

The Great South India Food Journey to India

OPTIONAL DELHI & AGRA EXTENSION

5 days | Visit the Taj Mahal in Agra & Explore Delhi

This optional extension will highlight in brief the most iconic sites to see in both Delhi and Agra as outlined below. Located about four hours outside of Delhi, Agra is the iconic home to the world-famous Taj Mahal. This iconic structure provides a glimpse into Mughal architecture and history. Plus, this visit to the Taj Mahal checks an item off many people's bucket list!

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1: MARCH 7, 2018

Drive Kumarakom – Kochi – Fly to Delhi

Today the group will drive to Kochi airport to connect your flight to Delhi. Enjoy the crisp evenings in the capital city of Delhi where you'll be met by a representative on your arrival at the airport, and proceed to the hotel for check-in. Lunch and dinner are by individual arrangement today.

Included meals: Breakfast



DAY 2: MARCH 8, 2018

Explore Delhi

📍 Old & New Delhi

This morning, you will be met at hotel lobby and escorted on a full day tour of Old Delhi and New Delhi. You will begin the day traveling by rickshaw past colorful bazaars, sacred temples, and colonial monuments through the winding streets of Old Delhi, the capital of Muslim India from the 12th through the 19th centuries. Drive past the sumptuous Red Fort, the symbol of Indian nationhood, for a photo op. Visit India's largest mosque, the white marble Jama Masjid.



Other highlights include Humayun's Tomb, which was built by the wife of Mughal Emperor Humayun, Haji Begum in the mid-16th century. This red sandstone structure is considered the predecessor of the Taj Mahal. The structure is one of the best examples of Mughal architecture. Humayun's wife is also buried in the tomb, which is built of red and white sandstone and black and yellow marble.

This afternoon you will visit the Gandhi Museum showcasing the life and principles of Mahatma Gandhi, Father of the Nation. As you navigate the city in your private air-conditioned motor coach, you will drive along the ceremonial avenue, India Gate, Rajpath and Parliament House.

Lunch and dinner will be provided today as you explore.

Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

DAY 3: MARCH 9, 2018

Explore the Taj Mahal

📍 Agra

This morning drive to Agra with lunch provided in route. Upon arrival, check-in at your hotel.



This afternoon the group will explore Shah Jehan’s monument to love. The Taj Mahal was built by the Mughal emperor as the final resting place for his favorite Queen, Mumtaz. This perfectly symmetrical monument took 22 years (1630-1652 A.D) of hard labor and 20,000 workers, masons and jewelers to build. It was designed by the Persian architect, Ustad Isa. The verses of Holy Quran are inscribed on it and at the top of the gate’s 22 small domes, signifying the number of years the monument took to build. The elegant dome of the Taj has a diameter of 60 feet, and directly under the dome is the tomb of Mumtaz Mahal. Fantastic inlay work, using semi-precious stones, decorates the exterior and interior.

Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

DAY 4: MARCH 10, 2018

Agra Fort

📍 Agra

This morning you will visit the Agra Fort. The great Mughal Emperor Akbar commissioned the construction of the Agra Fort in 1565 A.D., although additions were made until the time of his grandson, Shah Jehan. The forbidding exteriors of this fort hide an inner paradise. The fort is crescent shaped, flattened on the east with a long, nearly straight wall facing the river. It has a total perimeter of 2.4 kilometres, and is ringed by double castellated ramparts of red sandstone punctuated at regular intervals by bastions. A 9-metre wide and 10-metre deep moat surrounds the outer wall.



Later today the group will drive back to Delhi. A couple of rooms will be reserved for wash and change for the group to utilize. Late evening transfer to the international airport to check in for your flight back home.

Included meals: Breakfast & Lunch

DAY 5: MARCH 11, 2018

Arrive back in the U.S.

Arrival back in the United States is planned for this morning.

PROGRAM INFO

Date & Length: 5 days March 7–11, 2018

Extension cost: \$1,199 per person (including most gratuities)

Single supplement: \$399

Inclusions: Ground transportation; baggage handling, all gratuities; tours; meals as mentioned; group tour guide accompanying you to Agra and throughout your stay; and accommodations based on double occupancy.

Not Included: Hotel incidentals and meals not mentioned

To participate in the optional extension, complete and return the extension registration form. Return no later than 90 days prior to departure or within five days of receiving the information.



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