



## Budget Classic India Culture Highlights Tour

Best time to visit November – March

14 days Delhi – Agra – Chambal – Bharatpur – Jaipur  
– Jodhpur – Udaipur – Delhi

*Discover some of India's most famous cities and monument on this classic culture tour. Marvel at the Taj Mahal and take a boat trip on the Chambal river for incredible views of the rare Gharial (a fish-eating crocodile) and the comical Indian Skimmer. Visit the famous Bharatpur Bird Sanctuary where storks, cranes and egrets nest, explore the Pink City of Jaipur and Blue City of Jodhpur and perhaps even tread in the footsteps of James Bond at Udaipur where "Octopussy" was filmed. A journey full of surprises that will delight for anyone interested in architecture, culture, wildlife or photography.*

### Highlights:

Explore vibrant cities with a wealth of monuments, temples and palaces.

Enjoy the Taj Mahal's beauty; see the Amber Fort from elephant back.

Take rickshaw rides at Bharatpur and a boat along the Chambal river

Experience daily life in a Bishnoi community

### Itinerary

**Day 1: Flight** (excluded, but easily booked via the internet)

**Day 2: Delhi**

Meals: Payable directly on this day

Arrive at New Delhi International Airport where you will be welcomed by our representative. Your driver will take you to your hotel. Check-in at most hotels is from 12 noon – often earlier if the room is available. Explore Delhi for the remainder of the day (with your driver). From here we recommend you visit Humayun's Tomb and Qutub Minar where you should see Black Kites flying overhead, Purple Sunbirds and Five-striped Ground Squirrels in the shrubbery. If time permits take a drive to see India Gate and the Government buildings. Note: In the big cities there are plenty of places where you can eat out cheaply, or alternatively you can check the menu at your hotel.

**Day 3: Delhi – Agra**

Meals: Breakfast

After breakfast leave for Agra. Expect the journey to take around 4 – 5 hours depending on traffic. In the afternoon visit the Taj Mahal (closed on Fridays) and the rather splendid Agra Fort, if time permits. Night at hotel in Agra.

**Day 4: Agra – Chambal – Fatehpur Sikri – Bharatpur**

Meals: Breakfast in Agra, lunch en route (payable directly), dinner at Bharatpur. After breakfast your driver will take you to the Chambal River at Dholpur – a journey of around 1 ½ hours. Enjoy a boat safari (guide excluded) to see the amazing Gharial, Marsh Crocodile, various species of Turtle and the charismatic Indian Skimmer. On the journey to Bharatpur, after approximately 3 hours, you will stop at the abandoned city of Fatehpur Sikri. Explore this fascinating World Heritage Site with a guide before continuing the short distance on to Bharatpur.

**Day 5: Bharatpur**

Meals: Breakfast, lunch or packed lunch and dinner

Today a guide will help you explore Bharatpur Bird Sanctuary's myriad of beautiful waterways, open lakes and small pools. After breakfast you to be dropped off inside the park and collected later that day by cycle rickshaw. Expect to see many species of birds close up including storks, egrets and owls and with luck you may see Jungle Cat, Golden Jackal and Nilgai too. It really is a paradise for



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Oriental White-eye © C Bradshaw



Fatehpur Sikri © J Dale



Gharial, Chambal © C Bradshaw



Amber Fort, Jaipur © M Addis

photographers and be sure to admire the lovely sunsets too. Night in hotel at Bharatpur.

#### **Day 6: Bharatpur – Jaipur**

Meals: Breakfast

After a leisurely start you will be driven (3 ½ - 4 hours) to the Pink City of Jaipur. Relax in the heat of the day and explore locally (on own with your driver) in the late afternoon/evening. Night at hotel.

#### **Day 7: Jaipur**

Meals: Breakfast

Following breakfast you'll explore the impressive Amber Fort (partly on elephant back), followed by a guided tour of Jaipur, including the City Palace and the Observatory. Return to your hotel for the evening.

#### **Day 8: Jaipur - Jodhpur**

Meals: Breakfast

Spend a final few hours exploring Jaipur, then drive (6 hours) to Jodhpur, the Blue City, located on the edge of the Great Thar Desert. You could, if you wish, visit Pushkar en-route. On arrival at Jodhpur check in to your hotel and spend the rest of the day at leisure. Admire the views which are dominated by Mehrangarh Fort or visit the Clock Tower and colourful Sadar Market in the old part of the city.

#### **Day 9: Jodhpur**

Meals: Breakfast

Following breakfast enjoy a morning excursion by jeep with guide to the local villages of the Bishnoi community. You'll be able to experience the daily life of this tribe, visit the local school, the shepherd and his family, a weaver and a potter. Often you can see Demoiselle Cranes, Indian Gazelle (Chinkara) and Blackbuck locally. Drive back to Jodhpur around lunch time and in the afternoon take a guided tour of the impressive Mehrangarh Fort and Jaswant Thada, the latter being a memorial to Maharaja Jaswant Singh II. Spend a second night at your hotel.

#### **Day 10: Jodhpur - Udaipur**

Meals: Breakfast

After breakfast drive to Udaipur (6 – 7 hours) and check in to your hotel. Relax for the remainder of the day in what is reputed to be one of the most romantic cities in India with Lake Pichola at its centre. Udaipur has many temples, palaces and havelis to explore. The James Bond movie Octopussy helped bring extra fame to Lake Palace Hotel, along with both Shiv Niwas Palace and Monsoon Palace where many of the scenes were filmed. Night at your hotel.

#### **Day 11: Udaipur**

Meals: Breakfast

After breakfast spend the morning on a guided tour of City Palace and the beautifully carved Indo-Aryan Jagdish Temple and in the evening take a boat ride on Lake Pichola (by shared boat). Night at the same hotel.

#### **Day 12: Udaipur – Kumbhalgarh Fort and Ranakpur – Udaipur**

Meals: Breakfast

Today you'll have a full day excursion to Kumbhalgarh Fort and Ranakpur Jain temples. The drive from Udaipur to Kumbhalgarh is approx. 2 hours. You'll have plenty of time to explore the Fort before continuing for another 1 hour to Ranakpur where you can expect to be in awe of one of India's most important Jain temples. The main temple, often referred to as the Four-Faced Temple, dates back to 1439. Drive to Udaipur (approx. 1 ½ hrs) and relax for the remainder of the day. Night at your hotel.

#### **Day 13: Udaipur – Delhi**

Meals: Breakfast

After breakfast your driver will transfer you to the airport for an internal flight back to Delhi (excluded from the price). You will be met outside the airport by your driver and transferred to your hotel in Delhi. Night at your hotel.

#### **Day 14: Delhi and away**

Meals: Breakfast

On this day we have included a departure transfer to the airport to connect with your international flight home (to be booked by you directly).

**Tour ends.**



Silver at Jaipur © R F Porter



Jodhpur from Mehrangarh Fort  
© P Vashistha



City Palace, Udaipur © P Vashistha



Lake Palace, Udaipur © P Vashistha



Humayun's Tomb © P Clarke

Price per person (valid till 31 March 2012) on twin-share basis:

For two travelling: £1020 for low budget accommodation, £1135 for mid budget accommodation

For three travelling: £940\* for low budget accommodation, £1060 \* for mid budget accommodation

For four travelling: £865 for low budget accommodation, £980 for mid budget accommodation

For six travelling: £790 for low budget accommodation, £905 for mid budget accommodation

Single room supplement: £225 for low budget accommodation, £325 for mid budget accommodation

\* Single room supplement to be applied for extra room.

Reduction in price available if you'd prefer to pay directly for entrance fees and monument guides is available on request.

Standard, deluxe and luxury options are available on request.

Supplements may apply for the Christmas/New Year period (20<sup>th</sup> December – 5<sup>th</sup> January). Please enquire for details.

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Place	Low budget	Middle budget	No. of nights
Delhi	S G Chaddha Guest House, Standard Room, B & B	Hotel Lohmod, Executive Room, B & B	1
Agra	Siris 18, Standard Room, B & B	Hotel Raj Mahal, Deluxe Room, B & B	1
Bharatpur	Hotel Sunbird, Standard Room, Full Board	Hotel Sunbird, Deluxe Room, Full Board	1
Jaipur	Mandawa Haveli, Deluxe Room, B & B	Diggi Palace, Standard Room, B & B	2
Jodhpur	Pal Haveli, Standard Room, B & B	Pal Haveli, Suite, B & B	2
Udaipur	Hotel Sarovar, Standard Room, B & B	Jagat Niwas Palace, Deluxe Room, B & B	3
Delhi	S G Chaddha Guest House, Standard Room, B & B	Hotel Lohmod, Executive Room, B & B	1

**Price includes:**

Accommodation in the above mentioned hotels  
Meals as per itinerary  
Air-conditioned vehicle for all transfers mentioned in the above itinerary  
Boat trip of 2 hours on River Chambal (entrance fee included)  
Cycle rickshaw to drop you inside Bharatpur Bird Sanctuary and collect you later that day.  
Local bird guide for 1 full day at Bharatpur Bird Sanctuary.  
Elephant Ride at Amber Fort, Jaipur  
Half day jeep safari to Bishnoi villages along with local English speaking guide  
Boat ride (shared) at Lake Pichola, Udaipur  
Entrances to the monuments visited as per the above itinerary once a day.  
Monument guide as per the itinerary  
All currently applicable taxes  
Pre-travel information including how to apply for your tourist visa.

**How to book**

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Remaining balance to reach Wild About Travel at least 40 days before tour commencement by £ sterling cheque made payable to Wild About Travel.

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**Price excludes:**

International flight to/from India including International airport tax. This tax is often included in the ticket price, but please check.  
Internal flight.  
Tourist visa and travel insurance.  
Meals that are not listed above.  
Camera and camcorder fee where this is not included in park/monument entrance fee.  
Any increase in entrance fees as per Government of India notifications in future or any additional taxes levied by the Government of India on the tourism sector in future.  
Any expenses of a personal nature such as hard/soft drinks, laundry, phone/fax calls, tips etc.  
Any item not mentioned in the inclusions.  
  
Costs incidental to any change in the itinerary or stay on account of flight cancellation due to bad weather, ill health, roadblocks and/or any other factors beyond our control.