

Earthbound Expeditions

Camel Fair, Taj Mahal and Rajasthan Tour

10 days, from US$0 per person

Duration	Group size	Country
10 days	**15 people**	**India**

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Itinerary

Day 1

Arrive in Delhi

Our representative meets you at the international airport and transfers you to the hotel. Note: we recommend that you obtain your Indian visa before arrival.

Altitude: 215 m On foot: None, arrival day Night: Hotel, Delhi Meals: None

Day 2

Delhi sightseeing

Today we visit the landmarks of Old Delhi. • Red Fort: the Red Fort (Lal Qila) is the finest example of Mughal architecture, combining Hindu, Timurid and Persian traditions. It was built in the mid-17th century by the Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan. The fort has red sandstone walls and took almost a decade to complete. • Jama Masjid: this mosque stands above Old Delhi and is the largest mosque in India. It is built of red sandstone and white marble in the style of the Mughal Empire. • Raj Ghat: a memorial to Mahatma Gandhi on the banks of the Yamuna River. It is a black marble platform at the spot where Mahatma Gandhi was cremated. • India Gate: a war memorial arch dedicated to the 70,000 soldiers of the British Indian Army who died between 1914 and 1921 in the First World War. The names of soldiers who died in the war are engraved on it, and it is lit up at night. • Rashtrapati Bhavan: the residence of the President of India, the world's largest democracy. It was first designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens and built by thousands of labourers. The building opened to the public in August 2012, and visitors can now see its many halls and gardens. It has hosted many important occasions.

Altitude: 215 m On foot: Easy walking, 2–3 hrs Night: Hotel, Delhi Meals: Breakfast

Day 3

Delhi to Agra

After breakfast, drive to Agra, which takes about 4 hours through scenic countryside. On arrival in Agra, check in to the hotel. In the afternoon you visit Agra Fort. The best-known landmark in Agra is the Taj Mahal, regarded around the world as a monument to love. It was built by the Emperor Shah Jahan in memory of his third wife, Mumtaz Mahal. The white marble mausoleum took about 20 years to complete and involved thousands of artisans and architects.

Altitude: 170 m On foot: None, 4 hr drive Night: Hotel, Agra Meals: Breakfast

Day 4

Agra to Jaipur via Fatehpur Sikri

After breakfast, drive from Agra to Jaipur, which takes approximately 5 hours. On the way we make a short detour to Fatehpur Sikri, a small city in northern India just west of Agra, founded by a 16th-century Mughal emperor. It has many forts and monuments built of red stone. We then continue to Jaipur.

Altitude: 430 m On foot: None, 5 hr drive Night: Hotel, Jaipur Meals: Breakfast

Day 5

Jaipur sightseeing

After breakfast, we go to the Amber Fort, where you can ride up on the back of an elephant. We then continue into Jaipur city to see its main monuments. These include the Hawa Mahal, built in 1799 AD, which has 953 windows and is said to resemble the crown of Krishna, and the Chandra Mahal, with its mixture of Mughal and Rajasthani architecture. You also see the Shri Govind Dev Temple and the City Palace Museum.

Altitude: 430 m On foot: Easy walking, 2–3 hrs Night: Hotel, Jaipur Meals: Breakfast

Day 6

Jaipur to Pushkar

From Jaipur, drive to Pushkar, which takes about 3 hours. We arrive just before the Pushkar Fair begins. At the fair, people from all over India gather to trade animals such as camels, goats and cows. We tour the market on a camel-drawn cart and visit the temple dedicated to Brahma, the Hindu god of creation.

Altitude: 510 m On foot: None, 3 hr drive Night: Tented camp, Pushkar Meals: Breakfast

Day 7

Pushkar Camel Fair

Once a year, a very large gathering of animal herds, nomads, merchants, camel traders, artists and musicians from across Rajasthan takes place at Pushkar. Activities include animal trading, camel races, competitions between locals and visitors, and Rajasthani cultural shows. Among them are colourful covered stalls selling snacks, sweets, jewellery, textiles and camel saddles. You have a full day to enjoy the fair.

Altitude: 510 m On foot: Easy walking, 3–4 hrs Night: Tented camp, Pushkar Meals: Breakfast

Day 8

Pushkar to Udaipur

Drive from Pushkar to Udaipur, which takes about 7 hours. In Udaipur, take a relaxed walk through the busy city and watch the sunset.

Altitude: 600 m On foot: None, 7 hr drive Night: Hotel, Udaipur Meals: Breakfast

Day 9

Udaipur sightseeing

Today you explore Udaipur, a city of marble known for its lakes, mosques and gardens. Visit the City Palace, which stands on a hill overlooking Lake Pichola. The palace is built in a Mughal architectural style and dates back about 400 years. We go up Pearl Hill to see the memorial to the Rajput warrior Maharana Pratap, where historical paintings explain Indian history. Visit the Jagdish Temple, dedicated to Lord Vishnu and built in the Indo-Aryan style, known for its carved pillars and decorated ceilings.

Altitude: 600 m On foot: Easy walking, 2–3 hrs Night: Hotel, Udaipur Meals: Breakfast

Day 10

Udaipur to Delhi and departure

Today you fly from Udaipur to Delhi, where our representative takes you to the international airport for your departure.

Altitude: 215 m On foot: None, flight day Night: No overnight Meals: Breakfast

What's included

- 9 nights' accommodation in 3-star and heritage hotels.
- Tents in Pushkar.
- Daily breakfast.
- All airport transfers.
- Ground transport in private air-conditioned vehicles.
- English-speaking guides.
- Food, salary and insurance for the tour guides.
- Elephant ride at Amber Fort.
- Boat ride on Lake Pichola in Udaipur.
- Cultural show at Bagore Ki Haveli.
- All applicable taxes.

Not included

- Any personal expenses.
- All entrance fees (please allow approximately USD 60).
- Meals (please allow approximately USD 150 to 200).
- All other tourist activities, and tips (customary in tourism).
- Any internal flight from Udaipur to Delhi.
- International flights.

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