

# Taj Mahal & the Treasures of India

14 days from \$9,995 | Limited to 18 guests

## Nepal & Kathmandu

4-day Post-Tour Extension from \$1,595

Explore India's greatest treasures, as you visit the timeless Taj Mahal, seek the graceful Bengal tiger and witness a holy rite beside the Ganges – all while staying in royal palaces-turned-luxury hotels.

## & A&K ADVANTAGES

- ▶ Experience the glorious Taj Mahal at sunrise and sunset
- ▶ Stay in former palaces, including iconic royal residences such as the lavish Taj Lake Palace in Udaipur and the grand Rambagh Palace in Jaipur
- ▶ Set out on private safaris in Panna National Park, home to the elusive Bengal tiger, and enjoy an exclusive talk on conservation by a member of the local Pardhi community
- ▶ Enjoy a Scenic Sundowner after a private sunset boat cruise on Lake Pichola in Udaipur
- ▶ Observe priests performing an *aarti* ceremony on the banks of the holy Ganges

### DAY 1: Arrive Mumbai, India

Arrive in Mumbai, where an A&K representative meets and transfers you to your iconic hotel.

The Taj Mahal Palace, Mumbai

### DAY 2: Mumbai | The Gateway of India

Explore the city's classic sites, including the Gateway of India, an 85-foot-high arch whose design reflects India's Muslim and Hindu traditions. Visit the Prince of Wales Museum and Mani Bhawan, a museum dedicated to the life and works of Mahatma Gandhi. Next, see the Dhobi Ghat, the largest open-air laundry in the world and a wonderfully colorful spectacle to behold. Tonight, enjoy a welcome dinner. The Taj Mahal Palace, Mumbai | Meals: B D

### DAYS 3-4: Udaipur | Cruise to Jag Mandir

Fly to Udaipur this morning and settle into your stunning palace hotel set in the middle of scenic Lake Pichola. Relax this afternoon before embarking on a private cruise past



Jag Mandir, a marble palace on an island in Lake Pichola, followed by a Scenic Sundowner and dinner at your hotel. The next morning, visit the stunning City Palace, a marble complex that offers unforgettable views of the lake and its surroundings. Continue to the Crystal Gallery in Fateh Prakash Palace. Stroll through the Sahelion Ki Bari (Garden of the Maids of Honor) before returning to your hotel.

Taj Lake Palace, Udaipur | Meals: B D (Day 3); B L (Day 4)

### DAYS 5-6: Jaipur | Design Your Day

This morning, fly to Jaipur and check in to your hotel, the former residence of the Maharajah of Jaipur. Later, explore the City Palace, a unique and arresting complex of several palaces, pavilions, gardens and temples. Located within the palace's gates is the Mubarak Mahal, or "Auspicious Palace," which contains textiles including the royal formal costumes, Sanganeri block prints, Kashmiri pashminas and silk saris. Then, visit Jantar Mantar, an open-air array of astronomical instruments. The next day, in the morning, view the Palace of the Winds — built for the women of the royal household to observe street life without being seen. Proceed to explore the beautiful Mughal-style Amber Fort. This red sandstone and marble palace is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This afternoon, enjoy one of these **Design Your Day** activities.

- ▶ **Visit the Gyan Museum**, exploring its private collection of antiques and art.
- ▶ **Visit Digantar Vidyalay** to interact with the students at an innovative school supported by A&K Philanthropy.
- ▶ **Discover the Bazaars of Jaipur**, taking in the vibe of local life and shopping for keepsakes from your journey.



Marvel at how sunlight plays upon the Taj Mahal during visits at dusk and at dawn

Return to your hotel for an evening at leisure.  
Rambagh Palace, Jaipur | Meals: B D (Day 5); B L (Day 6)

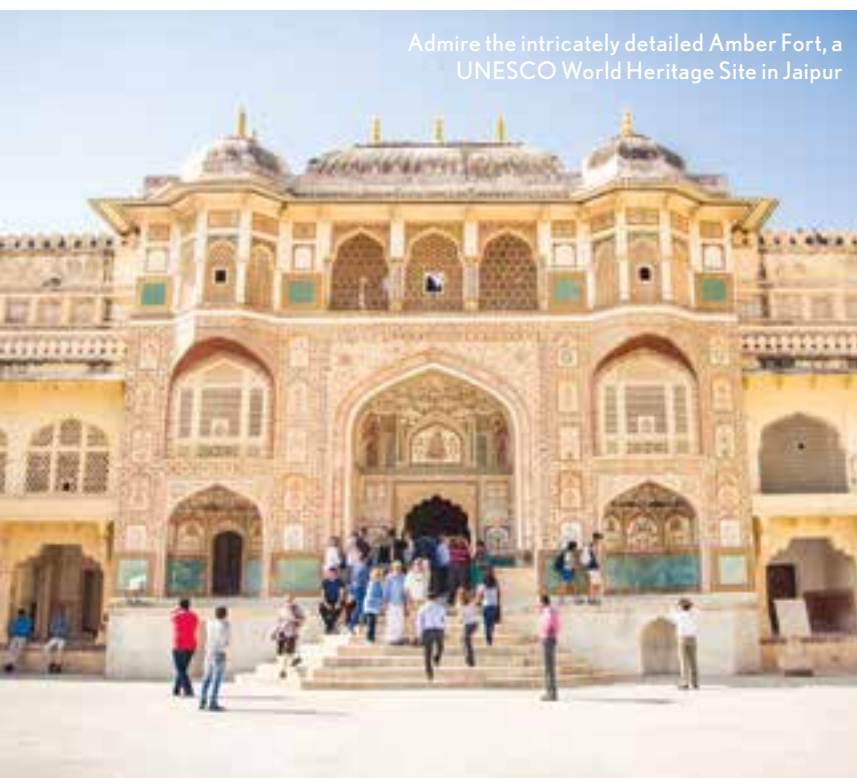
**DAYS 7-8: Agra** | Visions of the Taj Mahal

Drive to Agra, observing the colorful rural life of Rajasthan on your journey. Upon arrival, catch your first glimpse of the breathtaking Taj Mahal from your luxurious room. Visit the Taj Mahal in the late afternoon, as the setting sun bathes it in a soft orange glow. Return the next morning, when the rising sun lends a warm pink tint to its marble face. Visit the Agra Fort, once the prison of Mughal emperor Shah Jahan, who

built the Taj Mahal after the death of his beloved wife.  
The Oberoi Amarvilas, Agra | Meals: B L (Day 7); B D (Day 8)

**DAY 9: Panna National Park** | Into the Wild

Depart by express train to Jhansi. After lunch, continue to remote Panna National Park, a haven for India's wildlife, and check in to your wilderness lodge. Then, meet with a member of the nomadic Pardhi community to learn about their role in the continuing effort to repopulate Panna National Park with the Bengal tiger, an exclusive insider access moment. Pashan Garh, Panna National Park | Meals: B L D



Admire the intricately detailed Amber Fort, a UNESCO World Heritage Site in Jaipur



Explore Panna National Park on game drives, seeking the elusive Bengal tiger



Explore Varanasi, set beside the Ganges River, and watch the sacred *aarti* ceremony

#### DAY 10: Panna National Park | Tiger Tracking

Rise early this morning for a game drive in Panna National Park aboard a four-wheel-drive vehicle, spotting crocodiles or perhaps the elusive Bengal tiger. Learn how a successful conservation program has grown the park's tiger population, increasing the odds of a sighting. Return to the lodge to enjoy an Indian cooking demonstration, as a chef prepares local delicacies for lunch. Enjoy an afternoon game drive before returning to your lodge for dinner.

Pashan Garh, Panna National Park | Meals: B L D

#### DAY 11: Khajuraho & Varanasi | India's Holiest City

Drive to Khajuraho to see all of life — joy, love, divinity, war — depicted in detail on every inch of its 85 Hindu and Jain temples. Then, fly to Varanasi, a city of more than a thousand temples and shrines, sacred to Hindus and Buddhists. At dusk, beside the Ganges River, witness the *aarti* ceremony. Chanted prayers and rhythmic drumming fill the air as you watch lantern-bearing priests bid the gods and goddesses a restful slumber. Taj Ganges, Varanasi | Meals: B L D

#### DAY 12: Varanasi & Delhi | Private Sunrise River Cruise

Rise early for a private sunrise cruise on the Ganges River to observe activity along the *ghats* (stone steps leading down to the river), where locals and pilgrims cleanse themselves, literally and spiritually. Later, fly to Delhi for a farewell dinner. The Oberoi, New Delhi | Meals: B D

#### DAY 13: Delhi | Exploring the Old & the New

Visit the great Jama Masjid, the most important mosque in India. Completed in 1656, its two minarets, made from red sandstone and white marble, each stand 131 feet tall. Then,

set off on an exciting rickshaw ride through the carts and stalls of Chandni Chowk bazaar, one of the oldest and busiest markets in Old Delhi. Like Jama Masjid, it dates to the era of Shah Jahan, and today is a vital part of everyday life here — frequented by locals and a must-see destination for visitors. After lunch, tour New Delhi, including Humayun's Tomb, the last resting place of an esteemed 16th-century Mughal emperor and an architectural precursor of the Taj Mahal. The Oberoi, New Delhi | Meals: B L

#### DAY 14: Depart Delhi

Transfer to the airport early this morning for your flight home, or begin your post-tour extension to Kathmandu. Meals: B

### CELEBRATE THE PUSHKAR FAIR



Experience India at its most vibrant on four special departures that feature two extra nights in Pushkar to attend the Pushkar Fair, a beloved and colorful festival centered around an annual livestock sale.

### TRAVEL PRIVATELY WITH A&K

This itinerary is available as a private journey, Signature India & the Taj Mahal. Priced from \$9,295.



## INSPIRING ACCOMMODATIONS



### Taj Lake Palace, Udaipur

Historic palace on Lake Pichola, a *Condé Nast Traveler* Gold List hotel.



### The Oberoi Amarvilas, Agra

*Condé Nast Traveler* Gold List hotel with views of the nearby Taj Mahal.



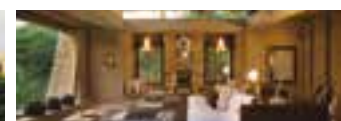
### The Oberoi, New Delhi

Iconic and recently fully renovated luxury hotel in the heart of the city.



### Rambagh Palace, Jaipur

Once residence of a Maharaja, now a *Travel + Leisure* World's Best hotel.



### Pashan Garh, Panna National Park

A luxury lodge with 12 cottages in Panna National Park.



### The Taj Mahal Palace, Mumbai

*Condé Nast Traveler* Gold List hotel located next to the Gateway of India.



### Taj Ganges, Varanasi

Contemporary hotel set on 12 acres of elegantly landscaped gardens.

## EXTEND YOUR JOURNEY



### Nepal & Kathmandu Post-Tour Extension

4 days from \$1,595 | Internal air from \$775

Available on select departures.

Fly to Kathmandu, Nepal. See Durbar Square and Taleju Temple, and visit Swayambhunath, one of the world's oldest Buddhist shrines. Also visit a Hindu temple, and walk with Tibetan pilgrims at Boudhanath *stupa*. Explore Bhaktapur, the "City of Devotees;" and view epic Mount Everest by air.

## DATES & PRICING

Guaranteed Departure Dates	Double Occupancy	Single Supplement
Jan 8-21, Jan 15-28, Jan 19-Feb 1, Jan 22-Feb 4, Jan 26-Feb 8, Jan 29-Feb 11, Feb 2-15, Feb 5-18, Feb 9-22, Feb 12-25, Feb 16-29, Feb 19-Mar 3, Feb 23-Mar 7, Mar 11-24, Mar 18-31, Mar 25-Apr 7, Oct 7-20, Oct 14-27, Oct 18-31, Oct 21-Nov 3, Oct 25-Nov 7, Oct 28-Nov 10, Nov 11-24, Nov 15-28, Nov 18-Dec 1, Nov 29-Dec 12, Dec 2-15	\$9,995	\$4,595
Dec 16-29	\$11,495	\$5,795
Dec 20-Jan 2, 2021	\$12,995	\$6,495
<b>Puskar Fair Departures:</b> Nov 11-26, Nov 13-28, Nov 16-Dec 1, Nov 20-Dec 5	\$11,795	\$5,995

**Internal Air:** Economy class from \$1,150  
Mumbai/Udaipur/Jaipur; Khajuraho/Varanasi/Delhi

### Journey Details

This journey contains some active elements.

Minimum age is 10 years.

First group event: welcome briefing at 12:00 p.m. on Day 2.

Last group event: end of sightseeing at 5:00 p.m. on Day 13.

Departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 2 guests.

## STOPOVER PACKAGE



Spend three days exploring Dubai (from \$1,795) before or after your journey.