

India for „first timers“

28. September to 12. October 2014
(15 Days)

Itinerary

(subject to minor change)

Day 1 (Sun. 28.09.14): Departure from Frankfurt / Munich – Neu Delhi (for those travelling from Germany)

Departure from Frankfurt or Munich to Delhi, mit Lufthansa

Day 2 (Mon. 29.09.14): Delhi

On arrival in the capital city Delhi, we will be collected from the airport and transferred to the Hotel to relax for a few hours before we visit the Qutab Minar.

Day 3 (Tue. 30.09.14): Delhi

Today we have a full day city tour of old and new Delhi, including visits to India Gate, Parliament House, Jama Masjid, Red Fort, Humayun's Tomb, Raj Ghat (Gandhi Memorial), Lotus / Birla Tempel, and so on.

Day 4 (Wed. 01.10.14): Delhi

Another day sight-seeing in Delhi but "seen" from the eyes of street children, who will accompany us and show us "their Delhi". Later visit other NGOs and social projects. Dinner with an Indian family.

Day 5 (Thu. 02.10.14): Delhi – Agra (approx. 3 hours)

The high-light of the trip awaits us today, namely Taj Mahal. Later also visit the Red Fort.

Day 6 (Fri. 03.10.14): Agra – Fatehpur Sikri (approx. 30 Min.) – **Bharatpur** (approx. 30 Min.)

We travel away from the noise today to some nature at the Bharatpur Bird Sanctuary and on the way make a stop at Fatehpur Sikri (the lost city). Afternoon is free to enjoy the park on foot or with a cycle riksha, or enjoy the pool.

Day 7 (Sat. 04.10.14): Bharatpur – Ranthambore (ca. 2 ½ Stunden)

After a late breakfast we board an Indian train at 10.41 AM going to Ranthambore National Park. Late afternoon we get on a Jeep to drive around the park and to observe different animals (and with luck a tiger)!

Day 8 (Sun. 05.10.14): Ranthambore – Jaipur (approx. 3 Hours)

Those who are not tired can try waking up at 5 AM and have another go at Tiger-spotting. After breakfast we travel to Jaipur, the pink city, and later undertake sight-seeing. Dinner will be with a local family.

Day 9 (Mon. 06.10.14): Jaipur – Mumbai – Chennai (Flug) – Mahabalipuram (Approx. 1 Hour)

In the morning we visit the famous Amber Fort near Jaipur before we head-off to the airport for our flight to Chennai in south India. From Chennai we drive to Mahabalipuram.

Day 10 (Tue. 07.10.14): Mahabalipuram

You deserve half a day free today to enjoy the beach or pool in Mahabalipuram today before we visit the Beach Temple, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Tag 11 (Wed. 08.10.14): Mahabalipuram - Kanchipuram (approx. 1 ½ Hours)

Morning is again free to relax at the beach. After lunch we travel to Kanchipuram, one of the seven holiest cities in India and also known for its silk.

Day 12 (Thu. 09.10.14): Mahabalipuram – Pondicherry (approx. 2 Hours)

We travel south along the coast today to Pondicherry, a former French colony, and apart from sight-seeing also visit a ETOSE-supported project in the area.

Day 13 (Fri. 10.10.14): Pondicherry – Kumbakonam (2 Hours) - Tanjore (1 Hours)

Two UNESCO World Heritage sites await us today in the form of temples in Kumbakonam and Tanjore.

Day 14 (Sat. 11.10.14): Tanjore – Chennai (Flight, 1 Hour) – Frankfurt / Munich

Today, on the last day of our trip, there is an option to relax, do more sightseeing or to shop, before we head to the airport for our flight to Chennai for our international connections. The flight for Germany leaves around 01.30 AM (12.10.2014).

Day 15 (Sun. 12.10.2014): End of trip.

Those returning to Germany will arrive at around 08.30 AM in Frankfurt / Munich.

Price per Person in twin room, **approx. 3.500 EUR** (including all items above, for a group of 8 bis 12 People).
Single room supplement: 450 EUR

The above includes:

- International flight to Delhi and return from Chennai to Frankfurt or Munich (please ask for a price if not travelling from Germany)
- 3 x Domestic flights
- 1 x Train journey
- All other travel with car / bus, with AC
- All taxes
- Guide / entrance fees

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A banner image with an orange background. On the left, there are faint white circular patterns. In the center, a woman in a green sari is carrying another woman on her shoulders. To the right, a woman in a blue sari is smiling. In the background, the Taj Mahal is visible under a sunset sky.

- 14 x Hotels (3 to 4 Star)
- 14 x Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner (A-la-Carte where possible)
- Drinking water and all non-alcoholic drinks
- Donations for social projects
- All tips

Accommodation planned in following Hotels and Heritage Properties:

- **Delhi:** The Amarya Haveli, <http://www.amaryagroup.com/amarya-haveli/>
- **Agra:** Hotel Grand Imperial, <http://www.hotelgrandimperial.com>
- **Bharatpur:** The Bagh Resort, <http://thebagh.com>
- **Ranthambore:** Khem Vilas Tent, <http://www.khemvillas.com>
- **Jaipur:** Jas Vilas, <http://jasvilas.com>
- **Mahabalipuram:** Ideal Resort, <http://www.idealresort.com>
- **Pondicherry:** Maison Perumal, <http://www.cghearth.com/maison-perumal>
- **Tanjore:** Ideal River View, <http://www.idealresort.com/tanjore>

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