



HOLI FESTIVAL MARCH 2025 WITH YATRA

Delhi* Agra* Jaipur* Deogarh * Udaipur * Jodhpur * Pushkar * Delhi

09 MAR'25 (SUN): ARRIVE DELHI

BY: INTL. FLIGHT

You will arrive at New Delhi's International Airport. Following customs, immigration formalities and baggage collection, a YATRA representative will meet you as you EXIT the ARRIVALS TERMINAL building after which you would be transferred to your hotel (**STANDARD CHECK IN TIME IS 1400 HRS**).

India's capital and a major gateway to the country, contemporary Delhi is a bustling metropolis, which successfully combines in its folds - the ancient with the modern. Amidst the fast spiraling skyscrapers the remnants of a bygone time in the form of its many monuments stand as silent reminders to the region's ancient legacy. The first impressions for any visitor traveling in from the airport are of a spacious, garden city, tree-lined with a number of beautiful parks.

Upon arrival check in at hotel.

Later proceed for sightseeing of **Old Delhi**. The tour will begin with a visit to **Raj Ghat**, a simple memorial to Mahatma Gandhi; **drive past the Red Fort** continuing to the **Jama Masjid** one of Asia's largest mosques. The magnificent Red Fort, overlooking the river Jamuna was built during the years 1638 - 48 when the Moghul Empire was at its peak. The tour continues to Jama Masjid, one of Asia's largest mosques and which is viewed from the outside.

After visiting Old Delhi, you will be driven to **New Delhi**, which reflects the legacy the British left behind. The division between New and Old Delhi is the division between the capitals of the British and the Mughals respectively. The division in the walled city and New Delhi also marks the division in the life-styles. The walled city is all tradition where one will be able to glean a past life-style in all its facets, colours and spells. New Delhi in contrast, is a city trying to live up to the best of 21st century standards.

The tour to Imperial Delhi will include a visit to the **Qutub Minar**, the tallest stone tower in India. Qutub-ud-din Aibak started it in 1199. Pulling down 27 Hindu and Jain temples and using their columns erected the attached Quwwat-ul-Islam mosque also built by him. The tour also includes visit to **Humayun Tomb** and a drive past the imposing **India Gate**, the **Parliament building** and the **Rastrapathi Bhawan**, the President's residence.

Dinner & overnight stay at hotel.

10 MAR'25 (MON): DELHI – AGRA

BY: SURFACE

Breakfast at hotel and later drive to Agra (approx 204 Kms/04 hours drive).

Agra in terms of ambiance is still associated with its Mughal period. The Mughals besides being great rulers were also great builders and they preserved their best architectural wonders for Agra & its neighbourhood. It has many wonderful monuments and the Taj Mahal, the greatest of them all, is a masterpiece of Mughal architecture at its best. The massive but elegant Agra Fort, the delicate artistry of Itimad-ud-daulah's tomb, the magnificent Taj and Akbar's deserted capital, Fatehpur Sikri, are each unique and outstanding.

Upon arrival proceed to check-in at the hotel.

Later proceed to visit **Agra Fort**, an outstanding example of Mughal architecture. Agra Fort - the seat and the stronghold of the Mughal Empire under successive generations. This was the seat of Mughal rule and administration and the present structure owes its origins to Akbar who erected the walls and gates and the first buildings on the eastern banks of Yamuna River. Shah Jehan added the impressive quarters and the mosque while Aurangzeb added the outer ramparts. Visit its Hall of Public Audience and its Royal Pavilions. Then visit to **Taj Mahal** - The Taj Mahal is everything that has been said about it and more. Taking 22 years and 20,000 men to build, the white marble was quarried 200 miles away and was transported to the site by a fleet of 1000 elephants. Built by the Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan as an expression of his love for his wife Mumtaz Mahal, in mid 17th century, the Taj Mahal is truly one of the wonders of the world. Though the Taj appears to be amazingly perfect from almost any angle, it is the close-up marble inlay work, which is really astounding. You will have ample time to view and be mesmerized by this outstanding piece of architecture.

Dinner & overnight stay at hotel.

11 MAR'25 (WED): AGRA - JAIPUR

BY: SURFACE

Breakfast at hotel and drive to Jaipur and enroute visit to Fatehpur Sikri (approx. 238 Kms 05 hours drive).

Fatehpur Sikri, the deserted red sandstone city, built by the Great Mughal Emperor Akbar as his capital and palace in the late 16th century. It was abandoned soon after it was built when the local wells went dry and it remains today in much the same condition that it was over 300 years ago.

Later continue drive to Jaipur.

Rajasthan's kingdoms are an enduring legacy to India's history. A land endowed with invincible forts, magnificent palaces and waves of sand dunes and serene lakes. No other region in the country assembles the many paradoxes of India, as does the desert land of Rajasthan. By far it is the most colourful region in India.

Upon arrival check in at hotel.

Dinner & overnight stay at hotel.

12 MAR'25 (SAT): JAIPUR

After buffet breakfast at the hotel, you will be driven just outside Jaipur to the **ancient capital of Amber** to see the fabulous Amber Fort. Maharaja Mansingh, Mughal Emperor Akbar's most successful General, started the construction of Amber Fort in the 17th century. Before the City Palace was constructed in Jaipur, Amber was the seat of power. The fort is surrounded by fortified battlements and overlooks the Moat Lake.

A Jeep will spare you the trouble of reaching up to the fortress (*Elephant ride is subject to availability*) Once on top, stroll through the sprawling complex of courtyards and halls. Many of the rooms have delightful wall paintings, with precious stones and mirrors inlaid in the walls. Most fascinating, perhaps, is the Sheesh Mahal (hall of mirrors) where a single lamplight is reflected in the many mirrors, lighting up the room.

While driving back to your hotel you will stop and see the **'Palace of Winds'**, otherwise known as Hawa Mahal. It is really an elaborate facade behind which the ladies of the court used to watch the daily goings on in the street below. It is extremely intricate in its pink sandstone carving. The cool wind blows through its facade of windows and latticed screens through which the queens of the court once viewed the streets of the city.

Afternoon you will visit the **city of Jaipur**. Among the highlights to be seen while touring Jaipur include the **City Palace**, which is an overwhelming complex of exquisite palaces, gardens and courtyards, decorative art and carved doorways. The palace museum houses collections of rare manuscripts, armoury, costumes, carpets and miniature paintings. Walk to the adjacent **Jantar Mantar or Astronomical Observatory** made by the Maharaja of Jaipur, built in 1726 and is one of the five such astronomical wonders built by Sawai Jai Singh and makes accurate predictions even to this day.

Dinner & overnight stay at hotel.

13 MAR'25 (THU): JAIPUR – DEOGARH

BY: SURFACE

After breakfast you will be driven to Deogarh (approx. 270 Kms / 05 Hrs).

Upon arrival proceed to check-in at the hotel.

Deogarh Mahal, a castle of medieval Rajasthan. Built in 1670 A.D., by Rawat Dwarka Dasji as a family residence, it soon became the hub of village activity. The family interacted with the villagers and hosted many feasts and festivities within the Mahal premises. Some of these traditions are still upheld. With its bold battlements, domed turrets and balconies the Mahal towers over the town below. The imposing gateways once closed to ward off enemies, are now thrown open by the family in a gesture of welcome.

Remainder of the day is free to relax.

While in the evening, you witness a ritual called “Holika Dehan”, which is a prayer on the last evening before Holi.

Dinner & overnight stay at hotel.

14 MAR'25 (FRI): DEOGARH

Breakfast at the hotel and today you will enjoy the FESTIVAL OF COLORS, HOLI.

Special Lunch with alcoholic (wine & beer only) & non-alcoholic beverages along with Special Holi snacks will be served during the celebrities of the festival.

Second half of the day is at leisure.

Dinner & overnight stay at hotel.

15 MAR'25 (SAT): DEOGARH – UDAIPUR

BY: SURFACE

After breakfast you will be driven to Udaipur (approx. 130 Kms / 2.5 Hrs).

UDAIPUR: One of the most romantic cities in Rajasthan, Udaipur is also known as the city of lakes. The marble palaces, beautifully laid out gardens and the lakes make Udaipur seem almost like a mirage in the desert.

Upon arrival check in at hotel.

Later proceed for a sightseeing tour of Udaipur City, also known as the City of Sunrise.

First on your sightseeing tour you will proceed for a tour of the **City Palace**, which overlooks the Lake Pichola. The City Palace was built in 1725 of granite and marble with filigreed balconies, ornate windows and craftsmanship in glass. The royal palace walls stretch over a mile on the eastern side of the lake. Within the palace is a maze of courtyards, apartments and decorated halls. The rooms are covered with frescoes, displays of royal processions, stone and glass mosaics and ornamental doors and painted windows. The marble throne in the coronation rooms was last used during the time Maharana Sangram Singh II (1710-30) and nearby is the Sun Window installed by Maharaja Bhim Singh (1778-1828). This is the divine symbol of the

house of Mewar, which traces its lineage to the Surya Vansha, descendants of the Sun. Each palace within is an outstanding creation of art.

Visit the museums and the hall of public audiences, the private chambers of the royal ladies at the palace and **Sahelion-ki-Badi**.

Late afternoon, we enjoy a motor launch cruise on the placid waters of Lake Pichola. The beautiful Lake Pichola was enlarged by Maharana Udai Singh after he founded the city. The city palace extends a considerable distance along the east bank of the lake. From the boat you will be able to view the city of Udaipur as it rises majestically above the lake in the middle of the Rajasthan desert. One would get an interesting view of the Dhobi (laundry) ghats. Also visit the Jag Mandir Palace - a lovely island palace in the middle of the lake.

Dinner & overnight stay at hotel.

16 MAR'25 (SUN): UDAIPUR – JODHPUR

BY: SURFACE

Breakfast at hotel and drive to Jodhpur via **Ranakpur**. The beautifully sculptured Jain temples lie in a tranquil valley of the Aravalis. The main 'Chaumukha Temple' is dedicated to the tirhankara Adinath and has 29 halls supported by 1444 pillars, all distinctly carved. Two Jain temples dedicated to Neminath and Parsvanath and a Sun Temple a little distance away, are also noteworthy.

Later continue drive to Jodhpur (approx. 245 Kms/05 ½ hours drive).

Jodhpur: The old city of Jodhpur is surrounded by a wall 10km long, which was built about a century after the city was founded. From the fort you can clearly see where the old city ends and the new begins. The old city is fascinating jungle of winding streets of great interest to wander around. Eight gates lead out from the walled city. It's one of the more interesting cities in India and those baggy-tight horse riding trousers, jodhpurs, took their name from this locale.

Upon arrival check in at hotel.

Dinner & overnight stay at hotel.

17 MAR'25 (MON): JODHPUR – PUSHKAR

BY: SURFACE

Breakfast at hotel and you will proceed for city tour of Jodhpur - gateway to the desert beyond and home of the Rathors of Marwa. The tour will start with a visit to **Mehrangarh Fort (citadel of the Sun)** that evokes the very spirit of the Rathores, the ruling local Rajput clan. Visit its various palaces with their delicate friezes and respective museums, displaying treasures of the royal family.

North of Meherangarh Fort, and connected to it by road, **Jaswant Thanda** is a pillared marble memorial to the popular ruler Jaswant Singh II (1878-95), who purged Jodhpur of dacoits, initiated irrigation systems and boosted the economy.

Post that you will be drive to Pushkar (approx. 180 kms / 04 hrs).

Upon arrival proceed to check-in at the hotel.

Dinner & overnight stay at hotel.

18 MAR'25 (TUE): PUSHKAR – DELHI

BY: SURFACE

Breakfast at hotel and proceed for sightseeing of Pushkar, visiting the temple of **Lord Brahma**, which is only one in India, followed by a visit to the **sacred lake** of Pushkar and **local market**.

Later drive to Delhi (approx. 470 kms / 08 hours drive).

Upon arrival check in at hotel.

Dinner & overnight stay at hotel.

19 MAR'25 (WED): DELHI DEPARTURE

BY: INTL. FLIGHT

Breakfast at hotel.

In time transfer to the airport to fly for onward destination.

***** TOUR ENDS *****

PRICE PROPOSAL

PARTICULARS	COST
02 Pax travelling & above on twin sharing basis	Euro 1199 per person
Single room supplement	Euro 430 per single
Supplement for Lunches	Euro 110 per person
Supplement for private departure	Euro 70 per person
Offer: Full board complimentary on 04 paying pax & above	

HOTELS ENVISAGED OR SIMILAR ALTERNATES AVAILABLE:

CITY	CHECK IN / OUT	HOTEL
Delhi	09 – 10 Mar 25	Holiday Inn / Similar
Agra	10 – 11 Mar 25	Grand Mercure / Clarks Shiraz/ Similar
Jaipur	11 – 13 Mar 25	Holiday Inn Express & Suites / Sunday/ Similar
Deogarh	13 – 15 Mar 25	Deogarh Mahal (H)/ Similar
Udaipur	15 – 16 Mar 25	Fateh Niwas / Manuscript Jhilwara Haveli / Similar
Jodhpur	16 – 17 Mar 25	Zone By The Park/ Similar
Pushkar	17 – 18 Mar 25	Jagat Palace/ Similar
Delhi	18 – 19 Mar 25	ITC WelcomHotel Dwarka/ Radisson Dwarka/ Similar

OUR PRICE INCLUDE:

- 10 nights' hotel accommodation on above mentioned hotels or SIMILAR CATEGORY OF ALTERNATE HOTELS
- Meal Plan – **Daily breakfast & dinner's (Fixed Menu/ Buffet)** at all the hotels.
- 01 Special Lunch on the Day of Holi along with special snacks, alcoholic (wine & beer only) & non-alcoholic beverages will be provided to the clients.
- Traditional Indian welcome upon arrival at Delhi airport.
- All transfers, sightseeing & tours/transport services by **A/C Vehicle** as per the itinerary with Road taxes, parking fee, fuel charges, interstate taxes.
- Rickshaw ride during visit to Old Delhi.
- Elephant ride during visit to Amber Fort at Jaipur (subject to availability).
- Celebrate the **festival of Colors – Holi, organic colours will be provided.**
- **01 pair of Kurta Pyjama (Unisex) will be provided to all the participants.**
- Sharing boat ride at Lake Pichola Udaipur.
- One time monument entry fee.
- Service of accompanying Italian speaking guide as per the above program. Guide will stay in different hotels).
- Assistance by YATRA REPRESENTATIVE for arrival and departure transfers
- All currently applicable taxes

OUR COST DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Any Lunches other than mentioned above.
- Any airfare, visa fees, guide / driver tipping.
- Expense of personal nature like tipping, laundry, telephone / fax calls, alcoholic beverages, camera/video camera fee at monuments, medical expenses, airport departure tax etc.
- Any other services or item not mentioned in the Itinerary or in “Cost Inclusions”