

IRRESISTIBLE INDIA TOUR

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FRI 01 New Zealand - Singapore

Home pick up from your front door. Meet fellow tour members prior to your departure flight. On arrival in Singapore we are met at the airport and transferred to our hotel. *Park Hotel Clarke Quay (club lounge accommodation)*.

SAT 02 Singapore

(B)

Singapore, a dynamic city rich in contrast and colour. Today we have free time to explore at leisure. Perhaps visit Sentosa Island or Supertree Grove at Gardens by the Bay. Later you are invited to meet Peter at Raffles for a Singapore Sling, after all, when in Singapore... *Park Hotel Clarke Quay (club lounge accommodation)*.

SUN 03 Singapore - Delhi

(B)

We say farewell to Singapore and take our flight to Delhi, a city rich in culture, always changing with time, but never hiding its splendid past. *The Claridges*.

MON 04 Delhi

(B) (D)

This morning we enjoy the sights of Old Delhi. Jama Masjid with its tapering minarets and wonderful marble domes, Red Fort and Raj Ghat. We delight in a rickshaw ride through the colourful and aromatic market streets. In the afternoon we experience New Delhi, taking in the magnificent Parliament Building, India Gate and other attractions. *The Claridges*.

TUE 05 Delhi - Agra

(B) (D)

Our tour continues onwards to Agra where we will spend the afternoon visiting Agra Fort. Tonight's highlight is watching the sun set over the Taj Mahal. Indian barbeque dinner before returning to our hotel. *Radisson Blu*.

WED 06 Agra - Kanota

(B) (D)

An early start today as we visit the Taj Mahal for sunrise. Return to your hotel for breakfast and depart for Kanota where we visit the site used as the Viceroy Club (Castle Kandta) in the movie 'Best Exotic Marigold Hotel'. En-route we stop in Abhaneri Village to visit the Chand Baori Stepwell. *Castle Kanota*.

THU 07 Kanota - Jaipur

(B) (D)

Today we head to the pink town of Jaipur where we will enjoy an afternoon walking tour of the old bazaar. We take tuk tuks to the Palace of the Winds, the Hawa Mahal. This evening we have the option to watch a Bollywood blockbuster at the heritage Raj Mandir cinema, before indulging in an authentic home cooking class with dinner, wine and Indian beer. *Narain Niwas Hotel*.

FRI 08 Jaipur

(B) (D)

Learn about heritage style dress before we walk through the grounds of the Amber Fort, a former royal dwelling. Be mesmerised by it's striking Hall of Mirrors feature. We continue to Man Sagar Lake and take in the incredible scene of the water palace Jal Mahal. *Narain Niwas Hotel*.

SAT 09 Jaipur - Jodhpur

(B) (D)

Drive to Jodhpur this morning, referred to as the 'Blue City' due to the indigo tinge of the whitewashed houses around the Mehrangarh Fort. Time at leisure. *Ajit Bhawan Heritage Hotel*.

SUN 10 Jodhpur

(B) (D)

Our tour of Jodhpur encompasses the dominating Mehrangarh Fort and Jaswant Thada, a beautiful memorial built in white marble. We have time later to interact with the stall holders at the local market. *Ajit Bhawan Heritage Hotel*.

All in flight meals included.

(B) Breakfast

(L) Lunch

(D) Dinner

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Just like a good film, there are some things that really inspire us to travel. Drawing on such inspirations, The Movie Best Exotic Marigold Hotel played a part towards my inspiration to design this tour in India.

We begin our fully escorted majestic journey from the old City of Delhi, tour around the must do "Golden Triangle" with two visits to the Tarj Mahal (at sunset and sun rise), before making our way through this majestic country and experience travel by rickshaws, Tuk Tuks and Bullock Carts.

We step back in time to the 16th 17th and 18th century as we visit local historic land marks, royal forts and bright colored Towns of vibrant Reds and Blues. We will be having cocktails at the Castles Kandta, known to us Movie goers as the Viceroy Club in the movie The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel. From there we will make our way towards Kempour as part of our historic and educational adventure with a visit and overnight stay in the actual Hotel used in the Movie. The (real) Hotels owner will join us for dinner and reveal all the little secrets of what happened during the making of the movie "The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel" come and join me, it won't disappoint.....

MON 11 Jodhpur - Khempur (B) (D)

After breakfast transfer to Khempur where we will stay the night in the actual site of the film 'The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel'. This charming converted Palace takes you into the world that is portrayed in the film. Try a bullock cart ride and enjoy a sundowner with traditional tea. We dine in the hotel this evening with the owner of the Ravla Khempur who will discuss the impact of the film on his hotel and village. *Ravla Khempur.*

TUE 12 Khempur - Udaipur (B) (D)

Drive to the romantic and princely lake city of Udaipur, also known as the Venice of the East. Afternoon at leisure. The old town is mixed with a maze of alleyways and passages and getting lost here is part of the fun! *Chunda Palace.*

WED 13 Udaipur (B) (D)

Visit the City Palace and its crystal gallery showcasing the world's largest private collection of crystals. Visit Sahelion Ki Badi (Courtyard of the Maids), Sajjan Niwas (Royal Rose Garden), Jagdish Temple and the bazaar. This evening join an exclusive traditional sunset boat ride on Lake Pichola. *Chunda Palace.*

THU 14 Udaipur > Narlai (B) (D)

Depart the beautiful city of Udaipur and drive to Narlai. Your accommodation tonight is the residence of the Royal family, Rawla Narlai. You will have time at leisure to explore this charming village. This evening enjoy a candlelit dinner in the spectacular setting of a 16th century stepwell. *Rohet Garh Hotel.*

FRI 15 Narlai - Rohet (B) (D)

Drive to Rohet this morning and climb aboard jeeps venturing on a village safari to the local Bishnoi community. Interact with the tribespeople and glimpse into their lifestyle, fine art and pottery-making skills. *Rohet Garh Hotel.*

SAT 16 Rohet - Jaisalmer (B) (D)

A long but captivating and scenic drive to Jaisalmer, a city situated in the heart of the picturesque Thar Desert. On arrival check in and relax at our grand and captivating hotel. *Suryagarh Hotel.*

Trip Highlights

- SENSATIONAL SINGAPORE STOPOVER
- THE MAGICAL TAJ MAHAL
- MEANDER THROUGH FLOWER MARKETS
- SEE MIGRATORY BIRDS
- THE HISTORICAL AMBER FORT
- CAPTIVATING STREETS OF THE 'BLUE CITY'
- DINE WITH THE OWNER OF THE RAVLA KHEMPUR, THE REAL BEST EXOTIC MARIGOLD HOTEL
- VISIT THE TRIBESPEOPLE OF BISHNOI
- OPTIONAL CAMEL SAFARI & DESERT CAMP
- VISIT THE ANCIENT JUNAGARH FORT
- BOLLYWOOD DANCE THEATRE SHOW

SUN 17 Jaisalmer - Desert Safari (B) (L) (D)

This morning visit Jaisalmer, one of the largest forts in the world. Our guide brings alive this impressive site with their knowledge and stories. We travel by jeep to Dedansar Ground, our start point for our two night camel safari, a highlight for many travellers. Camp in the desert overnight. *Royal Desert Camp Indra Jee Kaa Dibba.*

MON 18 Desert Safari (B) (L) (D)

We continue on our safari experiencing the local villages of Kahla and Manpia. Enjoy a picnic lunch en-route and continue to Kuldhara Desert Camp for overnight. *Kuldhara Desert Cam.*

TUE 19 Safari - Jaisalmer - Bikaner (B) (L) (D)

Drive to Mool Sager, Jaisalmer. Visit the Shiva temple, palace, and garden before continuing to Bikaner. This afternoon we have the opportunity to visit a camel breeding farm. *Laxmi Niwas Palace.*

WED 20 Bikaner - Mandawa (B) (D)

This Morning We Visit The Striking Junagarh Fort And Local Market. Continue To Mandawa. Tonight's Hotel Was Once A Fortress And Revives Luxury In A Royal Yet Contemporary Elegance. *Mandawa Castle.*

THU 21 Mandawa - Delhi (B) (D)

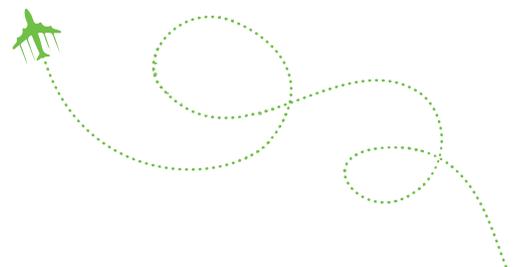
Mandawa is famous for its unique fresco house painting and havelis. This morning we explore the village and an 18th century castle. Later today when we arrive in Delhi enjoy a Bollywood dance theatre show and farewell dinner. *Pullman Aerocit.*

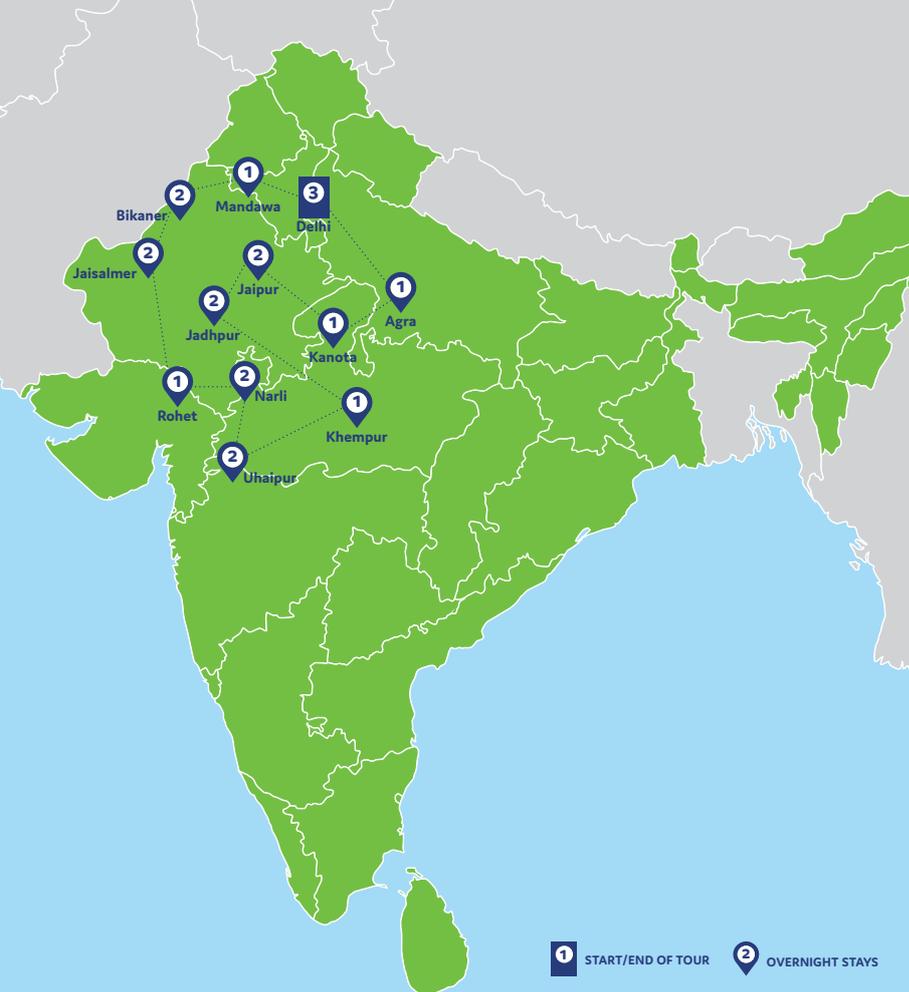
FRI 22 Delhi - Singapore (B)

We depart India and fly back to New Zealand via Singapore.

SAT 23 Singapore - New Zealand

Journey concludes.





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