

Discover the best of northern India on this private tailor made tour from Delhi to Kathmandu.

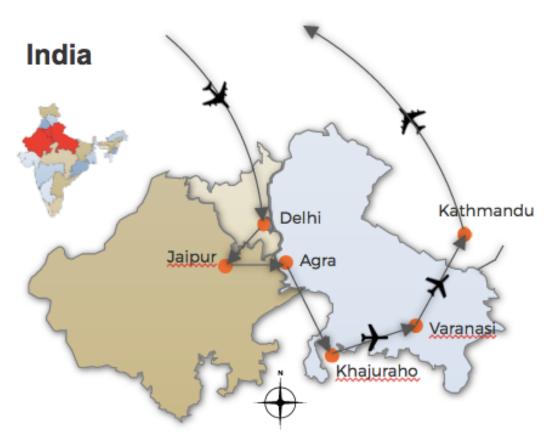
Begin in the bustling market area of Old Delhi before exploring the great monuments of India's capital city.

From Delhi travel by car to the Pink City of Jaipur and discover the great monuments and magnificent Amber Fort.

See the Taj Mahal at Agra before moving on to the ancient city of Kajuraho with its intricate temple carvings.

Spend two nights at the holy city of Varanasi and see the daily goings on by the 'Holy Mother Ganges'.

Complete your northern Indian journey in Kathmandu, the mountain capital of Nepal in the shadow of the Himalayas.



#### Delhi to Kathmandu

Day 1: UK - Delhi

Day 2: Delhi

Day 3: Delhi

Day 4: Jaipur

Day 5: Jaipur

Day 6: Agra

Day 7: Agra

Day 8: Khajuraho

Day 9: Varanasi

Day 10: Varanasi

Day 11: Kathmandu

Day 12: Kathmandu Day 13: Kathmandu

Day 14: Kathmandu - UK



Vast, sprawling, chaotic, but endlessly compelling, Delhi has a population of over 25 million people and is the gateway for most tours of northern India...

Day 1: UK - Delhi

Overnight flight from the UK to Delhi.

Day 2: Delhi

On arrival in Delhi you will be met and transferred to your chosen hotel.

In the afternoon enjoy a rickshaw ride through the bustling markets of Chandni Chowk, with all the colour of life in Delhi's most vibrant location.

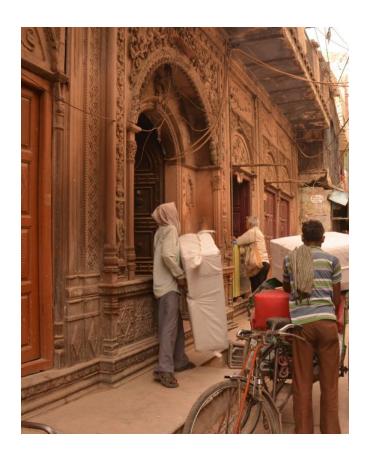
Overnight: Delhi

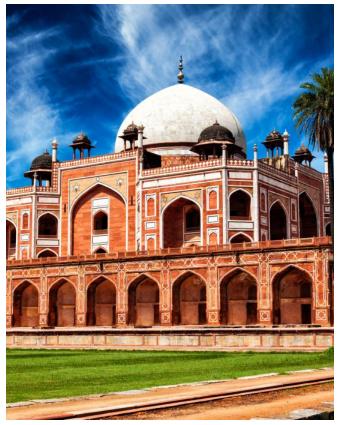
Meals: Breakfast included

Day 3: Delhi

After breakfast enjoy a full day tour of Delhi, including Qutab Minar, the Red Fort, Jama Masjid and Rajghat

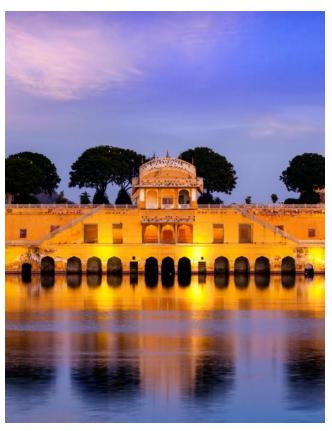
Overnight: Delhi







The pink sandstone city of Jaipur was founded in 1727 by the Maharaja Sawai Jai Singh and is famous for the princely buildings such as the Palace of the Winds (Hawa Mahal), the observatory of Sawai Jai Singh and the nearby Amber Fort...



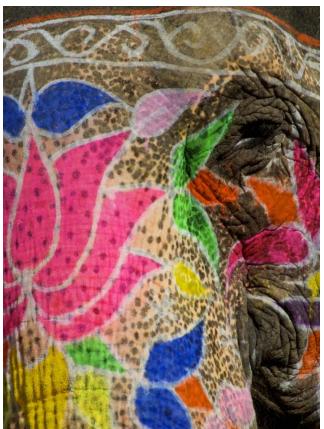
#### Day 4: Delhi - Jaipur

After breakfast depart by private car across Rajasthan to the Pink City of Jaipur.

On arrival in Jaipur check in to your chosen hotel with the rest of the day at leisure.

Overnight: Jaipur

Meals: Breakfast included



#### Day 5: Jaipur

After breakfast, enjoy a full day tour in Jaipur including a visit to the Amber Fort.

Overnight: Jaipur

#### Day 6: Agra

After breakfast, drive to Agra with a visit to Fatephur Sikri en-route.

On arrival in Agra you will be met and transferred to your chosen hotel.

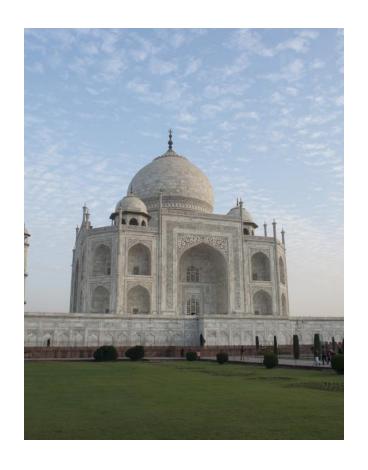
Overnight: Agra

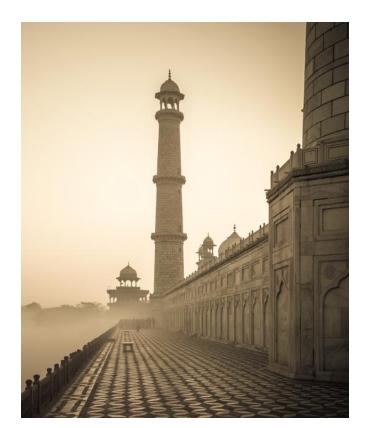
Meals: Breakfast included

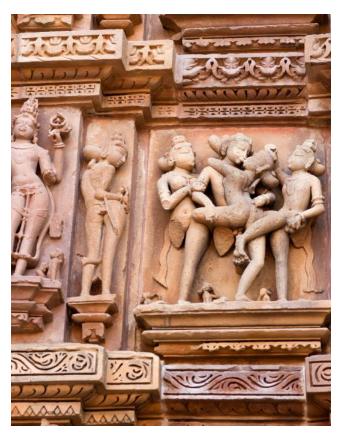
#### Day 7: Agra

Enjoy a morning visit to the Taj Mahal and Agra Fort with the afternoon and evening at leisure.

Overnight: Agra









#### Day 8: Khajuraho

After an early breakfast, drive to Khajuraho and en-route visit Gwalior and Jhansi a historic princely city in Uttar Pradesh.

On arrival at Khajuraho, check-in to your hotel.

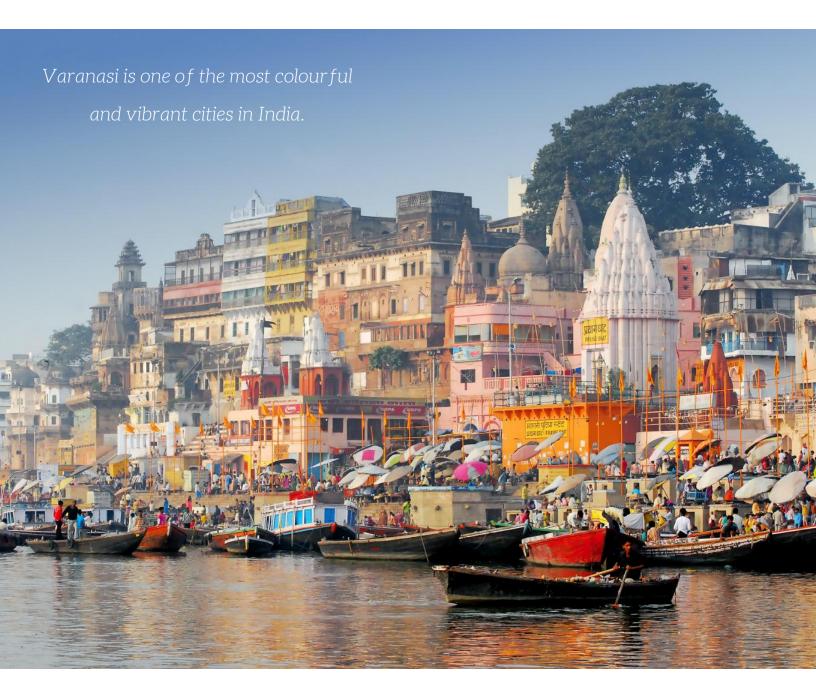
Overnight: Khajuraho Meals: Breakfast included

#### Day 9: Khajuraho -Varanasi

After breakfast visit the Eastern & Western group of temples at Khajuraho, famous for their spectacular erotic carvings.

Later transfer to the airport for your flight to Varanasi where you will be met and transferred to your chosen hotel

Overnight: Varanasi



One of the oldest cities in the world, Varanasi is India's holiest city, situated by the banks of the 'Mother Ganges' and the focal point of Hindu pilgrimages from across India...

#### Day 10: Varanasi

You have the whole day free to explore Varanasi independently.

Alternatively add on a guided excursion if you prefer to be with a guide for the day.

Overnight: Varanasi

Meals: Breakfast included

#### Day 11: Kathmandu

Transfer to the airport for your flight to Kathmandu where you will be met and transferred to your chosen hotel.

Overnight: Kathmandu Meals: Breakfast included

#### Day 12: Kathmandu

In the morning, enjoy a half day tour of Kathmandu City & Swayambhunath.

In the afternoon, visit Patan City one of the three centres in the Kathmandu Valley.

Overnight: Kathmandu Meals: Breakfast included







The Kathmandu Valley is a rich storehouse of ancient buildings, cultural traditions and majestic scenery in the shadow of the Himalayas...





#### Day 13: Kathmandu

After breakfast, drive to Bhaktapur another city founded in the 9th century.

Enjoy a farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

Overnight: Kathmandu Meals: Breakfast included

#### Day 14: Kathmandu - UK

Transfer to the airport for your flight back to the UK.

#### Day 15: UK

Arrive back in the UK (or on day 14 depending on flight schedule).

#### A Journey Across Northern India

# In the Shadow of the Himalayas

This route in the shadow of the Himalayas is a classic journey from Delhi, dipping into Rajasthan and down via Agra to the holiest of India's cities at Varanasi before culminating in the mountain kingdom of Nepal at Kathmandu.

Immerse yourself in the timeless swirl which is India on a journey where each day brings a new unheralded revelation or surprise (India is like that).

It's a journey which takes one from the pungent alleys of Chandni Chowk in Delhi, via magnificent Forts, Mosques and Palaces, through colourful corners of Rajasthan via the great Monument to Love in Agra to mixing it with the Holy Sadhu's in Varanasi and Kathmandu.

This Northern India journey to Kathmandu is entirely tailor made, with your own private driver and guide.

As with all of our trips, things can be adjusted as you wish to suit your budget, interests and timescale, so just let us know your preferences and allow us to tweak things for you as you prefer.

Having your own car, driver and guide also offers you the flexibility (within limits) to adjust your days 'on the fly' without being beholden to other travellers in a group.

Remember if you haven't visited this part of the world before, it has its unique challenges, so let us take away the jeopardy and ensure your trip is in safe hands.

October to March is generally considered the best time of year to visit northern India and Nepal, with lower temperatures and generally settled weather. April to June can see soaring temperatures as high as 45 degrees in northern India. July to September during the 'monsoon' sees fewer visitors and much lower temperatures than previous months.

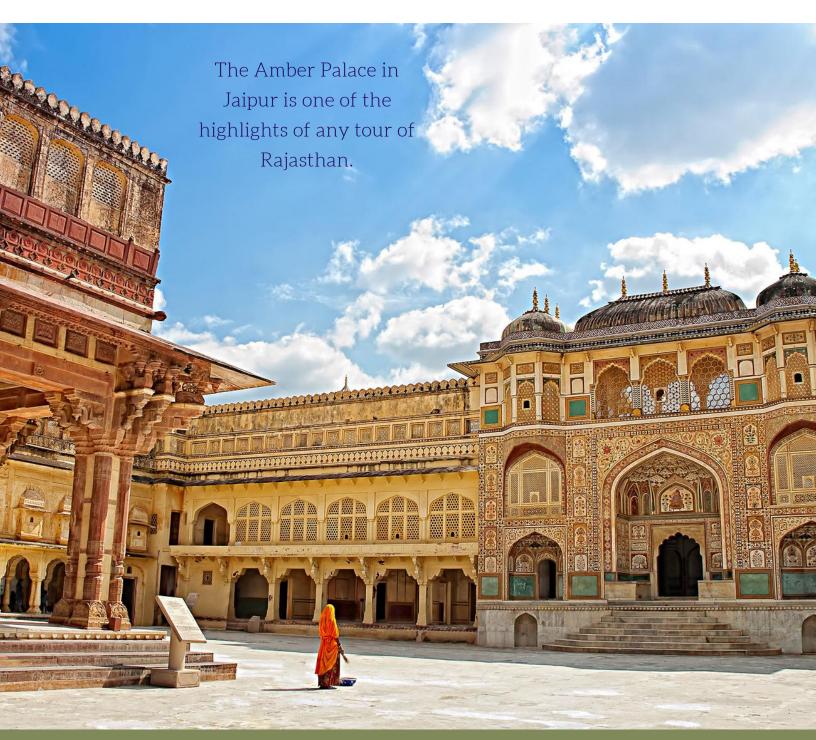
A visa is required for all UK passport holders travelling to India. These can be obtained easily via an online application. We can assist by providing details.

A visa on arrival is currently available on arrival in Kathmandu but always check for the latest visa updates before travel.



The great Palaces and Forts of Rajasthan are highlights of any visit to this part of India. Amongst the highlights are the City Palace of Jaipur which is a beautiful blend of Mughal and Rajput styles. The Lake Palace in Udaipur is now a luxury hotel whilst the balconies, cupolas and towers of Udaipur City palace offer wonderful views of Lake Pichola and the surrounding city.

Amber Palace, located about 11 kilometres from Jaipur, sits amidst picturesque and rugged hills and incorporates both Rajput and Mughal architecture. Constructed by Raja Man Singh I in the late 16th century and completed by Mirja Raja Jai Singh, the fort is made of red sandstone and white marble.



One of the great things about this journey is the sweep of cultures and religions it covers.

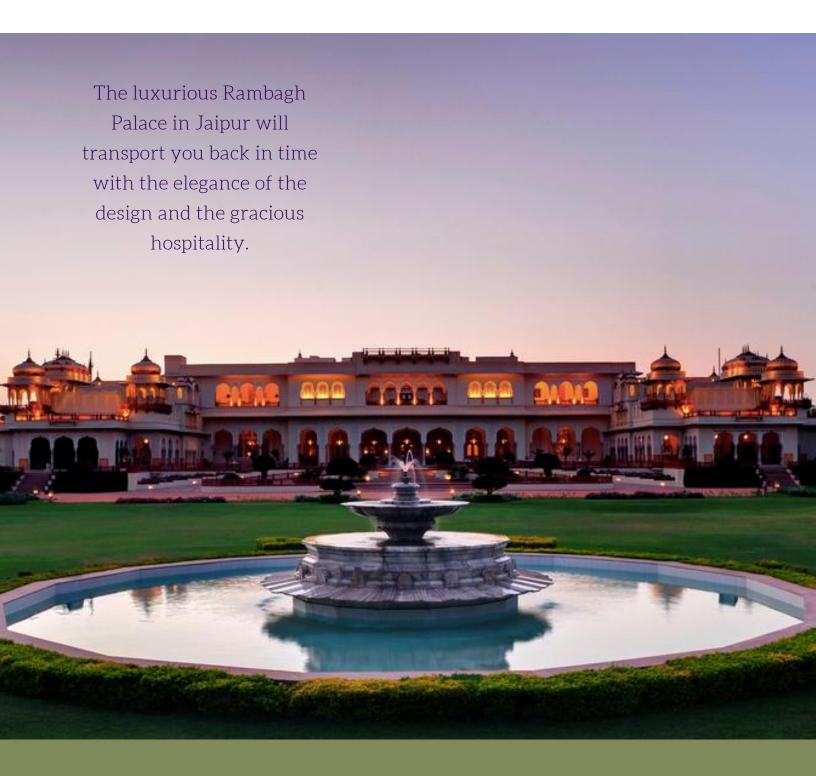
Visit the great historic mosques and buildings of Delhi and Agra, the holy Hindu city of Varanasi, admire the Jain carvings at Khajuraho and the Buddhist stupas of Kathmandu.

Sense the remnants of colonial times in Delhi, marvel at the great Moghul monuments in Jaipur, Delhi and Agra and be absorbed by the sight of turbaned villagers going about their daily lives in rural Rajasthan. Finally in Kathmandu wake up in the shadow of the world's greatest mountain range.



One of the best things about travelling through Rajasthan is the great range of interesting accommodation options. We try to recommend unique and characterful hotels in all of our trips and in Rajasthan there is a great selection of heritage style hotels. Often these are converted 'Haveli's' or historic palaces, many of which were or still are owned

by local royalty. For those looking to experience Rajasthan in style, iconic hotels such as the Rambagh Palace in Jaipur are amongst the most memorable places to stay in all of India. Equally there are just as many great value boutique and heritage style hotels to choose from - so just let us know your preference.



#### EXTEND YOUR TRIP



DESERT EXPERIENCE

# ADD ON JAISALMER

2 nights from £325 pp Nicknamed the Golden City, Jaisalmer is one of the most romantic destinations in India and well worth the effort to reach.

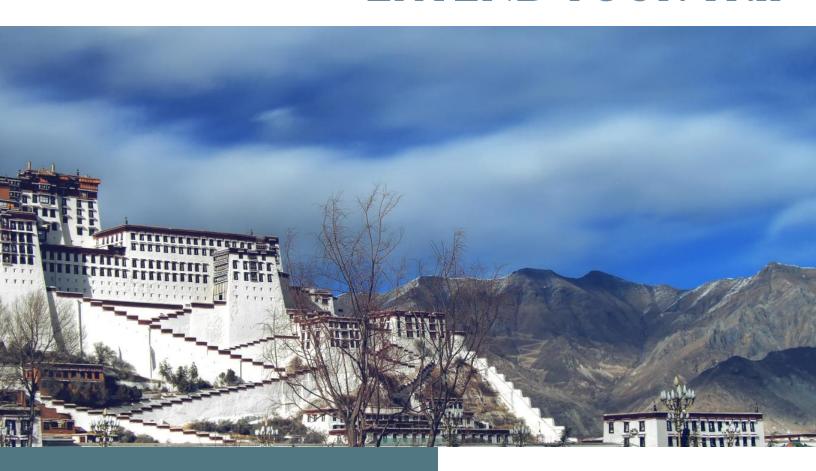
Standing on the edge of the Thar Desert, Jaisalmer is a fort city with many finely sculpted Jain temples and ornate mini-palaces known as havelis.

Jaisalmer's havelis are wonderful places to stay and for many people is the highlight of a tour of northern India.

Most people visiting Jaisalmer take a tour or camel safari into the Thar Desert for the chance to sleep under the stars.

Adding Jaisalmer extends the travelling time somewhat, but adds a totally new experience to this itinerary.

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TO THE ROOF OF THE WORLD

## ADD ON TIBET

3 nights from £690 pp With an average elevation of almost 5,000 metres, Tibet is the highest region on earth and one of the most spectacular, with the world's highest mountains and a rugged people with a rich spiritual culture.

A visit to Tibet is to travel to one of the world's most dramatic, rugged and inhospitable landscapes.

For travellers of a romantic bent, to set eyes on the Potala Palace in Lhasa may just be one of the best experiences in travel.

Extend your journey with a visit into Tibet, flying between Kathmandu and Lhasa or alternatively journeying overland one way by jeep on an unforgettable journey into Tibet.

#### DATES & PRICES

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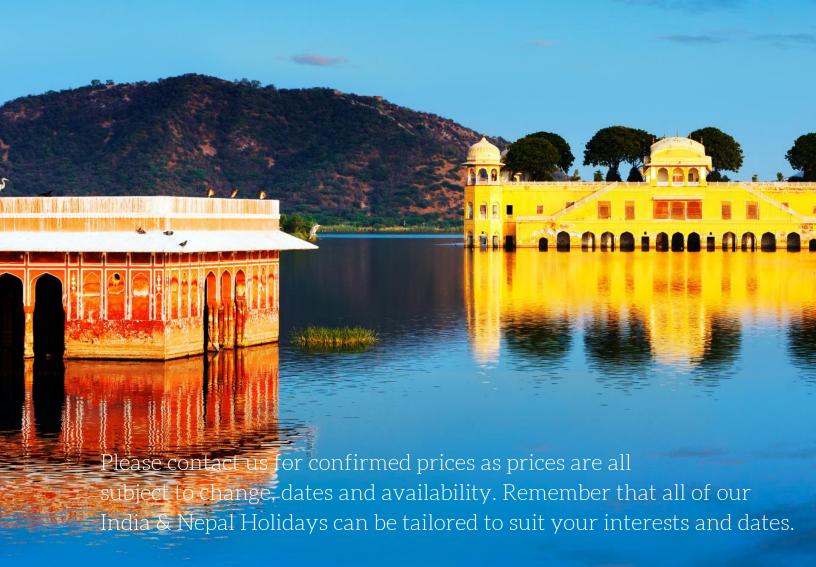
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