

India Unexplored— GoldenTriangle with Queen of Hills, Dalai Lama & Golden Temple

Best of India – Epic Indian Travel

India's most extra ordinary cultural odyssey—combining the iconic Golden Triangle of Delhi, Agra, and Jaipur with the majestic Queen of Hills (Shimla), the spiritual have not Dharamshala (DalaiLama's residence),and the sacred Golden Temple of Amritsar. From Mughal monuments and Rajput palaces to Himalayan to trainrides,Tibetan monasteries,and the soul-stir ring Beating Retreat ceremony at Wagah Border—this15-day journey spans the very best of North India.

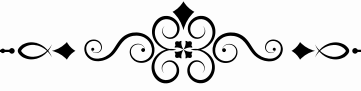
Golden Triangle
Delhi, Agra & Jaipur: UNESCO heritage, Mughal monuments, Rajput palaces and the Pink City

Queen of Hills & Dalai Lama
Chandigarh, Shimla & Dharamshala: Toy train ride, Himalayan vistas, Tibetan culture & Dalai Lama Temple












Golden Temple & Wagah Border
Amritsar: Sacred Sikh shrine, Jallianwala Bagh & the iconic Beating Retreat ceremony

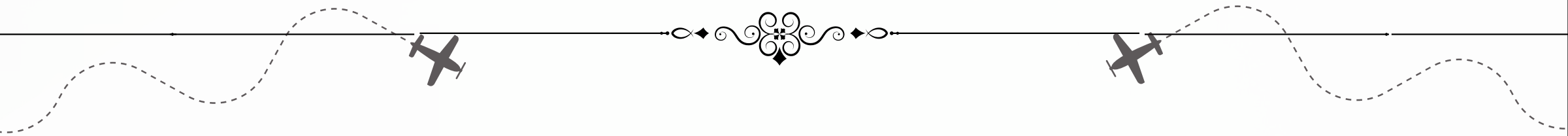
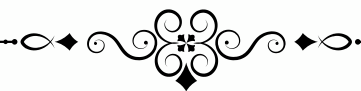
Tour Route: 14 Nights / 15 Days • Delhi [2N] - Agra [1N] - Jaipur [2N] - Chandigarh [1N] - Shimla [2N] - Dharamshala [3N] - Amritsar [2N] - Delhi [1N]

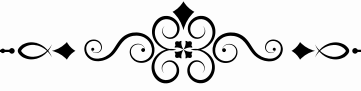




Tour Highlights

-  UNESCO World Heritage Sites – Delhi, Agra (Taj Mahal), Jaipur, Chandigarh & Amritsar
-  Rickshaw ride in the by-lanes of Old Delhi & the Walled City of Jaipur
-  Sunset and Sunrise views of the iconic Taj Mahal
-  Visit to Abhaneri Stepwell (Chand Baori) – one of the largest and most beautiful stepwells in the world
-  Visit a local home in Jaipur for a cooking demonstration and dinner
-  Famous Rock Garden of Chandigarh & boat ride on Sukhna Lake
-  Toy Train ride from Kalka to Shimla on the UNESCO Himalayan Railway
-  Visit the Dalai Lama Temple (Tsuglakhang), Dhauladhar Viewpoint & Talnoo Sunset Point
-  Moderate Trek to Bhagsu Waterfall in Dharamshala
-  Visit the Golden Temple in Amritsar – both at night and in daytime
-  Beating Retreat Ceremony at Wagah Border – India-Pakistan frontier





DAY 01

Arrive Delhi

Delhi, India's modern capital, is an ancient city tracing its origins in legend – dotted with hundreds of landmarks and offering more than a millennium of history in stone.

Arrival & Transfer

- You'll arrive at Delhi, the capital city of India, at Indira Gandhi International Airport – one of the busiest airports in the country and seventh worldwide, handling almost 68 million passengers annually
- Your customs and immigration formalities will take approximately an hour
- You'll be greeted and met by our representative just after baggage collection, holding the company's paging-board with your name on it
- You'll be assisted and transferred to your hotel in Delhi
- Check-in at the hotel and freshen up after your journey
- Stay overnight at the hotel in Delhi
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Welcome to Delhi

- Delhi is a city where ancient history and modern life coexist in a fascinating blend
- The city has served as the capital of several empires and dynasties over the centuries
- Home to numerous UNESCO World Heritage Sites, colonial landmarks, and vibrant bazaars
- Your adventure through India's most iconic destinations begins here
- Rest well tonight – an extraordinary 15-day journey awaits you

Overnight: Delhi





DAY 02

Delhi Sightseeing

Morning — New Delhi

- Enjoy your breakfast at the hotel
- After breakfast, meet your driver and city guide and begin sightseeing in New Delhi
- Visit Lodhi Gardens — one of Delhi's favourite spots for morning walkers, joggers, and yoga enthusiasts, set amid medieval tombs and lush greenery
- Visit Humayun's Tomb, built in 1570 — culturally significant as the first garden-tomb on the Indian subcontinent and considered a predecessor of the Taj Mahal; a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Continue to Qutab Minar — built at the site of Lal Kot, the first city of Delhi; a UNESCO World Heritage Site marking the arrival of Islamic rule in India
- Enjoy lunch at a restaurant of your choice or discuss with your city guide

Afternoon & Evening — Old Delhi

- Postlunch, explore the legacy of the British Raj as you drive past colonial buildings: President's House, Parliament House, India Gate, Raj Path (King's Way), Janpath (Queen's Way), Connaught Place and surroundings
- Reach Old Delhi and explore the old city by walking or rickshaw ride
- Visit Jama Masjid — the largest mosque in India — Gurudwara Sees Ganj (Sikh Temple), and the legendary Chandni Chowk with its silversmiths, clothiers, spicy street food vendors and traditional sweetmeat shops
- Explore the cultural landscape of Old Delhi — full of smells, sights and sounds
- Optional late evening: visit Akshardham Temple or stroll through Dilli Haat (Handicraft Bazaar)
- Dinner at a restaurant of your choice or at the hotel
- Overnight: Delhi

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DAY 03

Delhi to Agra – City of the Taj Mahal

220 km · 3.5 Hours Drive

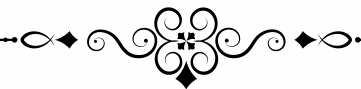
Morning – Drive to Agra

- Enjoy your breakfast at the hotel
- After breakfast, check out and drive to Agra – approximately 3.5 hours in your private vehicle
- Arrive in Agra, the city of the Taj Mahal, and check in at your hotel
- Enjoy lunch at your hotel or a restaurant of your choice – your driver will assist you
- Post lunch, meet your city guide for the sightseeing tour of Agra

Afternoon & Evening – Agra Sightseeing

- Visit Agra Fort – built by three generations of Mughal Emperors: Akbar built the walls and gates, Shah Jahan erected the ethereal buildings inside, and Aurangzeb built the ramparts
- Visit Itimad-ud-Daulah (Baby Taj) – a Mughal mausoleum on the western bank of the Yamuna River, also known as the Jewel Box as it resembles a smaller version of the Taj Mahal
- Enjoy a sunset view of the Taj Mahal from Mehtab Bagh – the moonlit garden on the opposite bank of the Yamuna River
- Dinner at a restaurant of your choice or at your hotel
- Return to the hotel and stay overnight in Agra

Overnight: Agra





DAY 04

Agra to Jaipur — via Fatehpur Sikri & Abhaneri Stepwell

250 km · 4.5 Hours Drive

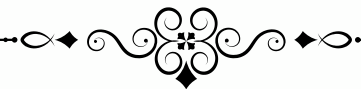
Morning — Taj Mahal at Sunrise & Departure

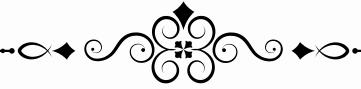
- Early morning: meet your city guide and driver for a sunrise view of the Taj Mahal — one of the most magical experiences in India
- Note: Taj Mahal remains closed every Friday for visitors
- Return to the hotel for breakfast
- After breakfast, check out and begin your drive to Jaipur in your private vehicle
- En route, stop to visit Fatehpur Sikri — the abandoned Mughal Capital City, a UNESCO World Heritage Site (allow approximately 2 hours for the visit)
- Explore the magnificent Buland Darwaza (Gate of Magnificence), Jama Masjid, Panch Mahal, and the royal palaces of this ghost city

Afternoon — Abhaneri & Arrival in Jaipur

- Resume your drive towards Jaipur, the Pink City of India
- Stop for lunch at one of the popular restaurants along the way
- Post lunch, stop to visit the Abhaneri Stepwell (Chand Baori) — one of the most beautiful and largest stepwells in the world, with 3,500 narrow steps arranged in perfect symmetry descending 13 storeys
- Arrive in Jaipur by early evening and check in at your hotel
- Tonight, visit a local home to learn Indian cooking and enjoy dinner with a Jaipur family — a truly immersive cultural experience
- Return to your hotel for an overnight stay

Overnight: Jaipur





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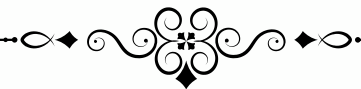
Jaipur Sightseeing – The Pink City

Morning – Monuments & Palaces

- Enjoy your breakfast at the hotel
- After breakfast, meet your driver and city guide for a full day of sightseeing in Jaipur
- Visit Amer Fort – the traditional fortress of the Kachhawaha kings at Amber, a beautiful citadel rich in stories of valour, with stunning views over Maota Lake
- Visit the Museum at City Palace – a royal residence and former administrative headquarters of the rulers of the Jaipur state in Rajasthan, housing a remarkable collection of royal artefacts
- Continue to the Observatory (Jantar Mantar) – a collection of 19 astronomical instruments built by Rajput king Sawai Jai Singh, founder of Jaipur; home to the world's largest sundial; a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Visit Hawa Mahal (Wind Palace) – built from red and pink sandstone, this iconic five-storey palace with 953 small windows allowed royal ladies to observe street life while remaining unseen

Afternoon & Evening – Walled City

- Enjoy lunch at a restaurant of your choice or discuss with your city guide
- Post lunch, continue sightseeing through the Walled City of Jaipur
- Explore not only the monuments and palaces of this legendary wealthy city, but also the temples, crafts and guilds patronized by the rulers
- Stroll through the walled city – explore the spices, sweets, and colourful bazaars
- Take a rickshaw ride through the narrow lanes of the Pink City
- Return to your hotel by late evening to relax
- Dinner at a restaurant of your choice
- Overnight: Jaipur





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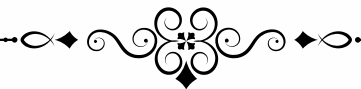
Fly Jaipur to Chandigarh – City Beautiful

Morning – Optional Activities & Departure

- Enjoy a leisurely breakfast at your hotel
- Optional morning activities before departure:
 - Hot air balloon ride – fly above Hawa Mahal, Amber Fort and Samode Palace for a 360-degree view of the Pink City
 - Or bathe the elephants at Dera Amer – a unique and memorable experience
- In time, check out from the hotel and get transferred to Jaipur Airport
- Board a 1 hour 20 minutes flight to Chandigarh
- Arrive at Chandigarh Airport; meet your driver with a paging board and transfer to your hotel
- Check in and rest for some time

Afternoon—Chandigarh Sightseeing

- Chandigarh, the capital of Punjab and Haryana, is a UNESCO World Heritage Site designed by Swiss-French modernist architect Le Corbusier – the best-planned city in India
- Post lunch, visit the Capitol Complex – a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the most monumental architectural compositions of modern architecture by Le Corbusier, set against the backdrop of the Shivalik Hills
- Visit the famous Rock Garden – a 35-acre eco-friendly garden built entirely from home waste and industrial items; sculptures created from bangles, ceramic pots, tiles, bottles and electric waste
- Drive 15 minutes to Sukhna Lake – a 3 sq. km rainfed lake created in 1958, sanctuary for exotic migratory birds; enjoy a boat ride on the lake
- Return to the hotel by late evening; dinner at the hotel
- Overnight: Chandigarh
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DAY 07

Chandigarh to Shimla – by Toy Train

The Kalka Shimla Railway is a UNESCO World Heritage narrow-gauge railway, winding through 102 tunnels and over 800 bridges through the breathtaking Himalayan foothills.

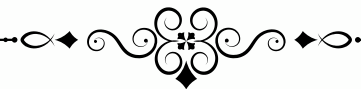
Morning – Rose Garden & Museum

- Enjoy your breakfast at the hotel
- Check out from the hotel after breakfast
- Visit the famous Rose Garden (Zakir Hussain Rose Garden) named after India's former president; spread over 10 acres, set up in 1967, home to 1,600 varieties of flowers and some of the rarest roses in the world
- Visit the Government Museum and Art Gallery, one of India's most prominent museums, speaking about Indian history and the Partition; established in 1947 with unique architecture (Note: Closed on Mondays and public holidays)
- Drive 45 minutes to Kalka Railway Station
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Afternoon – Toy Train to Shimla

- Board the Himalayan Queen toy train (52455) at Kalka at 12:10 pm
- Arriving Shimla at 5:30 pm
- Leave your luggage in the car and take only necessary items for the train ride
- Wind through 102 tunnels, over 800 bridges and past stunning Himalayan scenery on this UNESCO Heritage railway
- Be met by your driver at Shimla station and transferred to your hotel
- Arrive in Shimla by evening; check in and relax
- Late evening: stroll down the Mall Road, constructed during British colonial rule, the major hangout point and shopping centre in Shimla
- Dinner at one of the popular local restaurants on Mall Road
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Overnight: Shimla





DAY 08

Shimla Sightseeing – Queen of Hills

Shimla, the former summer capital of British India, sits at 2,200 metres above sea level in the Himalayan foothills – a charming hill station of colonial architecture, pine forests and panoramic mountain views.

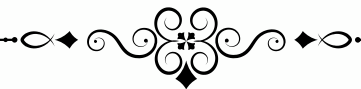
Morning – Shimla Landmarks

- Wake up at leisure and enjoy a leisurely breakfast at your hotel
- After breakfast, meet your guide and driver for a sightseeing tour of Shimla and surroundings
- Visit Christ Church – the second oldest church in northern India, boasting exceptional neo-Gothic architectural beauty with stunning stained glass windows
- Continue to Jakhoo Hill – site of an ancient Hanuman temple featuring the world's tallest statue (108 ft.) of this Hindu deity, with panoramic views of Shimla and the surrounding mountains
- Drive 40 minutes to Kufri – located at 8,607 ft., this small hill station offers panoramic views of snow-capped mountains and is a popular spot for nature walks

Afternoon & Evening – Kufri & Local Bazaar

- Enjoy lunch at one of the popular restaurants in Kufri
- After enjoying the views and lunch, drive back to your hotel and relax
- Late evening: stroll down the local bazaar for last-minute shopping – pick up Himachali shawls, handicrafts and local produce
- Dinner at a restaurant of your choice
- Return to the hotel for an overnight stay in Shimla

Overnight: Shimla





Fly Shimla to Dharamshala – Abode of the Dalai Lama

Dharamshala, nestled in the Kangra Valley of Himachal Pradesh at 1,457 metres above sea level, is the home of the Tibetan government-in-exile and the residence of His Holiness the Dalai Lama – a place of profound spiritual energy and Himalayan beauty.

Morning – Flight to Dharamshala

- Have an early breakfast at your hotel
- After breakfast, get transferred to the airport to board the flight for Dharamshala (Alliance Air 9I-812, departing 11:15, arriving 12:20)
- Arrive at Gaggal Airport near Dharamshala and get transferred to your hotel (approximately 25 minutes' drive)
- Check in at the hotel, enjoy lunch and rest for some time

Overnight: Dharamshala

Afternoon – Kangra Art & Tibetan Monastery

- Late afternoon: visit the Kangra Art Museum – the Kangra region of Himachal Pradesh is renowned worldwide for its inimitable Kangra miniature paintings that have placed Himachal Pradesh on the art map of the world (Note: Closed on Mondays and public holidays)
- Visit the Sidhibari Gyuto Tantric Monastery Temple – a large monastic complex backed by a stunning mountainscape at Sidhibari; adopted home of Ogyen Trinley Dorje, widely accepted as the 17th Karmapa, leader of the Karma Kagyu school of Tibetan Buddhism (Note: When in residence, the Karmapa gives half-hour public audiences on Wednesdays and Saturdays at 2:30 pm; bring your passport)
- Visit the Norbulingka Institute – dedicated to the preservation of Tibetan culture in its literary and artistic forms (Note: Closed on Sundays and public holidays)
- Return to the hotel by late evening; dinner at the hotel
- Optional: walk down to the local market





DAY 10

Dharamshala Sightseeing – Dalai Lama Temple & Dhauladhar Views

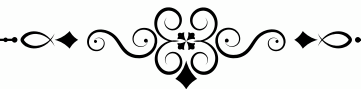
Morning – Dalai Lama Temple & Cricket Stadium

- Enjoy your breakfast at the hotel
- After breakfast, meet your guide and driver for a sightseeing tour of Dharamshala
- Visit the Dalai Lama Temple (Tsuglakhang Temple) – the main temple complex of His Holiness the Dalai Lama, a place of deep spiritual significance for Tibetan Buddhists worldwide
- Visit the museum inaugurated by the Dalai Lama himself in 2000 – it plays a short video showcasing the culture and teachings of Buddhism
- After the temple, visit the famous Dharamshala Cricket Stadium – situated at an altitude of 1,457 m above sea level with the snow-capped Himalayan mountains as a breathtaking backdrop; one of the most scenic cricket grounds in the world
- Visit the War Memorial – built to honour the brave soldiers who laid down their lives for the nation

Afternoon & Evening – Naddi Village & Sunset Point

- Head towards the beautiful Naddi Village along with Dal Lake – a serene Himalayan lake surrounded by deodar forests
- Witness the magnificent Dhauladhar Range from the Dhauladhar Viewpoint – a panoramic vista of snow-capped peaks stretching across the horizon
- Visit the Talnoo Sunset Point – one of the most spectacular sunset viewpoints in the region, with golden light bathing the Himalayan peaks
- Return to the hotel by late evening; freshen up and stroll down to the market for dinner

Overnight: Dharamshala





DAY 11

Dharamshala Sightseeing – McLeod Ganj & Bhagsu Waterfall Trek

McLeod Ganj, known as 'Little Lhasa', is a vibrant Tibetan enclave perched above Dharamshala – of an fascinating blend of Indian and Tibetan cultures, with colourful prayer flags, monasteries, and Himalayan trekking trails.

Morning – McLeod Ganj Exploration

- Enjoy your breakfast at the hotel
- After breakfast, meet your guide and driver for a sightseeing tour of McLeod Ganj from Dharamshala
- Visit Bhagsu Nag Temple – a temple devoted to Lord Shiva featuring the amazing Bhagsu Nag waterfall; one of the most sacred sites in the region
- Visit St. John's Church – a Neo-Gothic architectural recollection of the colonial era, set amidst tall deodar trees
- Explore the vibrant Tibetan market of McLeod Ganj – browse Tibetan handicrafts, thangka paintings, prayer wheels and Buddhist artefacts

Afternoon – Bhagsu Waterfall Trek

- Trek towards the Bhagsu Waterfall – situated at 1,457 m above sea level with snow-capped Himalayan mountains in the background; a moderate 2-hour trek uphill and 1.5 hours downhill with plenty of rest points along the way
- Optional extension: trek a further 2.2 km to the end point of the Triund Trek – one of the most famous treks in Dharamshala, through beautiful forest to witness the mighty Dhauladhar Range and other Himalayan peaks
- Return to the hotel by late evening; freshen up and explore the local bazaar
- Dinner at a restaurant of your choice
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Overnight: Dharamshala





Dharamshala to Amritsar – City of the Golden Temple

200 km • 5 Hours Drive

Amritsar, the spiritual and cultural centre of the Sikh faith, is home to the magnificent Golden Temple – the holiest shrine in Sikhism – and the emotionally charged Wagah Border with Pakistan.

Morning – Drive to Amritsar

- Enjoy breakfast at the hotel
- Check out from the hotel and begin your 5-hour drive to Amritsar
- En route, stop for lunch at a popular restaurant along the way
- Arrive in Amritsar by the afternoon; check in at your hotel and rest

Afternoon & Evening – Wagah Border Ceremony

- Around 3:00 pm, meet your guide and driver and drive 1 hour to Wagah Border – India and Pakistan's last line of control
- Witness the iconic Beating Retreat Ceremony – a 45-minute daily ritual including parade by soldiers, playing of national anthems, lowering of national flags on each side, and closing of the borders for the night; an electrifying and deeply patriotic spectacle
- After the ceremony, enjoy dinner at Shahi Qila – India's last restaurant before entering Pakistan; one of the best-rated restaurants near the border
- Return to your hotel in Amritsar for an overnight stay
- Optional if interested: Visit the Golden Temple at night to witness the Palki Sahib ceremony at 10 pm – the holy book (Guru Granth Sahib) is ceremonially taken back to its resting place for the night; also see the langar kitchen where meals are prepared free of cost for over 1,000 people

Overnight: Amritsar





DAY 13

Amritsar Sightseeing – Golden Temple & Old City Heritage

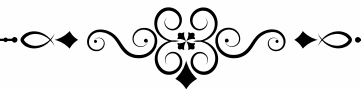
Morning – Jallianwala Bagh & Golden Temple

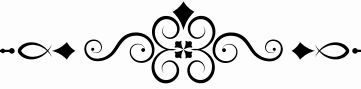
- Enjoy breakfast at the hotel
- Visit Jallianwala Bagh – a historic garden and memorial of national importance located near the Golden Temple complex; site of the tragic Amritsar Massacre of 13th April 1919, when hundreds of peaceful civilians were killed by British colonial forces; a deeply moving and important historical site
- Visit the Golden Temple (Harmandir Sahib) in the daytime – though a sacred place for Sikhs, it is open to all faiths and religions to promote a message of peace and unity
- Witness devotees offering prayers standing in the sacred water tank (Amrit Sarovar) surrounding the temple
- Visit the Harmandir – the main complex made of gold leaf; the name means "the House of God"
- Have lunch at the famous Bharawan Da Dhaba – one of Amritsar's most celebrated traditional restaurants

Afternoon – Old City Heritage & Bazaars

- Post lunch, explore the bustling bazaars and heritage sites of the Old City on foot and by battery-operated rickshaw; the Old City dates back to the 1500s when Guru Ramdas invited 52 trader families to settle in Amritsar
- Visit: Qila Ahluwalia (homes and shops of wealthy merchants), Jalebiwala Chowk (famous jalebi stall), Udasin Ashram Akhara Sangawala, Darshan Deori (where Gurus Arjun and Hargobind viewed the Golden Temple), Baba Bohar (sacred banyan tree), Gurudwara Saragarhi, and the Town Hall
- Browse specialty markets for fabrics, jewellery, utensils and bangles
- Return to the hotel by evening

Overnight: Amritsar





DAY 14

Fly Amritsar to Delhi — Farewell Dinner

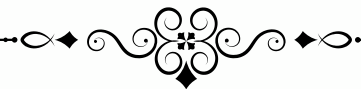
Morning — Departure from Amritsar

- Enjoy your breakfast at the hotel
- In time, transfer to Amritsar Airport to board the flight for Delhi
- Arrive at Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport
- Meet our representative and get transferred to a hotel close to the airport
- Check in and freshen up

Evening — Farewell Dinner

- Enjoy a special farewell dinner in Delhi — a final celebration of your extraordinary 14-night journey through India's most iconic destinations
- Reflect on the incredible experiences: from the Taj Mahal at sunrise to the Himalayan toy train, from the Dalai Lama's temple to the Golden Temple's golden glow, and the electrifying Wagah Border ceremony
- Overnight stay at the airport hotel in Delhi

Overnight: Delhi (Airport Hotel)





DAY 15

Depart Delhi — Farewell India

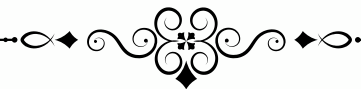
Morning — Final Departure

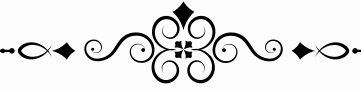
- Intime,transfer to Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport to board your flight for your onward destination
- Our representative will assist you with check-in and departure formalities
- End of Epic Indian Travel's services

Your Journey — A Recap

- 15days ofextraordinaryexperiences across North India's most iconic destinations
- Delhi: Mughal monuments, colonial heritage and vibrant Old City bazaars
- Agra: The eternal Taj Mahal at sunrise and sunset
- Jaipur: Rajput palaces, forts and the Pink City's colourful bazaars
- Chandigarh: Le Corbusier's masterpiece city and the Rock Garden
- Shimla: Himalayan toy train, colonial charm and mountain vistas
- Dharamshala: Dalai Lama's temple, Tibetan culture and Bhagsu Waterfall trek
- Amritsar: The Golden Temple, Jallianwala Bagh and the Wagah Border ceremony

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04

We Share the Costs

Once finalised, we'll send you a detailed cost breakdown.

Confirm and We Book

On your approval, we arrange all hotel bookings and ground arrangements.

05

Advance Deposit

After hotel confirmation, 50% advance deposit of land costs required, plus 100% of flight costs.

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Balance Payment

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