

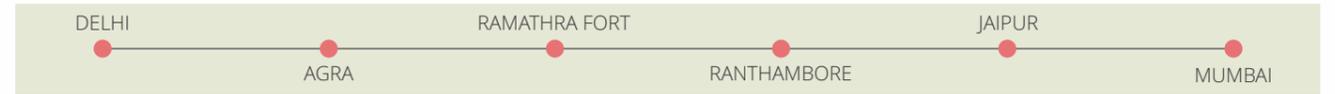
INDIA
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NRT2 > 12 DAY TOUR

TAJ, TIGERS, ROYALTY AND BOLLYWOOD

As much as India is known for her inspirational heritage, culture and traditions, she is also famous for the glitzy and glamorous Bollywood which churns out more than 1600 movies a year. This itinerary takes one on a journey through quintessential and iconic north India covering six UNESCO World Heritage Sites and also gives one a taste of rural, aristocratic Rajasthan, juxtaposing with the cosmopolitan culture of Mumbai. Enjoy interactions with the owners of a restored 17th century Fort. Spot the majestic Royal Bengal Tiger in the wild, and partake in the fast pace of Bollywood's glamour world!



INSIDER TIPS:

- Add two nights after Mumbai to see the Asiatic Lions at Gir National Park in Gujarat. Mumbai has direct flights to Diu which is the nearest airport located 2 hours away from the park. The park is open from October 15 to June 15.
- From around mid-December to mid-January heavy fog descends over north India. Expect delays/cancellation of flights/trains and disruptions in the itinerary during this period.
- The 45 minute Change of Guard Ceremony at Rashtrapati Bhavan which takes place every Saturday, is a great way to start the Delhi sightseeing (timings vary depending on the time of the year).
- When in Jaipur we recommend a half-day block printing workshop, at the end of which you will have created a souvenir for yourself; or if there are families travelling with children we have a delightful half day interaction with elephants post lunch.





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DAY 01 ARRIVAL DELHI

Warm welcome at the airport by our representative and transfer to the hotel.

DAY 02 IN DELHI

Start the day with a choice of tour depending upon the interest: breakfast trail or a rickshaw ride or a bicycle ride for a bit of adventure through the streets of Old Delhi. In the afternoon, visit the 16th century Humayun's Tomb, the first garden tomb of Asia and the Qutab Minar, the magnificent 12th century minaret. Both are UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Spend the evening exploring the 13th century Hauz Khas Village with its quirky shops, art galleries and restaurants.

DAY 03 DELHI – AGRA

Embark the morning train to Agra. Visit some of the lesser known riverside monuments behind the Taj Mahal. After a relaxed lunch visit the Agra Fort and the Taj Mahal during

sunset. Both are UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

DAY 04 AGRA – RAMATHRA FORT via FATEHPUR SIKRI

Return to the Taj Mahal to see it in the early morning light. Later in the morning drive to Ramathra Fort, the home of Ravi and Gitanjali Raj Pal. Stop en route to visit the 16th century deserted city of Fatehpur Sikri, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

DAY 05 IN RAMATHRA FORT

Ramathra offers spectacular views from its perch on a hilltop and also the opportunity to see village life up close. Spend the day enjoying the property, the home style food from the family recipes and going on leisurely walks in the countryside.

DAY 06 RAMATHRA FORT – RANTHAMBORE NATIONAL PARK

Drive to the Ranthambore National Park, home of the Royal Bengal Tiger. Enjoy a Game drive in the afternoon.

DAY 07 IN RANTHAMBORE NATIONAL PARK

Morning and afternoon Game drives to the park, in search of the Royal Bengal Tiger.

DAY 08 RANTHAMBORE NATIONAL PARK – JAIPUR

Drive to Jaipur. Explore the hidden gems of the old city of Jaipur and its culinary delights on a walking tour with a local.

DAY 09 IN JAIPUR

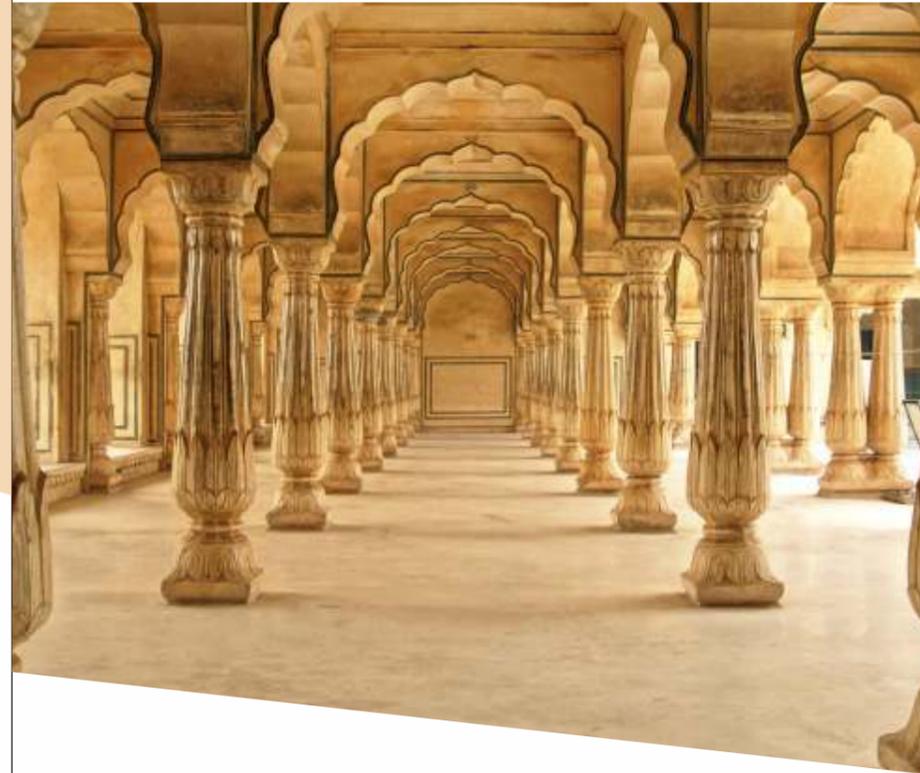
Visit the 16th century Amber Fort, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, followed by the City Palace and the Royal Observatory. In the evening, enjoy a Rajasthani cooking session with a local resident of Jaipur, followed by dinner. Alternatively, an elephant ride in a private camp followed by dinner in a surprise jungle location.

DAY 10 JAIPUR – MUMBAI

Fly to Mumbai in the morning. Spend the afternoon exploring the

MEENAKARI JEWELLERY

Meenakari is one of India's oldest and most sophisticated jewellery making techniques. An ancient art form of decorating metal with enamel, Meenakari travelled from Persia to Jaipur which has some extremely talented Meenakari artists working out of traditional workshops in their homes.



Rajasthan is a hot and dry state.



Rajasthan has many languages, Marwari being the most prominent of all.

Most often used phrase is: 'Khammagani' which means 'many greetings' in Marwari.

main sights of Mumbai such as the Gateway of India, Prince of Wales Museum, the Dhobi Ghat and Mani Bhawan.

DAY 11 IN MUMBAI

Wake up at the crack of dawn to experience a Mumbai one never imagines and hardly ever sees, when an industrious lot of people, who are largely invisible, are going about their work. This is a Mumbai that disappears without a trace by eight in the morning. Later in the afternoon there is the option to choose a tour based on interest: a market walk, a two hour Bollywood dance class or a shopping tour with a personal shopper. End the day with a drink at AER Bar with its great vibe and priceless views of the city. Make sure to get there early to witness the city lights coming on in the evening.

DAY 12 MUMBAI – DEPARTURE

Transfer to the airport in time for the international flight.

