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Tauck Tours

SPOTLIGHT ON INDIA

11 days / 10 nights Spotlight on INDIA

New Delhi - visit Varanasi / River Ganges / Agra / Taj Mahal / Jaipur / Udaipur / Lake Pichola —to New Delhi

Departs March 1st 2020 Concludes 11th March 2020

Twin share from A\$9,340 per person SOLO TRAVELLER OFFER: \$12,040 - 01 March 2020

Northern India... Timeless cities... thousands of years of compelling history. Breathtaking architecture, like the Taj Mahal and the Red Fort. Dramatic, sun-drenched landscapes... a rich mix of local cultures and cuisines... and age-old spiritual traditions on the *ghats* along the River Ganges. From bustling Delhi to mystical Varanasi and the "Pink City" of Jaipur, to Udaipur, the "City of Lakes," your invited to discover these treasures on an 11-day North India tour perfect for travellers with less time to spend.

Experience contrasting images of the capital, Delhi, old and new. Sail on the Ganges in Varanasi to witness holy men "putting the river to sleep." Travel to Agra to visit the famous Taj Mahal... which you can see from your hotel room! Celebrate India's culture and cuisine among Jaipur's pavilions and palaces at a special Maharajah evening in Jaipur. Spend three nights at The Oberoi Udaivilas in Udaipur, voted *Travel + Leisure's*" World's Best Hotel." Throughout, you'll enjoy accommodations in some of the world's top-rated hotels... dine on local specialties... and discover the heart and soul of India on our popular North India tour!

Your Itinerary

This wonderful land tour can be combined with longer India or Asian holiday.

For packages including Air to India and or Asia, accommodation in Asia or India and sightseeing please contact Horizons Cruise & Travel





Spotlight on India begins at 2:00 PM at The Leela Palace New Delhi. A transfer is included from Indira Gandhi International Airport to your luxury hotel, Your trip begins this afternoon with a welcome briefing by your Tour Director, followed by a guided orientation tour of New Delhi. This evening is a welcome cocktail reception and dinner.

LODGING: THE LEELA PALACE NEW DELHI

Past meets present in Old Delhi

You'll tour two UNESCO World Heritage Sites today as you explore the centuries-old history and culture of Old Delhi and environs. You'll visit Humayun's Tomb, constructed for the Mughal Emperor Humayan and other members of his family in the 1570.

ODGING: THE LEELA PALACE NEW DELHI

Varanasi's rituals on the Ganges

Fly to the ancient city of Varanasi, built on the banks of the sacred River Ganges. Since the 6th century BC, this city has been a key destination for pilgrims who seek blessing and purification in the river's holy waters. A sightseeing tour visits Sarnath, where Buddha gave his first sermon. Tonight, take a journey by boat along the River Ganges to witness ceremonies "putting the river to sleep." Amidst hundreds of lighted candles and flower offerings, tonight will be a special highlight of your journey.

LODGING: THE GATEWAY HOTEL GANGES VARANASI

A Ganges cruise & on to Agra

Awaken early for a cruise on the River Ganges to view the Varanasi sunrise ceremonies, then fly to Agra for a two-night stay and tomorrow's visit to one of the world's most famous and recognizable buildings, the Taj Mahal.

LODGING: THE OBEROI AMARVILAS, AGRA

The Taj Mahal & Agra Fort

If you wish, you may visit the Taj Mahal in time for sunup – the gates open at sunrise. Those not going quite so early will join your Tauck Director a little later than sunrise (but still early morning) for a guided visit to the spectacular Taj Mahal..

LODGING: THE OBEROI AMARVILAS, AGRA

Enjoy the royal treatment in Jaipur

Travel to Jaipur for a two-night stay at The Oberoi Rajvilas, reflecting the gracious lifestyles of India's legendary Rajput princes. A sightseeing tour of Jaipur includes the City Palace Museum. Attend a special evening fit for Maharajah royalty tonight, celebrating India's cultural traditions, music, dance and cuisine.

LODGING: THE OBEROI RAJVILAS, JAIPUR

Jaipur's palaces and pavilions

Today's sightseeing includes the many gems of Jaipur, from the massive gateways and pillared pavilions inside Amber Fort to a tour of Amber Palace, with its magnificent domes, massive ramparts and glittering hall of mirrors. After a thali style lunch preceded by a puppet show, enjoy an afternoon at leisure in Jaipur, pursuing what interests you most.

LODGING: THE OBEROI RAJVILAS, JAIPUR

Balloons over Jaipur & on to Udaipur

Rise early and begin the day with a hot air balloon ride over Jaipur before breakfast. Later, a flight from Jaipur to Udaipur is rewarded with a three-night stay at your luxury Oberoi hotel — nestled along the banks of Lake Pichola and spread over fifty acres, which includes a twenty-acre wildlife sanctuary with deer and wild boar. Consistently voted among the top luxury hotels in the world, The Oberoi Udaivilas, Udaipur is a destination experience unrivaled anywhere — while Udaipur itself is a Rajasthan city of palaces and lakes, often called the "Venice of the East" and the "Most Romantic City in India." Dinner is at your leisure in your hotel, named India's best hotel by Condé Nast Traveller and 4th in the world's top 100 hotels.

LODGING: THE OBEROI UDAIVILAS, UDAIPUR

Treasures of Udaipur & a Lake Pichola cruise

An Udaipur sightseeing tour with your local guide includes a stop at the City Palace complex – a labyrinth of richly decorated courtyards, frescoed galleries, and marble temples overlooking a lake that was once the elegant home of the Maharajah of Udaipur.. Tonight is a memorable Exclusive private dinner at Royal Repast, a restaurant owned by descendants of the Bedla clan.

LODGING: THE OBEROI UDAIVILAS, UDAIPUR

Udaipur's markets & the city at leisure

Today's sightseeing begins in Udaipur with an auto-rickshaw ride around the city's bustling spice and vegetable markets, for an insightful glimpse into everyday life in Udaipur. In the vegetable markets, women in brightly colored saris sit amongst the stalls, surrounded by baskets brimming with their fresh and equally colourful produce, while burlap bags or metal pans entice with a kaleidoscopic array of curries and spices.

LODGING: THE OBEROI UDAIVILAS, UDAIPUR

Fly back to Delhi today for your return home; transfer to the Trident, Gurgaon, close to the Indira Gandhi International Airport, where rooms are reserved for your comfort. international flights depart late evening.

Includes

- Multiple-night stays at three hotels ranked among the 15 "World's Best" hotels by the readers of *Travel + Leisure* – The Oberoi Udaivilas, The Oberoi Rajvilas and The Oberoi Amarvilas (offering unparalleled views of the Taj Mahal)
- Three nights in the "City of Lakes," Udaipur, including a sari & turban demonstration and an auto-rickshaw tour of the city's spice and vegetable markets

Exclusions

- Return airfares to/from India
- Accommodation (other than stated)
- Excursions (other than stated)
- Transport (other than stated)
- Travel Insurance
- Personal expenses such as phone calls, alcoholic and other beverages not specifically included, Laundry, dry cleaning,
- Visa fees and services

- Two nights in Jaipur, highlighted by a visit to the Amber Fort and a Maharajah evening featuring dinner and entertainment
- Boat ride on the River Ganges, providing an opportunity to experience revered, centuries-old traditions in Varanasi
- A visit to walled Old Delhi, brimming with 17thcentury havelis (mansions), temples, mosques and rickshaws
- On-Tour Air (4 flights)
- Airport transfers upon arrival and departure as noted
- 28 meals (10 breakfasts, 8 lunches, 10 dinners); gratuities to local guides, service charges, admission fees, taxes and porterage
- Complimentary Internet & Email available
- Laundry service available

- Airport arrival and departure taxes, individual Airport transfers (when applicable),
- Optional or incidental extras are not included and may be significant.

Terms & Conditions:

Cancellation Fees: Cancellations result in costly charges from travel and hotel providers covering penalties and fees incurred by cancelling confirmed bookings. The cancellation fees per person listed below will apply:

Greater than 90 days before departure

90-46 days before departure

50% of tour cost per person

45-1 days before departure

100% of tour cost per person

Complete Booking Conditions can be sent to you.

Deposit and Payments Deposit is AUD \$750 per person

In order to hold space beyond option date, a NON-REFUNDABLE and NON-TRANSFERABLE DEPOSIT is required by the due date shown on your Travel the World invoice. Bookings made within 60 days of departure from Australia will require full payment upon confirmation. If a deposit is not received by the due time / date shown on invoice, the booking will automatically cancel.

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