

## TRIP START DATES

2023	2024
OCT   02, 16	JAN   08, 22
NOV   06, 27	FEB   05, 26
DEC   11, 21	MAR   19
	APR   01, 08

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India, Nepal & Sri Lanka Diwali and Holi celebrations with a local family.

📍 REGIONAL JOURNEY  
ACTIVITY LEVEL: BALANCED

12 DAYS  
2 COUNTRIES  
20 MEALS  
29 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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REVIEW THIS NEW TRIP  
GUEST REVIEW

### MAKE TRAVEL MATTER

Agra: Visit the 'Sheroes Café', a local business run by women survivors of acid attacks.

### INSIGHT EXPERIENCES

Kathmandu: Hear an inspirational talk led by women who summited Mount Everest, the highest point above sea level on Earth.

Visit a pottery workshop in Kathmandu • Join an Aarti chanting ceremony on the Ganges River.

### INSIGHT CHOICE

Jaipur: Choose to visit the royal observatory. Alternatively, walk through the city's old lanes. Choose between two experiences in Agra.

### AUTHENTIC DINING

Welcome Dinner in Kathmandu • Lunch at Laxmi Vilas Palace in Bharatpur • Celebration Dinner in Varanasi.

### TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS

Visit Sacred Swayambhunath and Dubar Square in Kathmandu • Tomb of the Emperor Humayun in Delhi • Flower Market, Spice Market and Amber Fort in Jaipur • Taj Mahal and Agra Fort • Sarnath in Varanasi.

# CLASSICAL INDIA WITH NEPAL

"India is the most alluring and diversified destination to travel, rich in culture and heritage." – Virendra, Travel Director



TAJ MAHAL,  
AGRA



RIVER GANGES



KATHMANDU



**DAY 1 WELCOME TO KATHMANDU**

Welcome to Nepal! On arrival at Tribhuvan International Airport you will be greeted by a representative and transferred to your hotel.

At 17:00 meet your Travel Director and venture out in Thamel on a rickshaw ride. Later, head to a local restaurant for a Welcome Reception, drinks and dinner. (DW)

Hyatt Regency, Kathmandu.

**DAY 2 KATHMANDU THE CITY OF BEAUTY**

Start with a morning visit to the city of Kathmandu and see the tranquil Swayambhunath temple. Later, stop in Patan, the third largest city in Nepal, for lunch.

In the afternoon, explore the city's stunning architecture with a Local Expert. Highlights include the Golden Temple, Durbar Square and Mul Chowk. Enjoy the flavours of the region in the evening with an indulgent dinner. (B) (L) (D)

**DAY 3 KATHMANDU'S SPIRITUAL HISTORY**

Delve into Kathmandu's spiritual history with a morning visit to the Pashupatinath Temple on the banks of the Bagmati River and take in the impressive Boudhanath Stupa.

Next you'll head to the city of Bhadgaon, before visiting a local pottery workshop, where a local craftsman will provide a demonstration.

In the evening, head to an inspirational talk by a woman who summited the Earth's highest mountain above sea level, Mount Everest. (B)

**DAY 4 ON TO VIBRANT DELHI**

Head to the airport for your flight to Delhi, India. On arrival, you'll be taken to your modern hotel. Later, join your group and Travel Director for a trip to the Akshardham Temple. Also known as Swaminarayan Akshardham, this Hindu temple is a spiritual and cultural campus dedicated to devotion, learning and harmony. (B)

Hyatt Regency Delhi.

**DAY 5 EXPLORING NEW AND OLD DELHI**

**Relaxed Start.** This morning, head on an exciting sightseeing tour of Old Delhi and New Delhi. Enjoy a rickshaw ride through the Chandni Chowk bazaar in Old Delhi and drive past the Red Fort, the main residence of the Mughal dynasty until 1856. In the afternoon, visit a Sikh temple and its community kitchen, a place preparing and serving free vegetarian meals to those in need.

Later, drive past the President Palace, India Gate and Parliament House, before ending the day with a tour of Humayun's Tomb. (B)

**DAY 6 THE PINK CITY**

**Relaxed Start.** Move on to Jaipur, more affectionately known as the Pink City. Before lunch, enjoy a visit to the Heritage Transport Museum in Haryana, a fascinating showcase of the evolution of transport in India.

Later, join your Travel Director for an evening visit to a flower and spice market.

**Dine at the esteemed Dera Amer.** Situated in the wilderness close to Jaipur, this outdoor dining experience truly connects you to nature. With elephants roaming free on its land, the venue's primary purpose is to maintain an area of natural beauty. (B) (L) (D)

Hotel ITC Rajputana, Jaipur.

**DAY 7 DELVE INTO JAIPUR**

Ascend by jeep to Amber Fort. Built in 1592 by Raja Man Singh, its royal halls mesmerise with their ivory, mirrors, glass and exquisite paintings.

Experience India's spiritual majesty, with a special blessing ceremony.

In the afternoon, take a city tour of Jaipur and see the Hawa Mahal, the Palace of Winds, and visit the City Palace Museum.

Explore Jaipur with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the royal observatory and see Jantar Mantar, featuring the world's largest stone sun dial. Alternatively, join your Local Expert for a walk through the city's old lanes and see artisans working with age-old techniques. (B) (D)

**DAY 8 JAIPUR TO AGRA**

In the morning depart for Agra, home to the spectacular Taj Mahal.

**Along the way stop for lunch at the beautiful Laxmi Vilas Palace in Bharatpur.**

When you arrive in Agra, the evening is yours at leisure. Why not make the most of the amenities at your hotel, Jaypee Palace? (B) (L)

Jaypee Palace Hotel, Agra.

**DAY 9 THE TAJ MAHAL**

Wake early for a visit to the Taj Mahal in its best light, and continue on to Agra Fort. Explore Agra with Insight Choice. Choose to join a guided walk through Kachhpura to discover the life of local farmers. Enjoy tea and pakora on a rooftop with views of the Taj Mahal. Alternatively, join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER \* Experience and visit the 'Sheroes' Café. This local business supports female victims of acid attacks who refuse to give up and instead fight for a better life.

**Catch up with your fellow travellers over dinner at your hotel this evening.** (B) (D)

**DAY 10 ON TO VARANASI**

Take a flight to Varanasi, one of the holiest cities in Hinduism.

In the evening, participate in an Aarti on the ghats, where you'll offer prayers to the River Ganges. This spiritual ceremony is performed daily to honour the River Goddess Ganga. (B)

Taj Ganges, Varanasi.

**DAY 11 THE HOLY CITY OF VARANASI**

Wake early for a sunrise boat cruise on River Ganges, followed by a visit to an Akhara. Return to your hotel for breakfast before heading on a tour of Varanasi. See the Sarnath, a sacred deer park where Gautama Buddha first taught the Dharma and the Buddhist Sangha first came into existence through Kondanna's enlightenment.


**Later, enjoy a delicious Celebration Dinner at your hotel.** (B) (DW)

**DAY 12 LEAVE VARANASI FOR DELHI**

End your trip with a relaxing early morning yoga session at your hotel, before breakfast.


Transfer to the airport and head back to Delhi before your onward flights. Please do not schedule flights before 9pm. (B)

**KEY**

 Join/Leave Options

 Included Flights

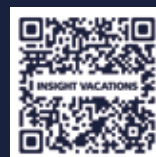
 UNESCO Heritage Site

 Central Hotels + Nights

 Place Visited

**CHOOSE YOUR GROUP SIZE**

This trip operates both classic and small group departures. You can also book your own private group with as few as 12 travellers.



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