

The best of INDIA & Kumbha Mela

Delhi/Jaipur – Agra – Khajuraho – Allahabad-Varansi-Delhi

14 Days / 13 Nights





MAHA KUMBH MELA 2025 13 JAN – 26 FEB 2025

It is the power of faith that can part a river, move mountains, and endure the hardships that come bundled up for being an integral part of Kumbh Mela, a congregation of millions, gathered together to be freed from the vicious earthly cycle of life and death and move towards a heavenly realm, which knows no suffering or pain. It's the mythological history of India and the sacred religious texts that bind us carnal souls to an eternal hope - things will be better, without the ever-imminent fear of them getting worse that cripples us here. "An eternal life free of sins" is the promise that comes attached with the magnificent event of Kumbh Mela. It's a promise to which millions want to be bound with, and it is this promise that has made Kumbh Mela what it is today.

Every sixth year after a Purna Kumbh Mela sees an Maha Kumbh Mela taking place. In the Hindi language the word "Maha" stands for "half" and "Mela" means "fair". The "Maha Kumbh Mela" is called so because it is held at the sixth year and marks the halfway stage between the celebration of the Purna Kumbh Melas every 12 years.

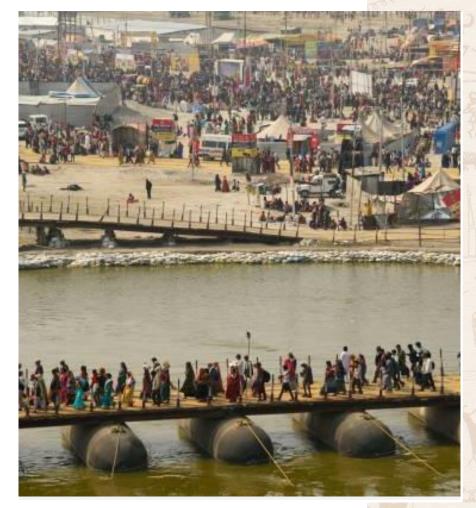




The Kumbh Mela is a microcosm of Indian society. The six-week spectacular is a passion-filled festival, which transcends creed, caste and religion. For the throngs of Hindu devotees who will travel here, it is a chance at salvation. This pilgrimage is particularly noteworthy because of its location. Allahabad is considered to be a special place for two reasons. It is believed that after Brahma created the world he offered his first sacrifice there. It also holds the "Triveni Sangam," which is the convergence of the three sacred rivers of India

Main Bathing Dates at Prayagraj Maha Kumbh Mela 2025

- 1. Paush Purnima January 13, 2025
- 2. Makar Sankranti (1st Shahi Snan) January 14, 2025
- 3. Mauni Amavasya (2nd Shahi Snan) January 29, 2025
- 4. Basant Panchami (3rd Shahi Snan) February 03, 2025
- 5. Achala Saptami February 04, 2025
- 6. Magh Purnima February 12, 2025
- 7. Shri Mahashivratri February 26, 2025





Brief Itinerary overview Program 2 : Itinerary and routing

D	ay 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7
D	arrival Delhi + City Our	Delhi – Jaipur [4 Hours Drive]	Jaipur City tour	Jaipur- Agra [5 Hours drive]	Agra City Tour	Train Agra = Jhansi [2 hrs], Orchha Visit & drive Khajuraho 3 Hours	Khajuraho Visit
D	ay 8	Day 9	Day 10	Day 11	Day 12	Day 13	Day 14
A D	hajuraho- Illahabad Prive [5 Iours]	Allahabad Kumbha Mela	Allahabad Kumbha Mela	Allahabad – varansi [4 Hours] Witness Ganga Aarti	Varanasi – Lucknow [4 hours drive]	Lucknow Visit and fly to Delhi	Departure Transfer for Internationa I Flight



25th Jan: Delhi Arrival from Tel Aviv Al 140 [Arrival at 0630]

Baggage collection. Meeting with our airport representative and guide for the sightseeing of Delhi..

Delhi Sightseeing

Sightseeing of Old Delhi , get down at the New pathway made at Chandani Chowk. Walk down Chandani Chowk area once an imperial avenue of Mughal Royalty which today is the busiest commercial area of the city, reach upto Jama Masjid - The largest mosque in India, Your driver will be waiting at Parking of Jama Masjid, drive past the magnificent Red Fort, - a marvel in red sandstone, built on the banks of River Yamuna by the Mughal emperor Shah Jahan. Visit Raj Ghat (memorial to Mahatma Gandhi), Panoramic tour of President house , Followed by photo stop of India Gate. 20th century architecture. also visit the 12th century Qutab Minar, gracefully hand-carved for its entire height of 234 ft, and the iron pillar, which has withstood the ravages of time and not rusted even after 1500 years.

Early evening Check in at Hotel. Dinner and Overnight.







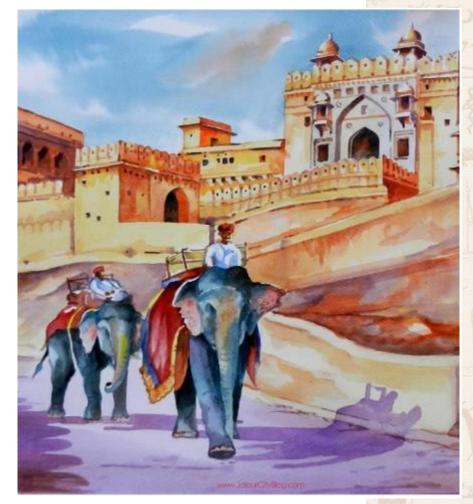
26th Jan : Delhi - Jaipur 315 Kms/ 4 & ½ Hours

Breakfast, Leave for Jaipur. Arrival Jaipur. Check in Hotel.

Pm You may go for the panoramic glimpses of Pink city, You may visit the Galta ji temple also famous as Monkey temple. You can also visit the Birla temple. Return to Hotell. Overnight

27th Jan : Jaipur

After breakfast, We proceed for the Sightseeing of THE PINK CITY 'JAIPUR' Visiting Amer Fort (Amber Fort), City Palace (Palace Museum), Jantar Mantar (Observatory) & Hawa Mahal (Wind Palace). Visit Amber Fort, the most fascinating of the Indian forts comprising the Palace of Mirrors, Hall of Public Audience and the beautiful gardens, all of which give a glimpse into the majesty of days gone by. Later visit the City Palace who's several courtyards and gardens provide a wonderful contrast to its many palatial structures. Photo Stop Hawa Mahal, ornamental facade of this "Palace of Winds" is a prominent landmark in Jaipur. The 5 storied stunning semi-octagonal monument having 152 windows with over hanging latticed balconies is a fine piece of Rajput architecture. Originally designed for the royal ladies to watch and enjoy the processions and other activities, on the street below then visit the Jantar Mantar - the Observatory that incorporates multiple buildings of unique geometrical forms, each with a specialized function for astronomical measurement.





28th Jan : - JAIPUR - AGRA 255 **KMS** HOURS Breakfast. Leave for Agra. Our First stop will be Abhaneri The Chand Baori, a stepwell built over a thousand years ago. It is one of the largest stepwells in the world and one of the most beautiful ones. Chand Baori one was built during the 8th and 9th centuries and has 3,500 narrow steps arranged in perfect symmetry, which descend 20m to the bottom of the well. About 64 feet deep, it is India's largest and deepest stepwells with 13 floors and was built by local rulers to tackle the scarcity of water in this arid state. Our next stop Phantom city Fatehpur Sikri. built by Emperor Akbar in 1569, in honor of the great Saint Sheikh Salim Chishti who blessed Akbar and prophesized the birth of three sons to the heirless Emperor. It remain capital for 14 years but slowly became deserted and ruined after Akbar left the city. Scarcity of water was the prime factor for the abandonment of this beautiful city. Arrival at Agra. Check in Hotel.

29th Jan : AGRA

Visit Taj Mahal world famous Taj Mahal built by Shah Jahan in 1560 in memory of his queen Mumtaz Mahal to enshrine her mortal remains. This architectural marvel is a perfectly proportioned masterpiece fashioned from white marble that stands testimony to the skill of 20,000 craftsmen brought together from Persia, Turkey, France and Italy and who took 17 year to complete this ' Love Poem in Marble'. Later visit the Agra Fort, which contains the halls for private and public audiences and other palaces. Shah Jahan spent years of confinement at this Fort at the hands of his son Aurangzeb, looking wistfully at the Taj Mahal from here. Overnight.





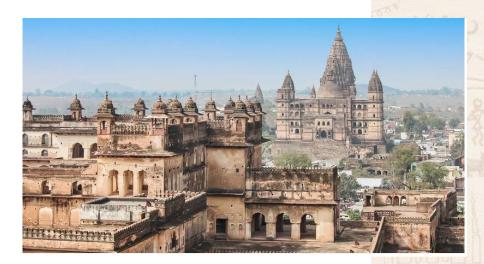


30th Jan : AGRA = JHANSI – ORCHHA – KHAJURAHO 170 KMS / 03 HRS Early breakfast, you will be transferred to Agra Railway station to connect Train departing at 0745 [Air- conditioned Executive Class]. After Aprx. 2 hours of Indian Train experience; we will get down from Train at Jhansi Station and proceed to Orchha: This small, pastoral town is popularly known as Raja Ram's kingdom. We will explore The Chaturbhuj temple, Jehangir Mahal, Raj Mahal, Chhatris [cenotaph] Laxminarayan temple and Ramraja Temple. Lunch and we drive for aprx 3 hours to reach Khajuraho. Arrival and Check-in at Hotel. Overnight.

31st Jan: KHAJURAHO

Breakfast at Hotel. Khajuraho is a heritage destination renowned for its temples having sculptures carved in erotic poses and is visited by guests from world over. Guided tour of Khajuraho. Start with the visit to group of famous Chandela dynasty temples. These temples are worldwide known for their spectacular erotic sculptures and carvings depicted in them. The Western Group of temples that are dedicated to Lord Shiva and Lord Vishnu includes the Kandariya Mahadeva temple, the Matangeshwar temple, the Lakshmana temple, and the Varaha temple. Early Evening we can to see the nearby Raneh waterfall. Return to Hotel. Overnight.

Optional: 07 Pm: Light and Sound Show.







01 Feb: KHAJURAO – ALLAHABAD 250 KMS / 06 HRS

Breakfast, leave for Kumbha Mela.... As Kumbha Mela is the largest gathering of mankind on Planet.... Strict traffic regulation/ restriction will be applicable. You may have to wait for your turn or walk for 30 minutes / 45 minutes to reach your Hotel. At the city gate we will get down from vehicle and switch to E – Rickshaw and then walk to reach the Tent city. Arrival at Tent city and get settled

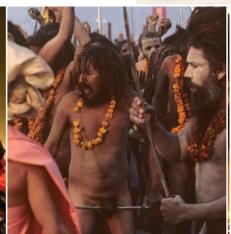
2nd **& 3**rd **Feb** : **The nest two days** is been kept to explore the Fair ground. Meet Sadhus and their followers who Came all the way down from Himalaya to these makeshift tents. Millions of Villagers walking day night on temporary Pontoon bridges floating on river, their rituals, Prayers, devotion, magician, hawker and the chaos of the Mini India....

The highlight of the fair is Shahi Snan [Royal Bath] on **3rd FEB** processional of Naga Sadhus. On Shahi Snan date , we ill wake- up around 3 am and try to reach as close as Sangam to see it.

Beware of pick pocket and be careful of getting lost or missing the other group members. Must carry our numbers and also the copy of your passport and Visa.









04th Feb: Allahabad - Varanasi

125 Kms / 3 Hours

Breakfast, leave for Varanasi. Embracing Life and death in its full glory, this ancient city belongs to the journey of Hinduism and the unbreakable faith in Lord Shiva. Believed to be created by the lord himself, it is a city of eighty ghats. Dashashwamegh Ghat is world famous for its crematoria. Arrival Varanasi and Check in to Hotel. Witness the evening Pooja [Aarti] when chants, incense and flowers bless everyone all around followed by the releasing of Diyas in holy waters of Ganges. Get back to your hotel room and rest overnight there. Overnight.

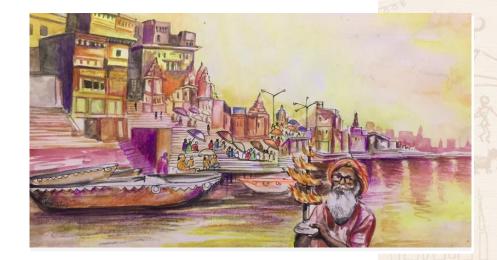
05th Feb: Varanasi – Lucknow 300 Kms / 5 Hours

Sunrise enjoy boating over sacred River Ganges to observe the unfolding of the city, people coming from Home for daily Holy Dip , rituals being performed at its ghats. Visit the Kashi Vishwanath Temple corridor.

Return to Hotel for Breakfast. Check out and leave for Lucknow.

Arrival at Lucknow and check in at Hotel.

Overnight.







06th Feb Lucknow / Delhi

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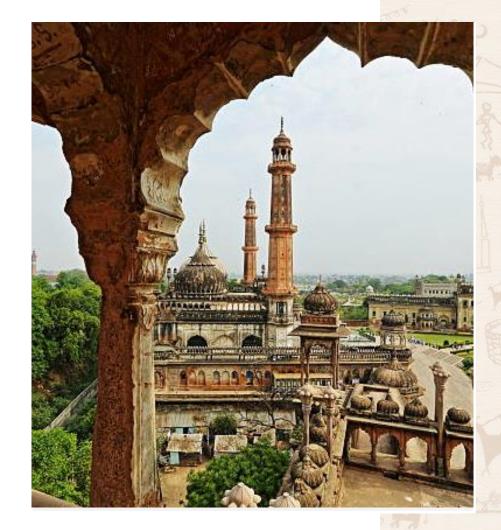
Breakfast, We will reach Chowk, visit the Heritage complex of Bara Imambara, Built in 1784, the **Bara Imambara** is a grand architectural marvel. Its main highlight is the enormous vaulted central chamber, which has the tomb of Asaf-ud-Daula. It's over 15 metres tall and there are no supporting beams for the ceiling! The famous *bhool bhulaiya* (confusing labyrinth of passages) is also part of the structure. The Residency complex, is home to many ruined buildings amidst well-kept idyllic gardens that belie its violent history. It was home to the British Resident General and was stormed during the Revolt of 1857. The broken walls bear testimony to the many cannon balls and bullets fired during the raid., La Martiniere College, Rumi Darwaza, Husaianabad clock tower Market and Satkanda.. 17h00 we will proceed for Lucknow airport to connect our flight to Delhi. Arrival Delhi and transfer to Hotel. Overnight.

07th Feb Delhi / Home

International Flight

Breakfast,

Departure transfer to Delhi International airport to connect the flight Home.





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Single supplement: US\$ 1050 PER PERSON

Package cost – 13 NTS, Twin sharing inclusive of daily Breakfast ,13 Lunch and 13 Dinner at Hotel of stay and Taxes, All Airport transfers , sightseeing, inter city travel using Comfortable Air-conditioned Transport, Monument Entrances , English speaking guide in each city during the Visits. Jeep ride Amer Jaipur , Boat ride Varanasi, Train Ticket AC executive Class . All Taxes

Supplement flight tickets in economy class: Lucknow / Delhi , [Instant purchase fare, subject to change] Check in baggage : 15 KG & Cabin

Euro 50 pp

baggage: 07 KG

NOT INCLUDED: Mandatory E-Visa, Laundry, table drinks, Telephone bills, internet usage, tips to room boys, drivers, guides, personal clothing etc., Emergency Evacuation, cancellation of any services due to Government Regulation during Kumbah Mela Any Air fares, Visa fee, Travel & Health Insurance, Covid cancellation, Anything not mentioned in inclusion.

5 star hotels



CITY		ROOM	NIGHTS
Delhi	Leela Ambience	Deluxe	01
Jaipur	Intercontinental Jaipur	Standard	02
Agra	Grand Mercure	Superior	02
Khajuraho	The Chandela	Deluxe	02
Allahabad	Mela Camp	Swiss Camp with attached Bathroom/Toliet	03
Varanasi	Om Vilas	Cottage	01
Lucknow	Taj Mahal	Garden View	01
Delhi	<u>Leela Ambience</u>	Deluxe	01



