stay for 09 nights in decent hotels. Our hotels are always excellently located and they offer the guests all basic facilities and services for a comfortable stay. We often try to mix some boutique hotel stay and/or some heritage hotel for some group.

Train journey from Agra to Orchha will be in an air conditioned cabin in chair car class. The train is comfortable, clean and safe but not comparing with European trains.

**CHECK PRICE AND AVAILABILITY**

## Tentative Hotels ▼



### Hotel Yug Villa ★★★★★

7A/14 W.E.A Channa Market | Delhi, New Delhi 110005, India

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#### Facilities

Air conditioned rooms, attached toilets, hot & cold water wi fi, parking, restaurant, travel desk and more....



### Hotel Park Ocean ★★★★★

A4 Sikar Road | Opposite Bhawani Niketan School, Jaipur 302003

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#### Facilities

Air conditioned rooms, attached toilets, hot & cold water wi fi, parking, restaurant, travel desk and more....

## Tentative Hotels ▼



### Hotel Taj Villa ★★☆☆☆

Fatehabad Road | A-21 Taj Nagri Phase II, Taj Nagri, Agra 282001

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#### Facilities

Air conditioned rooms, attached toilets, hot & cold water wi fi, parking, restaurant, travel desk and more....



### Raj Mahal ★★☆☆☆

Near Chandra Shekhar Azad Park, Orchha 472246

4.0

#### Facilities

Air conditioned rooms, attached toilets, hot & cold water wi fi, parking, restaurant, travel desk and more....



### Isabel Palace ★★☆☆☆

Airport Road, Khajuraho 471606

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#### Facilities

Air conditioned rooms, attached toilets, hot & cold water wi fi, parking, restaurant, travel desk and more....



### City Inn ★★☆☆☆

L - 14 | Opp Cantt Railway Station, Varanasi 221002

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#### Facilities

Air conditioned rooms, attached toilets, hot & cold water wi fi, parking, restaurant, travel desk and more....

**Client's Reviews** (Please visit our website to see latest reviews) ▼



**Jalpa** Australia  
19 Dec 2017

"What a great holiday! This was our second group tour with Max Holidays and could highly recommend this company. India is a fantastic place with so many amazing sights to see. Quiet obvious Taj Mahal being one of the Seven Wonders attract every person travelling to India and was the highlight of the tour. The schedule had all what i wanted. We saw may main tourist attractions, but also some places which very rare people might have been to. All the staff was professional and on time. Great word! God Bless you Guys!"

★★★★★ 5.0 ★



**Gurnam Somal** UK  
17 Dec 2017

"Everything of the tour was absolutely lovable. We were looked after very well from arrival till the last day the departure day. Hotel were brilliant wherever we stayed, our stay at Khajuraho was the best. The guide was very kind enough and supportive, he organised few extra things also as were interested into. He had a very good knowledge about Indian History. Thanks you soo much for the most memorable trip to India."

★★★★★ 5.0 ★



**James Bracewell** UK  
19 Nov 2017

"I want to express my feelings for the last tour I have been to with you guys. I feel cherished to say it was a fabulous trip, everything was scheduled well. I have to India earlier also but this time experience was different. Delhi we went on trip to Salaam Baalak the concept was great. The staff was very punctual, well behaved, informative and co-operated well. I would only like to give a big thanks to the whole team of Max."

★★★★★ 5.0 ★