

## Our Itinerary

### Friday, February 24 Arrive Delhi

We arrive in Delhi late this evening and transfer to our city centre hotel.

*Delhi*

### Saturday, February 25 Delhi

A good look at New Delhi and a sit down to talk about jugaad, the Hindi word that describes that spirit of ingenuity and improvisation in the face of adversity on which the city prides itself.

*Delhi* *B, L*

### Sunday, February 26 Delhi

This morning we have our first discussion, helping to situate us in this incredible India. This afternoon, we'll visit Old Delhi by rickshaw and Lodhi Gardens, Delhi's favourite cultural hotspot.

*Delhi* *B, D*

### Monday, February 27 Fly to Udaipur

Short flight to Udaipur. Meet artists at the City Palace and priests at the Jagdish Temple.

*Udai Kothi, Udaipur* *B, D*

### Tuesday, February 28 Udaipur

Discussion on the rooftop patio of our hotel. Then to the Saijan Niwas Gardens and the Saraswati Bhawan Library housing volumes from the early medieval period.

*Udai Kothi, Udaipur* *B, D*

### Wednesday, February 29 Udaipur

Visit a local school to learn about ongoing efforts to eradicate illiteracy.

*Udai Kothi, Udaipur* *B, D*

### Thursday, March 1 Drive to Narlai

To Ranakpur to visit the magnificent Jain temples, then to the 17<sup>th</sup> century village of Narlai for a three night stay.

*Rawla Narlai, Narlai* *B, D*

### Friday, March 2 Narlai

Discussion on the ramparts of our palace hotel and time to explore the village.

*Rawla Narlai, Narlai* *B, D*

### Saturday, March 3 Narlai

Visit to the Ayi Mata Temple, another discussion, visits to neighbouring villages and try our hand at Indian cuisine with our chefs at the palace hotel.

*Rawla Narlai, Narlai* *B, D*

### Sunday, March 4 Drive to Jaipur

Rural scenery on the way to Jaipur, sharing the road with bejeweled camels, sacred cows, cycle rickshaws and fantastically decorated transport trucks – a Bollywood movie with Indian popcorn!

*Rambgarh Lodge, Jaipur* *B, L*

### Monday, March 5 Jaipur

By elephant back to Amber Fort and the Jantar Mantar observatory. Dinner at home with discussions on contemporary India literature.

*Rambgarh Lodge, Jaipur* *B, D*



### Tuesday, March 6 Drive to Agra

The World Heritage site of Fatehpur Sikri - the colours of the Dhobi Ghat by the Ganges.

*Taj Gateway Hotel, Agra* *B, D*

### Wednesday, March 7 Agra

A dawn look at the Taj – magnificent Agra Fort - discussion on the terrace facing the Taj.

*Agra* *B, D*

### Thursday, March 8 Fly to Varanasi

A short flight and three nights here, gaining a deeper understanding of India's spiritual place.

*Radisson Hotel, Varanasi* *B, D*

### Friday, March 9 Varanasi

A very early with a boat trip on the Ganges to observe the rituals of life and death - meeting with World Literacy Canada - a walk through the campus of Benares Hindu University - visit s to WLC' projects and dinner with staff.

*Radisson Hotel, Varanasi* *B, D*

### Saturday, March 10 Varanasi

A final discussion - the holy site of Sarnath where the Buddha is said to have preached his first sermon.

*Radisson Hotel, Varanasi* *B, D*

### Sunday, March 11 Depart Delhi

Morning is at leisure before our transfer to the airport homeward bound flights *B*



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