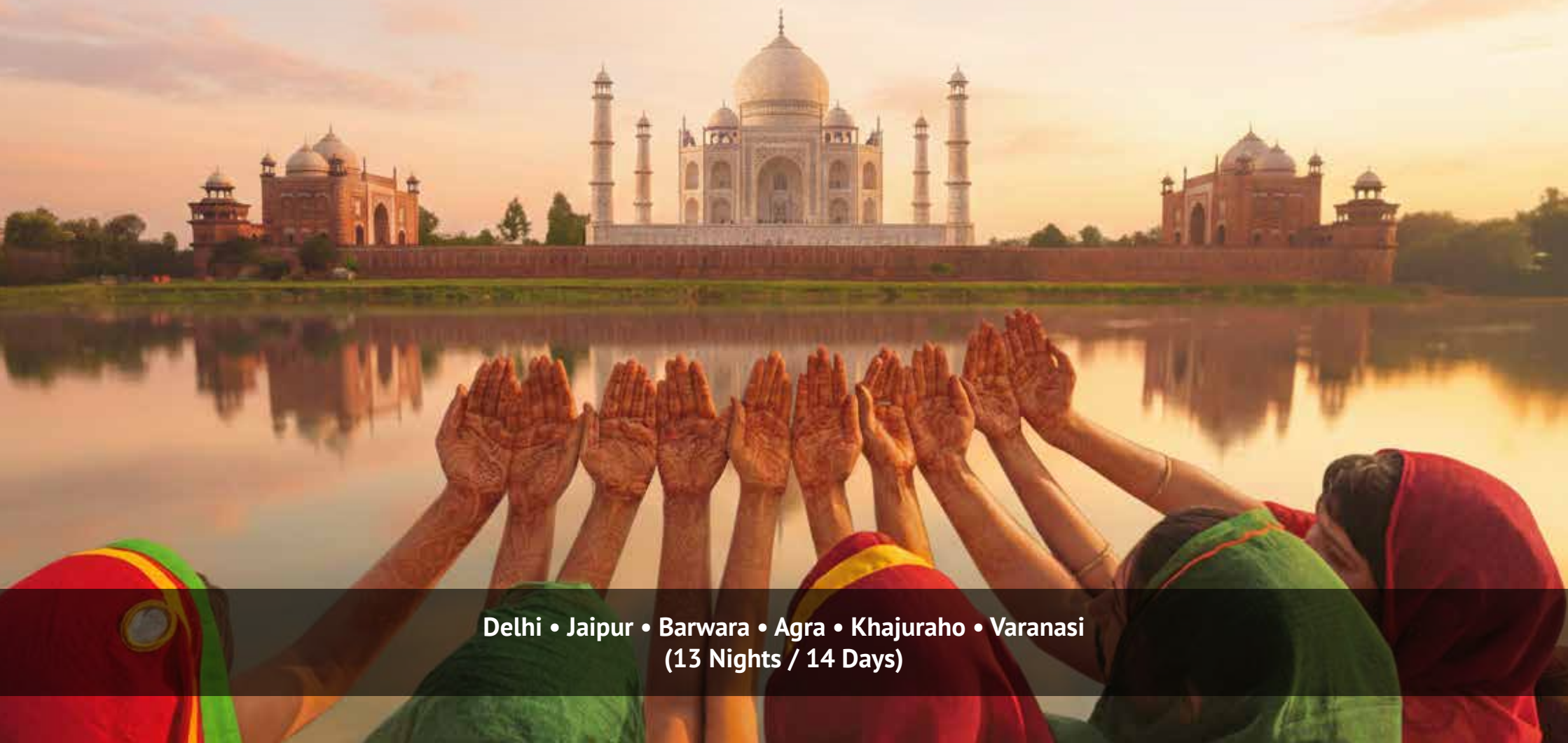


A ROYAL PASSAGE THROUGH NORTH INDIA

Exploring India's Heritage, Wildlife, and Spiritual Heart



Delhi • Jaipur • Barwara • Agra • Khajuraho • Varanasi
(13 Nights / 14 Days)

Get ready for an unforgettable journey through the heart of India—rich in culture, history, and vibrant life. Your experience begins in Delhi, the dynamic capital where ancient monuments, Mughal architecture, and lively markets reflect centuries of history alongside the energy of a modern metropolis. From grand boulevards to historic lanes, the city offers a fascinating introduction to India's heritage.

Continue to Jaipur, the colourful Pink City and royal capital of Rajasthan. Magnificent hilltop forts, elegant palaces, and bustling bazaars reveal the legacy of Rajput rulers and the enduring traditions of this historic desert kingdom.

From here, travel to Barwara, a tranquil retreat set amidst Rajasthan's rugged landscapes. Stay within the beautifully restored Six Senses Fort Barwara, where centuries-old architecture and refined luxury create a peaceful setting surrounded by history.

Next, visit Agra, home to the breathtaking Taj Mahal, one of the world's most celebrated monuments. Its flawless white marble beauty stands as a timeless symbol of love, while the impressive Agra Fort offers insight into the grandeur of the Mughal Empire.

Your journey continues to Khajuraho, famous for its UNESCO-listed temples adorned with remarkable carvings depicting mythology, devotion, and daily life. The experience concludes in Varanasi, India's spiritual heart, where sacred rituals and the mesmerizing Ganga Aarti ceremony along the River Ganges create a truly unforgettable finale.





SIGNATURE MOMENTS

- Glide through Old Delhi on a traditional cycle rickshaw, passing lively bazaars, temples, and historic landmarks
- Experience the spirit of Seva at Gurudwara Bangla Sahib, where thousands are served free meals daily
- Discover Jaipur's royal heritage through its magnificent forts, palaces, and historic monuments
- Enjoy a rare and responsible elephant experience at Dera Amer, including dinner under the stars
- Stay at Six Senses Fort Barwara, a beautifully restored 14th-century fortress blending heritage and luxury
- Set out on thrilling jeep safaris in Ranthambore National Park in search of the elusive Bengal tiger
- Witness the breathtaking sunrise over the Taj Mahal, one of the world's greatest monuments of love
- Experience the live theatrical performance Mohabbat-e-Taj, narrating the love story of the Taj Mahal
- Discover the UNESCO-listed temples of Khajuraho, renowned for their intricate stone carvings
- Venture on wildlife safaris in Panna National Park, home to tigers, leopards, and diverse birdlife
- Witness the enchanting Ganga Aarti ceremony along the sacred ghats of Varanasi
- Enjoy a serene sunrise boat ride on the River Ganges, observing ancient rituals along the ghats
- Walk through Varanasi's ancient, winding lanes on a spiritual walking tour
- Visit Sarnath, the sacred Buddhist site where Lord Buddha delivered his first sermon

JOURNEY

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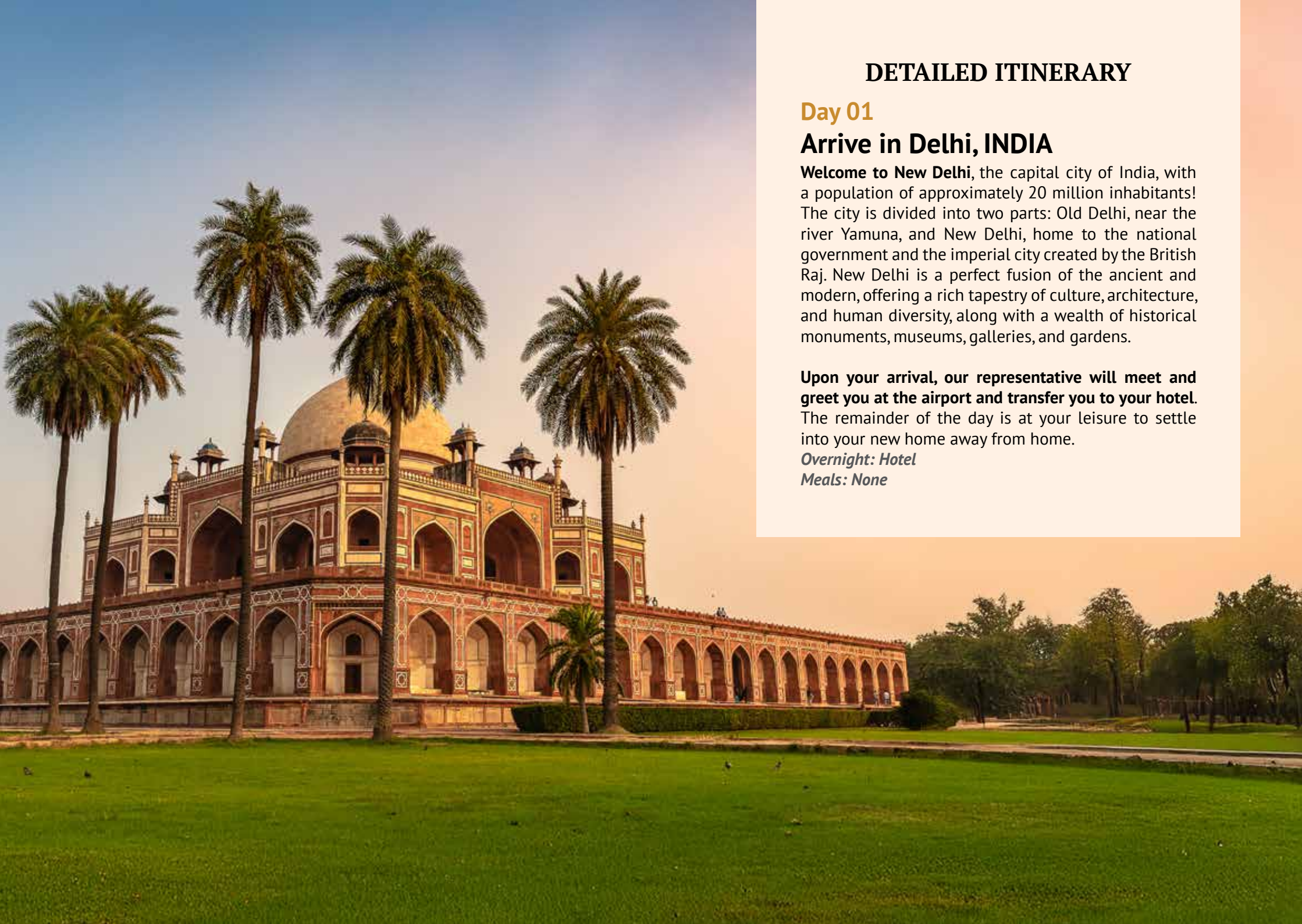
ACCOMMODATION

Delhi	- Hotel (2 Nights)
Jaipur	- Hotel (2 Nights)
Barwara	- Hotel (3 Nights)
Agra	- Hotel (2 Nights)
Khajuraho	- Hotel (2 Nights)
Varanasi	- Hotel (2 Nights)

MEALS

- As per the itinerary





DETAILED ITINERARY

Day 01

Arrive in Delhi, INDIA

Welcome to New Delhi, the capital city of India, with a population of approximately 20 million inhabitants! The city is divided into two parts: Old Delhi, near the river Yamuna, and New Delhi, home to the national government and the imperial city created by the British Raj. New Delhi is a perfect fusion of the ancient and modern, offering a rich tapestry of culture, architecture, and human diversity, along with a wealth of historical monuments, museums, galleries, and gardens.

Upon your arrival, our representative will meet and greet you at the airport and transfer you to your hotel. The remainder of the day is at your leisure to settle into your new home away from home.

Overnight: Hotel

Meals: None

Day 02

Delhi

In the morning, you will be picked up from your hotel for an exciting exploration of **Old Delhi**, where a **cycle rickshaw ride** takes you through lively bazaars, ancient temples, and historic landmarks. Experience the vibrant energy of the city as you navigate its narrow lanes before visiting **Jama Masjid**, India's largest mosque and a stunning masterpiece of white marble, also known as the "Friday Mosque." Continue with a **photo stop at the Red Fort** (drive past), the grand Mughal fortress built by Emperor Shah Jahan.

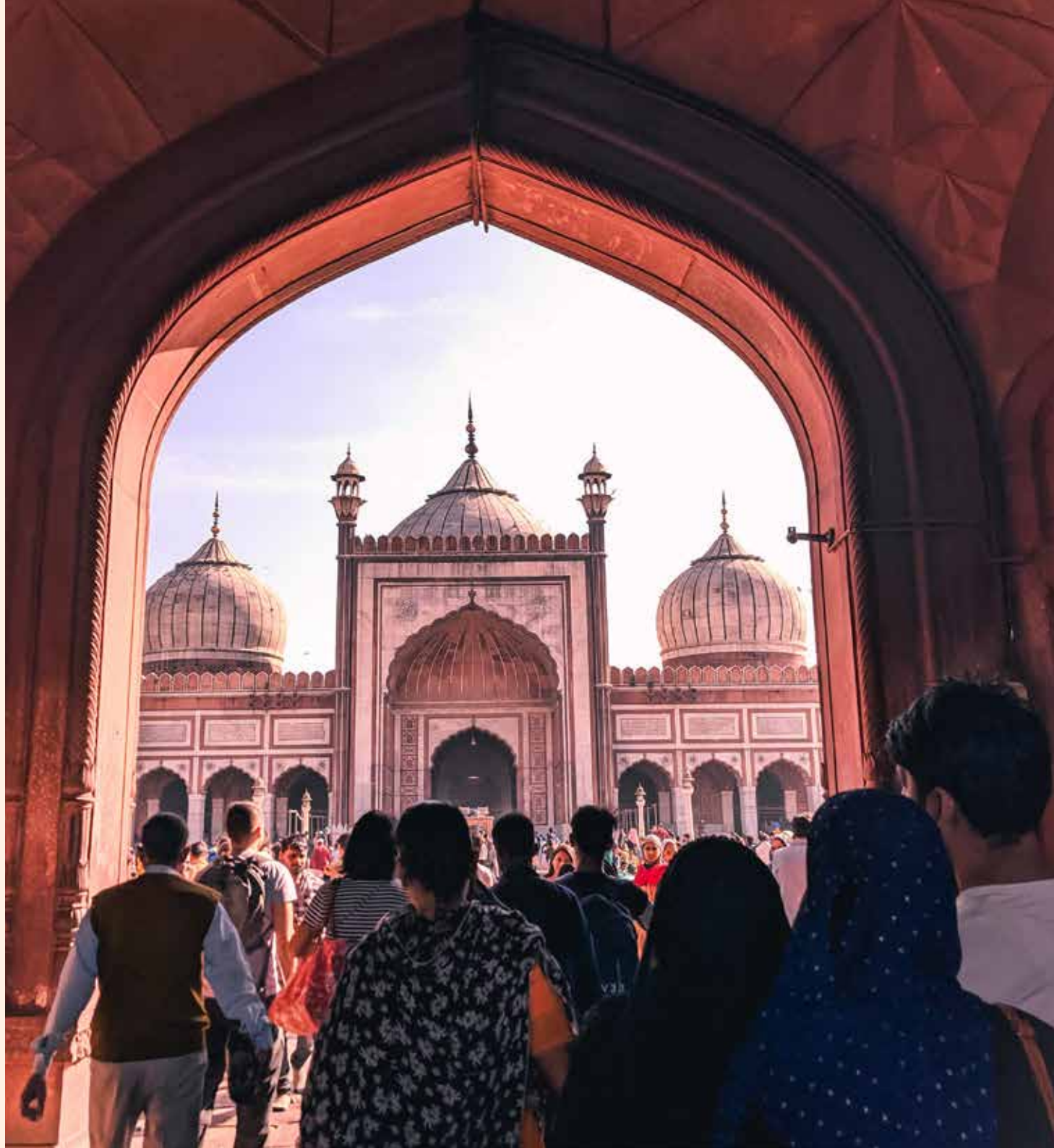
Next, experience the charm of **New Delhi**, a complete contrast to Old Delhi, designed by the British in the 1920s. **Drive along Rajpath**, passing iconic landmarks like **India Gate** and **Parliament House**, surrounded by tree-lined avenues and grand colonial buildings.

Next, visit **Gurudwara Bangla Sahib**, one of Delhi's most important Sikh temples, where thousands of people are served free meals daily as part of the Sikh tradition of 'Seva' (selfless service). Experience the temple's peaceful atmosphere and learn about its inspiring community initiatives.

End your day at **Humayun's Tomb**, a UNESCO-listed architectural gem built in the 16th century, often considered the inspiration for the Taj Mahal.

Overnight: Hotel

Meals: Breakfast





Day 03

Delhi – Jaipur

(5 hrs drive)

After breakfast, **drive to Jaipur**, the vibrant capital of Rajasthan, famously known as the “Pink City” for its distinctive pink sandstone architecture. Founded in 1727 by Maharaja Sawai Jai Singh II, Jaipur is one of India’s first planned cities, designed according to principles of traditional Indian architecture and astronomy. The city reflects the grandeur of the Rajput era, with its impressive forts, royal palaces, and historic bazaars that continue to preserve the rich cultural heritage of Rajasthan. As the gateway to the desert state, Jaipur offers a fascinating blend of history, architecture, and colorful local life.

Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel and take some time to relax after the journey.

In the evening, head to **Dera Amer**, a tranquil wilderness sanctuary dedicated to the care of rescued elephants and camels, set amidst the scenic Aravalli hills. Spend time interacting with the gentle elephants before accompanying them on a leisurely walk through the quiet forest surroundings. The experience concludes with an **intimate jungle dinner under the stars** at Dera Amer, creating a memorable evening in nature. Later, drive back to your hotel.

Overnight: Hotel

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

Day 04

Jaipur

Morning, explore the breathtaking **Amber Fort**, a stunning example of Rajput architecture featuring palaces, temples, and panoramic city views. Marvel at its intricate interiors, where royal halls are adorned with ivory, mirrors, and glasswork. Experience the grandeur of this once-unconquered kingdom as you move through its opulent rooms.

Continue to the **City Palace**, a stunning blend of Mughal and Rajput architecture. Don't miss the upper-floor galleries featuring royal costumes, arms, and exquisite artworks that vividly narrate Jaipur's princely past.

Next, explore the **Jantar Mantar**, an impressive 18th-century astronomical observatory and UNESCO World Heritage Site. Its giant instruments reflect Jaipur's scientific and architectural ingenuity.

Pause at **Hawa Mahal** (Palace of the Winds), where a high and intricately carved wall confined the women of the court while allowing them to watch processions below.

Later, **walk through the local markets of Jaipur**, where you'll find a plethora of bazaars including Textile, Spices, Vegetable, and Fruits Market, each with its own unique charm. With an abundance of shopping areas, the Pink City is a top destination for shopping, offering everything from jewelry to textiles and even puppets. Immerse yourself in the bustling markets and discover the vibrant energy of Jaipur.

Overnight: Hotel

Meals: Breakfast





Day 05

Jaipur – Barwara

(3.5 hrs drive)

Today, **drive to Six Senses Fort Barwara**—an enchanting 14th-century fort thoughtfully restored into one of Rajasthan's most luxurious wellness retreats. Surrounded by mustard fields and rugged countryside, the fort's domes and stone walls rise like something out of a fairytale. Inside, ancient temples, grand palaces, and beautifully designed suites await, blending history with serene, contemporary elegance.

Upon arrival at Six Senses Fort Barwara, traditional Rajasthani hospitality welcomes you.

Overnight: Hotel

Meals: Breakfast

Day 06

Barwara

Morning is leisure unraveling the many facilities at the hotel.

In the afternoon, set out on a scenic **drive to Ranthambore National Park**, passing through the rustic charm and dramatic landscapes of eastern Rajasthan. Upon arrival, enjoy a **private afternoon safari** in a 4x4 jeep, accompanied by a professional naturalist who will guide you through the park's diverse terrain in search of wildlife—perhaps even a glimpse of the elusive Bengal tiger. As the sun begins to set, the forest transforms into a tranquil wilderness, alive with the sounds of nature.

Note: National Parks remains closed from July 1st to September 30th during the monsoon season.

Overnight: Hotel

Meals: Breakfast





Day 07

Barwara

Early in the morning, enjoy a **private morning safari** in Ranthambore National Park. The early hours are ideal for wildlife viewing, as animals are most active before the day begins to warm. Each safari reveals a new perspective, with the misty jungle illuminated by golden light. Let the sounds of nature guide your experience as your expert naturalist helps you spot deer, monkeys, exotic birds, and—if you're fortunate—a tiger in its natural habitat.

Return to the hotel and enjoy the rest of the **day at your own pace**. You may choose to unwind with a spa treatment (optional and at your own expense), explore the beautifully restored property, or simply relax and soak in the peaceful surroundings.

Overnight: Hotel

Meals: Breakfast

Day 08

Barwara – Agra

(5 hrs drive)

This morning, **drive to Agra**. This is a fascinating way to see the country as we wind our way down from the foothills back to the plains and onward to the city of love Agra, home of the Taj Mahal.

En route to Agra, stop at the historic village of **Abhaneri** to see the stunning **Chand Baori Stepwell**, a masterpiece of ancient engineering. Built over a thousand years ago, it features more than 3,500 perfectly aligned steps descending 13 stories deep. Designed to conserve water in the arid climate, this geometric marvel also served as a social hub. Admire its intricate stonework before continuing to Agra, the famed “City of Love.”

On arrival, check-in, take a moment to unwind, and make yourself comfortable in your hotel room.

Late afternoon, **head to Mehtab Bagh**, a garden situated across the Yamuna River, to witness the mesmerizing **sunset view of the Taj Mahal**. The changing colors of the iconic marble monument create a truly enchanting sight.

Overnight: Hotel

Meals: Breakfast





Day 09

Agra

Start your day with a **sunrise visit to the Taj Mahal**, a once-in-a-lifetime experience. As the first rays of sunlight touch the iconic marble mausoleum, its surface transforms into a warm golden hue, radiating an otherworldly beauty. Built by Emperor Shah Jahan in memory of his beloved wife Mumtaz Mahal, this UNESCO World Heritage Site is an enduring symbol of love and one of the world's greatest architectural masterpieces. *(Closed on Fridays)*

Enjoy some free time to relax and make the most of the hotel's facilities. You can take a leisurely stroll through the beautiful grounds, unwind at the spa, enjoy the comfort of your room, or take a refreshing dip in the pool.

Late afternoon, delve deeper into Agra's history with a visit to the **Agra Fort**, a magnificent 16th-century fortress and former residence of the Mughal emperors. Wander through its palatial halls, royal courtyards, and intricately designed gardens.

In the evening, **witness the grand live performance** (6:30 PM till 8 PM) of "**Mohabbat-e-Taj**", based on the love story of the Taj Mahal. This theatrical show portrays the lavish lifestyle of the Mughal era and the story of the emperor Shah Jahan and his beloved Mumtaz Mahal. The duration of the evening performance is approximately 90 minutes.

Overnight: Hotel

Meals: Breakfast

Day 10

Agra – Khajuraho by Train

Early morning, **board a train bound for Khajuraho**, known for its stunning temples and exquisite sculptures. The journey takes you through the Indian heartland, offering glimpses of rural life. **On arrival, transfer to your hotel.**

Late afternoon, visit the **UNESCO World Heritage temples of Khajuraho**, masterpieces of the Chandela dynasty (10th–12th centuries). Once 85 in number, 22 remain, divided into Eastern and Western groups, with the latter famed for its intricate carvings and celebration of life, spirituality, and human experience. Stroll through this open-air gallery before enjoying the **Light and Sound Show**, which brings Khajuraho's history alive through narration, music, and illumination.

Overnight: Hotel

Meals: Breakfast





Day 11

Khajuraho: Panna National Park

Today, set off for an exciting day of wildlife exploration with **morning and afternoon jeep safaris** in the stunning Panna National Park. Once the royal hunting ground of princely states, Panna is now a proud symbol of conservation success, known for its resurgent Bengal tiger population and incredible biodiversity. Your expert naturalist will share fascinating stories—both from the jungle and from the region's regal past—as you traverse through teak forests, rocky plateaus, riverine belts, and open meadows.

Keep your eyes peeled for tigers, sloth bears, jackals, wild dogs, nilgai, otters, and possibly even a shy leopard. Bird lovers will be delighted by sightings of crested serpent eagles, kingfishers, and over 200 species of birds flitting through the trees.

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Overnight: Hotel

Meals: Breakfast

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Fly Khajuraho – Varanasi

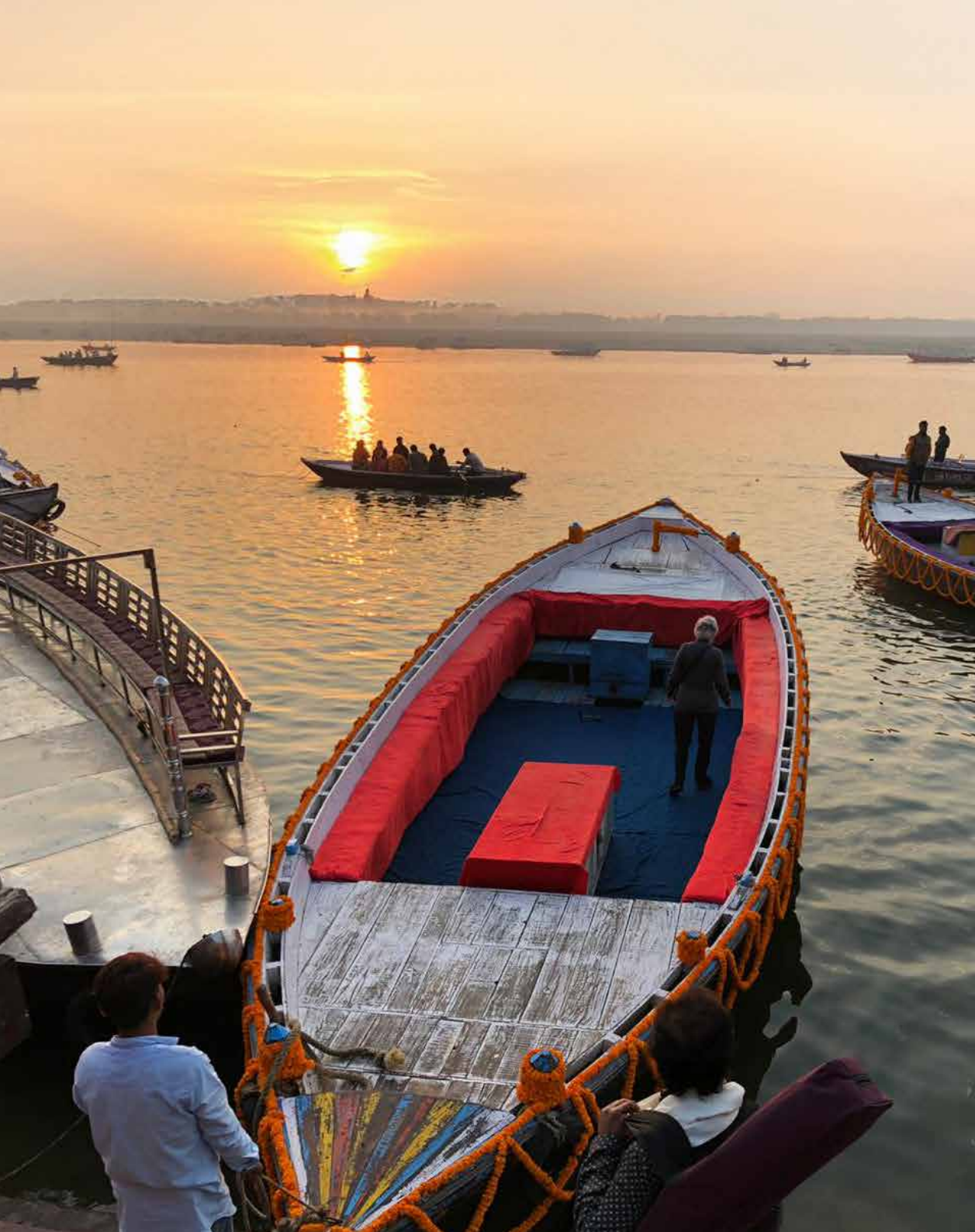
Today drive to the Khajuraho airport to connect your **flight to Varanasi**, India's spiritual capital and one of the world's oldest cities. Known as Kashi, it's a sacred pilgrimage site where faith, rituals, and devotion thrive. Hindus believe dying here grants salvation and freedom from rebirth. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel and relax.

In the evening, join your guide for a **walk through the oldest and most famous narrow and winding lanes of the city**, past the endless human panorama - pilgrims, worshipers, sadhus, children selling flowers, and floating lights to place in the river. Arrive at the ghats at the Ganges to **witness the Aarti Ceremony** which is part of the evening puja or prayers. During the ceremony deewas (oil lamps) are offered to Mother Ganges with thanks and devotion for the light of the sun and for her divine light. As the Aarti fire ceremonies take place, bells are rung and chanting and singing provide a fascinating, magical, and spiritual conclusion to the day's end.

Overnight: Hotel

Meals: Breakfast





Day 13

Varanasi

Early this morning, we'll take a **boat ride on the river Ganges**, fully experiencing its incredible beauty. **This experience is deep because it shows how life and death come together.** Along the two kilometers of bathing ghats, we'll observe pilgrims seeking spiritual salvation and cleansing, their strong faith evident as they bathe in the holy waters. Amidst the lively pilgrimage atmosphere, the Ganga Ghats represent the enduring significance of life and spirituality, reminding us of the eternal cycle we're all part of.

After the boat ride, take a **spiritual walking tour** through Varanasi's winding lanes and sacred ghats. More than just a city, Varanasi is a cultural and spiritual hub where history, faith, and devotion intertwine. This immersive journey takes you back in time, revealing the astronomical marvels, revered temples, and sacred sites that have shaped its spiritual essence.

Afternoon, visit the buried city of **Sarnath**. Located outside the holy city of Varanasi, Sarnath is a peaceful center of the Buddhist faith. Visit the **Dhamek Stupa**, a massive structure marking the spot where Lord Buddha is believed to have given his first sermon after attaining enlightenment. Admire the intricate carvings and gain insight into Buddhist philosophy. Explore the **Ashoka Pillar**, a significant historical artifact with inscriptions related to Emperor Ashoka's conversion to Buddhism. Learn about its historical importance and its impact on the spread of Buddhism. You will also visit **Sarnath Archaeological Museum**, which houses a remarkable collection of Buddhist artifacts, sculptures, and relics. Gain a deeper understanding of the ancient Buddhist civilization and its influence on the region. *(Sarnath Museum closed on Fridays)*

Overnight: Hotel

Meals: Breakfast

Day 14

Fly Varanasi – Delhi

Delhi – Departure

Today, transfer to the airport and **fly to Delhi** to connect your international flight back home with a suitcase full of memories of this stunning ancient land.

Meals: Breakfast

