

GROUP ADVENTURES

## India Northern Group Exploration 13D/12N

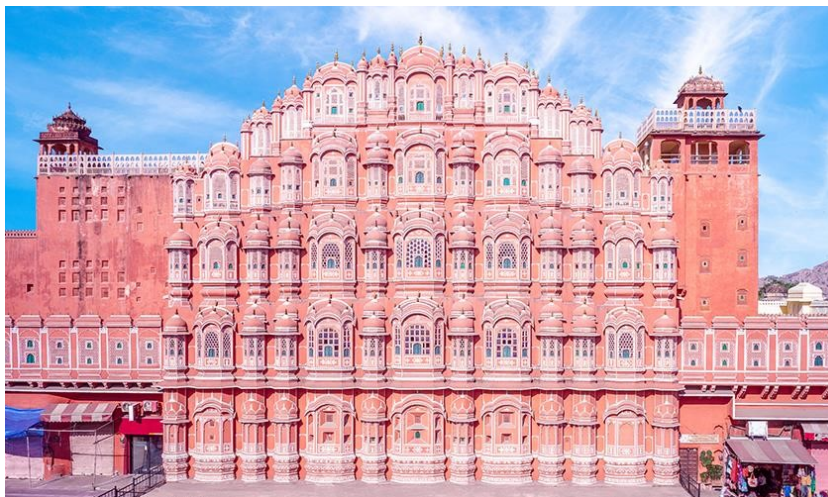
Nature & Adventure

13 Days / 1 Country

India

Departure city: **New Delhi, India**

End city: **Mumbai, India**



### HIGHLIGHTS

- Experience iconic major landmarks like the Taj Mahal and the spiritual ancient city of Varanasi
- Venture into the desert for a camel safari
- Treat your taste buds to an abundance of delicious food
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Explore the rich, vibrant, and diverse culture of India, from New Delhi to Mumbai, on this 13-day North India adventure tour.,

### MAP



## What is included

### Group Adventures

Group Adventures are designed to forget about all the travel logistics and let our guides take you to the best places with a group of like minded travelers

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### Accommodation: 12

- 12 nights in mixed accommodation
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### Transport: 7

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| • All transport during the trip | Overnight train to Jaisalmer |
| • Overnight train to Varanasi   | Private transfer to Jodhpur  |
| • Flight to Agra                | Bus to Udaipur               |
| • Transfer to Jaipur            | Overnight train to Mumbai    |
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### Meals: 2

- 1 Breakfast(s), 1 Dinner(s),
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### Guides:

- English speaking guide
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## What is not included

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| • *Other meals and drinks | *Travel insurance  |
| • *Optional activities    | *Personas expenses |

\*Prices for optional activities are subject to change at any time without prior notice. Please confirm these prices before departing on your trip.

# Itinerary

## Day 1: Delhi to Varanasi, India

Pre-departure briefing - overnight train to Varanasi

Meet your guide at 7pm at the hostel for a pre-departure briefing. Take a 5-minute walk to New Delhi Station. Board the 8.40pm overnight train to Varanasi.

## Day 2: Varanasi, India

Boat ride down the River Ganges and Ganga Aarti ceremony. Optional activities.

Arrive in Varanasi, meet your new Adventure Leader and make your way to the hostel. Choose between a visit to the Sarnath Buddhist and Hindu archaeological site (200 INR) and a walk around the city's old town, where you can try the famous lassi of the Blue Lassi Store. Later, enjoy a relaxing boat ride down the River Ganges as you tour Varanasi's ancient Ghats before attending the famous Ganga Aarti ceremony at sunset. Get to know your fellow travellers over your first group dinner.

## Day 3: Varanasi - Agra, India

Flight to Agra and free time. Optional activities.

Start the day with an optional sunrise boat tour (1000 INR) to witness the morning prayers and rituals of local community or just sleep in. At 10, you will be picked up and taken to the airport for your flight to Agra. On arrival, transfer to your hostel.

Spend the afternoon exploring on your own or attend Mohabbat The Taj Show at Kalakriti Cultural and Convention Centre (1500 INR).

Note: The show is not available during May & June. Instead you can enjoy dinner and drinks and the Hotel Taj Resort (not included)

## Day 4: Agra, India

Free day to explore Agra. Optional activities.

Today you have a free day to explore Agra. You can also choose between several activities, such taking a tour of the amazing Agra Fort. A UNESCO World Heritage site, this sandstone palace was home of the Mughal dynasty when Agra was the country's capital (16 century). Cross the Yamuna river to visit the Black Taj foundations and enjoy a great view of the Taj Mahal (both activities are 920 INR). Other option is to spend the afternoon taking a walk in a local community, where you can visit the houses and the local school (1500 INR).

Note: if the school is closed for the summer, you can also take the Taj Nature Walk

## Day 6: Jaipur, India

Free day to explore Jaipur. Optional activities.

Today you will have the chance to visit the nearby Amber Fort, one of the highlights of Jaipur (200 INR). Situated on the top of a hill, it overlooks the Maota Lake. Drop by the nearby Monkey Temple, where you can bathe in holy water (for religious reasons men and women must be separate). Other option is to ride a rickshaw to the Creatis Studio, where you can learn about Indian embroidery, block printing, tie-dye, and more (1000 INR).

In the evening, you can join a food tour of the city, where you will be taken to eight different spots to try their delicacies (200 INR).

## Day 7: Jaipur, India

Guided tour of the Pink City. Overnight train to Jaisalmer.

Today you will see the best of Jaipur on a private guided tour. Visit its most iconic structures, such as the City Palace and its enchanting gardens and courtyards. Enjoy a free afternoon to explore the city's markets, visit Jantar Mantar, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, home to the world's largest stone sundial. At 11 pm, you will board an overnight train to Jaisalmer.

## Day 8: Jaisalmer, India

Camel Safari

Arrive in Jaisalmer at noon and get picked up from the train station by the Camel Safari guides. Take a shower in the company house and get ready for your desert adventure. Head out to the desert around 3:30 and drive for an hour. Take a short camel ride to the campsite and enjoy a delicious vegetarian dinner as the sun sets.

Spend the night out in the open on the sand dunes and experience the night sky like never before.

## Day 9: Jaisalmer, India

Camel Safari and visit to a desert village

Enjoy a vegetarian breakfast and enjoy an unforgettable sunset. Hop on your camel and head to one of the desert villages, where you can visit the homes of the locals. Later, drive back to the company house and relax.

You can spend the afternoon exploring the Jaisalmer Fort (600 INR), one of the few "living forts" in the world, home to a quarter of the city's population, or visiting the Gadsisar Sagar Lake or a nearby viewpoint (100 INR). At 4 pm you will be picked up from the hostel for your private transfer to Jodhpur. You'll arrive by late evening.

## Day 10: Jodhpur, India

Free morning and guided walking tour

If you're feeling adventurous, test your nerves on a flying fox zip wire over the battlements of the Mehrangarh Fort (1999 INR). Take in the views of the city on each of its six stations. If you prefer something less extreme, join a cooking workshop (1500 INR) and learn how to prepare ten traditional dishes of the Rajasthan cuisine.

Go back to your hostel at 4 pm for a guided walking tour of the Old City. Learn about Jodhpur's history and see the iconic Toorji's Step Well. Depending on the level of the water, you will see the amazing step brickwork from the 1940's or the local children jumping in from great heights! Take a break at The Step Well Café before taking a tuk-tuk back to the hostel.

## Day 11: Jodhpur- Udaipur, India

Free morning and sunset boat cruise

Catch the 8 am bus to Udaipur and arrive by the early afternoon. You can rest or walk through the nearby old city to the city palace (30 INR). At 5 pm, meet your guide for a sunset boat cruise across Lake Pichola. Take in the views of the palace and the town as the sun goes down.

End the day with a delicious dinner at a lakeshore restaurant.

## Day 12: Udaipur, India

Free day and overnight train to Mumbai. Optional activities.

Spend the morning exploring the city on your own or join one of the optional activities. You can volunteer at a local animal rescue (600 INR), or take an art (250 INR), henna (300 INR), music (900 INR), yoga (500 INR) class at Udaipur art villa.

At night, take the 9:30 overnight train to Mumbai.

## Day 13: Mumbai, India

Free day and end of trip

Arrive in Mumbai around 2 pm. Spend the rest of the day exploring the city before saying goodbye to your guide and new friends!

