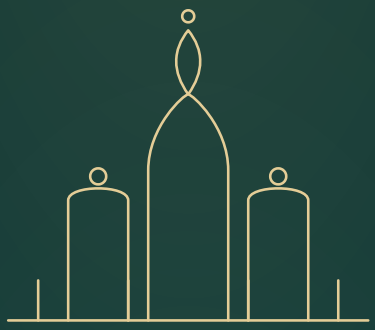
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## SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

Taj Mahal | Jaipur Palaces | Ranthambore Safari | Varanasi Ganga Aarti | Khajuraho Temples | Kerala Houseboat

## ROUTE OVERVIEW

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|---|---|---|
| **Delhi** | Historical Capital | 2 Nights |
| **Agra** | Taj Mahal & Mughal Marvels | 1 Night |
| **Jaipur** | Royal Rajasthan | 2 Nights |
| **Ranthambore** | Wildlife Safari | 2 Nights |
| **Varanasi** | Spiritual & Sacred Ganges | 2 Nights |
| **Khajuraho** | Temples & Ancient Art | 1 Night |
| **Orchha / Jhansi** | Heritage Town & Forts | 1 Night |
| **Mumbai** | Financial Hub & Colonial Legacy | 1 Night |
| **Kerala** | Cochin & Backwaters | 2 Nights |

# The Itinerary

## 1 Arrive in Delhi

OVERNIGHT · DELHI

- Arrive at Indira Gandhi International Airport
- Optional: Light walk at Connaught Place or India Gate
- Transfer to hotel and rest

## 2 Explore Delhi

OVERNIGHT · DELHI

- Old Delhi: Jama Masjid, Chandni Chowk rickshaw ride, Red Fort (outside view)
- Dinner at a heritage restaurant
- New Delhi: Humayun's Tomb, Qutub Minar, Lotus Temple, India Gate, Rashtrapati Bhavan

## 3 Delhi → Agra (3.5 hrs drive)

OVERNIGHT · AGRA

- Drive to Agra via Yamuna Expressway
- Explore local marble inlay art
- Visit Agra Fort and Mehtab Bagh (sunset view of the Taj Mahal)

## 4 Agra → Jaipur via Fatehpur Sikri (5 hrs)

OVERNIGHT · JAIPUR

- Sunrise visit to the **Taj Mahal**
- Continue to Jaipur and check-in
- En route: Stop at Fatehpur Sikri (UNESCO site)

## 5 Explore Jaipur (Pink City)

OVERNIGHT · JAIPUR

- Visit Amber Fort (elephant or jeep ride up)
- Evening: Explore local bazaars or attend a cultural dance show
- City Palace, Jantar Mantar Observatory, Hawa Mahal

# The Itinerary

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## Jaipur → Ranthambore (3.5 hrs)

OVERNIGHT · RANTHAMBORE

- Drive to Ranthambore National Park (tiger reserve)
- Afternoon: Relax or visit Ranthambore Fort (UNESCO World Heritage Site)

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## Wildlife Safari -- Ranthambore

OVERNIGHT · RANTHAMBORE

- Early morning jungle safari (best time to spot tigers)
- Evening safari or nature walk
- Relax at resort or optional village walk

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## Ranthambore → Jaipur → Fly to Varanasi

OVERNIGHT · VARANASI

- Return to Jaipur (drive) and fly to Varanasi
- Evening: Witness **Ganga Aarti** ceremony at Dashashwamedh Ghat

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## Sacred Varanasi

OVERNIGHT · VARANASI

- Early morning boat ride on the Ganges River
- Visit Kashi Vishwanath Temple, Sarnath (Buddha's first sermon site)
- Explore silk weaving workshops

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## Fly to Khajuraho

OVERNIGHT · KHAJURAHO

- Short flight to Khajuraho (UNESCO World Heritage site)
- Explore the **Western Group of Temples** -- famous for intricate erotic carvings
- Optional cultural dance show in the evening

# The Itinerary

## 11 — Khajuraho → Orchha → Jhansi → Train to Mumbai

OVERNIGHT · MUMBAI

- Drive to Orchha: Visit Orchha Fort, Chhatris (cenotaphs), and Raja Mahal
- Continue to Jhansi and board train to Mumbai (overnight or evening flight)

## 12 — Explore Mumbai

OVERNIGHT · MUMBAI

- Gateway of India, Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus (CST), Marine Drive
- Walk around Colaba and Kala Ghoda art district
- Visit Elephanta Caves (by boat)

## 13 — Fly to Cochin (Kerala)

OVERNIGHT · COCHIN

- Morning flight to Cochin (Kochi)
- Visit Fort Kochi: Chinese fishing nets, Mattancherry Palace, Jewish Synagogue, St. Francis Church
- Optional: Watch Kathakali dance performance

## 14 — Cochin → Alleppey -- Backwater Cruise

OVERNIGHT · HOUSEBOAT (ALLEPPEY)

- Transfer to Alleppey
- Enjoy cruising through palm-fringed canals, rice paddies, and villages
- **Overnight stay on a traditional houseboat**

## 15 — Departure from Cochin

- Disembark after breakfast
- Transfer to Cochin Airport (COK) for your international flight

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