

**Get romantic on an epic journey through lakes, beaches and palaces of India. ▼**



Home to more than one billion people fostering under the largest democracy on the Earth, India represents a nation that has civilization as old as the very first 'sense of existence' a human had ever experienced and dream of. The country among the leading precursors of knowledge and learning had the earliest words of wisdom composed in Vedic Sanskrit text known to be as Vedas. The veracity and great assimilation power to transform all of its invaders and immerse them into her influence has sustained the oldest civilization to develop into a most versatile country that has 438 living languages and a great number of religions, faith and believes that co-exist with each other despite their differences with each one's own sanctity, individuality and freedom. However, a crowded nation, India with a very wider spectrum of culture, languages, flora and fauna, history, geography offers a collage of humanity with an inevitable impression of satisfaction and fulfilment as traileed through a complete story of man from the birth to nirvana. A blend of contemporary with traditional as represented by modern cities and an extensive rural landscape, India is a spot for a stirring and treasured journey.

## Detailed Itinerary

### Day 01 Arrive Mumbai

On your arrival at Chhatrapati Shivaji International airport in Mumbai, you will be welcomed by Max Holidays representative who will transfer you to your hotel for night stay.

*Included meals : no meal*

*Included entrances : no sightseeing trip*

### Day 02 Mumbai

Start your Essential India tour package with a full-day guided sightseeing trip of Mumbai visiting the Gateway of India (Built in 1911 during British rule in India by to commemorate the visit of George V and Queen Mary this marble arch overlook the Arabian Sea). Gateway of India was also the point of exit for the last British

regiment from India after ruling over India for about 200 years). From gateway of India we take a regular ferry to travel to rock cut caves of Elephanta Island.

Dedicated to Lord Shiva the 7th century rock cut caves attracts a large no. of travellers every year.



In the second half of the day after coming back from Elephanta trip visit the famous tourist sites of Mumbai including Prince of Wales Museum, Hanging gardens, Marine Drive and Dhubhi Ghat (the famous open air laundry of Mumbai).

*Included meals : Breakfast*

*Included Entrances : Elephanta caves, Prince of Whales, ferry ride*

### Day 03 Mumbai to Jaipur (Flight)

After breakfast at the hotel restaurant, we will drive to Mumbai domestic airport to board our flight to Jaipur.

Here our Jaipur local representative, will assist you to your prebooked hotel. After quick wash and change, we proceed to visit the City Palace of Jaipur, a vast complex of courtyards, gardens and buildings reflecting the perfect blend of Rajasthani and Mughal architecture.



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Situated very near to the City Palace is the famous astronomical observatory of Jantar Mantar with bizarre sculptures. Also visit the favourite monument of travellers, the beautiful Palace of Winds (Hawa Mahal) a pink colored five-storied crown shaped structure with 955 windows erected on the main street of the city. Hawa Mahal was built in 1799 to enable the royal ladies to view the celebrations, parades and day to day life of the city, without appearing in the crowd.

Evening spend time at one of the famous restaurants in Jaipur that will entertain you with some folk dance and music and later serve delicious Indian cuisine.

**Included meals :** Breakfast, Theme dinner  
**Included Entrances :** City Palace Museum, Observatory, Hawa Mahal

### Day 04 Jaipur

Referred as the 'city of victory' Jaipur is the capital of the royal state of Rajasthan. Founded by Maharaja Jai Singh II in 1727, the buildings in the old city of Jaipur were painted in pink colour (colour of hospitality) in 1876 to welcome the Prince of Wales (later known as King Edward II). Drive through the old city to visit Amer Fort which is 11kms out of Jaipur. The stunning and massive Amer (or Amber) Fort is a glorious structure situated on the top of a hill in Aravali ranges. A decorated elephant ride to ascend the fort is going to be a most memorable experience you will have during your India tour. See the beautiful courtyard, gardens, rooms and finely carved roof of the palace. From Amer Fort drive in your vehicle to visit the Jaigarh Fort which is situated on the nearby hill, overlooking the Amer Palace. This fort is known for the largest cannon of the world having shooting range for about two miles.



Evening stroll around the local market of Jaipur like the Bapu Bazaar to buy the traditional handicraft articles, silver

jewellery and precious stone which are known worldwide. A rickshaw ride in the market will let you explore the full market.

**Included meals :** Breakfast  
**Included Entrances :** Amer Fort by Elephant, Jaigarh Fort, Rickshaw ride

### Day 05 Jaipur to Agra

After breakfast, we will drive towards 90 kms from Jaipur, to Abhaneri village which is known for its historical step well Chand Baoli, which are beautifully carved. These step well were used to reserve the water. Though the city lies in ruins now but the small hamlets at the village can be seen. The unique and huge structure of the step well invites thousand of travellers from around the world who visit here for tourism, study etc.



From here, we drive to the magical city Agra via Fatehpur Sikri which is one of the most common excursion trips from Agra. This imperial capital of India's Mughal Empire under Akbar's reign, from the year 1571 until 1585 was a short lived capital when it was abandoned, ostensibly due to lack of water. The beauty of this magnificent monument cannot be described in words alone one has to visit here to view its grandeur. The tourist's sites such as Emperor Akbar's Residential complex, Mosque & Tomb of Sufi saint Salim Chisti are worth the visit.

Later in the evening visit the stunning monument of Taj Mahal which is listed in 'UNESCO world heritage sites' and also known as one of the Seven Wonders of the World. This white marble structure reflecting the immense love between the royals is the greatest memory of love ever built. Mughal emperor Shah Jahan had built it in loving memory of his beloved wife Mumtaz Mahal. Here we will enjoy the fun and joyful ride on a Tonga (horse

cart), which will drop us to the entry gate of the Taj Mahal.

**Included meals :** Breakfast  
**Included entrances :** Chand Baori step well, Fatehpur Sikri, Taj Mahal, Tonga ride

### Day 06 Agra to Delhi

Following breakfast, we will drive to the another important monument, Agra Fort located on the bank of river Yamuna it is one of the finest forts of Mughal's in India.



After completing the sightseeing, spend some time in the local marble market of Agra, and later drive to Delhi which is 200kms. It takes about 3-4 hours to cover the distance through one of the finest freeways.

**Included meals :** Breakfast  
**Included Entrances :** Agra Fort.

### Day 07 Delhi

India's capital territory, the centre of political power of the nation and an interesting blend of old and new civilization Delhi retains an important place in tourism of India. Every year a large no. of travellers explore its cultural heritage and witness the busy but interesting lifestyle of its people.



We are set today to visit some of the interesting sites of Old and new Delhi which includes visit to Chandni Chowk (Silver Street), Jama Masjid (Mosque), India Gate, President's Palace, Humayun's Tomb, and Qutub Minar. Enjoy your lunch in City Restaurant. Overnight stay is at Delhi.

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*Included meals : Breakfast, Lunch*

*Included Entrances : Humayun's Tomb, Qutub Minar*

### Day 08 Delhi to Goa (Flight)

Following a leisure morning today, fly to Goa, one of the most romantic beach destination of India. On reaching Goa, get assisted transfer to your beautiful beach resort, where you can spend the day at leisure while walking though the beach near your resort. Enjoy overnight stay at Goa.



*Included meals : Breakfast*

*Included Entrances : no sightseeing trip*

### Day 09 Old Goa

After breakfast enjoy guided tour of Goa, once a thriving commercial and residential centre and now totally abandoned, only the Churches and Cathedral remains standing as a memory of earlier days. Se Cathedral is the largest Church in Asia and the Basilica of Bom Jesus, houses the relics of St. Francis Xavier, making it an International pilgrim centre.



Afternoon, take a easy lap at the Old Goa spice plantations, where we are going to have the organic Goan lunch. From there drive to New Goa (Panjim), to wander round the shops, view it from two interesting points and hear its history as well, as visit the atmospheric old Latin quarters. Evening drive back to the hotel for an overnight stay.

*Included meals : Breakfast, Lunch*

*Included Entrances : Spice Plantation*

### Day 10 Goa

Day is at leisure to enjoy the spectacular beaches of Goa

*Included meals : Breakfast*

*Included Entrances : no sightseeing trip*

### Day 11 Goa to Mumbai (Flight)

After breakfast leisurely time at the resort, it's time to get ready for the departure back to Mumbai. Arrive at Mumbai, and get assisted to your pre booked hotel. The time will be offered free to achieve shopping needs, or to explore markets, or nearby attractions, Overnight stay in the hotel at Mumbai.

*Included meals : Breakfast*

*Included Entrances : no sightseeing trip*

### Day 12 Depart Mumbai

Our representative will transport you to the Mumbai airport where you will board your next flight to home/onward destination.

*Included meals : Breakfast*

*Included Entrances : no sightseeing trip*



## What's Included

- **Airport Services** - Private air conditioned car with driver Company staff for airport assistance
- **Accommodation** - 09 nights in handpicked hotels, 02 nights in beach resort
- **Meals** - 11 Breakfasts, 02 Lunch, 01 Dinner
- **Transport** - All ground transport for sightseeing trips
- **Guides / Escorts** - Expert local tour guides for sightseeing tours
- **Entry Tickets** - Monument and museum tickets
- **Activities** - Rickshaw ride, Ferry ride, Elephant ride, Folk dances, Tonga ride,
- **Other inclusions** - Govt of India taxes and Company service charges

## What's not included

- **Flights** - International or domestic flights are not included
- **Travel insurance** - Please carry a valid travel insurance
- **Visa** - Visa fee and charges
- **Other Fees** - Video / still camera fees wherever it is applicable
- **Meals** - Meals not specified
- **Personal expenses** - Any kind of personal expenses/bills

### Accommodation style



You will spend 11 nights in handpicked hotels including a couple of nights in a characteristic hotel or a heritage hotel including 03 night stay in a resort near beach in Goa. We may also mix an experience of staying with local Indian families and some bed and breakfast style accommodation.

There are 3 flights in this trip. All flight trips are in standard class only inclusive of ticket price and taxes. Cost for the extra luggage you must settled with the airline directly.

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### Trip Disclaimer

To provide the most accurate and updated information most of our tour itineraries are updated every year. We keep into consideration the reviews of our past travellers on such trips and if need be we incorporate immediate changes for betterment so that our future travellers can be benefitted from it. While booking Essential India group tour package with us, we recommend that you read reviews of our past travellers, trip notes on the page, FAQs and terms of bookings etc. and ensure that the same are meeting to your plans and satisfaction. If you are interested in our Essential India group tour package and have some queries before preceding the bookings, you can contact our team via email or phone. Our India Group Tour experts will ensure that all your queries are answered with the best available information. The length of Essential India group tour is 11 nights and 12 days and we have been operating such trips successfully with almost no interruption. However, it is to be noted that inclement weather conditions, flight delays, political reasons, social ceremonies and many other reasons may cause some changes in the itinerary. Such reasons may also cause changes in time, place and order of sightseeing trips of Essential India group tour package.

All sightseeing points are mentioned in the itinerary and will be visited by our expert tour guides. Tickets to such monuments in Essential India Group tour package of India are included for the mentioned monuments and museums etc. For sightseeing trips other than the planned, the

traveller must inform our office in advance or communicate to our staff or local tour guide. Such additional sightseeing trips will be subject to availability and can be booked at additional cost only. Our staff and guides work under the supervision of our local expert team in each city, to ensure your safety and minimize any sort of risk. Though we try to offer the travellers the lowest possible price for the trips, but sometimes our price may be slightly higher than our competitors since at Max Holidays there are a team of many local experts engaged in organisation and execution of your Essential India group tour. To ensure your safety and quality of services, we recommend that, in the event of any additional sightseeing trip, additional hotel bookings, flight tickets etc you contact our staff in Delhi head office, directly.

### Important Notes

The prices indicated with each trip are based on twin share basis. If you are a single traveller and wish to stay in a single room only, you must pay the single room supplement mentioned with each trip. If you are a single traveller booking the trip on twin share price we will be offering you accommodation with a traveller of same gender only. In the event we do not find any other single traveller willing to share the room, you will be offered a single room only with additional single room supplement cost. For more information in this connection you may also contact our India group tour specialist in India.

For all our fixed departure Group Tour packages, the maximum size of the group is 24, but in the event of higher demand on any given date, it may increase upto 30 only.

Indian food is a sheer delight for the traveller. On our India group tour packages mostly breakfasts are a part of the package. In addition to it we also include few lunches and dinners based on our experience for giving you a special local experience. For the rest of the meals, we prefer to offer the travellers flexibility and freedom of choosing meal and local restaurant of their choice. Our guides will

suggest you restaurants you can try for a meal. This not only offers you budgeting flexibility but also keeps you free to try something apart from the group activities.

It is the responsibility of the traveller to respect the local culture, customs and nature. Keep the places you travel clean, do not encourage beggars by tipping them.

It is strongly recommended that while travelling in public areas and crowded streets or/and otherwise too, keep your passport, money etc in a neck wallet. Do not carry your valuable jewellery items etc during the trip as you will not require them for the trip. Many hotels also provide the facilities of safety lockers which can be used as per the hotel policy.

Though it is not mandatory for the travellers but in India tour guides, drivers, porters etc expect tips for their service. This is not included in our price and is totally at your own discretion.

### How to Book

It is very easy and simple! To book yourself on one of our India Group tour packages you require selecting date of departure from the list. Please click on the button '2017-2018 Dates & Offers', scroll the page to check all available dates and special offers, to view the offers click the date of your choice and if the dates, price etc are matching with your schedule and budget simply proceed with 'Book Now' option. This option will take you to an online form which you can fill and send our office to check availability of seats on the trip.

While browsing through the 'Dates and Offers' page, you will see icons showing 'Early Bird Offers' and 'Last Minute Deal', to know more just scroll the mouse on the icon. 'Filling fast' icon indicates the Essential India group tour departures which are becoming favourites among the travellers. The red coloured button indicates the booking for the specific dates have been 'closed'. If you are still interested in joining our group on such a date, we recommend that you immediately contact our India head office by phone or email. We shall try our best to



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accommodate your request and if not we will definitely offer you alternative trips.

Once your booking request for Essential India group tour package has been received by our team, they will communicate with you over the phone or email and upon receiving the booking amount from your side they will enrol you in the group departure.

For immediate assistance, you may contact our team at following contact addresses:

**Phone** : ++91 11 40504050 (board no.)

**email** : [tours@maxholidays.com](mailto:tours@maxholidays.com)

For our complete contact information, or to locate our local office near you, please visit our 'contact us' page.

For your bookings with us, you can make payments by any of the following methods:

1. Swift Bank Transfer / Telegraphic Transfer
2. Online Credit Card Payment using 'Secured Online Credit Card Payment Gateway' powered by Visa and MasterCard..

### Visa & Insurance

It is compulsory that, on all Max Holidays trips including small group tour packages of India, you carry a valid travel insurance atleast covering your medical expenses in the event of health issues. It is also recommended strongly that the travel insurance you carry should cover additional expenses or loss due to any sudden

from our team you present them a copy of your valid travel insurance and visa for their records and booking requirements.

To visit India one must carry a valid Indian visa and the same can be obtained easily from Indian Embassy or Consulate near you. India offers the facilities of eTV or TVOA (Tourist Visa on Arrival) for travellers from about 150 countries listed herein below. E Tourist Visa is completely online service by Indian Govt. and no facilitation is required by any intermediary.

### Transport

Bus, Car, Rickshaw, Ferry ride, Elephant, Horse cart, Ferry

### List of the countries approved under eTV scheme for VOA (India Visa on Arrival)

Albania, Andorra, Anguilla, Antigua & Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Aruba, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Barbados, Belgium, Belize, Bolivia, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei, Bulgaria, Cambodia, Canada, Cape Verde, Cayman Island, Chile, China, China- SAR Hongkong, China- SAR Macau, Colombia, Comoros, Cook Islands, Costa Rica, Cote d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Czech Republic, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, East Timor, Ecuador, El Salvador, Eritrea, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kiribati, Laos, Latvia, Lesotho, Liberia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia, Moldova, Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Montserrat, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nauru, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niue Island, Norway, Oman, Palau, Palestine, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Macedonia, Romania, Russia, Saint Christopher and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent & the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Senegal, Serbia, Seychelles, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Tajikistan, Tanzania, Thailand, Tonga, Trinidad & Tobago, Turks & Caicos Island, Tuvalu, UAE, Ukraine, United Kingdom, Uruguay, USA, Vanuatu, Vatican City-Holy See, Venezuela, Vietnam, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

### Useful links

Visa on Arrival : [indianvisaonline.gov.in](http://indianvisaonline.gov.in)

Indian Embassies Abroad : [www.mea.gov.in](http://www.mea.gov.in) [www.maxholidays.com](http://www.maxholidays.com)

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55 I would like to talk about Max Holidays Ltd. First I would like to say something about my inhibition to select a tour company in fear of getting scammed. In the USA we have the Better Business Bureau that we can go to to checkout a business but was unable to for India (not saying there isn't one but did try)... 55

★★★★★

Paul Pitts, United States of America



55 Thank you Rohini and Max Holidays for organizing a perfect visit of Rajasthan. Our 20 days tour went well, smooth and without problems. We planned the visit for many months in advance, and exchanged many mails with Rohini. Her replies were always helpful and prompt. While visiting Rajasthan Rohini was always... 55

★★★★★

Doran Justice, India

### How to Pay

cancellation, delay in the trip, flights rescheduling etc and other personal liabilities. It is required that on demand



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 <p>“I would like to thank Max holidays for organizing one of the most fabulous days we had in India. The day with the elephants was so amazing and something we will remember for a lifetime. They organized the whole day for us and it went off without a hitch and more than we were expected.....”</p> <p>★★★★★</p> <p>Karen Anderson, United States of America</p>	 <p>“We have returned from our wonderful trip to India and have now had a chance to reflect on how well you both organised our 'Roots' holiday to New Delhi, where I lived with my Parents and Sisters up to 1957. We found and visited my old school, St. Columba's Boys School, The Sacred-Heart Convent.....”</p> <p>★★★★★</p> <p>James Muller, United Kingdom</p>
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