

16th August [Sunday] – Arrival and night in Delhi – On our arrival at the international airport in Delhi, we met the driver, who welcomed us with a warm smile and a marigold garland. He drove us to The Lalit in a private Toyota Etios car, helped us check into our hotel and we stayed overnight.

17th August [Monday] – Agra – (200 KM – 5 HRS) – After breakfast, we left for Agra in Uttar Pradesh. We covered the distance of around 200 km in a few hours. We arrived in Agra, checked into our hotel, and refreshed ourselves. Then we went out for an Agra tour where we visited the grand Agra Fort. The Mughal Emperor Akbar built this majestic fort, with later additions by the Emperors Jahangir and Shah Jahan. Within the fort, there are grand palaces, halls of private and public audience, and formal gardens. We returned to our hotel and stayed overnight.



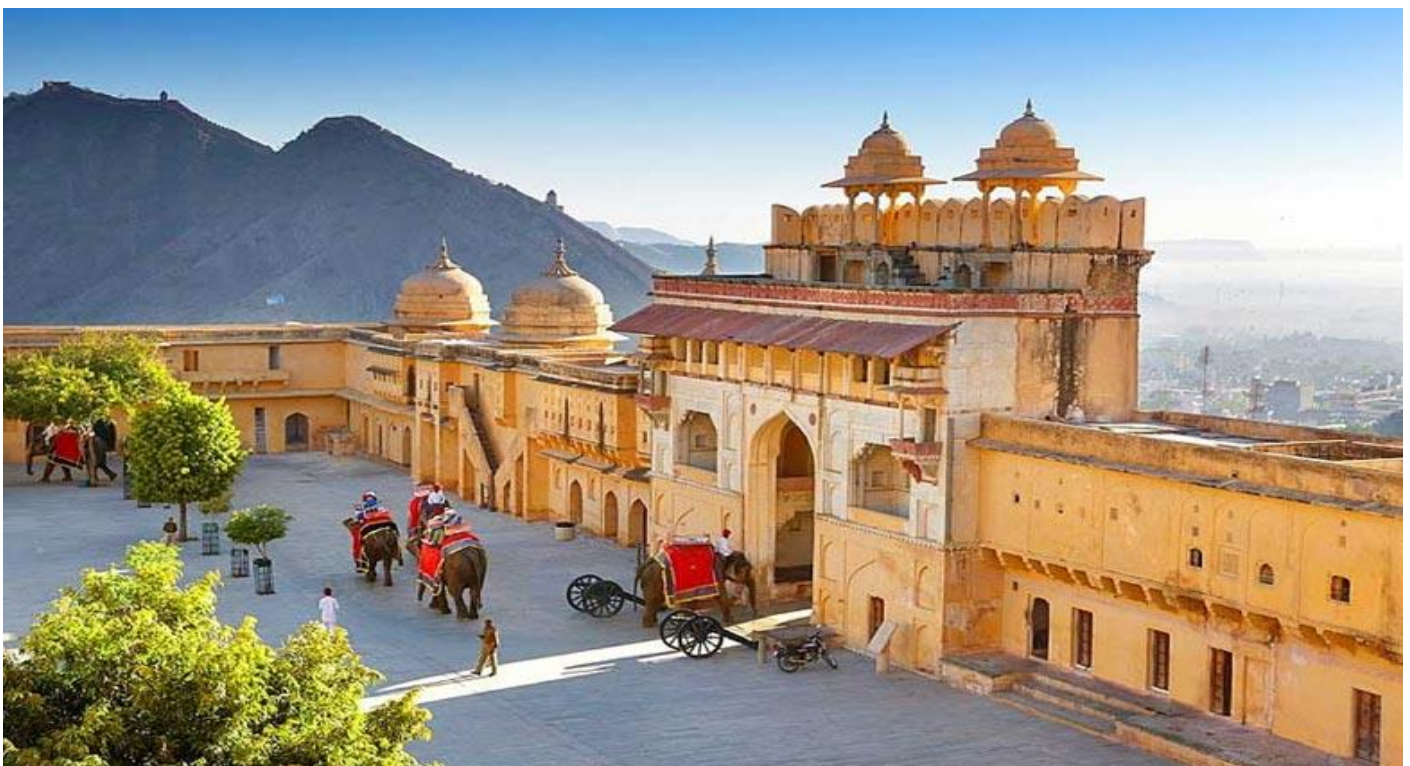
18th August [Tuesday] – visit Taj Mahal / Abhaneri / Fatehpur Sikri / Jaipur (250 KM – 5 HRS) – We rose early and visited the Taj Mahal at 6:00 a.m. We saw the breath taking sight of the Taj Mahal along with the sunrise. The early morning light was perfect for taking photographs of this beautiful white marble monument. The best example of Islamic architecture in India, the Taj Mahal built by the Emperor Shah Jahan for his queen Mumtaz Mahal—is a symbol of everlasting love.

We returned to the hotel for breakfast and refreshment. After breakfast we proceeded to Jaipur. On the way, we stopped at Abhaneri and Fatehpur Sikri, a beautiful city built by Emperor Akbar but later abandoned. There are many grand monuments in Fatehpur Sikri, including a large mosque (the Jama Masjid), a beautiful palace (the Panch Mahal), and a grand gateway (the Buland Darwaza). We arrived in Jaipur, checked into our hotel, and relaxed. In the evening, we wandered through the city and returned to our hotel to stay overnight.



19th August [Wednesday] – Amber/ City tour / Jaipur – After breakfast we took a trip to Amer Fort, 11 km from Jaipur, where we enjoyed an elephant ride up to the fort. Within the fort, there were many beautiful palaces and royal buildings.

After this, we left for a daylong city tour of Jaipur. In the well-planned Pink City, built by Maharaja Sawai Jai Singh, we saw the beautiful facade of the Hawa Mahal palace, visited the City Palace (which also contains a museum), and explored the Jantar Mantar astronomical observatory. In the evening, we enjoyed walking through the streets and colorful markets of Jaipur, where many kinds of handicraft items, textiles, pottery, and artifacts are sold. Afterward, we returned to our hotel to stay overnight.



20th August [Thursday] – Pushkar (150 KM – 3 ½ HRS) – After breakfast, we left for Pushkar. Upon arriving in Pushkar, we checked into our hotel and refreshed ourselves. Later, we went to visit Pushkar Lake and toured the temples in the town, including the Brahma Temple, which is the only Brahma Temple in India. The Pushkar Lake is considered a very holy spot by Hindus, and pilgrims come to bathe at this holy lake on auspicious days. Afterward, we returned to our hotel for our overnight stay.



21st August [Friday] – Chittourgarh/ Udaipur (300 KM – 5 HRS) – After breakfast, we left for Udaipur. On the way, we visited Chittorgarh. We arrived in Udaipur, checked into our hotel, and refreshed ourselves. In the evening, we wandered through the city and returned to our hotel to stay overnight.



22nd August [Saturday] – Udaipur – After breakfast we left for a daylong tour of Udaipur. We saw the City Palace, a grand palace with beautiful architecture, visited the Jagdish Temple, dedicated to Lord Vishnu, and explored the folk art museum with its colorful collection of puppets, musical instruments, and paintings. In the evening, we returned to our hotel to stay overnight.



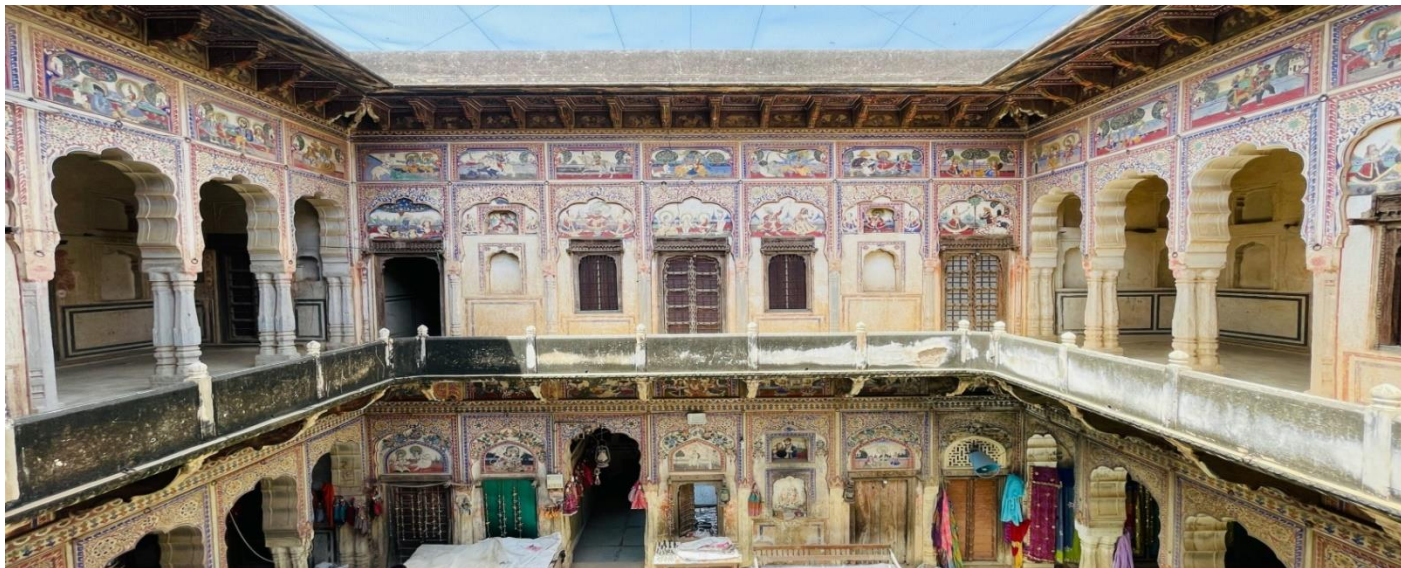
23rd August [Sunday] – Ranakpur / Kumbhalgarh / Jodhpur (280 KM – 5HRS) – After breakfast, we left for Jodhpur. On the way, we visited Kumbhalgarh and the Ranakpur Temples, which are among the largest groups of Jain temples in India. The most famous temples at Ranakpur were the Chaumukha, Neminath, and Parsvanath Temples. We arrived in Jodhpur, checked into our hotel, and refreshed ourselves. In the evening, we wandered through the city and returned to our hotel to stay overnight.



24th August [Monday] – Jodhpur – After breakfast we left for a Jodhpur city tour. We saw the Jaswant Thada and toured the magnificent Umaid Bhawan Palace, which houses a beautiful heritage museum. We also visited the majestic Mehrangarh Fort, one of the largest forts in India. Within the fort, there were stunning palaces and an incredible display of royal arms and artifacts. Afterward, we returned to our hotel to stay overnight.



25th August [Tuesday] – Mandawa (350KM – 6HRS) – After breakfast we left for Mandawa. We arrived in Mandawa and checked into our hotel. Later, we took a tour of the mansions and painted havelis of Mandawa. Once the residences of rich merchants who had migrated from the region, these houses featured beautiful fresco paintings on their walls. We also saw the traditional lifestyle of the local people. Afterward, we returned to our hotel to stay overnight.



26th August [Wednesday] – Delhi (265 KM – 5 HRS) – After breakfast, we left for Delhi. We arrived in Delhi, checked into our hotel and relaxed. Later we enjoyed a city tour of Old Delhi, which included the Red Fort, Jama Masjid, Meena Bazar, Chandni Chowk, and Raj Ghat. Afterward, we returned to our hotel to stay overnight.



27th August [Thursday] – visit Delhi full day and departure at 22:45hrs – After breakfast we visited New Delhi, including Humayun's Tomb, the Lotus Temple, Qutub Minar, India Gate, the President's House, the Indian Parliament, Birla Temple, Gurudwara Bangla Sahib, and Connaught Place. We had dinner in the market and then headed to the Delhi International Airport for our departure flight back home.

