

Day 01

Arrive New Delhi

This evening please arrive in Delhi on schedule flight.

Upon arrival you are met by our representative at the Aerobridge who escorts you to immigration and customs. After clearing this, you are introduced to your Abercrombie and Kent India representative and transferred to your hotel.

IMP – Standard check in time is 2:00 PM onwards.

Delhi is a city built and re-built seven times over several centuries. The capital city today marries the quaint and unique elements of different historical eras with the pace of the bustling, growing economy. At every turn of the road, the past and the present coexist.

Your stay in the city has been arranged at The Leela Palace New Delhi.

Set in New Delhi's exclusive Diplomatic Enclave, The Leela Palace New Delhi welcomes guests with a soaring, palatial lobby lit by crystal chandeliers. This contemporary luxury hotel's 254 guest rooms and suites feature a blend of modern and colonial-inspired decor. Guests are spoiled for choice with four specialty restaurants and three bars. Other amenities include a spa, hot tub, fitness center and rooftop pool. Located roughly 30 minutes by car from Indira Gandhi International Airport, The Leela Palace New Delhi offers an elegant atmosphere and spectacular amenities.

The Leela Palace New Delhi

2 nights

Day 02

New Delhi B-L

This morning, please meet your Abercrombie & Kent, guide in the reception area of your hotel and proceed for the full day tour of Old & New Delhi.

Start your journey with the old part of the town, with the Jama Masjid as the first stop. The Jama Masjid - The World-reflecting Mosque - is the largest mosque in India and has been standing tall for more than 350 years, commissioned by Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan, the builder of the Taj Mahal.

Take a short ride on a cycle rickshaw through the shopping district of Chandni Chowk.

Drive past the Red Fort, the residence of the Mughal Emperors and the seat of the Mughal capital till 1857. The ramparts of the Red Fort bear witness to some of the best cultural and historical events of India.

Later walk around the market followed by lunch at Haveli Dharampura - a 200-year-old mansion that is a recipient of several architectural awards including the prestigious UNESCO Asia-Pacific Award for Cultural Heritage Conservation.

You will also have the Kite flying experience.

Now we head to the newer parts of the city, but which still hide historical wonders in its folds. The first stop, Humayun's Tomb, is the first Persian-style garden-tomb to be built in India. The structure, seen as a marvel of Mughal architecture, set the tone for future leaps in architecture, which peaked with the Taj Mahal.

Then, drive down the Raj Path (the royal path) takes you to the India Gate, a majestic monument commemorating the contribution of Indian soldiers who laid down their lives for the British Empire's army fighting in World War I. At the farther end of the Raj Path sits the sprawling residence of India's President, located on Raisina hill.

The President's Residence (Rashtrapati Bhavan) is a mansion with 360 rooms. The residence's premises also house the Mughal Gardens, which has a wide variety of flowers and interesting landscaping. The North and South Block, which fall close to the Parliament, the seat of the largest democracy in the world, and the President's House, and have in them the highest offices of the Indian Government and its ministries.

The Leela Palace New Delhi

Day 03

New Delhi-Udaipur B

This morning after breakfast, please meet an Abercrombie & Kent representative in the reception area of your hotel for your transfer to Delhi Airport to board the flight to Udaipur.

Depart: Delhi at 11:25 on Day 03 on Indigo Airline Flight # 6E 5615

Arrive: Udaipur at 12:45 on Day 03

Upon arrival at Udaipur Airport, an Abercrombie & Kent representative meets you and transfers you to your hotel.

Udaipur, also known as the City of Lakes is like the oasis of the Thar desert. The many lakes in the city have lent it the name of "Venice of the East". The royal palaces and forts add to beauty of the historic city of Udaipur founded in 1559.

Your stay in the city has been arranged at Taj Lake Palace.

Set on its own island fronting the placid waters of Lake Pichola, the Taj Lake Palace occupies a former royal retreat dating back to 1754. Each of the grand luxury hotel's 83 rooms and suites overlook a lily pond or the terrace and feature colored murals, opulent silks and carved wooden furniture. Three

restaurants offer Indian, contemporary European and international cuisine, while a bar features a selection of wines, spirits, cigars and tapas. Other amenities include a spa, hammam, Jacuzzi, outdoor pool, fitness center and a Heritage Walk through the hotel. Located 50 minutes by car and boat from Maharana Pratap Airport, the Taj Lake Palace is a perfect choice for guests seeking the romance of a bygone era.

Optional - Later enjoy the shopping tour with your guide.

Udaipur is chock-full of stunning handicrafts and art. It is a treasure-trove of intricately carved wooden panels, statues and crafts, opulent brass sculptures, stunning marble figurines, exquisite silver furniture, and much more. You can also find highly detailed paintings, including traditional Rajasthani miniatures and contemporary works of art, as well as unique vintage items that showcase the rich cultural heritage of Rajasthan.

Optional – Later enjoy Octopussy Trail - Hunting Bond

Set off in tuk-tuks and follow Bond's Octopussy Trail traveling through the hustle and bustle of the old city. This exciting adventure will take you to the Monsoon Palace, a stronghold of the Maharaja on a hilltop west of Udaipur. In the movie, the Afghan prince Kamal Khan (Louis Jourdan) lives in his Indian exile in Udaipur and has hatched a plot with a Soviet general to threaten the West with a nuclear warhead. His base of operation is the Monsoon Palace. James Bond (Roger Moore) comes to infiltrate the castle, is greeted with a nice dinner and then put to jail. Enjoy tales of the movie as the sun sets over the city of Udaipur. (Optional: on the return you can stop at the beautiful Jagdish Temple in the old city where the Head priest will bless you).

Later this evening enjoy a motor launch cruise on the placid waters of Lake Pichola. From the boat you are able to view the city of Udaipur as it rises majestically above the lake in the middle of the Rajasthan desert.

Taj Lake Palace

2 nights

Day 04

Udaipur B-D

This morning after breakfast please meet your Abercrombie & Kent guide in the reception area of the hotel and proceed for the excursion to Eklingi & Nagda temple.

A visit to the 8th century Eklingji temple is a mesmerizing experience that immerses you in the rich cultural and religious heritage of Rajasthan. It is a renowned Hindu temple dedicated to Lord Shiva. The complex is expansive, comprising of 108 temples that reflect the distinct architectural style of the region. Continue to Nagda that houses the Sas-Bahu temples, dedicated to Lord Vishnu. They are a masterpiece of intricate carvings and architectural brilliance depicting scenes from Hindu mythology.

Later return to your hotel city.

This afternoon please proceed half day city tour of Udaipur.

City Palace: An enormous edifice, 30.4mtrs high and 224mtrs in length, which were later additions. The Palace stands on a low ridge all along the shores of Lake Pichola. The entrance is through Hathi Pol (elephant gate) along the main street of the old city, past the Jagdish Temple. The paintings, mosaics, intricately carved chhatris and of course the architecturally brilliant facade all contributes in making a visit to the City Palace a truly memorable experience.

Crystal Gallery: Located in Fateh Prakash Palace, these unique museum houses a collection of crystal items like ornaments fountains, vases, crockery, furniture and beds.

Sahelion Ki Bari: The Garden of the Maids of Honor was constructed for forty-eight young ladies in waiting who were sent to the royal house as a part of the lavish dowry. This garden is well laid out with extensive lawns and shady walks. The sprawling flower lined parks hug the shores of the second major lake of Udaipur, Fateh Sagar.

Later this evening you will be transferred to an Indian family's home to delve into a culturally immersive culinary experience as you prepare and share a leisurely Dinner in a local family home. Learn the secrets of family recipes passed down through generations as you cook alongside your hosts. Then, share a table as you gain authentic insights into local life over Dinner.

On the conclusion return back to your accommodation.

Taj Lake Palace

Day 05

Udaipur-Jaipur B

This morning please meet the Abercrombie & Kent representative in the reception area of the hotel for transfer to the Udaipur airport for your flight to Jaipur.

Depart: Udaipur at 10:40 on Day 05 on Inigo Airline Flight # 6E 7217

Arrive: Jaipur at 11:45 on Day 05

Upon arrival at Jaipur Airport, an Abercrombie & Kent representative will meet you and transfer you to your hotel.

Beautiful palaces, forts and colourful bazaars speak of the pink city Jaipur's glorious regal past. Modernity walks hand-in-hand with history in Jaipur. This largest city of Rajasthan, founded by Maharaja Sawai Jai Singh, is famous for its magnanimous hospitality.

Your stay in the city has been arranged at Rambagh Palace.

Set in the heart of Jaipur, the opulent Rambagh Palace sprawls across 47 acres of lush, landscaped gardens - the resident peacocks enjoying free reign over the property. Once a palace for the Maharaja of Jaipur, this grand luxury hotel offers 78 rooms and suites, each featuring four-poster beds and walk-in

wardrobes. Amenities include four restaurants, two swimming pools, a croquet lawn, fitness center, and spa with steam room and Jacuzzi. Located 20 minutes by car from Jaipur International Airport, Rambagh Palace is the ideal choice for guests seeking luxurious accommodations with a rich heritage.

This afternoon please meet the Abercrombie & Kent representative in the reception area of the hotel for your half day sightseeing tour of Jaipur.

While all of Jaipur is a traveller's delight, we will begin our tour of the city with its heart, The City Palace. The Jaipur royal family still continues to live in the City Palace. The Palace is a perfect blend of Rajput and Mughal architecture. The Palace complex houses a seven storey Chandra Mahal in the centre giving a fine view of the gardens and the city. The Diwan-E-Am (Hall of Public Audience) has intricate embellishments and collection of manuscripts. The Palace also has a rare collection of costumes and armoury of Maharaja Sawai Jai Singh.

From here we head to the Jantar Mantar. Built in the 18th Century this astro-observatory is a must visit. This UNESCO World Heritage Site has 20 astronomical instruments built in monumental sizes and makes for an enlightening experience.

Hawa Mahal (A photo stop) - Hawa Mahal, also known as the "Palace of the Winds" with its ornately screened windows that allowed the women of the palace to gaze out onto the street unobserved. The side facing the street outside the palace, has 953 small windows and the breeze (hawa) which circulates through these windows gives the palace its name, and keeps it cool even in the hot summer months.

Taj Rambagh Palace

2 nights

Day 06

Jaipur B

Optional – Early this morning enjoy the Hot Air Ballooning.

Hot Balloon Safari offers you the opportunity to experience Jaipur from a very exclusive perspective as they drift over traditional local villages, spectacular forts, breath-taking landscapes and hidden palaces.

This morning please meet the Abercrombie & Kent guide in the reception area of the hotel and proceed for the visit of Albert Hall, Anokhi Museum followed by excursion to Amber Fort.

Visit the Albert Hall, now the Central Museum, which was begun, to a design of Jacobs. It was the first of a number in which Indian craftsmen and designers were actively employed in both building and design. This ensured that the Albert Hall was not simply an Indo Saracenic building of the type becoming extremely popular all over India. Additionally the Museum displays Rajasthani village life through costumes, pottery, woodwork, and brassware.

Visit the Anokhi museum to witness the block printing process. Museum is dedicated to block/hand printing which a dying art form popular from Rajasthan & nearby area like Bagru & Sanganer. Visiting the museum will give a detailed insight on methods & different designs of block printing. The building which houses the museum was an old ruined down haveli which is now restored completely and has been awarded by the UNESCO for restoration.

Amber Fort: Amber was the ancient capital of Kachhwaha Rajput's, from 1037 until Sawai Jai Singh II moved to a newly created Jaipur. The architecture shows distinct Mughal influence. The building of the fort was begun by Raja Man Singh a noted Rajput general of Akbar's army in 1600 and was later added to by successive rulers.

Later this after enjoy the Tour of Indian Miniature Art

Ramu Ramdev's traditional Indian Miniature Art work has been appreciated by well-known personalities, dignitaries, Royalty, across the world. Indian miniature painting is a form of meditative art in which the mind is in complete balance. It is a way to get in touch with the intrinsic realities of the self. In Hindu traditions, it is a way to connect with the divine. As miniature painting is a dying art in India due to the influx of modern practices, Ramu set up Rangreet - Indian Miniature Art Studio in Jaipur to preserve this traditional art by teaching it to the next generation of young artists to encourage new talent. Spend an afternoon with artists at Rangreet and learn the traditional Indian Miniature Art.

Taj Rambagh Palace

Day 07

Jaipur-Ranthambore B

After breakfast you will be driven for approx. four hours to Ranthambore.

Located in the Sawai Madhopur district of Rajasthan, Ranthambore is one of the protected forests of India. It was the erstwhile hunting grounds of the Maharaja of Jaipur until 1955 when it was declared as a game sanctuary.

Your stay in the city has been arranged at The Oberoi Vanyavilas.

Situated less than ten minutes from Ranthambore Tiger Reserve, The Oberoi Vanyavilas, Ranthambore offers guests the opportunity to see Royal Bengal Tigers in the wild and enjoy the luxuries of an Oberoi experience. It features 25 rooms and a magnificent indoor and al fresco main restaurant, with its daily changing menu of authentic Rajasthani specialties, pan-Indian and continental dishes. Other amenities include spa, swimming pool. The Oberoi Vanyavilas Ranthambore is 11 km from Jogi Mahal and 12 km from Ranthambore Fort. Jaipur and Sanghaner Airport are 180 km from the resort.

Afternoon enjoy game viewing in an exclusive jeep and accompanied by an expert Naturalist. Go in search of the magnificent Royal Bengal Tiger and other wildlife.

Important Note – Park remains closed to Wednesday for Safaris

The Oberoi Vanyavilas

2 nights

Day 08

Ranthambore B

Today enjoy morning and afternoon game viewing in an exclusive jeep and accompanied by an expert Naturalist.

Important Note – Park remains closed to Wednesday for Safaris

The Oberoi Vanyavilas

Luxury Tent – Double

Day 09

Ranthambore-Agra B

Morning you will be transferred to Ranthambore Railway station to board train to Bharatpur.

Jan Shatabdi Express (07:20 AM / 09:33 AM)

Upon arrival you are met and driven for an hour to Agra. En-route you will stop to visit Fatehpur Sikri.

For a mere 14 years, the "ghost city" of Fatehpur Sikri was the capital of the Mughal Empire and it was abandoned due to the shortage of water. Now a UNESCO site, it brings alive the early days of Emperor Akbar and resonates the music of the legendary musician Tansen all over again. It remains a beautiful example of traditional Mughal architecture, whose edifices of red sandstone fuse elements from Central Asia, Persia, and India itself.

Akbarabad, as Agra was known during the Mughal era, is home to some of the most magnificent Mughal architectures. Situated on the banks of river Yamuna, the monumental beauty of Agra has inspired countless people around the world. This third largest city of the state of Uttar Pradesh is home to three UNESCO world heritage sites.

Your stay in the city has been arranged at The Oberoi Amarvilas.

Located just a stone's throw from one of the wonders of the world, Taj Mahal, The Oberoi Amarvilas has envious vistas of the monument from the hotel. The property exudes splendour and grandeur; immerse yourself in it during your stay in one of the rooms or suites. Enjoy gourmet meals at the hotel's two restaurants, Bellevue and Esphahan, and sip on beverages of national and international repute in the

beautifully decorated bar. The Oberoi Spa offers an array of soothing therapies, massages and treatments which you can opt for.

This evening, please meet your Abercrombie & Kent guide in the reception area of the hotel and proceed to visit Taj Mahal by sunset.

Later proceed for the visit of Taj Mahal, it is perhaps the world's most perfectly proportioned monument. This stunning mausoleum immortalized the name of Shah Jahan's last wife Mumtaz Mahal, "light of the palace". Built by Indian artisans and artisans from neighbouring Islamic countries, it is aptly described by the poet laureate Tagore as "A tear on the face of eternity".

Important Note - Taj Mahal remains closed on Friday for public viewing

The Oberoi Amarvilas

2 nights

Day 10

Agra / Delhi B

Early morning you will enjoy Taj Mahal during Sunrise

At sunrise, when it is bathed in the pinkish glow of the rising sun, the Taj Mahal holds your gaze. It is also a great time to take some unforgettable pictures.

Situated on the banks of river Yamuna, the monumental beauty of the Taj Mahal has inspired countless people around the world. The Mughal masterpiece, The Taj Mahal has made Agra a must-visit on every traveller's list. It took approximately 22 years, nearly 22,000 labourers and a thousand elephants to build what we see today as The Taj Mahal. At sunrise, when it is bathed in the pinkish glow of the rising sun, the Taj Mahal holds your gaze. It is also a great time to take some unforgettable pictures.

Important Note - Taj Mahal remains closed on Friday for public viewing

Return back to the hotel for breakfast.

Later you will visit Agra Fort & Itmad-ud-Daulah.

Join a historian on this curated tour of the 16th-century Agra Fort, also known as the Red Fort. A stronghold of the Mughals, this fort is embellished with a number of beautifully decorated buildings bringing forth the Mughal style of art and architecture. It once housed the famed Koh-i-Noor diamond. This fort is witness to Akbar's great rule, Aurangzeb's tyranny, and India's first fight for freedom, the revolt of 1857.

It is believed that the glorious Taj Mahal was also probably inspired from another monument in Agra called the Itmad-ud-Daulah. And so, this Mughal mausoleum is also called the 'Baby Taj'. This beautiful

tomb definitely calls for a visit. The tomb, built between 1622 and 1628 has walls made of white marble from Rajasthan, encrusted with semi-precious stone decorations.

At last before heading towards Delhi, visit the Artisans of Marble Inlay.

One of Agra's treasures is its community of artisans, who have kept its craft traditions alive. Like pachekari or inlay work, which was introduced to the city by empress Noor Jahan in the 1600s. Taj Mahal's intricate beauty lies in the inlay work; where semi-precious stones are set into the marble tiles and floors to create floral motifs. On this tour, watch craftsmen carve out delicate leaves and tendrils into coloured stones, while one man sits with a chisel to sculpt the design to be inlaid later. Plates and bowls are brought to life with flowers, birds and geometrical etchings and colourful semi-precious stones like coral and lapis lazuli.

Later you will be driven for approx. three hours to Delhi.

Upon arrival in Delhi, check in at hotel. Your stay in the city has been arranged at The Oberoi Gurugram.

Strategically located at a mere 15 minutes drive from the domestic and the international airport of New Delhi, The Oberoi in Gurgaon is an award-winning hotel and is one of the hotel chain's newest offerings. Stay in one of the rooms or suites that is beautifully decorated with black and white photography representing India's diversity as a nation. Threesixtyone Degree and Amaranta are the two restaurants of the hotel; they have one of the best culinary creations in the city here. Indulge in revitalising treatments at the hotel's Spa or perhaps enjoy swims at the temperature-controlled pool.

The Oberoi Gurugram

1 night

Day 11

Depart Delhi B

Early this morning please meet your Abercrombie & Kent representative in the reception area of the hotel for your transfer to Delhi International Airport to board your flight departing flight for onwards journey.