

EXPEDITIONS

SIGNATURE: INDIA – JAIPUR, THE TAJ MAHAL, VARANASI & DELHI

9 days, Jaipur to Delhi

Trip code AHJDNS

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Your Welcome Moment: Welcome Moment - Meet Your Expedition Leader and Group, Jaipur
- Signature Moment: Delhi Heritage High Tea, Delhi

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VALIDITY: Valid for all trips departing May 14th, 2026 and onwards

Day 1

JAIPUR

Welcome to India. Your expedition begins in the colourful, and captivating city of Jaipur. Upon arrival, you will be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel to settle in. In the evening, gather with your National Geographic Expedition Leader, National Geographic Expedition Expert and fellow travellers for a welcome briefing and insights that bring the region's royal history to life. Afterward, step into a world of culinary delights with a welcome dinner.

This tour begins at 5:00 PM at the hotel with a welcome reception and briefing. To join the included arrival transfer, please ensure your flight lands at Indira Gandhi International Airport (Delhi) by 2:00 PM on the first day of the tour.

As many international flights into Delhi arrive late at night or in the early hours of the morning, it is recommended to arrive one day early. This allows you time to recover from jet lag, settle into your hotel, and start your adventure feeling refreshed.

If you'd like to arrive early, inform us at the time of booking, and an additional pre-tour hotel night will be arranged.



Meals included

Dinner



TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Arrival Transfer

Jaipur Airport – Jaipur

30m-30m

You will be met at the airport and transferred to the hotel to start your adventure.

ACTIVITY

Your opportunity to meet your Expedition Leader and fellow travellers, and learn more about your tour. Don't forget to see the notice in the lobby (or ask reception) for the official time and place to meet up with the group.

Breathe in the scent of jasmine and spices as you explore the vibrant morning streets of Jaipur. Board an upgraded vehicle with the Pink City Rickshaw Company, a G Adventures supported project empowering women entrepreneurs. Return to the hotel for lunch before heading to the 16th-century Amber Fort. Ride up to the hilltop fortress to marvel at the Sheesh Mahal, where thousands of mirror tiles catch the afternoon light, and examine the intricate underground water systems engineered for cooling. As twilight falls, experience the grandeur of Jaipur's City Palace after hours on a curated private tour, gaining deep insight into royal legacies. Conclude the evening with a majestic multi-course dinner inside the palace grounds, where traditional flavours are served beneath the stars.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Women-led Rickshaw Tour

Jaipur

Explore Jaipur's vibrant streets aboard a women-led rickshaw tour, a G Adventures supported project, to discover colourful markets, hidden lanes, and the lively spirit of the Pink City from a unique local perspective.

Amber Fort Guided Tour

Amber Fort

Explore this magnificent fort overlooking an artificial lake, famous for its unique mixture of Hindu and Muslim architecture. The Fort's sandstone walls are perched on a hill almost blending in with the terrain, besides perfectly reflecting in Maota Lake creating a mirage effect (and perfect photograph). Wander through the halls, courtyards, and palaces inside and admire the intricate details.

Amber Fort Jeep Ride

Jaipur

Jump into a jeeps to drive up to the Amber Fort through some of the lanes of Amber Town. En route, make a photo stop at the famous Hawa Mahal.

Jaipur Royal Grandeur

Jaipur

Enjoy a Royal Grandeur tour of the City Palace, with access to areas beyond the standard visit, followed by a private seven-course dinner.

Day 3

JAIPUR/ĀGRA

Leave the Pink City behind and watch the rural landscape unfold on the drive toward Agra. Pause en route at Abhaneri to stand over the breathtaking Chand Baori stepwell. One of India's deepest and most visually striking architectural wonders, its 3,500 symmetrically arranged steps form a geometric maze plunging into the earth, built over a millennium ago. Continue to the historic Laxmi Vilas Palace for a grand, family-style lunch that highlights regional cooking. After, continue to Agra and check into your hotel as the evening sky softens. The remainder of the evening is yours to unwind, perhaps watching the sunset over the Yamuna River.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Private Vehicle

Jaipur – Āgra

5h-5h

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

This morning, you have a choice of guided tours to India's most famous site: wake early as the first light of dawn bathes the ivory-white marble of the Taj Mahal in soft pink tones then enjoy breakfast, or choose to take your guided exploration after morning breakfast. Delve into the Mughal legacy at Agra Fort, a red sandstone fortress that served as the principal imperial residence, where your guide brings historic court intrigues to life. Afterward, share an inspiring lunch at Sheroes Café, a G Adventures supported project operated by acid attack survivors. Listen to their powerful stories of resilience and community empowerment before enjoying a free afternoon. Gather back at the hotel in the evening for a specially prepared dinner celebrating northern Indian culinary heritage.



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TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Guided tour of Taj Mahal

Āgra

Here's one to cross off your bucket list: a visit to one of the Seven Wonders of the World. Choose between an early sunrise visit or a tour after breakfast as you explore India's most famous landmark and an icon of Mughal architecture. Built by Emperor Shah Jahan as a testament to his love for his wife, Mumtaz Mahal, this stunning white marble masterpiece draws visitors from all over the world.

Agra Fort Guided Tour

Āgra

1h-3h

Enjoy a guided tour of this palatial Mughal fort made of red sandstone and white marble. One of the most important battles of the Indian rebellion of 1857 happened at this fort, which caused the end of the British East India Company's rule in India.

Sheroes Cafe Visit

Āgra

Visit Sheroes' Hangout, a cafe that supports acid attack survivors. Through employment at the cafe, Sheroes helps these women support their families, raise their children and support them on a journey of self love.

Free Time

Āgra

Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure to shop, explore additional sights, or simply relax at the hotel.

Day 5

ĀGRA/VARANASI

Board the Vande Bharat Express train, settling into the spacious Executive Car where dedicated staff cater to your comfort. Watch the North Indian plains blur past as you speed toward Varanasi, one of the world's oldest continuously inhabited cities. After checking into your hotel, step onto the stone ghats as the air thickens with incense. Board a private boat along the sacred Ganges for a special Banaras Gharana classical music performance, immersing yourself in a revered Hindustani lineage. As darkness falls, witness the hypnotic fire, chanting, and bells of the Ganga Aarti ceremony from the water before dining at the heritage Brijrama Palace.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Train

Āgra – Varanasi

7h-7h

Board the Vande Bharat Train for a journey to Varanasi, India's spiritual capital, offering a smooth onboard experience as you travel toward one of the country's most iconic destinations.

Ganges Music and Aarti

Varanasi

Board a private boat for a Banaras Gharana musical performance with local musicians. Watch the evening Aarti ceremony from the boat before continuing to dinner.

Watch the morning mist lift during a sunrise boat ride on the Holy River Ganges, observing pilgrims performing centuries-old prayers along the water's edge. After, set out on a walking tour through Varanasi's labyrinth of ancient, narrow lanes, where hidden shrines and local market stalls come to life, before returning to the hotel for a late breakfast. Later, travel to the peaceful ruins of Sarnath, the cradle of Buddhism where Gautama Buddha delivered his first sermon. Explore the soaring ancient stupas, monolithic columns, and the onsite archaeological museum. Enjoy some time later to explore Varanasi's spiritual energy at your own pace before dinner.



Meals included

Breakfast | Dinner



TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Ganges Sunrise & Varanasi Walk

Varanasi

Enjoy a sunrise boat journey along the sacred River Ganges, followed by a walking exploration of the historic old city of Varanasi.

Guided Tour of Sarnath

Varanasi

Embark on a guided excursion to Sarnath, one of the world's most sacred Buddhist sites and the place where Lord Buddha delivers his first sermon. Explore ancient monastery ruins, the Dhamek Stupa, the sacred Maha Bodhi Tree, and the Sarnath Museum, along with international temples built by Sri Lanka, Thailand, and Japan. The visit also includes the towering 80-foot Thai Buddha statue, the tallest standing Buddha in Sarnath.

Fly from the sacred banks of Varanasi to Delhi, marking your arrival in the capital for the final chapter of the trip. After checking into your hotel and freshening up, dive into the city's layered history with a private heritage walk through the verdant Mehrauli Archaeological Park. Led by a senior member of the Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH), you will weave past centuries-old tombs and stepwells, learning about critical conservation efforts and local legends. The afternoon concludes with a high tea discussion at a local café, where you can engage with your host over refined pastries and Indian teas.



Meals included

Breakfast | Dinner



TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Plane

Lal Bahadur Shastri Airport – Indira Gandhi International Airport

1h15m-1h15m

Look! Up in the sky! It's a bird! It's a plane! It's... yup, it is a plane, actually.

ACTIVITY

Join a private heritage walk through Mehrauli Archaeological Park led by a senior INTACH member, followed by high tea at a local café.

Explore the bustling streets of Old Delhi on a walking tour hosted by the Salaam Baalak Trust. Along the way, gain a deeper understanding of the neighborhood and the organization's meaningful work empowering former street youth. Next, climb into an upgraded rickshaw for a thrilling ride through the historic, bustling market lanes of Chandni Chowk, passing historic bazaars and sweetshops. Indulge in a curated tasting menu featuring refined Indian cuisine inside a beautifully restored Mughal-era mansion. In the evening, join your Expedition Leader, Expedition Expert and fellow travellers to reflect on the highlights of your trip before celebrating with a grand farewell dinner.



Meals included

Breakfast | Dinner



TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Old Delhi Walking Tour with Salaam Baalak Trust

Delhi

Explore Old Delhi on a Salaam City Walk with the Salaam Baalak Trust, led by former street children who share their personal stories and a unique perspective on the city's resilience.

Take in the sights and sounds of Delhi over a final breakfast at your hotel, reflecting on the transitions from the palaces of Rajasthan to the spiritual devotion of the Ganges. Transfers are provided to the airport at any time during the day.



Meals included

Breakfast



TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Departure day **Delhi – Indira Gandhi International Airport**

Individual airport transfers will be provided for your onward journey.

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How large will the group be?

Max 22

What meals are included in this trip?

8 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 8 dinners

What are the modes of transportation on my trip?

Private Vehicle, Walking, Jeep, Train, Plane, E-Rickshaw, Boat.

Where will we stay during the trip?

Hotels (8 nts)

What activities are optional on this trip?

● No optional activities

How old must I be to join this trip?

You must be 18 to travel unaccompanied on a G Adventures tour. For minors travelling with a guardian over 21 years old, the minimum age is 12.

Are international flights included in this trip?

No, international flights are generally not included in the price of your tour.

However, on some combo tours travelling between two different countries, international flights are included as part of the itinerary and price of the tour. Please speak to your GCO or booking agent for further details.

In addition, check-in times and baggage allowances/restrictions vary by airline and can change at any time. For the most up-to-date information for your flight, please contact your airline. We recommend checking in online in advance to avoid potential delays at the airport.

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Itinerary Disclaimer

While it is our intention to adhere to the route described below, there is a certain amount of flexibility built into the itinerary and on occasion it may be necessary, or desirable to make alterations. The itinerary is brief, as we never know exactly where our journey will take us. Due to our style of travel and the regions we visit, travel can be unpredictable. The Trip Details document is a general guide to the tour and region and any mention of specific destinations or wildlife is by no means a guarantee that they will be visited or encountered. Aboard expedition trips visits to research stations depend on final permission.

Additionally, any travel times listed are approximations only and subject to vary due to local circumstances.