



Mysteries of

India

SCHEDULED DEPARTURE

Feb. 7 - 18, 2025



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Humayun's Tomb



Day 1: Friday, February 7, 2025 • Departure

Our journey begins as we board our international flight bound for New Delhi, India. **Inflight meals**

Day 2: Saturday, February 8, 2025 • Arrive in New Delhi

Upon arrival, we will be met by a representative at the airport, who will escort us to the hotel.

Day 3: Sunday, February 9, 2025 • Delhi

Following breakfast, we drive past and learn about the **Red Fort**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, in the Old Delhi neighborhood of Delhi. Opposite the fort are the black and white onion dome and minarets of the **Jama Masjid**, the most elegant mosque in India. We visit **Raj Ghat**, a memorial complex, where a black marble platform was raised to mark the spot where Mahatma Gandhi was cremated in 1948. We drive through the old city and take a **rickshaw ride in Old Delhi**. This afternoon we drive past and photograph **Rashtrapati Bhavan**, the **Presidential Palace**, and the **Secretariat Building** which is the center of all government activity in India. We continue to the **World War I memorial Arch**, the **India Gate**, and the **High Court Building**. We visit **Humayun's Tomb** built in 1565 AD by his grieving widow, Haji Begum. Overnight in Delhi. **B**

Day 4: Monday, February 10, 2025 • Agra

We depart for Agra and visit **Qutab Minar**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This monument is the tallest minaret in the world made of bricks. The Minar is surrounded by several historically significant monuments of the Qutab complex, including Quwat-ul-Islam Mosque and the much older Iron Pillar of Delhi. We arrive in Agra and check in to our hotel. Dinner is on your own. **B**

Day 5: Tuesday, February 11, 2025 • Agra

We wake early to see the **Taj-Mahal** (UNESCO World Heritage Site) at sunrise. With its incredible lacy white grandeur, the Taj Mahal is perhaps the most perfect architectural monument in the world. We return to the hotel for breakfast and later visit **Agra Fort**, designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site because of its importance during the Mughal Dynasty. We return to our hotel and overnight in Agra. **B**

Day 6: Wednesday, February 12, 2025 • Kalakho

We drive to Kalakho. Mahatma Gandhi once wrote, *"If you want to experience the soul of India, then you must go to her*

Qutub Minar



villages." **Gadoli** is one of those villages. We experience village life off the normal tourist path. We visit the **Abhaneri Step Wells** that were built in the 8th and 9th centuries. BBC Travel has called it one of the 7 Unknown Architectural Wonders in the World. We check into our hotel for overnight. **B/L/D**

Day 7: Thursday, February 13, 2025 • Kalakho

We explore nearby villages using small carts pulled by camels enabling us to understand the life of local villagers. Visit their traditional mud huts and interact with villagers as they follow daily activities in their homes. This afternoon we enjoy free time. We are welcome to join in learning how to play cricket on the retreat grounds. In the late afternoon, there will be an opportunity to go on a challenging nature hike in the nearby hills. Overnight in Kalakho. **B/L/D**

Day 8: Friday, February 14, 2025 • Ranthambore

We drive to Ranthambore to see the fascinating jungles that are famous for rare species of tiger. We check in to the hotel where we eat lunch. After lunch, we visit **Dhank**, a Women's Cooperative that provides sustainable employment to ex-poachers and villagers and generates income for the community. The profits go back into supporting tiger conservation. Overnight in Ranthambore. **B/L/D**

Day 9: Saturday, February 15, 2025 • Ranthambore

We enter **Ranthambore National Park**, one of the biggest and most renowned national parks in Northern India. We take two jeep safari's today in the park, one in the early morning and the other in the late afternoon to explore the park and see the wildlife. We return to the hotel for overnight. **B/L/D**

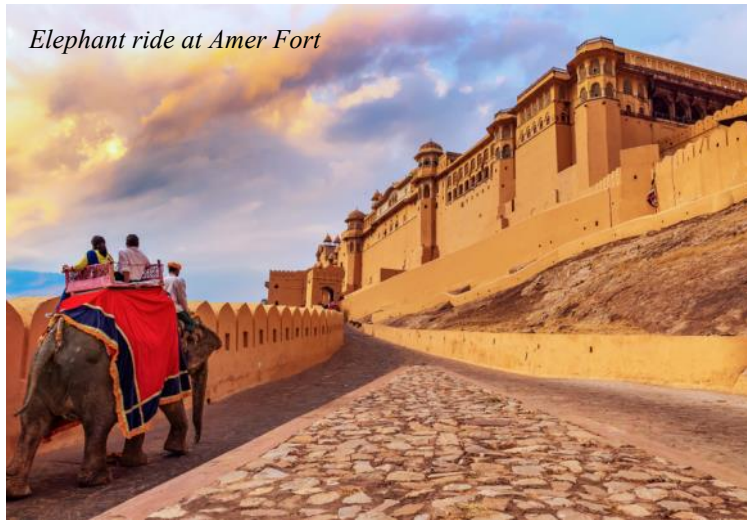
Day 10: Sunday, February 16, 2025 • Jaipur

We drive to **Jaipur**. It is often referred to as the "Pink City" because of the extensive use of locally abundant pink plastered stone that was painted in honor of a visit of the royal consort of Queen Victoria. We check in to our hotel for overnight. **B**

Day 11: Monday, February 17, 2025 • Jaipur

Today we visit **Amer Fort**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Located high on a hill, we ride an elephant to reach it. We visit **City Palace**, a royal residence that houses the Chandra Mahal, Shri Govind Dev Temple, and the City Palace Museum. We visit **Jantar Mantar**, the largest and best preserved of the five observatories built by Jai Singh II

Elephant ride at Amer Fort



throughout the country. It houses nineteen astronomical instruments built by Sawai Jai Singh and features the world's largest stone sundial and is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It is still used today. We also visit **Hawa Mahal**, a prominent landmark in Jaipur. Overnight in Jaipur. **B**

Day 12: Tuesday, February 18, 2025 • Departure

After breakfast we drive to Delhi. Depending on flight times, we may have time for some shopping. We have dinner at a hotel near the airport. Two wash and change rooms will be provided for the group before transfer to the airport for flights home. **B**

Abbreviations for Meals
B=Breakfast **L**= Lunch **D**=Dinner



To register online:

<https://ed-ventures.grcoll.co/v2/go/edmi25>



About our Guide:

Ash Gupta is a native of India and is leading this group. He grew up in New Delhi and immigrated to the US in 2000. Ash has a master's degree in Tourism from Delhi University and a MBA from the US. Ash is multi-lingual and speaks 2 other languages apart from English and Hindi (most spoken language in India). Prior to immigrating to the US, he worked in the tourism business in India and has extensive experience with the Indian Subcontinent. He enjoys leading various groups to India and Nepal and showcasing this part of the world to fellow travelers.

TOUR COST: \$3,999*

per person, double occupancy

Single supplement = \$1,225

with a minimum of 19

Your Tour Includes:

- **Land Transportation** via private deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- **Accommodations** (double occupancy) in 4 and 5 star rated hotels/Heritage properties
- **Meals** (excluding drinks) per the itinerary
- **Admission** to all activities indicated in the itinerary except those listed as optional
- Services of **professional tour manager**
- Local **step-on guides** for city tours and major attractions
- **Luggage handling** of one piece per person at hotels where available
- **All tips** to porters, local tour guides and servers/waiters. Tips for the coach driver and tour director are not included.

Your Tour Does Not Include:

- **International roundtrip Airfare** and related taxes, fees and fuel charges
- Meals other than indicated above
- **Beverages**
- End of tour gratuity for coach driver (Suggested: \$5 per person/per day) and tour manager (Suggested: \$10 per person/per day)
- Items of a personal nature such as passport fees & Visas. *(Passport must be valid for 6 months beyond return date.)*
- **Optional insurance** for health, baggage and cancellation. *(This insurance is available and recommended.)*

Payment Schedule:

A deposit of \$500 per person is due with reservation. Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure date. (Nov. 9, 2024) Invoice will be sent out prior to final payment. Passengers may add after this date subject to air and land availability. Generally airlines do not increase the price of a ticket after it has been contracted. However, prior to the issuance of a ticket, airlines may (and regularly do) impose fuel, tax, or security surcharges. In the event a surcharge is imposed after Ed-Ventures has received a final payment, Ed-Ventures will send an additional invoice for the surcharge amount. Early registration is encouraged.

Currency:

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Refund/Cancellation Policy:

All cancellations must be in writing. The date of postmark will determine the amount of refund due. Refunds are based on the number of days prior to departure date. From the time of deposit to 120 days before departure a \$100/person administrative fee plus any airfare & land penalties will be assessed. From 119-31 days, a \$300/person cancellation penalty plus lost airfare deposits and any unrecoverable deposits to ground suppliers will be assessed. Airline tickets once purchased are nonrefundable. Anyone canceling 30 days or less prior to departure will receive **no refund**.

Purchase of health, baggage, and trip cancellation/interruption insurance is strongly recommended.

Terms and Conditions

We reserve the right to cancel this trip due to lack of subscription. In the event of cancellation of the trip in its entirety, a full refund of all deposits will be made to passengers enrolled at the time of cancellation. Tour price is based on the value of the dollar and the cost of airfare and is subject to change without notice. Extensions are usually available, but must be requested when booking the tour. Any changes in airfare booking may result in a processing fee. It may be possible, that due to unforeseen events, conditions, or changes in airline schedules, the land portion of the trip may be extended or shortened. Any savings realized by such occurrences will be refunded, however any extra expenses incurred must be borne by the client. Trip cancellation insurance is available. This low-cost protection can save you money if you are forced to cancel or alter your trip for a medical reason only. You will be mailed trip cancellation insurance information with the brochure or upon receipt of your deposit.

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Due to COVID-19, we have a right to adjust the tour in order to follow the guidelines and policies set by the CDC and the local governments.

The airline(s) concerned are not held responsible for any act, omission, or event during the time passengers are not on their planes or conveyances. The passenger's contract in use by the airlines concerned, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the airlines and the purchaser of this tour and/or passenger. Any and/or all transportation companies herein mentioned shall not have nor incur any responsibility to any traveler aside from their liability as common carriers. Air and land costs are subject to change without notice. **Air transportation is via special, non refundable airfare. Any additional airfare assessments made by the airlines for any changes whatsoever shall be the responsibility of the client.** Other rules may also apply. Services of any A.R.C. or I.A.T.A. carrier may be used in conjunction with this tour. If there is a change in air prices and/or currency exchange rates, we reserve the right to adjust prices.

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Passenger Information (1st Traveler)

Please record information **exactly as it appears on your passport**. Passport information may be sent later if you have yet to obtain a passport. *Include a copy of the photo page of your passport.*

Legal Name: _____

(Name for name badge): _____

Passport #: _____

Passport Exp. Date: _____

Passport Authority: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Gender (required by airline): Male Female

Dietary Needs: _____

Passenger Information (2nd Traveler)

Please record information **exactly as it appears on your passport**. Passport information may be sent later if you have yet to obtain a passport. *Include a copy of the photo page of your passport.*

Legal Name: _____

(Name for name badge): _____

Passport #: _____

Passport Exp. Date: _____

Passport Authority: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Gender (required by airline): Male Female

Dietary Needs: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____ **Phone:** _____

Work phone/cell: _____ **E-mail:** _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Sleeping Preference (circle one): Double bed (1 bed) Twin Beds (2 beds)

Roommate name: _____ **OR Single supplement:** Yes No

Travel Insurance (7.2% of tour cost; policy must be purchased at time of initial deposit to cover pre-existing medical conditions)

- I wish to purchase travel protection plan and have included the premium with my deposit.
- I wish to decline the travel insurance offered. I understand I am solely responsible for any cancellation penalties and out of pocket expenses occurred should I have an emergency before or during the tour.

Deposit Payment Information

Enclosed is my \$ _____ deposit and insurance premium (if applicable). **Make checks payable to Ed-Ventures, Inc.**

Please charge \$ _____ deposit and insurance premium (if applicable) to my Discover/MasterCard/Visa

Credit Card Number: _____ **Exp. Date:** _____

Card ID Code:* _____ **last 3 digits in signature box on the back of the card*

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Prices in this brochure were effective on 1.23.24. By signing below, I understand that price changes are possible at the time of final invoicing, due to exchange rates, an increase in carrier charges, fuel costs, taxes and tariffs, and the number of passengers traveling in the group. I understand that insurance premiums and credit card fees are non-refundable. I agree to the terms and conditions of this tour.

Signature of 1st traveler: _____ **Date:** _____



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