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VISITING: NEW DELHI, JAIPUR, AGRA, TAJ MAHAL

DAY 1 - MALTA - INDIA

Flight Malta to Delhi.

DAY 2 - NEW DELHI

Welcome to India! Arrive in the energetic capital city of New Delhi; meet your representative and transfer to the 5* Park hotel. Time to rest and relax after your journey and acclimate to the new time zone.

DAY 3 - NEW DELHI

Begin in the walled city of Old Delhi, founded by Mughal Emperor Shahjahan. Travel along the winding streets to Jama Masjid, the largest and best known mosque in India. On a cycle rickshaw, continue along the lanes of Chandni Chowk, once the imperial avenue of Mughal royalty. After lunch, on to New Delhi, a city of airy boulevards, lush parks and gardens. Visit the Sikh Temple and drive past the imposing India Gate War Memorial to Indian and British soldiers, Parliament House and the Presidential Palace. Enjoy a visit to the Gandhi Smriti, the official residence and is a museum dedicated to Mahatma Gandhi where he spent the last 144 days of his life. The tour continues with a visit to Humayun's Tomb set in stunning gardens, designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This evening, meet with your fellow travelers and Tour Manager for a briefing on the incredible journey in India that awaits you. Tonight is at leisure to begin your discovery of Indian cuisine at one of the fine regional restaurants
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch.

DAY 4 - DELHI - JAIPUR

Depart New Delhi to Jaipur, gateway to the desert state of Rajasthan. En route, stop for some photos at the graceful sandstone Qutab Minar Victory Tower, the world's tallest brick minaret, now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Arrive in glorious Jaipur, with its stucco buildings lining the wide streets and you'll understand why it is nicknamed the "Pink City." The city was painted its unique color in 1876 to celebrate the visit of the Prince of Wales. Drive past stunning hilltop forts and glorious palaces on the way to a bargain filled bazaar. Visit Antiquariat, a beautiful jewelry shop in its fourth generation. Antiquariat is one of the oldest and finest jewelry manufacturers in Jaipur. Utilizing local precious and semiprecious stones and metals, their designers create unique pieces, from home decorative to exclusive one of a kind jewelry items. Check in at the 4* Ramada hotel. Dinner at the hotel.
Meals: Breakfast, Dinner.

DAY 5 - AMBER FORT JAIPUR

Excursion to the spectacular Amber Fort, a stunning fusion of Mughal and Hindu styles with its gorgeous Palace of Mirrors. Ascend the hill to the ramparts by jeep, or on the back of an elephant (if available). From here, see the panoramic views of Jaipur's original city walls and the lake below. Stop for refreshments before shopping the vast collection of local handicrafts at Jaipur Handicrafts, offering premium quality handmade carpets, textiles, pashminas, pottery and paintings. Fabrics in all colors and texture are available for loose purchase as well as custom design work. Spend the afternoon at leisure strolling through the city's delightful gardens, or, join the

optional tour to view the well-preserved 18th century Jantar Mantar Observatory and drive past Hawa Mahal, the "Palace of Winds" with its lacy ornamental facade. Later, the tour continues to the opulent City Palace, former royal residence, now a grand museum with an extraordinary collection of miniature paintings, costumes and armory. Tonight's optional evening is highlighted by the exotic flavors of Indian cuisine at a local neighborhood restaurant, while you're entertained by performers in traditional attire as they execute various interesting dance moves on the rhythm of the accompanying musical instruments.

Optional: Half Day Jaipur Tour (PM)

Optional: Dinner at Local Jaipur Restaurant with Traditional Folk Dance

Meals: Breakfast.

DAY 6 - JAIPUR - AGRA

Depart Jaipur to the small ancient village of Abhaneri in northern Rajasthan. Begin at Chand Baori, one of the largest step wells in India, fortified on all sides. This unique idea was conceived by the early natives to work as a water reservoir, located adjacent to the temple dedicated to Harshat Mata, goddess of joy and happiness - an architectural jewel. Then after lunch, continue on to Agra, with its celebrated past, rich heritage and architectural delights. Check in at the 4* Trident Agra hotel. The rest of the day is yours to enjoy the delights of this splendid city. Dinner at the hotel.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

DAY 7 - TAJ MAHAL

Memorable day as you visit the astonishing Taj Mahal, built by Emperor Shah Jahan as a mausoleum for his beloved Queen. Perhaps, this is the most perfect architectural monument in the world, built of white marble and precious stones over a 22 year period - considered the finest example of Mughal architecture in the world. Afterwards, stop at Kalakriti Marble. The Taj Mahal inspired the Kalakriti family to become the manufacturer of fine inlaid marble work. Marvel at the museum quality workmanship as you watch a demonstration of the timely process of marble carvings, filigree and stone inlay. Then browse Kalakriti's home furnishings and decorative items. In the afternoon, participate in the not to be missed optional tour to the red sandstone Agra Fort, with its incredible maze of walled courtyards, mosques and lavish private chambers reflecting the grandeur of the Mughal Empire; this monument has been named a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Next, to the Tomb of Itmad-ud-Daulah built of the finest Indian marble embellished with mosaics and inlay of semiprecious stones. This evening's optional dinner at an Agra restaurant, discover all the fun & excitement of Bollywood beats with a dance performance by a dancer on recorded music that will take place during or after your dinner.

Optional: Half Day Agra Tour (PM)

Optional: Dinner at Local Agra Restaurant with Bollywood Dance

Meals: Breakfast.

DAY 8 - AGRA - NEW DELHI

Depart Agra this morning and return to New Delhi on your last day in India. Upon arrival

check in at the 4* DoubleTree by Hilton hotel for time to freshen up before tonight's festivities. Bid farewell to your newfound friends and Tour Manager at a festive Farewell Dinner at the hotel.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner.

DAY 9 - DELHI - MALTA

Transfer to the airport for your departure flight back to Malta.

Arrival in Malta.



PACKAGE PRICE PER PERSON

| BOOK | BEFORE 31 MAR | AFTER 30 MAR |
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| TRIPLE SHARING | € 1369 | € 1569 |
| TWIN SHARING | € 1439 | € 1639 |

OUR PACKAGE INCLUDES

- ✓ RETURN INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS MALTA/DELHI/MALTA
- ✓ 7 NIGHTS ACCOMMODATION
- ✓ 2 NIGHTS NEW DELHI
- ✓ 2 NIGHTS JAIPUR
- ✓ 2 NIGHTS AGRA
- ✓ 1 NIGHT NEW DELHI – GURGAON
- ✓ HOTEL TAXES, FEES & SERVICE CHARGES
- ✓ HOTEL PORTERAGE
- ✓ AIRLINE TAXES AND FUEL CHARGES
- ✓ ALL TRANSFERS
- ✓ 11 MEALS - 6 BREAKFAST, 2 LUNCHESES, 3 DINNERS
- ✓ SIGHTSEEING AS PER ITINERARY IN MODERN AIR-CONDITIONED MOTOR COACH
- ✓ SERVICES OF ENGLISH-SPEAKING TOUR MANAGER THROUGHOUT
- ✓ ENTRANCE FEES PER ITINERARY
- ✓ COMFORTABLE WIRELESS EARPHONES FOR ENHANCED TOURING

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

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| HALF DAY JAIPUR TOUR (PM) | € 24 PP |
| DINNER AT LOCAL JAIPUR RESTAURANT WITH TRADITIONAL FOLK DANCE | € 33PP |
| HALF DAY AGRA TOUR (PM) | € 33PP |
| DINNER AT LOCAL AGRA RESTAURANT WITH BOLLYWOOD DANCE | € 33PP |

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