



'Taste the world your way'

India, Various Regions - Food, Wine & Cultural India

Overview

India is synonymous with spices & 'curry' but its cuisines are as varied as its people. This private tour will see you visiting different cities in India, tasting authentic local delicacies from street food to the food of royalty. Learn about various cuisines, the art of cooking them and enjoy them with locals. Additionally you visit the 'Wine Capital of India', Nashik to take a tour of vineyard & enjoy wine tasting. All combined cleverly with the sights of each region, including the Taj Mahal.

Travel Type: [Food and Wine](#), [Food Tours](#), [Private Touring](#)

Location: [Agra](#), [Delhi](#), [India](#), [Jaipur](#), [Lucknow](#), [Mumbai](#), [Nashik](#)

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Summary

Highlights

Six different cuisines around India (North Indian, Mughlai, Rajasthani, Awadhi, Marathi & Parsi) Vineyard tour in Nasik with wine tasting of India

Visit historical sights' in New Delhi, Jaipur, Fatehpur Sikri, Agra, Lucknow & Mumbai including some UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

Visit India's biggest inland saline lake – Sambhar Lake

Elephant ride up-to the hill in Amber Fort

Rickshaw ride in Old Delhi market



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Visit Taj Mahal

Two cooking demonstrations & dinner with locals

Walking in the streets to enjoy local food

Itinerary

Day 1 Arrival Delhi By Flight

Upon arrival at airport you will be met by your host with your name card in the arrival's hall after customs.

Delhi - Mystery, magic, mayhem. Welcome to Delhi, City of Djinn, and 25 million people. Like an eastern Rome, India's capital is littered with the relics of lost empires. A succession of armies stormed across the Indo-Gangetic plain and imprinted their identity onto the vanquished city, before vanishing into rubble and ruin like the conquerors who preceded them. Modern Delhi is a chaotic tapestry of medieval fortifications, Mughal mausoleums, dusty bazaars, colonial-era town planning, and mega malls.

Warm welcome with fresh flower garlands and transfer to hotel.

Day 2 Delhi

After breakfast transfer to Old Delhi, Visit Raj Ghat, Jama Masjid, Rickshaw Ride in Old Delhi.

Raj Ghat - Cremation site of Mahatma Gandhi

Jama Masjid - It is the largest mosque in India and the final architectural extravaganza of Shah Jahan

Old Delhi Market - It is one of the oldest and busiest markets in Old Delhi, now in central north Delhi, India. Built in 17th century by the great Mughal emperor of India Shah Jahan and designed by his daughter Jahan Ara. (Sunday Closed)

Rickshaw Ride & Spice Market - Ride through the old Delhi market witnessing, textile market & silver market. Walking tour of Khari Baoli Spice market with explanation of local Indian Spices.

Parantha Walk - Visit the Parantha wali gali, to try 'Delhi's Famous Parantha'.

Humayun's Tomb - The design of the Taj Mahal is inspired from the Humayun's Tomb. The Humayun's Tomb is in the UNESCO's list of World Heritage Sites. The Humayun's tomb is the first Indian building to use the Persian concept of a double dome. Humayun's Tomb was the first garden tomb made in India.

Later return to hotel. Overnight at hotel.

Optional: Drive to 'Al-kauser' an authentic Mughlai food point in the diplomatic enclave of New Delhi. Enjoy Mughlai delicacies. Here, the food is ordered and served in your car. This place is famous for late night munching among the urban population and higher class of the New Delhi Society. Food on direct payment basis, transfers included in package costs.

Day 3 Delhi

Post breakfast at hotel, continue with Delhi's tour.

Qutub Minar - Qutub Minar, also spelled Qutub or Qutab, is the 2nd tallest minar in India after Minar-E-Fateh at Chhaparchiri at Anandpur Sahib which stands 100 meters tall.

Kashmiri Co-op Society - Visit and enjoy the infamous Kashmiri Kahwa.

Bangla Sahib - Gurdwara Bangla Sahib is the most prominent Sikh Gurdwara, or Sikh house of worship, in Delhi, known for its association with the eighth Sikh Guru, Guru HarKrishan.

'Mega Kitchen' of Bangla Sahib's - Visit for an optional lunch at the community dining hall at the Bangla Sahib (subject to serving time).

Laxmi Narayan Temple - West of Connaught Place, the busy-looking, Orissan-style Lakshmi Narayan Temple was erected by the wealthy industrialist BD Birla. Mahatama Gandhi inaugurated the complex in 1938 as a temple for all castes; a sign on the gate says, 'Everyone is Welcome'.

Parliament Street & India Gate - Drive pass Parliament of India, President's house & India gate.

Late afternoon around 1500hrs, transfer to Hotel Imperial for a high-tea. The Imperial's glass-domed award winning Tea lounge- The Atrium with its high skylight ceiling, tropical surroundings and humming fountain creates just the right atmosphere for a meeting of any kind. It provides a relaxed English setting for a luxurious high tea experience.

Return to hotel. Overnight.

Optional: You can dine at the Bukhara, globally renowned as one of the best Indian-Mughlai restaurant.

Day 4 Delhi – Sambhar - Jaipur By Surface 5 hours + 2 hours

Post breakfast we drive to Jaipur, en-route a quick stop to check out the menu at the McDonalds on the highway.

McDonalds in India offers an wide variety of options adapted to the Indian palette. It would be interesting to check how Big Brands adapt to the local environment. If you are hungry already you might want to take a bite of a 'Maharaja Mac' a spicy twist to the McVeggie. Meals at McDonalds on direct payment basis.

By the lunch time, we reach Sambhar Heritage Resort and enjoy lunch there, post lunch we have a Salt Lake Train Tour. Sambhar beholds the treasure of ancient history, antique folklore, and the phenomenal presence of legends beneath its lake bed. Numerous fables surround the creation of this barren land that has been transformed into the marvel that we today call Sambhar Salt Lake. Often referred to as the 'Salt Lake of Rajasthan', Sambhar Lake is India's largest inland saline lake.

Later we drive to Jaipur. Overnight at hotel.

Day 5 Jaipur

Post breakfast, we start for the Jaipur city tour:

Hawa Mahal - Photography stop, The literal meaning of Hawa Mahal is Palace of Winds. Hawa Mahal was built by Maharaja Sawai Pratap Singh in 1799. Hawa Mahal is a pyramid-shaped facade with five stories.

Elephant Ride & Amber Fort - whose construction began in the 17th century is one of the major forts in Rajasthan. Before the construction of the city palace in Jaipur, Amber was the seat of power. Ride an elephant to the top of the fortress.

Jal Mahal - photography stop. Near the cenotaphs of the maharanis of Jaipur, and beautifully

situated in the watery expanse of Man Sagar, is the beautiful Jal Mahal.

Jewellery & Carpet Workshops - Visit and meet the local artists and witness their artisan products in the making.

Jantar Mantar - Largest stone observatory in the world and this feature makes it a special destination for travellers.

City Palace - The beautiful palace was built by Maharaja Sawai Jai Singh during his reign. City Palace stands apart, with its outstanding art and architecture.

Evening transfer to Rohet's house for a cooking demonstration and dinner with an Indian Family, Sai Niwas is the home of Inder Vijai and Usha Singh situated close to Vaishali Nagar in Jaipur. Inder Vijai is a scion of Rohet family, an estate of the erstwhile Marwar Jodhpurstate. Enjoy an authentic Rajasthani Cuisine Experience.

Overnight at hotel.

Day 6 Jaipur – Agra Overland (Five hours)

Post breakfast, leave for Agra.

En-route visit Fatehpur Sikri - Fatehpur Sikri is the best example of the culmination of Hindu and Muslim architecture. It is said to be a copy of the mosque in Mecca and has designs, derived from the Persian & Hindu architecture.

On arrival, check in to hotel, and later proceed to visit Agra Fort. Agra Fort is a monument, a UNESCO World Heritage site located in Agra, Uttar Pradesh, India. It is about 2.5 km northwest of its more famous sister monument, the Taj Mahal. The fort can be more accurately described as a walled city.

Evening, dinner at Daawat-e-Nawab - This restaurant reinvents the culinary creations of a bygone era; month after month, guests are enchanted with a dining experience that transports them to the days of Nawabi glory. Guests can enjoy live Indian classical music while dining.

Overnight at hotel.

Day 7 Agra – Lucknow Overland (Four hours)

Sunrise visit to Taj Mahal, a white marble mausoleum located in Agra, Uttar Pradesh, India. Described as the most extravagant monument ever build for love, It was constructed by Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan as a memorial to his queen Mumtaz Mahal, made out of white marble took 22 years to complete.

Return to hotel for shower & breakfast. Proceed to drive to Lucknow to relish the Awadhi Cuisine, we arrive at Lucknow, check in at hotel.

Day 8 Lucknow

Post breakfast, we proceed for Lucknow's city tour. The structures in the city showcase the fine blend of Indo-Islamic and colonial era.

Asafi Imambara - This houses the tombs of Nawab Asaf-Ud-Daula and his architect. The remarkable feature of this building is the large vaulted hall which has withstood weather and time without the support of pillars or beams for the past 200 plus years. The Asafi (Bara) Imambara is a complex consisting of the hall, a Mosque, gardens & also Bhoor Bhulaiyan and a water well (Baoli)

Rumi Darwaza - Once described as the Earl of Grosvenor's seat in Rumi Cheshire. The towers on both sides of the gateway appear like medieval European towers. With perfect Indian arches, Rumi Darwaza symbolises the historic architecture of Lucknow.

Husainabad Imambara - Also known as the Chota Imambara, it stands to the west of the Bara Imambara. Built by Nawab Mohd. Ali Shah around 1837-1840, it is more ornate in design with exquisite chandeliers, gilt-edged mirrors, silver Mimbar and colourful stucco work which adorns the interiors. A golden dome and fine calligraphy on the exteriors of the building makes it a truly exceptional monument of Mughal architecture.

Other monuments to be visited are Jama Masjid, clock tower & La Martiniere.

Lucknow as a city has carved a niche by attracting gastronomes, for the want of discovering and re-discovering the Awadhi Cuisine. To date, Lucknowites spend the most of their earnings and time in their kitchens. Lucknow is one place that has a full colony of chefs called, 'Bawarchi Tola' and then there is a full street, where one can find the best from Lucknow's very own traditional kitchens.

We take you for this evening walk and make you hop-in, hop-out of the traditional roadside eateries, inviting you try the best that is on each menu. This is a guided tour with our own set of cutlery and basic dining essentials. It allows you to experience the best of the best, at the unpretentious eateries, without having to worry about how to eat without a fork or to wipe your hands clean after you are done. A unique Indian culinary experience.

Overnight at hotel.

Day 09 Lucknow – Mumbai

Mumbai – Nashik By flight (2.5 hours)

Overland (Three hours)

Post breakfast, drive to Airport for flight to Mumbai. On arrival surface transfer to Nashik.

On arrival in Nashik, check in & overnight at hotel/vineyard.

Day 10 Nashik

Post breakfast, wine tour in a vineyard with wine tasting. Onsite lunch at a vineyard & post lunch a second vineyard tour with wine tasting. Rest of the day at your leisure.

Day 11 Nashik – Mumbai Overland (Three hours)

Post breakfast drive to Mumbai. On arrival, check in at hotel. Later in the evening visit a Parsi family for cooking demonstration & dinner with the family. Overnight at hotel.

Day 12 Mumbai

Post breakfast, Mumbai sightseeing,

Rajabai Tower (drive past) - Next to the High Court, the Venetian -Gothic University has a Gothic clock tower 260 feet high that is curiously adorned with oriental figures.

Bombay High Court (drive past) - This is one of the oldest and chartered High Courts in the Country. It has Appellate Jurisdiction over the State of Maharashtra, Goa, and Daman & Diu.

Chatrapati Shivaji Terminus (drive past) - Formerly Victoria Terminus, and better known by its abbreviation CST or Bombay VT) is an historic railway station in Mumbai which serves as the headquarters of the Central Railways. It is one of the busiest railway stations in India, and

serves Central Railway trains terminating in Mumbai as well as the Mumbai suburban railway. Fort Area - The Fort area in Mumbai is full to the brim with old Victorian, Gothic buildings. An important financial and commercial center this area is always full of activity. The BSE or the Bombay Stock Exchange on Dalal Street is also located in this area.

Afghan Church - The Church of St John the Evangelist better known as the Afghan Church is a Presbyterian church in South Mumbai, India, built by the British to commemorate the dead of the disastrous First Afghan War of 1838.

Colaba - The hub of tourist activity in Mumbai, Colaba is known for its street stalls, cafes and kitsch ambience. Colaba is also home to the most pocket friendly guesthouses and economy hotels.

Mani Bhavan - A simple old-style, two storied building on Laburnum Road, Mumbai. Whenever Gandhi was in Mumbai between 1917 to 1934, he stayed here. It is now converted into a museum and research centre.

Dr Bhau Daji Lad Museum - Dr. Bhau Daji Lad Museum is the oldest museum in Mumbai. The Museum's collection showcases the Industrial Arts and life in nineteenth century Mumbai.

Prince of Wales Museum - The foundation stone of this magnificent building was laid by King George V in 1905 on the occasion of his first visit to India. The building was designed by George Wittet and is an Indo Saracenic Style.

Drive past Gateway of India, Taj Mahal Hotel & Marine Drive.

Evening we visit a local Maharashtrian restaurant for Dinner. Overnight at hotel.

Day 13 Mumbai

Breakfast at hotel. Day free for leisure.

Day 14 Departure

Breakfast at hotel. Transfer to airport for flight back home.

Inclusions

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Thirteen nights in chosen category (see below)

Breakfast daily

All transport as per program in air conditioned private vehicle

Local English speaking guide for sightseeing' as per program

Sambhar Lake Train Tour

Old Delhi Rickshaw ride

Wine tour in Vineyard in Nashik

Paranthe Vali Gali tastings

High Tea at The Imperial

Sambhar Lake Resotr Lunch

Rohet's Home Dinner with Cooking Demo

Dawat-E-Nawab Restaurant at Radisson Blu Hotel

Lucknow Food Walk Tour
Vineyard Tour with Wine Tastings
Parsi Family Dinner with Cooking Demo
Maharashtrian Local Restaurant.
Welcome with fresh flower garlands
Bottled water daily
Bottle of Indian Rum per room
Applicable taxes

Excludes

Meals not mentioned in program
Airfares, insurance or visa fees
Camera or video fee (where applicable)
Personal expenses, drinks (unless mentioned), minibar, etc.
Tips, gratuity or similar
Anything not in inclusions

Suggested Superior Accommodation

Delhi - Regent Villa or Fab Hotel Cabana
Jaipur - Regenta Central Jal Mahal or The Mansingh
Agra - Mansingh Palace or Howard Plaza
Lucknow - Hotel Lineage or Quality Inn
Nasik - Some Vine Village
Mumbai - Comfort Inn Heritage

Suggested Deluxe Accommodation

Delhi - The Suryaa or Radisson Blu Pashchim Vihar
Jaipur - Umaid Mahal or Sarovar Premiere or Ramada Jaipur
Agra - Clarks Shiraz or Sarovar Premiere
Lucknow - Golden Tulip LKO
Nasik - Some Vine Village
Mumbai - Fariyas Hotel

Note: We do not have any blocking in above hotels. Similar or same hotels will be offered in same category & rate brackets.

Package

Departure Dates

This package is available year round. You may depart any day of your choosing. Just let us know and we will check availability for you.

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