



VARANASI & RISHIKESH: SACRED JOURNEY OF INDIA

10-Day India Journey Through Delhi, Agra, Varanasi & Rishikesh

Delhi • Agra • Varanasi • Rishikesh • Delhi

Imagine Yourself Here

The sun is beginning to set over the Ganges.

From your boat, you watch the riverbanks of Varanasi slowly come alive. Pilgrims gather along the ancient ghats. Lamps begin to glow. Prayers fill the air. Then the Ganga Aarti begins — light, movement and devotion unfolding before you on one of the most sacred rivers in India.

A few days later, you are in Rishikesh.

This time, the Ganges is beside you as you practice yoga and meditation along its banks. You visit ashrams, experience sacred rituals and return to the river for Aarti once again.

This is the India we want you to experience.

Over 10 days, travel from the energy and contrasts of Delhi to the beauty of the Taj Mahal, the ancient traditions of Varanasi and the spiritual atmosphere of Rishikesh.

Walk through old city streets. Witness ceremonies that have been practiced for generations. Visit Sarnath, where Buddha gave his first sermon. Experience sunrise on the Ganges. Practice yoga and meditation beside the river. Visit ashrams and discover traditions that remain part of everyday life.

You will see extraordinary places.

But some of the moments you remember most may be the ones you simply stand still and experience.

Come to India not only to see it — but to feel what it is like to be here.

Trip Details

Duration	10 Days
Route	Delhi → Agra → Varanasi → Rishikesh → Delhi
Group Size	Minimum 10 travelers
Meals	Breakfast daily
Transportation	Private luxury vehicle
Guide	Spanish-speaking guide

Your Journey Includes

- 9 nights of accommodation in planned hotels or similar
- Daily breakfast
- Private luxury transportation with driver
- Airport assistance, welcome with garlands and hotel transfer
- Entrance fees for visits included in the itinerary
- Spanish-speaking guide
- 24/7 assistance in Spanish
- One bottle of mineral water per person, per day
- Rickshaw experience through the traditional streets of Old Delhi
- One dinner with traditional Indian dances
- Transportation from Agra to Varanasi
- Village visit to learn about Hindu caste traditions
- Hindu cooking class
- Visit with a Hindu family
- All applicable taxes and tolls

Domestic flight from Varanasi to Dehradun — contact us for current flight supplement

Day 1 — Arrival in Delhi

Your First Moments in India

You have arrived.

After landing at Delhi International Airport, you will be welcomed and transferred to your hotel.

Look outside as you travel through the capital for the first time.

Modern buildings, busy streets and the movement of one of the world's great cities exist alongside monuments and reminders of India's ancient past.

But your introduction to India does not begin with sightseeing.

It begins with a tradition.

You will participate in an Aarti ceremony to ask for blessings, good health and tranquility as your journey begins.

A tika — a sacred mark traditionally made with colored powder, kumkum or sandalwood paste — may be placed on your forehead.

It is a simple moment, but a meaningful way to begin what lies ahead.

Accommodation: Radisson Blu Dwarka or similar

Meals: Breakfast

Day 2 — Delhi

Where Old India Meets the New

Today you begin discovering the many faces of Delhi.

Walk into Old Delhi and experience a city shaped by centuries of history before visiting Raj Ghat, the memorial to Mahatma Gandhi.

Continue through the grand government district around Rashtrapati Bhavan and Parliament. See India Gate and the Salt March monument before experiencing the energy of Connaught Place.

Then the atmosphere changes.

At Bangla Sahib, step inside one of Delhi's important Sikh temples and encounter another of India's living religious traditions.

Your day concludes at Swaminarayan Akshardham Temple, where architecture, culture and tradition come together on an extraordinary scale.

By the end of the day, you begin to understand something about India:

There is never only one India.

Accommodation: Radisson Blu Dwarka or similar

Meals: Breakfast

Day 3 — Delhi to Agra

The Journey Toward the Taj Mahal

After breakfast, leave Delhi behind and continue toward Agra.

Tomorrow you will stand before one of the world's most famous monuments.

But today is about seeing another side of the city.

Visit Mother Teresa's Mission and walk through the traditional markets of Old Agra.

Observe the streets, the shops and the everyday rhythms around you.

India is not only found inside its monuments.

It is also found in moments like these.

Accommodation: Royal Sarovar or similar

Meals: Breakfast

Day 4 — Agra

The Moment You Finally See the Taj Mahal

Your morning begins with a Hawan ceremony, a traditional Hindu fire ritual.

Then comes a moment many travelers have imagined for years.

The Taj Mahal.

You have seen it in photographs. You recognize its white marble domes and perfect symmetry.

But now you are standing in front of it.

Walk through the grounds. Look closely at the marble and intricate details. Take your time to experience the monument Emperor Shah Jahan created in memory of his wife, Mumtaz Mahal.

Some places need no introduction.

They simply need to be experienced.

Accommodation: Royal Sarovar or similar

Meals: Breakfast

Day 5 — Agra to Varanasi

When the Ganges Lights Up

Today, continue your journey to Varanasi.

And by sunset, you find yourself beside the Ganges.

Board a boat and watch the riverfront begin to change as evening approaches.

Pilgrims and worshippers gather along the ghats. Rituals unfold along the water. The sounds of prayer begin to surround you.

Then the Ganga Aarti begins.

Light, movement and devotion fill the riverfront as one of Varanasi's most important ceremonies unfolds before you.

From the boat, watch the ghats and the people gathered along the sacred river.

Your evening concludes with a rickshaw ride along the ghats.

Tonight, you have not simply visited Varanasi.

You have begun to experience it.

Accommodation: Om Vilas or similar

Meals: Breakfast

Day 6 — Varanasi

Before the City Awakens

Wake before dawn.

While much of Varanasi is still beginning its day, return to the Ganges for an early-morning boat ride.

From the river, watch the ghats slowly come to life.

Pilgrims enter the water for ritual bathing. Prayers begin. Along the river are also the cremation grounds that form part of Varanasi's ancient relationship with life, death and faith.

For generations, millions of pilgrims have come here.

From your boat, you are witnessing traditions that remain part of daily life.

Later, leave the river and walk through the narrow lanes of Varanasi's old city.

After breakfast, continue to Sarnath.

Here, after attaining enlightenment, Buddha gave his first sermon.

Walk among the ruins and visit the Stupa, Buddhist Temple and Museum in a place that became an important center of Buddhist learning for centuries.

One day. Two extraordinary sides of India's sacred history.

Accommodation: Om Vilas or similar

Meals: Breakfast

Days 7, 8 & 9 — Rishikesh

Now, Slow Down

After breakfast, transfer to Varanasi Airport for your domestic flight to Dehradun and continue to Rishikesh.

After the movement of Delhi, Agra and Varanasi, the rhythm of the journey changes.

You are now in Rishikesh.

And once again, the Ganges becomes part of your experience.

Over these three days, practice yoga and meditation along the banks of the river.

Participate in the traditional ritual of offering water to the sun and Shiva.

Bathe in the sacred Ganges.

Place a candle with flowers on the river.

Visit ashrams and, depending on availability, have opportunities to encounter Gurus during readings or ceremonies.

Experience Ganga Aarti at Triveni Ghat, where the ceremony is followed by an expression of love for the river through dance and song.

On another day, experience Aarti at Parmarth Ashram.

Visit Ram Jhula and explore the traditional markets of Rishikesh.

These are not three days designed simply to fill a sightseeing schedule.

They are an opportunity to experience the traditions for which Rishikesh has become known around the world.

Practice. Observe. Participate. And give yourself time to simply be there.

Accommodation: Vasundhara Palace or similar

Meals: Breakfast

Day 10 — Rishikesh to Delhi

Take India Home With You

After breakfast, begin the journey by road toward Delhi according to the schedule of your international flight.

Think about where the last ten days have taken you.

You arrived in Delhi and began your journey with Aarti.

You walked through the capital.

You stood before the Taj Mahal.

You watched evening prayers illuminate the Ganges in Varanasi and returned to the river before sunrise.

You visited the place where Buddha gave his first sermon.

And in Rishikesh, you practiced yoga and meditation beside the Ganges, visited ashrams and experienced sacred traditions along the river.

Now it is time to leave India.

But perhaps India does not entirely leave you.

The journey ends. What you carry home is yours.

Bon voyage.

Planned Hotels

City	Nights	Hotel
Delhi	2	Radisson Blu Dwarka or similar
Agra	2	Royal Sarovar or similar
Varanasi	2	Om Vilas or similar
Rishikesh	3	Vasundhara Palace or similar

Hotels listed are planned accommodations and are subject to availability at the time of booking. If a listed hotel is unavailable, accommodation of a similar category will be provided. Base-category rooms are planned unless otherwise confirmed.

What's Not Included

- Beverages other than those specifically included in the itinerary
- Excess baggage charges
- Porter gratuities at hotels and airports
- Personal expenses and services not included in the program
- Expenses resulting from cancellations or circumstances beyond the control of the local operator

Things to Keep in Mind

- Round-trip airport/hotel transfers are included when arranged at the common scheduled time for the group. Additional transfers outside the group schedule may incur additional charges.
- Domestic flight pricing is subject to availability and may change at the time of ticketing.
- Flight schedules may be changed or cancelled by the airline. If this occurs, an appropriate alternative will be arranged according to airline availability.
- The Taj Mahal is closed every Friday.
- Swaminarayan Akshardham Temple is closed every Monday.
- The Ganges boat ride may be cancelled if river conditions or flooding make navigation unsafe.
- Planned hotels are subject to availability. If necessary, accommodation of a similar category will be provided.
- Hotel classifications follow Indian standards.
- Standard hotel check-in is at 2:00 PM and check-out at 12:00 PM.
- Pricing is based on rates and conditions applicable at the time of quotation. Changes in rates, taxes, service charges or currency fluctuations may affect the final price.
- Additional services requested during the journey must be paid for by the traveler.
- Driving times are approximate and depend on road and traffic conditions.