



Earthbound Expeditions

Holi Festival tour India

11 days, from US\$1,387 per person

Duration

11 days

Group size

15 People

Country

India

Holi Festival tour India : DELHI-AGRA-TAJ MAHAL- JAIPUR - PUSHKAR-UDAIPUR-RANAKPUR

Day by day

Day 1

Arrival in Delhi

Our representative will meet you at the International Airport in Delhi India and then you will be transferred to your hotel.

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

Day 2

Delhi to Agra

Enjoy a delightful breakfast, and then travel to Agra which takes about 4 hours. The drive is scenic and provides beautiful scenery of the surrounding landscape. After your arrival in Agra, check in to the hotel. Be ready for some sightseeing as you will explore the immaculate Agra Fort. The most impressive landmark of Agra is the iconic Taj Mahal. This monument serves as a memento of love for lovers all around the world. Built by the Emperor Shah Jahan in the memory of his third wife Mumtaz Mahal, this lavish mausoleum proudly flaunts its white marble architecture. This landmark took about 20 years to complete, and the process included thousands of artisans and architects. Learn the true meaning of love as you explore this beautiful structure.

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

Day 3

Agra to Jaipur

The scenic drive from Agra to Jaipur lasts approximately 5 hours. Go to Jaipur after having a hearty breakfast. On the route to Jaipur, we will take a slight detour and visit Fatehpur Sikri, which is a small city in Northern India, just west of Agra, and was founded by the 16th century Mughal Emperor. This city consists of numerous forts and monuments, that are built from red stones. Travel ahead, and then you'll reach the city of Jaipur.

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

Day 4

Jaipur sightseeing

Enjoy your delicious breakfast, and then we head towards the Amber Fort. Sit on the back of an elephant and enjoy the bumpy ride. Travel further to the interior of the Jaipur city and do some sightseeing of the prominent monuments. Our tour will display you the eccentric Hawa Mahal which was built in 1799 AD. Travelers are left spellbound by the fact that it comprises 953 walls, and it closely resembles the crown of Krishna. Admire the beauty of the Chandra Mahal and pay attention to its unique mixture of Mughal and Rajasthani architecture that is second to none. Feast your eyes on the Shri Gobind Deo Temple and the City Palace Museum.

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

Day 5

Jaipur to Udaipur drive

Enjoy your breakfast, and head towards Udaipur on a private vehicle. It may take about 7 hours.

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

Day 6

Udaipur

Today, you'll explore this extravagant city of marbles which is mostly hailed for its lakes, mosques, gardens and the romantic backdrops. Bask in the glory of the City Palace of Udaipur as it sits atop a hill overlooking the serene Lake Pichola. The palace is a fusion of, and Mughal architectural style and history dictates that it was built about 400 years ago. We'll head towards the summit of the Pearl hill to observe the memorial of the applauded Rajput warrior, Maharana Pratap. The premises speak about its historical paintings and briefs you about the Indian history. Pay a visit to the Jagdish temple, which is devoted to Lord Vishnu and marvel at its Indo-Aryan style of architecture. Intricate pillar designs, Decorated ceilings are the major attractions of this temple.

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

Day 7

Udaipur excursion

Leave from Udaipur towards the Kumbhalgarh fort. You can visit the Jain temple at Rankapur as well. After having a delicious lunch, head back to Udaipur.

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

Day 8

Udaipur to Pushkar

Leave for Pushkar which takes about 6 hrs. You will get there on a private vehicle.

Altitude: 510 m On foot: None, 6 hr drive Night: Hotel, Pushkar Meals: Breakfast

Day 9

Pushkar

The festival of colors Holi is the most beautiful and eloquent festival in all of India. At Pushkar, we will take an evening stroll through the colorful bazar and visit the famous Brahma temple. The Pushkar lake in itself is pretty enticing.

Altitude: 510 m On foot: Easy walking, 2–3 hrs Night: Hotel, Pushkar Meals: Breakfast

Day 10

Pushkar to Delhi

We'll head towards Delhi from Pushkar in afternoon. The train ride will be about 7 hours long and the timing of the ride will tend to fluctuate.

Altitude: 215 m On foot: None, 7 hr train journey Night: Hotel, Delhi Meals: Breakfast

Day 11

Delhi sightseeing departure

Today we'll explore the various landmarks of Old Delhi. • **Red Fort** Red Fort (Lal Qila) is the pinnacle of the Mughal style of architecture, and it portrays a blend of Hindu, Timurid and Persian traditions. This iconic landmark was made in the mid-17th century and was built by the Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan. The fort comprises of red sandstone walls, and it took almost a decade to complete. • **Jama Masjid** This Masjid towers over Old Delhi and is the largest Masjid in India. The Masjid is made with red sandstone and white marble and shows the architecture of the Mughal Empire. • **Raj Ghat** The Raj Ghat is a memorial that is dedicated to Mahatma Gandhi. Situated on the banks of the Yamuna River, it is a black marble platform which is made at the spot of the cremation of the great 'Mahatma Gandhi. • **India Gate** The India Gate is a war memorial that is dedicated to the 70000 soldiers of the British Indian Army who lost their lives from 1914 to 1921 in the First World War. The Gate portrays the architectural style of an arch. Names of the soldiers that died in the war are engraved on the Indian Gate. At night, the Gate illuminates, which further adds to its beauty. • **Rashtrapati Bhavan** This enigmatic building is home to the President of the world's largest democracy. Sir Lutyens first conceptualized the structure, and it took the efforts of thousands of laborers to make his vision a reality. The building opened for the public in August 2012, and now travelers can explore its numerous halls and gardens. The Rashtrapati Bhavan has hosted many important occasions as well. Our representative will drop you off at the Tribhuvan International Airport.

Altitude: 215 m On foot: Easy walking, 2–3 hrs Night: No overnight Meals: Breakfast

What's included

- Hotels would be in (3) three star category and heritage hotels in Rajasthan.
- Accommodations on the basis of twin share basis.
- Includes breakfast.
- Private AC car / Bus for entire tour.
- Train ticket – AC chair class from Pushkar (Ajmer) – Delhi
- Service of English speaking tour Guide for the entire tour.
- All applicable taxes.

Not included

- All Flight fares.
- Indian Visa.
- All Entrance Fee (USD 60 per person)
- All meals except breakfast.
- Elephant ride at Amber fort (\$20)
- Hire your own car. [OPTIONAL]
- Boat ride at Lake Pichola in Udaipur (\$10)
- Photo and Camera Fees.
- Expenses of personal nature – bar, laundry, phone, etc.
- Tips and gratitude's for guides and drivers.