

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 3 nights

Day 02

New Delhi B-L

Please meet your Abercrombie & Kent representative in the reception area of the hotel for your sightseeing tour of Old.

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 before boarding the vehicle.

Thereafter 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. (Remains closed on Monday)

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.

Later this afternoon proceed for The Great Indian Wedding Tour.

Join this fun and exciting tour which is a guide to the madness that is the quintessential Indian

Wedding. Get insights into the ceremonies and traditions as you walk through a market that's a melting pot of various subcultures.

The Leela Palace New Delhi

Day 03

New Delhi B

Early this morning enjoy the Mumbai by Dawn tour (5:45 AM / 10:00 AM).

Delhi by Dawn is a tour that procedurally peels the many layers of the city to reveal those who continue to carry its heritage with them and represent Dilli.

Few cities in India could claim the long continuity and status that Delhi has enjoyed. From being Indraprastha, the capital of the heroes of the epic Mahabharata, to being the powerful capital of modern day India, Delhi has seen the rise and fall of many influential cultures in the country.

With such a variegated history, it is not surprising that Delhi should abound in relics and remains of its long chequered past. The most ever-present yet overlooked of these relics are the identities embodied by the people who call Delhi their home. What seems like a singular identity during the day, unfolds in a multi-layered exhibition of identity at dawn. Proceeding through the tour, at every stop, the city reveals its secrets to those who dare to venture into the darkness and accompany it to the light.

In a classic case of contradiction, when you first traverse through the city, you see it devoid of any activity. Turn a corner and you will be amidst the tranquillity of Yamuna. See a melee of devotees come to pray to the rising sun and photographers, who come to capture the most beautiful sunrise of Delhi: feral boats and sea full of gulls make their way to add to the magnificent portrait. As we converse about religion and the mysticism of Yamuna, you will stumble upon a half century old Gaushala or Cow Shelter. Here, you'll experience the veneration with which cows are treated in the country. From bathing them everyday to prioritizing their meals over their own, the people involved truly believe that servicing the cow's needs is a way to cleanse their soul. Be it politics, spirituality or religion: the sacred cow has always been at the centre of it in the country.

Arrive at the oldest extant wrestling school in India where you'll understand the depth of teacher-disciple relationship. You'll experience first hand how an ancient art has a huge place in the hearts of those who grew up dreaming of a gold medal.

We will then make a quick stop for a bite at Shahjahanabad, for a taste of Delhi's original breakfast: The Nahari (Aloo Puri, if you're a vegetarian). Developed by the Mughal emperors in Old Delhi, Nahar means morning.

This breakfast dish was consumed by Royalty after the morning prayers. Piping hot*, served with freshly made Khameeri Roti, it's a royal treat for your tastebuds. Satiated, we move from Old Delhi to New Delhi and drive past (Or make a quick Photoshop) at the iconic monument of India Gate. Hear stories about the making of the new city, as you reach the next stop which is the inspiration behind the Taj Mahal.

Breathtaking is the only word to describe the next stop, especially a visit in the morning. Humayun's tomb is an ode of love much like the Taj. However, unlike the Taj, Humayun's tomb was constructed by a Queen for her beloved King. A masterpiece in architecture, Humayun's tomb is a must visit and we've included it at the most beautiful hour.

So, wake up with us and experience a journey that attempts to bridge the distance across occupations, sports, religions, monuments and residents to make up the cultural and social fabric of the city. Every question leads to doorways that unravel novel identities. As the city slowly wakes up, we traverse through its timeline and come face to face with those who make Delhi, Dilli.

Later return to the comfort of your hotel.

Later this afternoon proceed for the city tour of New Delhi.

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 04

New Delhi-Agra B

This morning, after breakfast you will be driven for approx. three hours to Agra.

Upon arrival in Agra you will be met by Abercrombie & Kent representative who will assist you in check in at your hotel.

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.

Later this afternoon, please meet your Abercrombie & Kent guide in the reception area of the hotel and proceed to visit Taj Mahal during sunset.

Taj Mahal - Situated over the bank 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. One can have the most spectacular view of the Taj Mahal at sunset. As the sun sets in the horizon, the silhouette of the Taj Mahal against the crimson sky presents a stunning spectacle.

Important Note: Taj Mahal remains closed on Friday for public viewing.

The Oberoi Amarvilas 2 nights

Day 05

Agra B

Early morning you will enjoy Taj Mahal during Sunrise

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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.

You will also 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 this evening visit the Mughal Masterpiece Mehtab Bagh.

Travel in a convoy of tuk-tuks to Mehtab Bagh situated across the Yamuna River. Built at the same time as the Taj, Mehtab Bagh is a Persian-style quadrilateral garden whose design mirrors the approach to the Taj. Enjoy uninterrupted and breath-taking views of the Taj Mahal at sunset.

The Oberoi Amarvilas

Day 06

Agra-Ranthambore B-L

After breakfast, you will be driven for an hour to an hour to Bharatpur, en-route you will be visiting 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.

Later your second stop will be for lunch at Kadam Kunj

Later you will be transferred to Bharatpur Railway Station to board train to Ranthambore (Jan Shatabdi Express (14:50 / 17:13)

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.

The Oberoi Vanyavilas 2 nights

Day 07

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

Day 08

Ranthambore-Jaipur B-L

Early this morning 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.

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

Post breakfast, check out from your hotel and drive a little over five hours to Jaipur with en-route lunch stop at Talabgaon village for an authentic rural experience along with camel cart ride followed by lunch at the Talabgaon Castle.

After your lunch, continue your drive to Jaipur.

Upon arrival in Jaipur by this evening you will be met by Abercrombie & Kent representative who will assist you in check in at 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.

Taj Rambagh Palace

2 nights

Day 09

Jaipur B-L

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 excursion to Amber Fort.

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 enjoy your lunch at the local restaurant.

Post lunch please proceed for the city tour of Jaipur.

Start at the City Palace, described by some writers as “spectacular synthesis of Rajput and Mughal architecture”. The city palace occupies the center of Jaipur, covers one seventh of its area and is surrounded by high wall.

Next it's on to the Jantar Mantar Observatory built between 1728 and 1734 houses precise instruments for measuring “the harmony of heavens” each instrument serves a particular function and gives an accurate reading. Noteworthy instruments worth visiting are the Samrat Yantra (sun dial), Dhruva Yantra (locates the position of the Pole star and the twelve Zodiac signs), Nari Valya Yantra (Sun dial for Southern hemisphere), Raj Yantra (used once a year to calculate the Hindu calendar) and observers seat.

Hawa Mahal (Photo stop only): perhaps Jaipur most famous building; the Hawa Mahal is the pink sandstone façade of a palace built for the ladies of the harem by Sawai Pratap Singh. The façade contains 953 small casements under a huge curve, each with a balcony and crowning arch. The windows enable cool air (hawa) to circulate and the zenana to watch processions below without being seen.

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 10

Jaipur-Udaipur B

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

Depart: Jaipur Airport at 09:25 on Day 10 on Indigo flight # 6E 7218.

Arrive: Udaipur Airport at 10:15 on Day 10.

Upon arrival at Udaipur Airport, an Abercrombie & Kent representative will meet you and transfer 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 Leela Palace Udaipur.

Perched on the banks of Lake Pichola, The Leela Palace in Udaipur offers you a stay akin to a fairytale. Stay in opulent lake view rooms or suites that reflect the regions essence in the form of interiors, upholstery, furniture and general décor. Savor international cuisine at the Dining Room, whereas Sheesh Mahal will tempt your palate with offerings that are regional as well as from other parts of India. Enjoy restorative treatments at ESPA with their range of effective products.

Please note standard check in time 2:00 PM, we will try for early check in however it will be subject to availability.

You can leave your baggage at hotel concierge and proceed for the city tour of Udaipur.

Please meet your Abercrombie & Kent guide in the reception area of the hotel for your 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.

On return to your hotel, rest of the day will be at leisure to enjoy the hotel amenities.

The Leela Palace Udaipur

2 nights

Day 11

Udaipur B-L

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.

Upon arrival visit 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.

Later return to your hotel and rest of the day is at your leisure to enjoy the hotel amenities.

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. Also visit the Jag Mandir Palace.

The Leela Palace Udaipur

Day 12

Udaipur-Delhi B

Morning will be at your leisure to enjoy the hotel amenities.

Optional – Enjoy the shopping tour with your guide.

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This afternoon please meet your Abercrombie & Kent representative in the reception area of the hotel for your transfer to Udaipur Airport to board your flight to Delhi.

Depart: Udaipur Airport at 15:20 PM on Day 08 by Air Vistara flight # UK 628.

Arrive: Delhi Airport at 16:45 on Day 08.

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.

Upon arrival at Delhi Airport, an Abercrombie & Kent representative will meet you and transfer you to your 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 Gurgaon 1 night

Day 13

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.