

## Tailor Made Tour – Greig x 10

### Tour Information

**Duration:** 13 Nights/ 14 Days  
**Client travelling:** 10 Adults, Double share  
**Level of Accommodation:** 5 Stars  
**Joining City:** Delhi  
**Departure City:** Delhi

### Country Dossier:

#### India

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**India:** With its in-your-face diversity – from snow-covered Himalayan peaks to sun-washed beaches, tranquil temples to frenetic bazaars, lantern-lit villages to industries metropolises – it's hardly surprising that this country has been dubbed the world's most multi-dimensional. For those seeking spiritual sustenance, India has oodles of sacrosanct sites and thought provoking philosophies, while history buffs will stumble upon gems from the past almost everywhere – grand vestiges of former empires serenely peer over swarming streets and crumbling fortresses loom high above plunging ravines. There's simply no words that accurately capture the enigma that is India. With an ability to inspire, frustrate, thrill and confound all at once. India is an intoxicating cultural cocktail for the traveller.



### Detailed Itinerary

#### Day 1, 29 December 2016

##### Delhi

Overnight: Le Meridian

Arrive at Delhi's International Airport. Welcome to India! You are met by our representative in the arrival area of the airport after you clear all immigration and customs formalities.

Depart for your hotel where you will check in for your stay. The room would be available for immediate check-in basis.

A sprawling, vibrant and sometimes overwhelming city, Delhi is home to over 15 million people and is still growing. From an outsider's perspective, the city is divided into two distinct parts. To the north lie the winding narrow streets and medieval bazaars of the 17th century Mughal capital, Old Delhi. Encompassing the heart of the modern city to the south, New Delhi is by contrast a cosmopolitan and creative metropolis of broad, tree-lined boulevards, parks, museums and international restaurants. Both halves of the city are dotted with astonishing Mughal and British Imperial architecture, Muslim tombs and temples, and an array of magnificent monuments that commemorate the glory of bygone ages

#### Day 2, 30 December 2016

##### Delhi / Delhi Tour

Overnight: Le Meridian

This morning after breakfast at the hotel, proceed on a full day city tour of Old & New Delhi.

Delhi stands as the capital of Modern India. Here you can see the mingling of the Old and New India, the ancient and the modern. Delhi is made up of seven ancient cities, spanning the period from the 11th to 20th centuries. Delhi has seen the rise and fall of many



emperors, which has left behind a plethora of monuments that commemorate the grandeur and glory of bygone ages. Very few cities in the world can express such a profusion of architectural styles.

Old Delhi was an ancient walled city. Mughal Emperor Shah Jehan in 1650 switched the Mughal capital from Agra to Delhi. Shah Jehan possessing an exquisite talent, especially in architecture, created the seventh city and in the process brought about Delhi's glorious renaissance. Here you will see Red Fort (from outside) the most opulent Fort and Palace of the Mughal Empire. The fort is Shah Jehan's symbol of power and elegance, built behind red sandstone walls. Its main gate (Lahore Gate) faces Chandni Chowk, the perpetually congested avenue heading west from the Red Fort is filled with twisting lanes, small streets and crowded bazaars. If you peer through a portico you may see a man getting shaved, silver being weighed, or any other conceivable form of intense commerce. Also visit, Jama Masjid (the largest mosque in India), Chandni Chowk, the bustling and colourful market of the old city. Chandni Chowk was the commercial center of Delhi in the old time and you will see it come alive in the morning as the trading day starts, and Raj Ghat (Raj Ghat has a simple memorial to the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi, marking the spot where he was assassinated by Nathuram Godse in 1948. A commemorative ceremony is held here every Friday. The first Prime Minister of India, Jawahar Lal Nehru, was also cremated to the north of the memorial at Shanti Van (Forest of Peace). The area is now a beautiful park labeled with trees. The Zinat-ul Masjid (Most Beautiful of Mosques) towers over the Raj Ghat).



New Delhi was designed and built by the British in the 1920's - it's a city of wide boulevards impressive Government buildings, green parks and gardens. In 1911 King George V announced the transfer of the capital from Calcutta to Delhi. The King's architects, Lutyens and Baker, set in motion the design and construction of Delhi's eight city - New Delhi. Lutyens designed an "Imperial City" having palatial-sized buildings set amid broad tree-lined avenues punctuated by Mughal style gardens, complete with fountains and shallow pools. It took 20 years to complete this immense undertaking only to have the British pack up and relinquish the subcontinent in 1947.

You will visit two monuments from Delhi's past - Qutub Minar was raised as a victory tower or as a minaret to the adjacent mosque. From a base of 14.32m it tapers to 2.75m at a height of 72.5m) & Humayun's tomb. This tomb, which was built by emperor Humayun's wife, took eight years to complete and is regarded as an example of the early Mughal architecture. The emperor's wife, Begai Begum, was buried in the tomb and the structure is the first of its kind built in the centre of a well-planned garden. The combination of white marble and red sandstone was a great influence on later Mughal architecture. It is generally regarded as a prototype of the famed Taj Mahal of Agra).



Your drive takes you along the ceremonial avenue, Rajpath, past the imposing India Gate, an "Arc-de-Triomphe" like Archway in the middle of a crossroad. It commemorates the 70,000 Indian soldiers who lost their lives fighting for the British Army during the First World War and bears the names of more than 13,516 British and Indian soldiers killed in the Northwestern Frontier in the Afghan war of 1919. The foundation stone was laid by His Royal Highness, the Duke of Connaught in 1921. President House, the palatial building built on an area of 330 acres with a private garden designed by the illustrious Lutyens and the Parliament House.

Meals: Breakfast

Day 3, 31 December 2016

**Delhi – Varanasi**

Overnight: Taj Gateway

After breakfast at the hotel transfer to the domestic airport of Delhi to board a flight to Varanasi.



Upon arrive transfer to your hotel and enjoy the afternoon at leisure.

This evening there will be a Gala Dinner at the hotel to celebrate New Year Eve.

Meals: Breakfast, dinner

Day 4, 01 January 2017

**Varanasi / City Tour & Evening Aarti**

Overnight: Taj Gateway

Experience the soul and spirit of Varanasi during an early morning boat excursion on the holy River Ganges. The city has about 100 ghats, each marked by a lingam, and from the river, we will see the bathing ghats, as well as the cremation ghats. Return to the hotel on foot, walking through the narrow lanes and bazaars of this religious city.

Return to the hotel to have breakfast.

Take an afternoon excursion to Sarnath ruins and in the evening proceed for Ganga Aarti.



To experience Varanasi intimately, you have to visit the ghats, preferably in the evening. A leisurely rickshaw ride through the narrow lanes and bylanes of the city takes you down to the river, where the temples and ghats are lit with oil-lamps and candles. Participate or witness to a collective prayer ceremony, known as an Aarti, and watch the floating oil-lamps on the Ganges.

Meals: Breakfast

Day 5, 02 January 2017

**Varanasi – Agra**

Overnight: ITC Mughal

After breakfast at the hotel transfer to Varanasi airport to board the flight to Agra.

Upon arrive transfer to your hotel and spend the afternoon at leisure.

Meals: Breakfast

Day 6, 03 January 2017

**Agra / Taj Mahal & Agra Fort Tour**

Overnight: ITC Mughal

After breakfast proceed for a visit of the magnificent monument to love, the Taj Mahal. Built by an emperor in memory of his beloved queen, construction of the Taj Mahal began in 1631, and is believed to have taken 22 years to complete, with over 20,000 craftsmen working around the clock.



The design and construction is said to be that of the legendary architect, Ustad Ahamad Lahori. Legend has it that once construction was completed, Shah Jehan had Lahori's hands cut off, and blinded, so he would never be able to duplicate the structure. What makes the Taj Mahal unique is its perfect proportions, distinct femininity, medium of construction and ornamentation. Its marble exterior reflects rose and golden tints at sunrise and sunset, while it is dazzling white during the day. It is impossible to visualize the Taj Mahal in any surrounding others than its paradoxical garden. Paradise, in Islam, is visualized as lush garden where running streams flow. When the Mughals brought this concept to India they elevated it to the heights of incomparable history.



Later visit the impressive Agra Fort, where you are taken through the chambers of this royal residence. As you drive through the city, witness the local life and bazaars and the hustle bustle of everyday India.

Agra Fort is a UNESCO World Heritage site. The fort is also known as Lal Qila or Fort Rouge. It is about 2.5km northwest of its much more famous sister monument, the Taj Mahal. The fort can be more accurately described as a walled palatial city and it was, at its time, the most important fort in India. The great Mughals Babur, Humayun, Akbar, Jehangir, Shah Jahan and Aurangzeb lived here, and the country was governed from here. It contained the largest state treasury, the mint, and was visited by foreign ambassadors and the highest dignitaries who participated in the making of history in India.

Meals: Breakfast

Day 7, 04 January 2017

**Agra - Jaipur**

Overnight: ITC Rajputana

After breakfast at the hotel, drive from Agra to Jaipur with a visit of Fatehpur Sikri on the way.

Fatehpur Sikri, the imperial city of the Mughal dynasty between 1571 and 1584, was built by Mughal Emperor Akbar. The architectural grandeur of this deserted city cannot be described in words and one can only experience the aura of its magnificent edifices by seeing it for themselves. Today, as one enters Sikri from the Agra Gate, one of the nine gateways on the way to the palace complex, Diwan-I-Aam, or the hall of public audience appears first. It is a huge rectangular, walled-in courtyard where petitions were heard, proclamations made, ambassadors received and entertainment events held. Ponder the mysterious desertion of this capital city that was dramatically abandoned a few years after it was built. It was a veritable fairy tale city and its 'ruins' are still in a pristine condition. It is not hard to imagine what the court life must have been like in the days of its grandeur.



After visiting Fatehpur Sikri, continue driving to Jaipur. Upon arrival in check in at your hotel.

Meals: Breakfast

Day 8, 05 January 2017

**Jaipur / City Tour**

Overnight: ITC Rajputana





After breakfast depart the hotel for a visit to the Amber Fort. Amber Fort is a marvelous example of Rajput architecture with its terraces and ramparts reflected in the Maota Lake below. Go up to the fort on the back of an Elephant or in a jeep. The interior of the fort has various royal halls decorated with intricate ivory, mirror and glass work complemented by exquisite wall paintings. As you move between the rooms of this magnificent structure, feel the history and visualise the pomp and grandeur of a kingdom never conquered.



After the visit of Amber fort continue on your visits of Jaipur city. You will visit the City Palace Museum where you can see an imposing blend of traditional Rajasthani and Mughal Art. The museum is resplendent with its collection of robes of royal princes, carpets, an armoury of old weapons, miniature paintings portraying court scenes, battle scenes and processions, Also visit the awe inspiring Jantar Mantar, an accurate observatory built in 1726 AD. Also stop for a photo at the Hawa Mahal (Palace of Winds) - a five storied wonder with a spectacular pyramidal facade and overhanging windows with latticed screens, domes and spires.

Located in the heart of the walled city, the City Palace Complex gives you an idea about the farsightedness of the founder of Jaipur Sawai Jai Singh. He left behind a legacy of some of the most imposing and magnificent architecture, art and craft structure in the city. Sawai Jai Singh built its many buildings but some of some of the structures were also built by later rulers and some of them are even dated in the in the twentieth century too. The palace is a blend of Mughal and Rajasthani architecture and the royal family still lives in a part of the palace.

Meals: Breakfast

Day 9, 06 January 2017

**Jaipur - Pushkar**

Overnight: Ananta Spa Resort

After breakfast drive from Jaipur to Pushkar, upon arrival in Pushkar check in at hotel.

In the afternoon proceed on a walking tour of Pushkar Lake & Bhrama Temple.

Meals: Breakfast

Day 10, 07 January 2017

**Pushkar – Jodhpur**

Overnight: Ajit Bhawan

After breakfast at the hotel, depart for Jodhpur. On arrival check in and spend the evening at leisure.

Meals: Breakfast

Day 11, 08 January 2017

**Jodhpur / City Tour**

Overnight: Ajit Bhawan

After breakfast, leave for a city tour of Jodhpur, starting with the famous red sandstone fort, built five centuries ago and containing the handsome Maharajah's palace, and Jaswant Thada, a royal memorial built in pure white marble, and Mandore Gardens.



Mehrangarh Fort & Jaswant Thada, perched on a hill above the city, is the most formidable and magnificent fort in Rajasthan. Rao Jodha founded it in 1459 but subsequent rulers of Jodhpur have also added to it over the centuries. A meandering road leads up to the fort from the city below. Battle scars of canon balls hit by attacking armies of Jaipur can still be seen on the second gate. There are seven gates, built by Maharaja Man Singh to commemorate his victories over Jaipur and Bikaner armies

The Jaswant Thada is an architectural landmark of Jodhpur. It is a white marble memorial built by Sardar Singh in 1899 in memory of Maharaja Jaswant Singh II. The monument, in its entirety, is built out of intricately carved sheets of marble. These stones are extremely thin and polished so that they emit a warm glow when the sun's rays dance across their surface. Within this cenotaph, there are also two more tombs. The Jaswant Thada is a traditional cremation ground of Jodhpur rulers. The grounds also include exquisitely carved gazebos, a beautiful multi-tiered garden, and a small lake.

Meals: Breakfast

Day 12, 09 January 2017

**Jodhpur – Udaipur / Ranakpur Jain Temple Visit**

Overnight: The Lalit Laxmi Vilas

After breakfast drive to Jodhpur. En route visiting Ranakpur Jain Temples. Ranakpur is a village near Sadri town in Pali district of Rajasthan. It is located between Jodhpur and Udaipur in a valley on the western flank of the Aravalli Hills. Ranakpur is widely known for its marble Jain temple, and for a much older Sun Temple which lies opposite the former.

The renowned Jain temple at Ranakpur is dedicated to Adinatha. Light coloured marble has been used for the construction of this grandiose temple. The temple, with its distinctive domes, shikhara, turrets and cupolas, rises majestically from the slope of a hill. Over 1400 marble pillars, carved in exquisite detail, support the temple. The idols face all four cardinal directions. In the axis of the main entrance, on the western side, is the largest idol. The construction of the temple and quadrupled image symbolize the conquest of Tirthankara of the four cardinal directions and hence the cosmos.

Continue on to Udaipur and check in to your hotel. Udaipur is often called the "Venice of the East" and is the most romantic city in the state of Rajasthan. This city nestles like a gem in a valley surrounded by the green Aravali hills, reflected smooth and white in the clear blue waters of Lake Pichola. The city of Udaipur is a kaleidoscope of narrow lanes flanked by bright stalls, gardens, lakes, palaces and temples.

Meals: Breakfast

Day 13, 10 January 2017

**Udaipur / City Tour**

Overnight: The Lalit Laxmi Vilas

After breakfast, enjoy a guided tour of this "Lake City". Udaipur, a cool oasis in the dry heart of Rajasthan, is probably the most romantic city in a state where every city has some romantic or exotic tale to tell. The huge City Palace, towering over the Lake Pichola is the largest palace complex in Rajasthan. Though it is a conglomeration of buildings built by successive rulers, it manages to retain a surprising uniformity of design and affords fine views of the lake and the city from upper terraces.



Proceed on to the Jagdish temple which enshrines a black stone image of Lord Vishnu and his vehicle - a mighty bird called Garuda in a brass image. The temple is a very fine example of Indo-Aryan art. The temple is still in use and is visited by colourfully dressed pilgrims. Also visit Sahelion Ki Bari, the spectacular garden displaying the unique life style of the royal ladies who once lived in the palaces.

This evening take a boat cruise on the serene and beautiful Lake Pichola. The island palace on the lake called Jagmandir Palace is quite fascinating. The banks of the lake provided interesting glimpses of the daily bathing and laundry that takes place here. Looking across the lake, with the city and its great palace rising up behind the island palace, is a scene of rare beauty. You will also have time to spend in the bustling market that sprawls behind the City Palace Complex.



Meals: Breakfast

Day 14, 11 January 2017

Udaipur - Delhi

Today you will depart on a flight back to Delhi. Arrive into Delhi and proceed for the show of Kingdom of dream.

After the show transfer to Hotel booked by the conference

Meals: Breakfast

**\*\*\* END OF SERVICES \*\*\***

## Inclusions

- Accommodation on bed & breakfast basis
- All transfers, sightseeing & excursions by Air-conditioned Mini bus as per the program
- Services of professional English speaking local guides in each city for the sightseeing only ( Different guide in each city)
- Elephant ride at Amber fort at Jaipur
- Boat ride ( exclusive) on Lake Pichola Udaipur
- One time entrance fee at the monuments where ever applicable as per the program.
- Creative representative for assistance on all arrival and departure transfers.
- Domestic airfares Delhi – Varanasi – Agra // Udaipur – Delhi
- Road taxes, parking fee, fuel charges, interstate taxes

## Exclusions

- Any expenses of personal nature such as table drinks, laundry, telephone calls, mineral water, soft drinks, tips, shopping etc. unless otherwise specified.
- Any camera fees at monuments and sites.
- Any other meals / services not mentioned in the program.
- International airfare
- Visa fee for India
- Departure airport tax and passengers service fee



- Anything not mentioned in the included section.
- The prices do not include: undue escalation in fuel prices, new taxes levies on hotels and transportation services or any hikes in entrance fees. Any large tax hikes and new levies shall be payable extra and shall be billed accordingly with prior notice.

## Important

Due to the intricate nature of tailor-made itineraries we do not check the availability of accommodation when initially planning your trip, although we do avoid including properties that we know are full. Once you have confirmed your wish to proceed with the itinerary we have suggested, we then immediately start to reserve your accommodation. If any hotels are not available then we will do our utmost to find you a suitable alternative. No reservations have been placed

**The itineraries are planned with great care, although, for operational reasons, it may be necessary to change the sequence of activities in the itinerary or the specified route, and though such cases are exceptional, in general the itinerary should be treated only as a basic guideline.**



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