

# "Pre Congress Delegates Rajasthan Tour" 23rd Oct – 30th Oct 2018

Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct: Arrival Delhi

Please note delegates to book their flights arriving Delhi airport on 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct evening (anytime arriving after 1700 hrs until early morning of 24<sup>th</sup> Oct)

**Delhi** has been the capital of several Indian Empires medieval period and a major city along the old trade routes. As the capital of India Delhi is the seat of administration and the monuments which tell the saga of a bygone era stand there. Diverse cultural elements absorbed into the daily life of the city have enriched its character. Exploring the city can be a fascinating and rewarding experience.



On arrival at New Delhi International airport, after clearing your immigration and customs, you will be met by our local representative and will be transferred to your hotel. Rooms will be held for immediate occupancy.

Overnight at Hotel.

### Wednesday, 24th Oct: Delhi

After breakfast at the hotel, set out for sightseeing of Old & New Delhi.

Old Delhi - the 300-year-old walled city built by Emperor Shah Jahan in 1648 as his capital and named after him. Visit the black and white onion dome and minarets of the Jama Masjid the most elegant mosque in India. The journey between the 2 will be on bicycle rickshaws- in convoy- through the narrow lanes of Chandini Chowk- where each lane is dedicated to one ware- from wedding accessories to silver gold copper fabrics etc. Lanes so narrow that if you stretch your hand out you can touch the shops at both sides! Full of colours sounds smells... Frightening and yet so very exciting! Thereafter, visit the Red Fort.

Lunch at a local typical Indian restaurant in the midst of Old Delhi.

After lunch we continue the sightseeing of New Delhi.

New Delhi - the new capital designed by Sir Edward Lutyens. Drive down the main avenue the impressive Rajpath to the World War I memorial arch the India Gate and pass the Presidential Palace the Rashtrapati Bhavan and the secretariat buildings - the centre of all government activity. Visit the Qutub Minar 72 meters high and the ruins of Quwat-ul-Eslam (Light of Islam) Mosque and Delhi's most



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curious antique the un-corroded Iron Pillar which dates back to the 4th century AD

Dinner and overnight at Hotel.

## Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> Oct: Delhi – Agra (264 Kms/05 hrs)

This morning after breakfast, we proceed to Agra enroute Sikandara – where lies Emperor Akbar's Tomb.

On arrival in Agra, check in at hotel.

Agra - The city, situated on the west bank of river the Yamuna, is known world over as home to a wonder of the world, Taj Mahal. For most of the time Agra alternated with Delhi as the capital of the Mughal Empire. As such one finds many marvels of the Mughal architecture in and around the city.



After lunch at hotel, we will visit the world famous **TAJ MAHAL** during the sunset.

Dinner and Overnight at Hotel.

### Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> Oct: Agra – Fatehpur Sikhri - Jaipur (248 Kms / 05 hrs)

After breakfast, we proceed to Jaipur enroute visit **Agra Fort** and **Fatehpur Sikhri**.



Fatehpur Sikri - A deserted town of Mughal Dynasty built in red sandstone in honour of Saint Salim Chisti who foretold the birth of 3 sons to Emperor Akbar is an example of robust stability combined with originality. Each important edifice here represents a type by itself. Notable among them is the Diwan-e-Khas; Panch Mahal, the Tomb of Salim Chisti, and the Buland Darwaza.

Lunch at a local restaurant in Bharatpur.

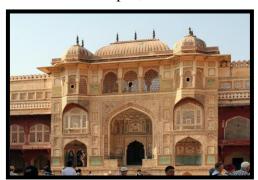
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On arrival in Jaipur, check in at hotel.



Jaipur, the vibrant capital of Rajasthan, is popularly known as the 'Pink City' because of the pink sandstone used in the buildings of the old walled city. From the intricate, delicate looking Hawa Mahal to the graphic forms of the Jantar Mantar - an open air observatory of outsized astronomical instruments, the Badi Chaupar lined with shops and business establishments on both sides to the majestic fort-palace at Amber; from the colorful fountains of life to the sublime Birla Temple; from the architectural delight of the City

Palace to the serene Jal Mahal.

Evening at leisure to explore the local bazaar (market) of Jaipur famous for its handicrafts, Jewelleries and textiles.

Dinner and overnight at Hotel.

### Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> Oct: Jaipur

After breakfast at the hotel, visit Amber Fort on elephant back/jeep ride.



Situated 7 miles north of Jaipur with it's a honey coloured fortress — palace in the Aravalli hills which can be mounted by elephant. It has been described as "the sleeping beauty of Rajasthan". The somber exterior belies the richness of the royal apartments which open onto striking views of the gorge.

Lunch at a local restaurant in Jaipur.

Afternoon visit the pink city of Jaipur including City Palace, Jantar Mantar (Observatory), Birla Temple, Drive past Albert Hall Museum, Hawa Mahal and Jal Mahal.

Dinner and Overnight at Hotel.

## Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> Oct: Jaipur – Mandawa (171 kms / 3 hrs)

After breakfast, check out of the hotel in Jaipur and proceed to Mandawa.

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Mandawa, in the <u>Jhunjhunu</u> district of <u>Rajasthan</u>, is part of the <u>Shekhawati</u> region, and situated 190 km from <u>Jaipur</u>. Mandawa is mainly known for its <u>havelis</u>. This town has been referred to as the "open art gallery" of Rajasthan because the entire Shekhawati region and not just Mandawa is dotted with fascinating mansions (havelis) that have lavishly painted walls. Mandawa was a trading outpost for the ancient caravan routes that stopped here from China and the Middle East. The town was fortified in the 18<sup>th</sup> century by the dominant merchant and trader families of the region.

On arrival at Mandawa, check in at hotel.

Afternoon, set out for a sightseeing tour of Mandawa and the Shekhawati regions, famous for its Havelis'.

Dinner and overnight in Mandawa.

### Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> Oct: Mandawa - Delhi (235 kms / 6 hrs)

After breakfast at hotel, proceed to New Delhi.

On arrival in Delhi, Lunch at hotel.

After lunch day at leisure for shopping and personal activities.

Dinner and overnight in Delhi.

## **Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> Oct: Delhi - Goa (By Flight)**

After breakfast at hotel, proceed to New Delhi airport to your onward journey flight to Goa

Depart New Delhi 1110 hrs by UK 847

Arrive Goa 1350 hrs

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## **COST/TERMS & CONDITIONS.**

Name of the Tour: Pre Congress Delegates Rajasthan Tour

#### Hotels used as under:

Sector	Hotel Names – 4*	Nights
Delhi	Justa Panchsheel Park or similar (4 star)	02
Agra	Crystal Sarovar Premiere or similar (4 star)	01
Jaipur	Lemon Tree Premier or similar (4 star)	02
Mandawa	Desert N Dunes or similar (Resort)	01
Delhi	Ashok Country Resort or similar (4 star)	01

#### Validity and rates:

Period	Per person cost on Double or Twin occupancy
23 <sup>th</sup> Oct to 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2018	USD 549

Supplement cost for Single room occupancy	USD 219

#### Package Includes:

- Accommodation in above mentioned hotels/similar on full board basis starting from breakfast on 24<sup>th</sup> Oct & ending with breakfast on 30<sup>th</sup> Oct
- All transfers and sightseeing by A/C vehicles as per the itinerary
- All entrance/ASI fees to sightseeing places and monuments as per the itinerary
- Services of a GOITO approved local language speaking guide at sites of interest.
- Tuk Tuk ride in Delhi
- Elephant/jeep ride at Amber Fort in Jaipur
- High Tea at a local home with local sweets in Jaipur
- Airfare New Delhi to Goa in economy class.
- Porterages at airports & hotels
- Services/Assistance of our local representatives at the airports

#### Package Excludes:

- Govt applicable taxes extra
- Expenses of personal nature such as tips, laundry, telephone calls, etc
- Any other expenses unless other specifically mentioned under package includes

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