

## CLASSICAL NORTH INDIA

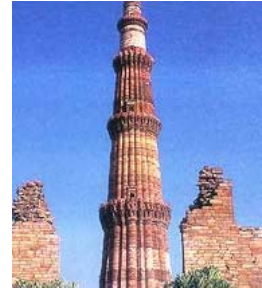
### 08 Nights / 9 days

#### DAY 01      ARRIVE DELHI

You will be met and assisted on arrival in Delhi and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure.

#### DAY 02      IN DELHI

After breakfast in the morning proceed for the full day city tour of Old & New Delhi. In Old city visit RED FORT built by Emperor Shah Jahan; Jama Masjid, one of the largest mosques in India; RAJ GHAT- the memorial of Mahatma Gandhi and enjoy a walking tour in CHANDNI CHOWK- the silver street of Delhi bustling with activity. In the afternoon visit QUTAB MINAR, the tallest stone tower in India; HUMAYUN'S TOMB built in the Indo Persian style and a predecessor to The Taj Mahal in Agra; India Gate – A War Memorial Arch. Also drive past the PRESIDENT'S HOUSE, PARLIAMENT HOUSE, GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT BUILDINGS and CONNAUGHT PLACE – the heart of New Delhi and a busy shopping center. Overnight is at the hotel.



#### DAY 03      TO JAIPUR



This morning you will drive to Jaipur the capital city of Rajasthan, the most colorful state in India. In the afternoon proceed for a sightseeing tour of the city visiting THE OBSERVATORY, THE PALACE OF WINDS AND THE CITY PALACE & MUSEUM. The museum has an interesting textile section, which contains dresses and costumes of the former Maharajas and Maharanis of Jaipur.

Evening is at leisure to explore the local markets.

#### DAY 04      IN JAIPUR

After breakfast drive to the outskirts of the city to visit AMBER FORT, the ancient capital of the State until 1728. Visit the TEMPLE OF KALI, the HALL OF VICTORY or JAI MAHAL and JAGMANDIR. You can have the unique experience of traveling on elephant back to and from the top of the hill on which the fort is situated. Rest of the day is free to explore the colorful town independently. Spend time in crowded lanes & by lanes of pink city, haggling and souvenir-hunting.



Overnight stay is at your hotel in Jaipur.

#### DAY 05      TO AGRA



After breakfast check-out of the hotel and drive to Agra. Enroute halt at FATEHPUR SIKRI, the 16<sup>th</sup> century capital of Moghul emperor Akbar is a complex of forts, palaces and mosques built in sandstone. The city had to be deserted because of lack of water. The white marble Tomb of Sheikh Salim Chisti, Akbar's spiritual adviser, is now observed as a Muslim pilgrimage spot here. Later continue your drive Agra and check-in at your hotel. In the afternoon visit the TAJ MAHAL - the inimitable poem in white marble. Built over a period of 22 years, by the Mughal

Emperor Shah Jahan in 1630, for his Queen Mumtaz Mahal to enshrine her mortal remains, it is one of the seven modern wonders of the World. Also visit the AGRA FORT, built by three Mughal Emperors starting from Akbar the Great in 1565 AD, which is a masterpiece of design and construction. Within the fort are a number of exquisite buildings including the Moti Masjid, Jahangir's Palace, Khaas Mahal and the Sheesh Mahal, Diwane-i-Am, Diwane-i-Khas and Musamman Burj, where Emperor Shah Jahan, the fifth Mughal Emperor, died a prisoner.

#### **DAY 06 TO KHAJURAHO**

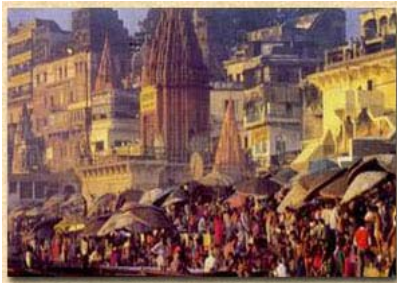
A 3 hour train ride to JHANSI and a four hour drive of 180kms will bring us today to the world famous temples of KHAJURAHO, known for their erotic sculpture on the walls. In the temple architecture of India, the Khajuraho complex remains unique. One thousand years ago, under the generous and artistic patronage of the Chandela Rajput kings of Central India, 85 temples, magnificent in form and richly carved, came up on one site, near the village of Khajuraho. The amazingly short span of 100 years, from 950 AD - 1050 AD, saw the completion of all the temples, in an inspired burst of creativity. Today, of the original 85, only 22 have survived the ravages of time; these remain as a collective paean to life, to joy and to creativity; to the ultimate fusion of man with his creator. Arrive and check-in at the hotel. Evening is at leisure.

#### **DAY 07 TO VARANASI**

Morning visit the Eastern & Western Group of temples visiting the Adinath Temple: Dedicated to the Jain saint, Adinath, the temple is lavishly embellished with sculpted figures, including yakshis. The three Hindu temples of the group are the Brahma, containing a four faced lingam, the Vamana, which is adorned on its outer walls with carving of apsaras in a variety of sensuous attitudes; and the Javari, with a richly-carved gateway and exterior sculptures. The Western group is certainly the best known, because it is to this group that the largest and most typical Khajuraho temple belongs: The Kandariya Mahadev. Later fly to Varanasi. Evening is at leisure to explore the local market.



#### **DAY 08 TO DELHI**



Early in the morning, enjoy a boat ride on the River Ganges. The most important facet of this holy city is the river and the ghats lining its southern bank in the city. From dawn to dusk, the ghats are thronged by thousands of devotees, who perform their holy rituals in the hope of attaining salvation, the "Nirvana"

Later in the day board a flight to Delhi. Arrive Delhi and transfer to the hotel for overnight stay

#### **Day 09 DEPARTURE**

Transfer to the International airport for your return flight.

**End of the tour**



HOTELS ENVISAGED

City	Nights	Hotels Envisaged or Equivalent
Delhi	02	The Connaught
Jaipur	02	Country Inn & Suites
Agra	01	Howard Park Plaza
Khajuraho	01	Clarks Khajuraho
Varanasi	01	Hotel Hindustan International
Delhi	01	The Connaught

**Tour Cost: (Validity: 01 OCT 2008 – 19 DEC 2008 & from 10 JAN – 31 March 2009)**

Details	Tour Cost
02 Pax	<b>US\$ 1439 per person</b>
Entrance fees supplement	<b>US\$ 66 per person</b>
Airfare supplement for HJR-VNS-DEL	<b>US\$ 358 per person</b>

Airfare quoted above is for travel in sector **KHAJURAHO – VARANASI – DELHI** in economy class.  
Airfare is subject to change without prior notice.

Cost Inclusions:

- 08 nights accommodation on twin sharing basis at hotels mentioned above or similar
- Meal Plan: **Daily buffet breakfast & Dinner** at hotels / local restaurants
- Transportation using Air Conditioned vehicle for airport / intercity transfers and sightseeing tour.
- Services of a English speaking local guide at the time of sightseeing.
- 01 boat ride at Ganges, Varanasi
- 01 Elephant / Jeep ride at Amber fort, Jaipur.
- Train fare between sector Jhansi / Agra in Air Conditioned Chair Car.
- All applicable taxes including mandatory Government Service tax.

Cost Exclusions:

- Any expenses of personal nature like tips, laundry, table drinks etc.
- Any other item / services not otherwise specified.
- Any entrance fees to the monuments. **(Refer to the supplement quoted above)**
- Any airfare. **(Refer to the supplement quoted above)**

PLEASE NOTE:

- The cost quoted above is valid for the specified period of travel only.
- The airfare quoted above is subject to change and subject to availability at the time of booking or issuance.
- Rates are **NOT VALID** for travel between **19 DEC'08 – 10 JAN'09**



## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

### RESERVATION AND REGISTRATION

A deposit of CA\$300 per person is required at the time of registration. The deposit will confirm your reservation until 60 days prior to trip departure, at which time the balance of the cost of the trip is due. If reservation is effected within 60 days of commencement of travel, the entire amount is to be submitted at the time of confirmation. All tour participants must complete, sign and date a tour registration form. You will receive immediate confirmation and a pre departure information package that will include Visa/passport requirements, insurance information, health information, recommended reading list, clothing suggestions and other travel tips.

### CANCELLATION & REFUNDS

Full Refund, minus CA\$100.00 per person handling charge will be made if a cancellation is received in writing no less than 60 days prior to departure. Thereafter the following fees will be imposed based on the number of days prior to departure:

- 59-30 days CA\$300 per person
- 29-15 days 50% of the tour cost
- 14-8 days 75% of the tour cost
- within 7 days of departure 100%

### TRAVEL INSURANCE

Trip insurance is required for our trips. An insurance application form for our all inclusive travel insurance which includes trip cancellation, medical and other coverage, will be sent to you on receipt of your booking. Please note: An insurance waiver must be signed if you do not wish to purchase our policy.

### TOUR COST

Tour cost and what it includes are listed in the itinerary for each tour, unless indicated otherwise. On the tour itinerary, the tour fee includes: accommodations in double occupancy and most meals, all transportation during the tour, entrance fees for parks and other areas, and services of the tour guide. Tour costs are based on group rates and no refunds will be given for unutilized services for any reason whatsoever.

Items not included in tour costs:

- Visa and passport charges
- Departure taxes
- Extra meal not included in itinerary
- Items of personal nature (i.e. laundry, medical expenses, personal clothing)
- Emergency evacuation Personal travel insurance

All Tour prices are in CAD (Canadian Dollars)

### TOUR DATES DELAYS AND ROUTE CHANGES

Since schedules are determined up to a year and a half in advance, changes in dates may have to be made. It is also possible that route changes, delays or postponements may be necessary. This could happen due to inclement weather, political restriction or any other cause. In this event you will have no obligation in respect of charges, except as follows:

- If the land content of the tour is delayed, we will arrange, at no additional expense to you, accommodation for you for the duration of the delay.
- If the scheduled place of departure, of the land content of the tour is changed, we will arrange, at our expense, substitute means of transportation from the original point of departure to the rescheduled point of departure.
- If the scheduled duration of the land content of the tour is shortened more than 24 hours, we will make a refund based on the number of complete days the trip was shortened.
- Bains Travel reserves the right to cancel any tour prior to departure, in which case any payment you have made to Bains Travel will be refunded in full. You will not be entitled to make any further claims for compensation for damages, for any loss, consequential damages, expenses, loss of time or inconvenience which may result from such cancellation.

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### AIR CARRIER RESPONSIBILITY TOP

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