



6-11 November, 2011

India Habitat Centre, New Delhi, India

TOUR CODE (CT-4) TEMPLE TOUR TO "KHAJURAHO & VARANASI"(03NIGHTS / 04DAYS BY AIR)



DAY 01: DELHI – Jhansi (train) -KHAJURAHO (Drive)

Early morning in time transfer to the New Delhi railway station to board train to Jhansi @ 0615 hrs. Met upon arrival at Jhansi railway station at 1040 hrs and drive to Khajuraho. On way visit Orchha.

Orchha was founded in the 16th century by the Bundela Rajput chieftain, Rudra Pratap, who chose this stretch of land along the Betwa river as an ideal site for his capital. Of the succeeding rulers, the most notable was Raja Bir Singh Ju Deo who built the exquisite Jehangir Mahal, a tiered palace crowned by graceful chhatris. From here the view of soaring temple spires and cenotaphs is spectacular.

Later proceed for lunch at a local restaurant and afterwards continue your drive to Khajuraho.

Khajuraho founded in the 9th and 10th century by the rulers of Chandela Dynasty, influenced by Tantrism, in which eroticism becomes a theme of philosophical interest and the aim is sublimation of sexual relationship in the sexual act or "MAITHUN", women being regarded as the incarnation of the divine energy or "SHAKTI". It is also possible that the carvings of Khajuraho were influenced by "KAMA SUTRA", the famous treatise on erotic arts written by Vatsyayana in the time of the Guptas.

On arrival check in at the hotel Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

DAY 02: KHAJURAHO- VARANASI (By Air)



After breakfast enjoy a half day tour to the beautiful structured Khajuraho temple renowned for their artistic excellence and erotic sculptures. After drop at the airport to board flight to Varanasi. Meeting and assistance upon arrival at Varanasi airport and transfer to the hotel for check in.

Varanasi is the religious centre of Hindu religion. Situated on the banks of the holy river Ganges, Varanasi is considered to be among the oldest living cities of the world and has been a centre of learning and civilizations for centuries. Varanasi holds special significance in the lives of the Indian people. Every year hundreds of thousands of pilgrims make a long journey to this vibrant city where you can find the richest of the rich living side by side with the poorest of the poor. Early this morning leave your hotel around 05:30 AM for an early morning sunrise boat excursion on the holy River Ganges. See Varanasi come alive along the banks of the river. See people bathing in the holy water and worshipping the rising sun. Witness the conclusion of life at the riverbank holy cremation grounds. It is believed if you die in Varanasi you go straight to heaven. Varanasi will be one of the most extraordinary experiences of your visit to India.

This evening proceed to visit Sarnath.

Sarnath - 10 Kms. from the centre of the city, Sarnath symbolizes the birth of Buddhism. It was here that Buddha revealed his doctrine and founded his monastic community. The museum at Sarnath is amongst the most important in India and contains carvings representing a whole range of styles - archaic, the Mathura School of Art, Gupta, post Gupta and Medieval - covering work of sculptors from the 3rd century B.C. to the 12th century A.D.



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Overnight at the hotel.

DAY 03: VARANASI - NEW DELHI (By Air)

Early morning leave the hotel for sunrise boat cruise on Ganges river

Return to the Hotel for breakfast. After breakfast proceed on a brief Varanasi City Tour driving through the Benaras Hindu University with a visit to the Bharat Mata (Mother India) Temple. Return to the Hotel for check out

This afternoon, transfer to the airport to board flight for Delhi. Meeting and assistance upon arrival in Delhi airport and transfer to the hotel for check in. Own accommodation in Delhi upon arrival.

===== **Tour ends** =====

The above tour includes:

- Accommodation on bed and breakfast basis in Khajuraho & Varanasi
- All transfers, sightseeing's and excursions using an air - conditioned vehicle
- Train tickets from New Delhi to Jhansi (Shatabdi express in AC chair car)
- English speaking local guide during sightseeing at Orcha, Khajuraho & Varanasi
- All applicable entrance fee at the monuments
- Boat cruise on river Ganges
- One bottle of mineral water per person per day
- Medicated wet tissues during the tour

The above tour does not includes:

- Accommodation in any hotel in Delhi
- Any expenses of personal nature like drinks, laundry, telephone calls, mineral water etc.
- Any airfare (Extra at INR 16,000 (approx.) per person for sector Khajuraho - Varanasi – Delhi)
- Any insurance
- Any camera or video fee at the monuments (guest can pay directly for this at the monuments)
- Service Tax @ 2.57%
- Any meals other than specified
- Any other services not mentioned above

Special note:

Prices are subject to change due to hike in fuel / Govt. Taxes. / State Road Tax if any in near future.

Rates include only those Items as specified in the above itinerary.

Train and flight tickets are subject to availability