



India & Nepal: From the Taj Mahal to Kathmandu

Delhi to Kathmandu • 13 Days / 12 Nights

Delhi • Nepal • Varanasi • Agra • Jaipur • Delhi

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Two Countries. One Extraordinary Journey.

Some journeys stay with you long after you return home.

Imagine standing on the banks of the Ganges as the first light touches the river and Varanasi slowly awakens around you. Hear the bells, watch the boats drift across the water, and feel the quiet energy of a place where life, faith and tradition have flowed together for centuries.

Then discover another rhythm in Nepal — ancient temples, prayer flags moving in the mountain air, sacred courtyards and streets filled with everyday life. From there, journey through the timeless beauty of the Taj Mahal and into the colors, flavors and royal heritage of Rajasthan.

This is a journey of moments: moments that surprise you, moments that invite you to pause, and moments that bring you closer to the people, traditions and places you encounter.

Across India and Nepal, experience two remarkable cultures not simply as a visitor, but with curiosity, openness and a deeper sense of connection.

An awakening journey to experience, explore and connect with India and Nepal.

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1 — Arrival in Delhi

Your Journey Begins

Arrive at Delhi International Airport, where our representative will welcome you in the arrivals terminal and accompany you to your hotel.

As you leave the airport, your first impressions of India begin to unfold. Delhi is a city of contrasts, where centuries of history meet the energy of modern India — ancient monuments, grand avenues, green spaces, busy streets and everyday life existing side by side.

Settle into your hotel and take time to rest after your journey. Your first evening in India is yours to relax and begin absorbing the atmosphere of the country you have come to discover.

Overnight: Delhi

DAY 2 — Delhi

The Living Heritage of India's Capital

After breakfast, begin exploring Delhi, discovering the history, architecture, traditions and everyday life that have shaped India's capital.

Enter Old Delhi and travel through Chandni Chowk, one of the city's most vibrant and atmospheric neighborhoods. The sounds, colors and movement of its streets offer an immediate introduction to the energy of India.

Visit Jama Masjid, one of India's most important historic mosques, followed by the magnificent Red Fort, an enduring symbol of Mughal heritage.

Continue to Raj Ghat, the memorial dedicated to Mahatma Gandhi, before passing through New Delhi's grand ceremonial avenues. See Rashtrapati Bhavan, Parliament House and India Gate, landmarks that reveal another important chapter in India's history.

Visit the Salt March Memorial before continuing to Qutub Minar, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of Delhi's most remarkable historic monuments.

Later, experience another side of the capital at Connaught Place, followed by a visit to Bangla Sahib, one of Delhi's most revered Sikh temples. Take a moment to observe the devotion, prayer and spirit of service that are part of everyday Sikh life.

This is one of the first glimpses of something that will accompany you throughout your journey: in India, spirituality is not separate from daily life — it lives within it.

Overnight: Delhi

DAY 3 — Delhi – Kathmandu

From India to Nepal

Today, your journey crosses from India into Nepal.

Upon arrival in Kathmandu, our representative will welcome you at the airport and accompany you to your hotel.

Kathmandu is a city where ancient traditions remain woven into everyday life. With more than two thousand years of history, its temples, courtyards, shrines and historic neighborhoods exist alongside the rhythm of a modern capital.

As you begin to experience the city, notice the details around you — prayer flags moving above the streets, temple bells in the distance, traditional architecture and sacred spaces appearing naturally within everyday life.

The afternoon is free at leisure, giving you time to rest or begin discovering Kathmandu at your own pace.

Overnight: Kathmandu

DAY 4 — Kathmandu

Ancient Kathmandu & Living Traditions

After breakfast, explore some of the most remarkable cultural and sacred sites of Kathmandu Valley.

Begin at Swayambhunath, one of Nepal's oldest and most revered Buddhist sites. Perched on a hill above the valley, the ancient stupa offers magnificent panoramic views and an opportunity to experience Buddhist devotion in a setting that has remained sacred for centuries.

Watch devotees circle the stupa and turn prayer wheels, while the atmosphere around the shrine reveals the quiet rhythm of a living tradition.

Continue to Kathmandu Durbar Square, the historic heart of the old city and former royal residence. Explore the surrounding heritage streets of Makhan, Indrachowk and Asan, where traditional houses, spice shops, local markets and workshops reveal the everyday character of Kathmandu.

You may also catch a glimpse of the Kumari, Nepal's Living Goddess, appearing briefly at one of the palace windows.

Continue to Patan, also known as Lalitpur, a city celebrated for its artistic heritage and traditional craftsmanship. Explore Patan Durbar Square, the Royal Palace and Patan Museum, then wander through historic courtyards, temples and narrow streets.

Visit the Golden Temple, one of Patan's most important Buddhist sanctuaries, before returning to Kathmandu.

Overnight: Kathmandu

DAY 5 — Kathmandu – Bhaktapur – Nagarkot

Medieval Nepal & the Himalayan Horizon

After breakfast, leave Kathmandu and travel to Bhaktapur, one of the three historic cities of Kathmandu Valley.

Walking through Bhaktapur Durbar Square feels like stepping into another era. Ancient temples, traditional brick houses, carved wooden windows and generations of craftsmanship create an extraordinary expression of Newar culture.

Discover the Lion Gate, Golden Gate, Palace of Fifty-Five Windows and the magnificent five-story Nyatapola Temple.

After lunch, continue to Nagarkot, a peaceful hilltop village at approximately 2,195 meters above sea level.

Once a strategic fortress and later a retreat for Nepal's royal family, Nagarkot is now known for its natural beauty and spectacular Himalayan views.

As the day quiets, take in the mountain atmosphere. On clear days, the Himalayan range stretches across the horizon, creating a beautiful contrast between the ancient valley below and the mountains beyond.

Overnight: Nagarkot

DAY 6 — Nagarkot – Kathmandu

Buddhist Devotion & Hindu Tradition

After breakfast, return to Kathmandu and discover two of Nepal's most important sacred sites.

Begin at Boudhanath Stupa, one of the largest Buddhist stupas in the world and a major pilgrimage center for Tibetan Buddhism.

Walk around the great white stupa as prayer wheels turn, colorful prayer flags move in the breeze and pilgrims continue their devotional practices. Take in the atmosphere, the chanting and the quiet rhythm of people moving around this sacred space.

Continue to Pashupatinath Temple, one of the holiest Hindu temples dedicated to Lord Shiva.

Situated beside the Bagmati River, Pashupatinath is an important pilgrimage destination where ancient Hindu traditions continue to be practiced today. While the main temple is open only to Hindus, visitors can observe the sacred complex and riverside rituals from designated areas.

Together, Boudhanath and Pashupatinath offer a remarkable encounter with the Hindu and Buddhist traditions that continue to shape Nepal's cultural and spiritual identity.

Return to Kathmandu and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

Overnight: Kathmandu

DAY 7 — Kathmandu – Varanasi

Into the Spiritual Heart of India

After breakfast, enjoy some free time before transferring to the airport for your onward flight to Varanasi via Delhi.

Upon arrival in Varanasi, transfer to your hotel and take time to settle in.

As evening approaches, make your way to the banks of the Ganges River for the Ganga Aarti.

From a boat on the river, watch the ghats begin to glow with lamps. Bells, chanting, music and devotion fill the air as people gather along the sacred river.

As darkness settles over Varanasi, the illuminated ghats create an unforgettable atmosphere. From the water, you witness a ceremony that expresses one of the deepest relationships in India — the connection between people, faith and the sacred Ganges.

Later, enjoy a rickshaw ride through the city.

Overnight: Varanasi

DAY 8 — Varanasi

Dawn on the Sacred Ganges

Rise before sunrise for one of the defining experiences of your journey through India.

Board a boat on the Ganges as the first light touches the river. Slowly, Varanasi awakens around you. Pilgrims gather along the ghats for ritual bathing and prayer, boats move quietly across the water, temple bells sound in the distance, and daily life begins beside one of India's most sacred rivers.

This is Varanasi at its most evocative — a living city where faith, tradition and everyday life have flowed together for centuries.

After breakfast, walk through the narrow lanes of the old city, discovering temples, local life and the distinctive character of Varanasi.

Later, travel to Sarnath, where Buddha delivered his first sermon. Explore the ancient ruins, stupa, Buddhist temple and museum before returning to Varanasi.

Overnight: Varanasi

DAY 9 — Varanasi – Agra

Across Northern India by Train

After breakfast, transfer to the railway station and board the Vande Bharat train to Agra.

Settle into the journey as northern India's landscapes pass beyond the window. Traveling by train offers another way to experience India — watching towns, fields and everyday life unfold along the way.

Lunch and dinner are served onboard.

Arrive in Agra in the evening and transfer to your hotel.

Rest and prepare for tomorrow, when one of India's most celebrated monuments awaits.

Overnight: Agra

DAY 10 — Agra

The Taj Mahal & the Mughal Legacy

Today, experience the Taj Mahal, one of the world's most iconic monuments and one of India's greatest architectural treasures.

Built by Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan in memory of his wife Mumtaz Mahal, the Taj Mahal is celebrated for its extraordinary symmetry, white marble, delicate inlay work and timeless beauty.

Take your time here. Walk through the gardens, observe the changing light across the marble and simply experience the monument in front of you — an encounter that photographs can never fully capture.

Later, visit Agra Fort, a UNESCO World Heritage Site overlooking the Yamuna River.

Explore its monumental gates, courtyards, palaces and chambers, once at the center of Mughal power.

Together, the Taj Mahal and Agra Fort reveal the extraordinary artistic, architectural and historical legacy of the Mughal era.

Note: The Taj Mahal is closed on Fridays.

Overnight: Agra

DAY 11 — Agra – Jaipur

Into the Colors of Rajasthan

After breakfast, leave Agra and travel to Jaipur, the capital of Rajasthan and the famous Pink City.

Founded by Maharaja Jai Singh II, Jaipur is known for its rose-colored architecture, magnificent palaces, historic forts, vibrant markets and distinctive royal heritage.

As you enter the city, the atmosphere changes. The colors, architecture and energy of Rajasthan create a new chapter of your journey through India.

Arrive at your hotel and take time to settle into the atmosphere of Jaipur.

Overnight: Jaipur

DAY 12 — Jaipur – Amber – Jaipur

Royal Rajasthan & Living Traditions

After breakfast, travel to Amber Fort, one of Rajasthan's most magnificent historic landmarks.

Set above Maota Lake, the fort reveals a beautiful blend of Rajput and Mughal architecture. Explore its courtyards and palace complex, including Jagmandir, Jai Mahal and the Kali Temple and gardens.

For those who wish to experience a traditional Hindu ceremony, there is an opportunity to participate in a Hawan, a sacred fire ritual traditionally performed as an offering and prayer.

Later, discover Jaipur's living craftsmanship through its local markets and textile workshops. See traditional patterns, fabrics and techniques that continue to connect the city's present with its artistic heritage.

In the evening, visit Birla Temple and experience the Aarti ceremony in its peaceful surroundings. Take a moment to observe the ritual, the light and the atmosphere of devotion before continuing your evening.

End your final evening in Rajasthan with a traditional dinner accompanied by colorful folk music and dance.

Overnight: Jaipur

DAY 13 — Jaipur – Delhi – Departure

The Journey Home

After breakfast, check out and begin your journey back to Delhi.

Upon arrival, transfer to the airport in time for your international flight.

Your journey through India and Nepal comes to an end, but the experiences remain — the ancient streets of Kathmandu, the Himalayan horizon, the sacred Ganges at dawn, the timeless beauty of the Taj Mahal and the colors, traditions and hospitality of Rajasthan.

You leave with more than photographs: memories of places experienced, traditions witnessed and moments shared along the way.

Farewell, and may the spirit of India and Nepal stay with you long after you return home.

HOTELS (4★)

City	Nights	Hotels
Delhi	02	Park Plaza or similar
Kathmandu	03	Shambala or similar
Nagarkot	01	Club Himalaya or similar
Varanasi	02	Alokah or similar
Agra	02	Elinor or similar
Jaipur	02	Sarovar Premiere or similar

Note: The base category is planned for all hotels. Room confirmation is subject to availability at the time of booking. In the event that the quoted hotels are not available, alternative hotels of the same category will be provided.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

Airport assistance with a traditional garland welcome and private transfer to your hotel.

Luxury private transportation with professional chauffeur throughout the journey.

12 nights' accommodation in carefully selected 4-star hotels, sharing a double room.

Daily breakfast throughout the journey.

Vande Bharat train journey from Varanasi to Agra, including lunch and dinner onboard.

Traditional rickshaw ride through Old Delhi.

Sunrise boat ride on the Ganges in Varanasi, subject to river conditions.

Traditional Indian cooking class.

Visit to a traditional Hindu family, offering a glimpse into everyday Indian life and traditions.

Visit to rural villages and local communities.

Traditional dinner in Jaipur accompanied by Indian folk music and dance.

All entrance fees as specified in the itinerary.

English-speaking escort guide throughout the journey, with local English-speaking guides in Varanasi and Nepal.

Mineral water provided throughout the journey.

24/7 English-speaking telephone assistance.

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- Personal expenses, including tips, laundry, telephone calls, alcoholic beverages, camera fees and medical expenses.
- Meals and beverages not specifically mentioned in the itinerary.
- Travel insurance and medical insurance.

THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND

- Taj Mahal — closed on Fridays
- Red Fort (Delhi) — closed on Mondays
- Akshardham Temple — closed on Mondays
- Hawa Mahal — closed on Fridays
- Boat ride on the Ganges subject to river conditions
- Check-in at 14:00 and check-out at 12:00 at all hotels
- Hotels subject to availability; classification based on Indian standards
- Travel times are approximate and not guaranteed

VISA INFORMATION

Indian Visa: Travelers should review current requirements and apply through the official Government of India e-Visa website:

<https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/evisa/tvoa.html>

Nepal Visa: Visa requirements depend on nationality. Travelers should verify the current entry requirements applicable to their passport before departure.

Because immigration and entry requirements can change, travelers should verify current requirements before travel.

