

## Meetings & Incentives

# India

Sample Itinerary Programme



## 8 Days / 7 Nights Colours of India

Delhi/Jaipur/Udaipur

### Day One (Delhi)

Upon your arrival in Delhi, a traditional Aarti and Tika welcome – a sign of blessing awaits you when you check-in at your hotel. Enjoy this first evening in Delhi.

### Day Two (Delhi)

In the morning, experience Old Delhi - drive past Red Fort and visit Jama Masjid, the largest mosque in India. After visiting the mosque, take a walking tour or rickshaw tour of the Chandani Chowk. In the afternoon your tour continues, driving past the President's House and visit India Gate, Humayun's Tomb - first garden-tomb built on the Indian subcontinent in 1570 and Qutab Minar - India's tallest stone tower. At night, welcome dinner at the hotel or opt for meals outside.



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### Day Three (Agra-Jaipur)

Catch morning train to Agra. Check-in at your hotel and enjoy breakfast upon arrival. After breakfast board the Tuk-Tuk (Auto-Rickshaws) which takes you to Agra Fort and Palaces in the Fort, all splendid examples of Mughal architecture. Continue on to Taj Mahal where decorated horse carts will bring you to the Taj Mahal Gate. Visit Taj Mahal, the world's greatest love tribute and one of the seven wonders of the world. Lunch at Taj Khema and after lunch, go shopping in Agra. Later, board the bus and drive to the Pink City of Jaipur approximately 4½ hours away. Once again, a traditional welcome on arrival at hotel with Aarti/Tikka garlands along with a non-alcoholic welcome drink or opt for a Royal Maharaja welcome. Relax and after a quick shower, time to have dinner in the hotel

### Day Four (Jaipur)

This morning you can opt to go for hot air ballooning. After breakfast, leave for excursion to the Amber Fort, the ancient capital of the state until 1728. Visit the Jagmandir or the Jai Mahal and temple of Kali. Drive past Hawa Mahal - Palace of Winds, a five-storey building which is a stunning example of Rajput architecture and artistry. Move on to City Palace, incorporating an impressive and vast array of courtyards, gardens and buildings. End of city tour and take a break at Chandramahal Verandah, inside the private residence of the Maharaja, the venue for lunch. After lunch, see the exhibition on the life of Rickshaw Pullers in Jaipur. After the exhibition each couple takes a rickshaw ride to the colourful bazaar passing through the rose pink residential and business areas of Jaipur.

Next, the group is divided into smaller teams of 4-5 couples each and are given names based on the different divisions of their organization. Each team gets an Ambassador Car (first car to be manufactured in India). Inside the car, they get an envelope containing some amount of Indian currency and also a list of articles to be bought. The car takes each team to a local vegetable and spice market to buy the things listed in the lists. Each team buys the items and is required to keep them overnight



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#### Day Five (Jaipur/Samode)

After breakfast, check out from the hotel and your baggage will be sent directly to Samode Bagh. Each team then boards the same Ambassador cars you used the previous evening. Do not forget to bring with you the vegetables and spices you bought yesterday. In the car, each team gets a sealed envelope where they will find the address of a temple. With the help of the locals they have to find out the location and contact the priest of the temple. Priest of the temple will perform a special Puja for you (a religious ritual performed by Hindus as an offering to various deities or distinguished guests). After Puja, the priest gives each team his blessing, along with an address; each team has to quickly find their way to reach this location. To help you in finding your final destination, find a snake charmer who will tell you the shorter route to reach it. They have to find their way to a beautiful camping place situated behind the hills of the famous Amber Fort.

Upon arrival at the camp, you are welcomed by elephants and camels. Go to a teacher who will tell you how to wear a turban. Pay full attention as you will be required to wear this turban yourself in the evening before you leave for the special dinner. For those who are interested in learning about Yoga, there is a short interactive session.

After that, it is time to play a game of Elephant Polo. After the final chukker, quench your thirst with refreshing cocktails while the folk artistes regale you with music and a lavish spread of food brings down the curtain on this royal event. After lunch, relax for a while in the sunny afternoon and enjoy watching different species of birds nestling in the surrounding hills or simply get a head massage from the local masseurs or play a game of Cricket with a local team.



Depart the venue and board the open jeeps waiting outside. Drive through the scenic country side, past open fields and village hamlets, experiencing the earthy nature of life in desert. Observe men in their imposing turbans and women in their colourful skirts and stoles. The Jeep safari ends at Samode Bagh, nestled on 20 acres of beautiful grounds, combining warmth and luxury. Samode Bagh offers a unique experience of an air-conditioned tented camp where the dune coloured tents are luxuriously furnished with every comfort. High Tea is arranged for the group in the gardens of the retreat.

Now get ready for a cooking competition. Each team gets a gas stove and an envelope which contains a recipe of an Indian dish. Carefully read this Indian recipe as you now have to cook the dish as per instructions given in the paper given to you. You will need all the ingredients you have bought this morning. Finally the chef tastes each preparation and decides the winner and gives a prize to the winning team. Our personable and knowledgeable chef will be able to answer questions regarding history of Indian food, preparation techniques and various regional cuisines.

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### Day Six (Samode/Jaipur Airport)

After breakfast leave for Jaipur Airport to board flight for Udaipur. In the afternoon we take you for a sightseeing tour of the city. Your city tour includes City Palace, the largest palace complex in Rajasthan, a conglomeration of buildings added by successive rulers in different times, and Jagdish Temple, 150 metres north of the City Palace. This fine Indo-Aryan temple was built in 1651 and dedicated to Vishnu, Lord of the Universe. Drive around Fatehsagar Lake, and Sahelion Ki Bari (Queen's resort for her friends). Rest of the evening at leisure.

### Day Seven (Udaipur)

After breakfast leave for half day excursion to Eklingji and Nagda. The little village of Eklingji, with a number of ancient temples, is only 22 km north of Udaipur. The Shiva Temple in the village itself was originally built in 734 and includes an elaborately pillared hall under a large pyramidal roof. After the visit we take you to Devigarh Fort, which is your venue for lunch. Tucked away in the age-old Aravali hills of Rajasthan, the 18th century Devi Garh Fort Palace, in the village of Delwara commands one of the three main passes into the valley of Udaipur. Late afternoon we take you for boat ride in Lake Pichola.

### Day Eight (Udaipur/Delhi)

After breakfast, transfers to airport to board flight for Delhi. On arrival we take you for a Bollywood Evening at 'Kingdom of Dreams,' slated to open in May 2010, a 5.66 acre entertainment and leisure hotspot that will showcase Bollywood musicals and boast an elaborate arts and food boulevard.

In the evening, transfer to the airport to board your flight bound for onward destination.

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