

JOURNEYS *with Nikki*

Activity Level - Easy to moderate
Journey starts and ends at New Delhi

NORTH INDIA **HOLI** & GOLDEN TRIANGLE

DELHI, AGRA, JAIPUR - 8 DAYS, 7 NIGHTS - MARCH 8-15, 2025

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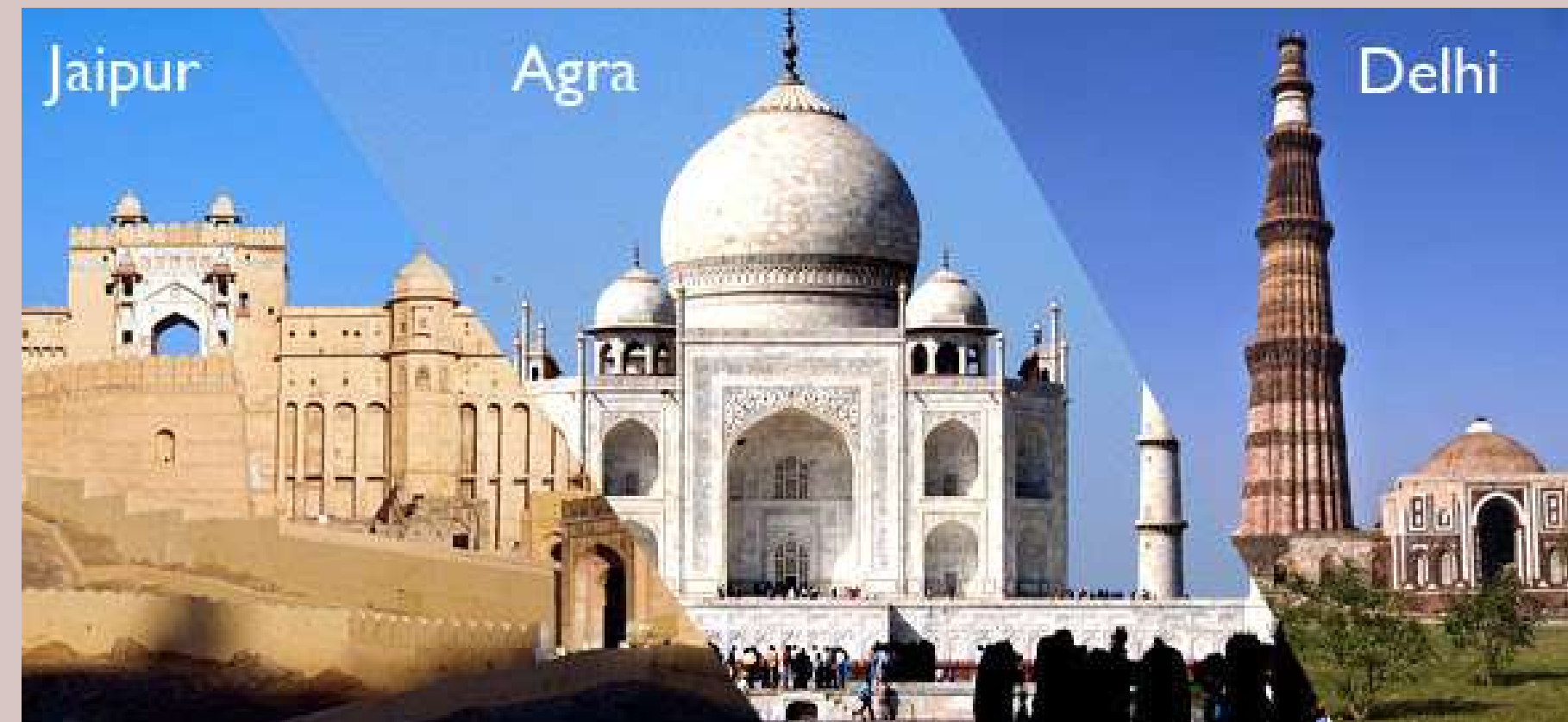
A LAND OF MIXED EMOTIONS

One of the oldest civilizations in the world, India is a mosaic of multicultural experiences. With rich heritage and myriad attractions, India, the 7th largest country in the world is among the most popular tourist destinations in the world. It covers an area of 2 million sq. miles, extending from the snow-covered Himalayan heights to the tropical rain forests of the south.

As you travel the expanse of the country, you are greeted by diverse nuances of cuisines, faiths, arts, crafts, music, nature, lands, tribes, history and adventure sports. India is a mesmeric convergence of the old and the new. As the bustling old bazaars rub shoulders with swanky shopping malls, and majestic monuments accompany luxurious heritage hotels, the quintessential traveller can experience the best of both worlds.

EXPLORE THE HISTORY, PEOPLE,
CULTURE, HANDICRAFTS, LANGUAGES
& COLORS OF INDIA

DISCOVER YOURSELF!



“Of all the books in the world, the best stories are found between the pages of a passport.”

-Traveler unknown-

Journeys with Nikki (JWN) blends fun, hands-on exploration, meaningful encounters with people and cultures, and more free time and choices—with the structure and security of traveling in a small group. We are your trusted companions into a deep dive of the vibrant and diverse country of India, always giving you the best of your world too.

JWN believes that traveling is not just about seeing new places; it's about experiencing the soul of a country, its culture, its people, and its hidden gems. That's why we offer theme-based tours that immerse travelers experientially, all led by passionate and experienced travelers who know the culture of India intimately.

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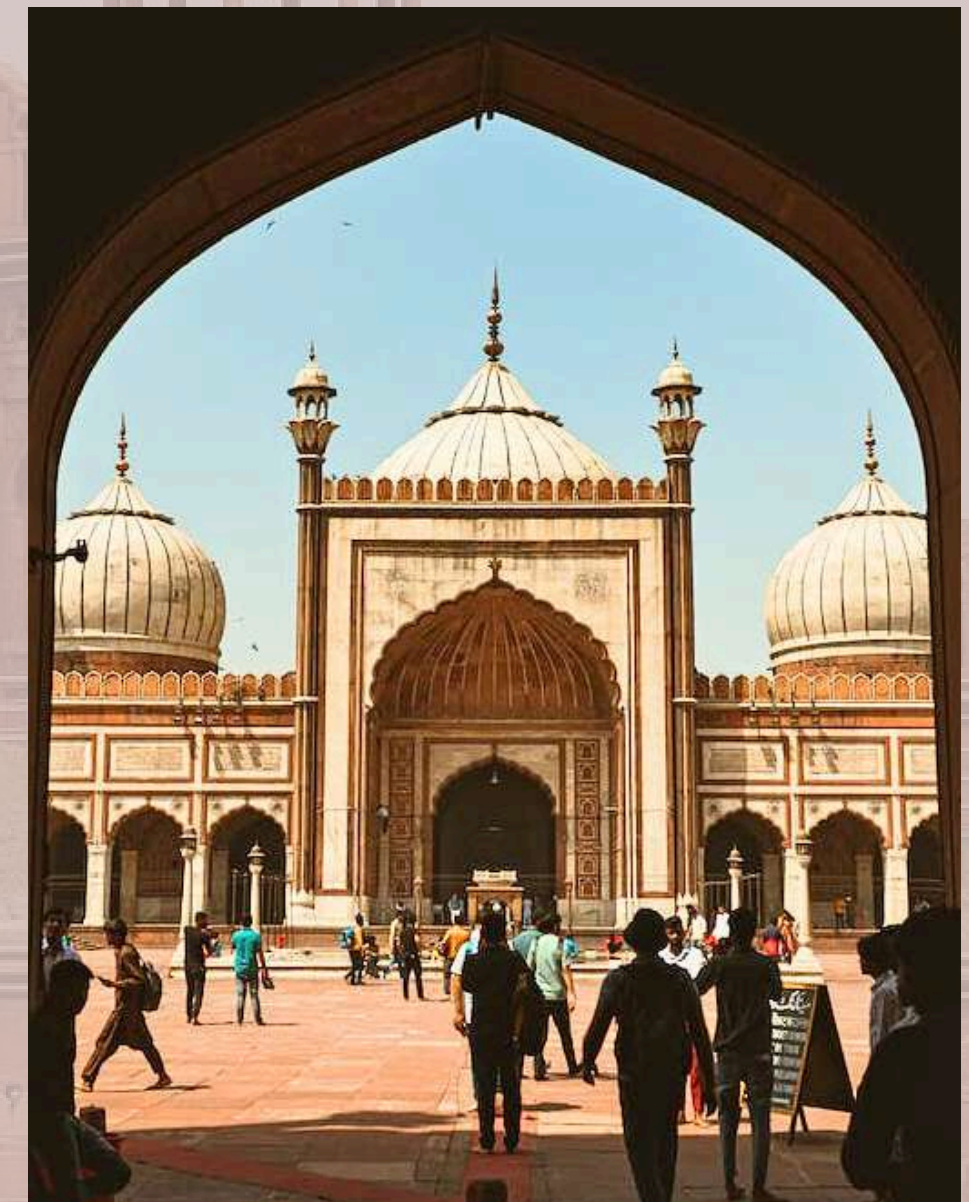
“Travel opens your heart, broadens your mind, and fills your life with stories to tell.” We want to create unforgettable journeys that go beyond the ordinary, providing our travelers with a deeper understanding and appreciation of India's rich tapestry. Each tour is carefully curated to cater to different interests and passions, giving you an opportunity to delve deep into the essence of India.

EXPLORE *cultures* OF THE WORLD
with JWN

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Holi is a Hindu festival that takes place every spring. It's all about new beginnings – Holi welcomes the spring season and celebrates the end of winter. It is said that during the Holi Festival, the gods turn a blind eye, and it's one of the few times extremely devout Hindus allow themselves to let loose. On the first day of the festival, a bonfire is lit to symbolically burn away all the bad and give way to a colorful and vibrant new future. At the Holi Festival, participants throw powder dye into the air, covering all in attendance with vibrant colors. In a religious sense, the colors are rich with symbolism and have multiple meanings: they can mean a vibrant new life and even represent sin in a way. For some, washing off the dye at the end of the day can mean new commitment to live well, as cleansing oneself of evils and demons.

- We are Experiential travelers. We want to experience authentic cultures of the world on our own terms.
- We stay in hotels that afford us comfort (Boutique hotels, Heritage hotels, 3 or 4 star hotels), we travel with ease through carefully designed historical, cultural and nature tours that allow the perfect mix of exploration, experience and downtime. The **JWN** traveler does better than Time Travel!
- We mingle with local handicraft artists, cook with experts, relax in host homes and celebrate Indian festivals with them.
- We work with local experts who show us the hidden gems of the city, heightening our unique experience of the city and the culture of the country we are visiting.



ENJOY YOUR NEXT JOURNEY *with Nikki*



HOLI IN THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE

Delhi, Agra, Jaipur

MARCH 8 - 15, 2025

8D/ 7N | 12 GUESTS
#NORTH INDIA | HISTORY | CULTURE |
PHOTOGRAPHY | UNESCO SITES

ACTIVITY LEVEL: 3 – 6
(ON A SCALE OF 10)

*PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS A TENTATIVE ITINERARY AND IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

Delhi ARRIVAL

Day 1



Pick up from the airport



Settle In



Stay @ Claridges Hotel **or equivalent*



Visit Janpath/local market - bargainners paradise



Unwind in Connaught Place

Claridges Hotel



Janpath - Connaught Place



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Guided on your journey in **DELHI**



Jama Masjid



Lunch In Local Restaurant



Cycle Rikshaw ride In Chandni Chowk



Humayun's Tomb



Chandni Chowk shopping and food



Qutub Minar



Raj Ghat



Gurudhwara Bangala Sahib



India Gate



Lotus Temple



President House & Parliament Building



Drive to Agra

* Will include as many of these places as time allows

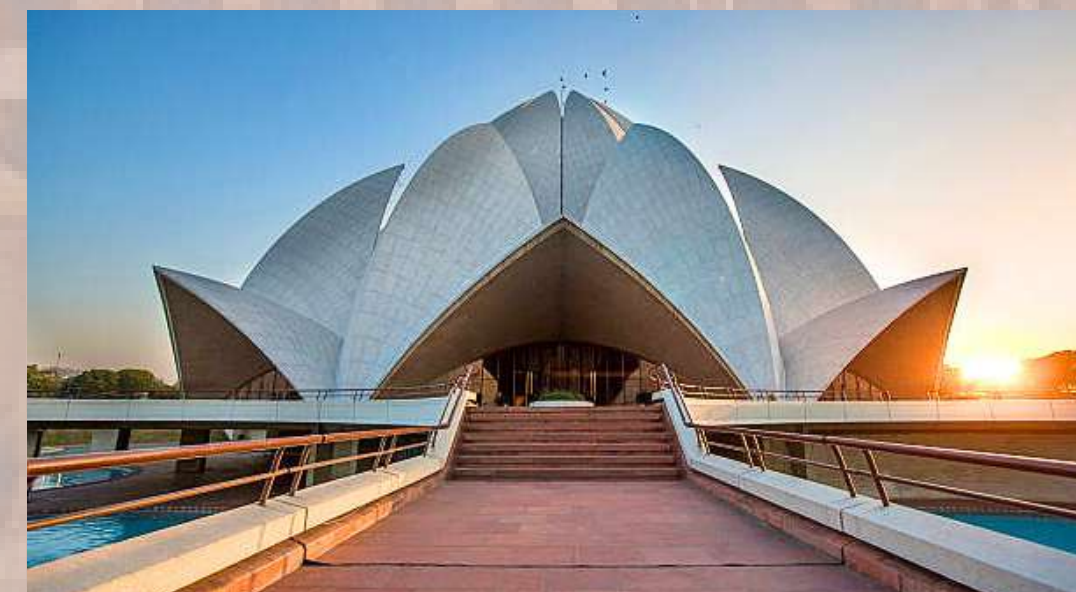
CHANDNI CHOWK -

The reflection of the original Chandni Chowk used to shine in hence the name 'Chand', which means 'moon'. Today, it is one of the oldest and busiest markets in India.



Old Delhi has a vibe all of its own! It must be seen to be believed.

Lotus Temple is built in the shape of a lotus flower and is the last of seven major Bahai temples built around the world.



Day 2

Sneak Peek into

YOUR DELHI JOURNEY

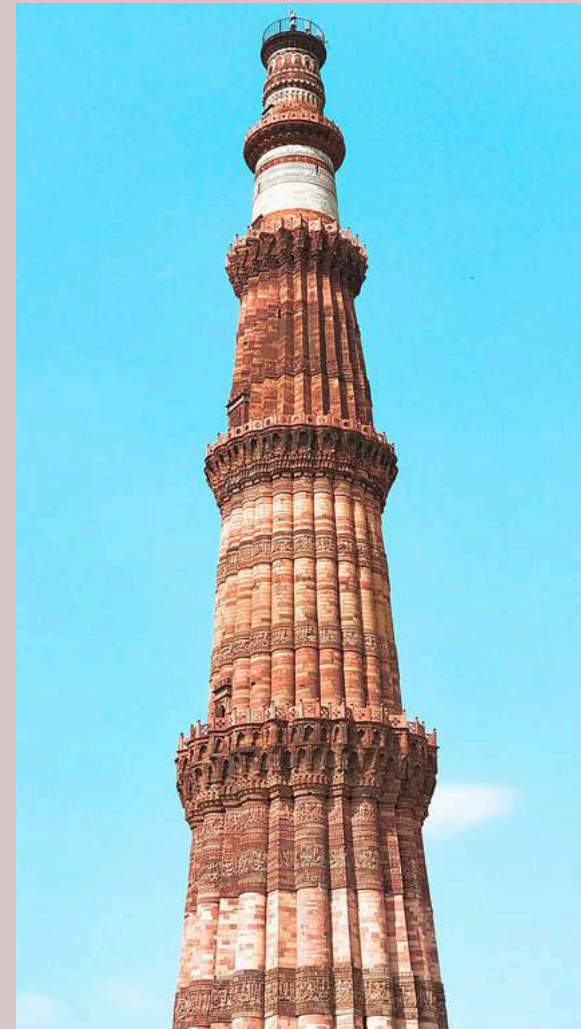
Day 2

Red Fort



This historic fort in the Old Delhi neighbourhood historically served as the main residence of the Mughal emperors.

Qutab Minar



Over 2000 years old, it is the tallest Brick Minaret In The World.

Jama Masjid



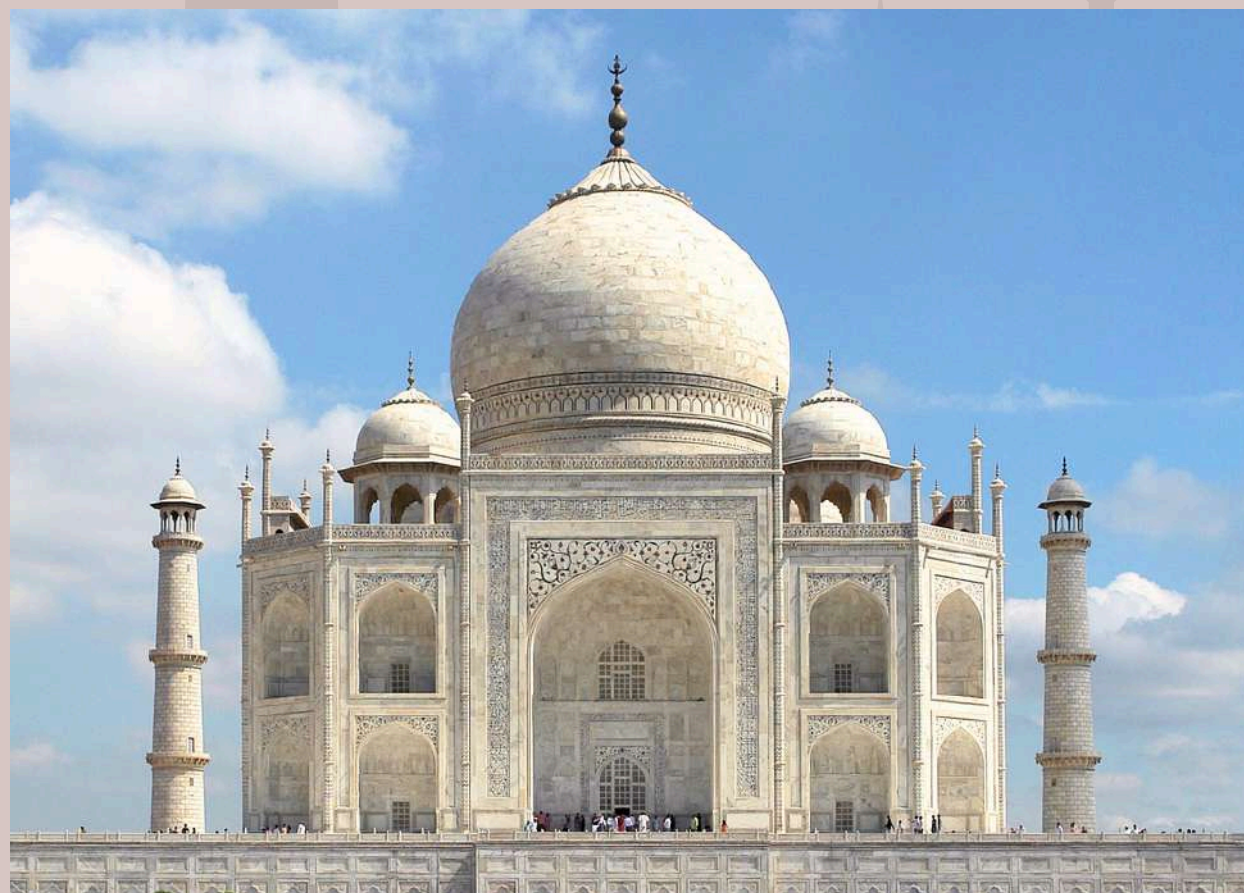
This great mosque of Old Delhi is the largest in India, with a courtyard capable of holding 25,000 devotees. It was begun in 1644 and ended up being the final architectural extravagance of Shah Jahan, the Mughal emperor who built the Taj Mahal and the Red Fort.

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Home to perhaps some of the finest examples of architecture in the world, Agra is a historian's paradise. Some of the treasures of architecture that grace the city include the Taj Mahal and the Agra Fort. The Taj Mahal is one of the original 7 Wonders of the World.

AGRA, FATEHPUR SIKRI

Moonlight view of Taj Mahal



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The Taj Mahal



Agra Fort
UNESCO World Heritage site

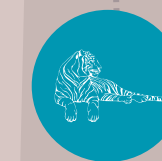


Lunch at a local restaurant

Tomb of Itimad-ud-daulah



Mehtab Bagh



Sunset from Mehtab Bagh/



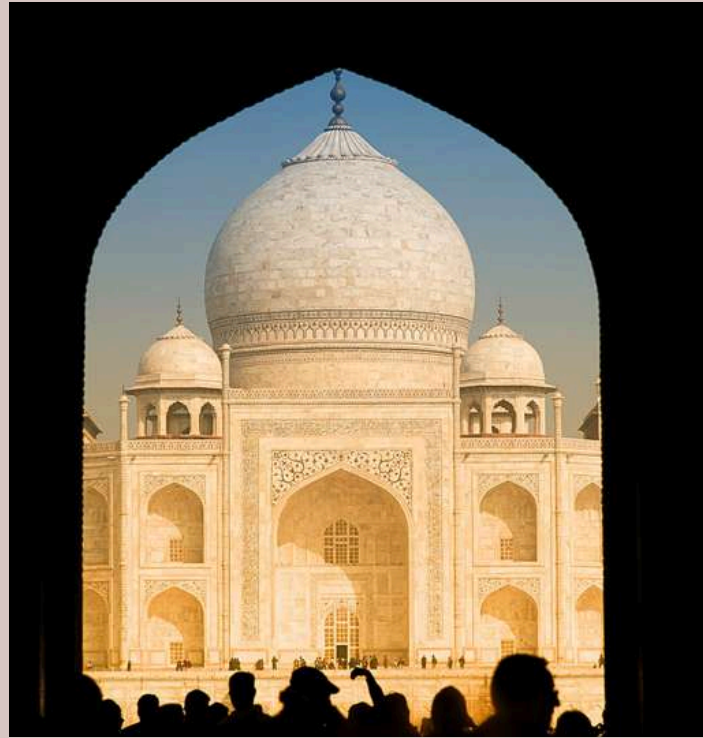
Night at Agra or drive back to Delhi



Sneak Peek
AGRA, FATEHPUR SIKRI

Day 3

Taj Mahal



In 1632, the Mughal emperor Shah Jahan commissioned the building of the tomb of his favorite wife, Mumtaz Mahal, who died during childbirth. Completed in 1653, the Taj Mahal stands as a masterpiece of Mughal architecture, renowned worldwide for its symmetrical beauty, exquisite white marble craftsmanship, and enduring symbol of love.

Agra Fort



It was built by Shah Janan in 1628. Several of the buildings are made of pure marble with beautiful carvings. To cool off the rooms in the marble pavilions, the walls were hollow and filled with running water. From the balconies in the pavilions, you have a nice view on the Yamuna river and the Taj Mahal.

Tomb of Itimad-ud-Daula's



This beautiful tomb situated on the banks of the Yamuna is also known as the 'baby Taj'. Built around 1625 AD, the carvings on this monument are said to be even better than that of the Taj.

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Last day

DELHI



Return to Delhi



Spend a relaxed day shopping for hidden treasures



Visit Handicrafts exhibition or local handicrafts emporium



Cooking **EXPERIENCE**



Personal time - revisit monuments, museums, relax... your time to explore



Day 4

Cooking

EXPERIENCE

You will spend a few hours with an expert Indian cook, learning about Indian cooking. You will understand the basics of Indian spices and join her in cooking a three-course meal. Of course, you get to enjoy the meal afterwards.



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Journey to **JAIPUR**

Jaipur, otherwise known as the "Pink City" is a stunning mix of Palaces, Bazaars, and Luxury Hotels



Flight - Delhi to Jaipur



Stay in Umaid Bhavan Heritage Hotel



Shopping, local handicrafts @ local markets



Trip to local handicrafts place
EXPERIENCE

Day **5**








EXPERIENCE - STAY IN A HERITAGE HOTEL

Heritage hotels are structures or locations that hold historical or cultural significance of the place in which they are found. Maybe they were built centuries ago and are still standing or maybe they were once a temple or castle, converted into a friendly and wondrous place for guests to vacation.

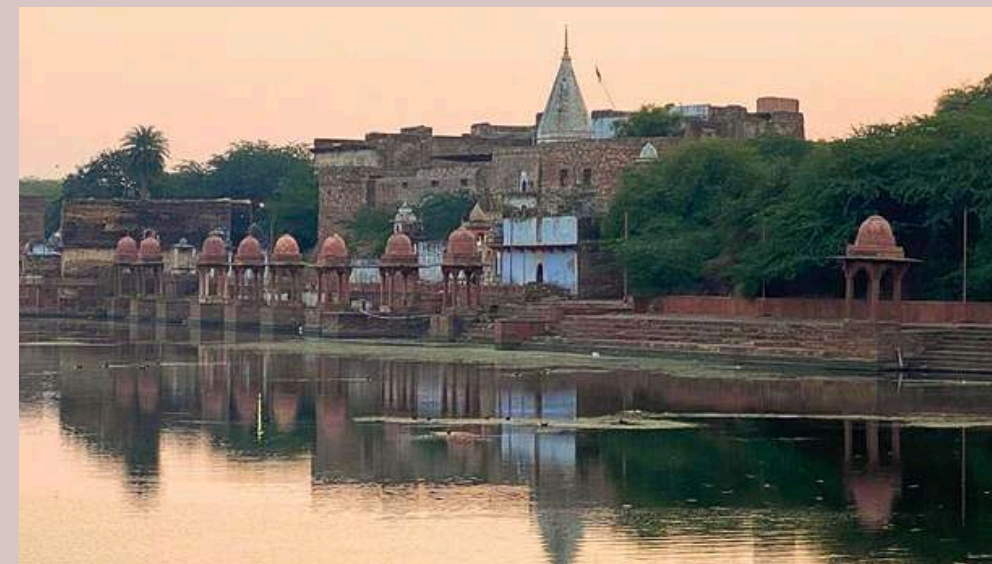


Guided Tour **JAIPUR**

Day 6

-  Stay in Umaid Bhavan-**EXPERIENCE**
**or equivalent*
-  Guide, journey to historical monuments
-  Amber Palace
-  City Palace of Jaipur
-  Jal Mahal
-  Elephant Safari
-  Hawa Mahal
-  **HOLI** Preparations Experience

**Itinerary subject to change*



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Day 7

Jaipur

HOLI DAY

- Enjoy Holi With Elephants
- Be a part of the Bollywood Theme Parties.
- Enjoy Jaipur's Traditional Gulal Gota
- Try 'Bhaang' (local drink)
- Play the well promoted Eco-friendly Holi.
- Rangarang Celebrations
- Lip-smacking festive delicacies



Day 8

Departure for Home

JAIPUR TO DELHI



Early morning flight to Delhi



Departure for Home

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MEET YOUR JWN HOST *Nikki*

- **Nikki Powell** is an Indian by birth, and has lived several decades in India.
- Using the canvas of Storytelling, Nikki has taught cinema in both India and the US, established a film school, headed departments and edited films all her life. **She is an established storyteller.** She is an **award winning filmmaker.** A **photographer.** She is a **warm and hospitable human being,** an **excellent organizer** who is also an **outstanding communicator.** She's got your back covered!
- She has **lived in the US** with her American husband, Melvin, for the past 10 years and is familiar with both the Indian and American cultures. She is able to **instinctively understand what is important to you** as a traveler, and take care of it, so you can just enjoy yourself.
- She is a **student of culture, history and traditions** of different places. She has **visited 4 countries** and is going strong.
- She speaks **fluent English,** as good as any native. She also speaks **fluent Hindi,** the national language of India and a spattering of other local languages.

- **Why do you call your tour a ‘journey’?**
 - We believe the journey IS our destination. It is not about seeing a particular monument or sight, but the whole experience of getting there that is important. At JWN, we love seeing our guests grow as they travel with us, learning about a new culture, new traditions, a new language, making new friends, and most of all, learning more about themselves and challenging themselves.
- **I’ve heard that India can be very challenging to a foreigner. How will I be able to navigate this?**
 - When you travel with JWN, we have you covered. Nikki herself will travel with you from Day 1 through Day last and help you learn the ropes. She will take care of the logistics, guide you with cultural nuances and help make your journey smooth. Having lived in India several decades, she is familiar with all things Indian, and brings a unique perspective of both cultures to your journey.
- **Is it safe for a foreign woman to travel to India?**
 - By staying informed, taking precautions, and respecting local customs, women can have a safe and enjoyable experience when visiting India. JWN helps show you the ropes for all this.
- **Is India friendly to foreigners?**
 - Indian people are known for their warm hospitality and friendliness towards tourists.
- **Why should I choose JWN for my tour?**
 - Having lived for long periods in both countries, JWN hosts are fluent with customs and cultures of both countries, forming the perfect bridge for your experience. JWN has an extensive Indian network that can provide most every kind of option. It also covers ALL meals (except the last dinner), ALL domestic transportation and offers unique local experiences that would normally be inaccessible to foreign tourists.



8D/7N ALL-INCLUSIVE COST USD 5,999 *



WHAT'S INCLUDED IN THE 'ALL-INCLUSIVE COST'?

- Local Airport transfer to hotel
- **All accomodation, as per itinerary**
- Twin occupancy, 3 - 4 star hotels and camps
- **All meals** (except last day dinner)
- Entry ticket costs to monuments
- Local transportation, as per itinerary
- Domestic flights, as per itinerary
- Professional, local guides
- All experiences, including Holi festivities
- Entry tickets for all sites

NOT INCLUDED IN COSTS

- Travel insurance
- Items of a personal nature
- Last day dinner
- Optional excursions and tours, activities not listed above
- Gratuities and tips for personal services
- Drinks
- International Round Trip ticket

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What you should know to
PLAN YOUR TRIP



CANCELLATION POLICY

Cancellations prior to 30 days from Day 1 of the Journey

- Get 80 % refund (minus non-refundable deposit)

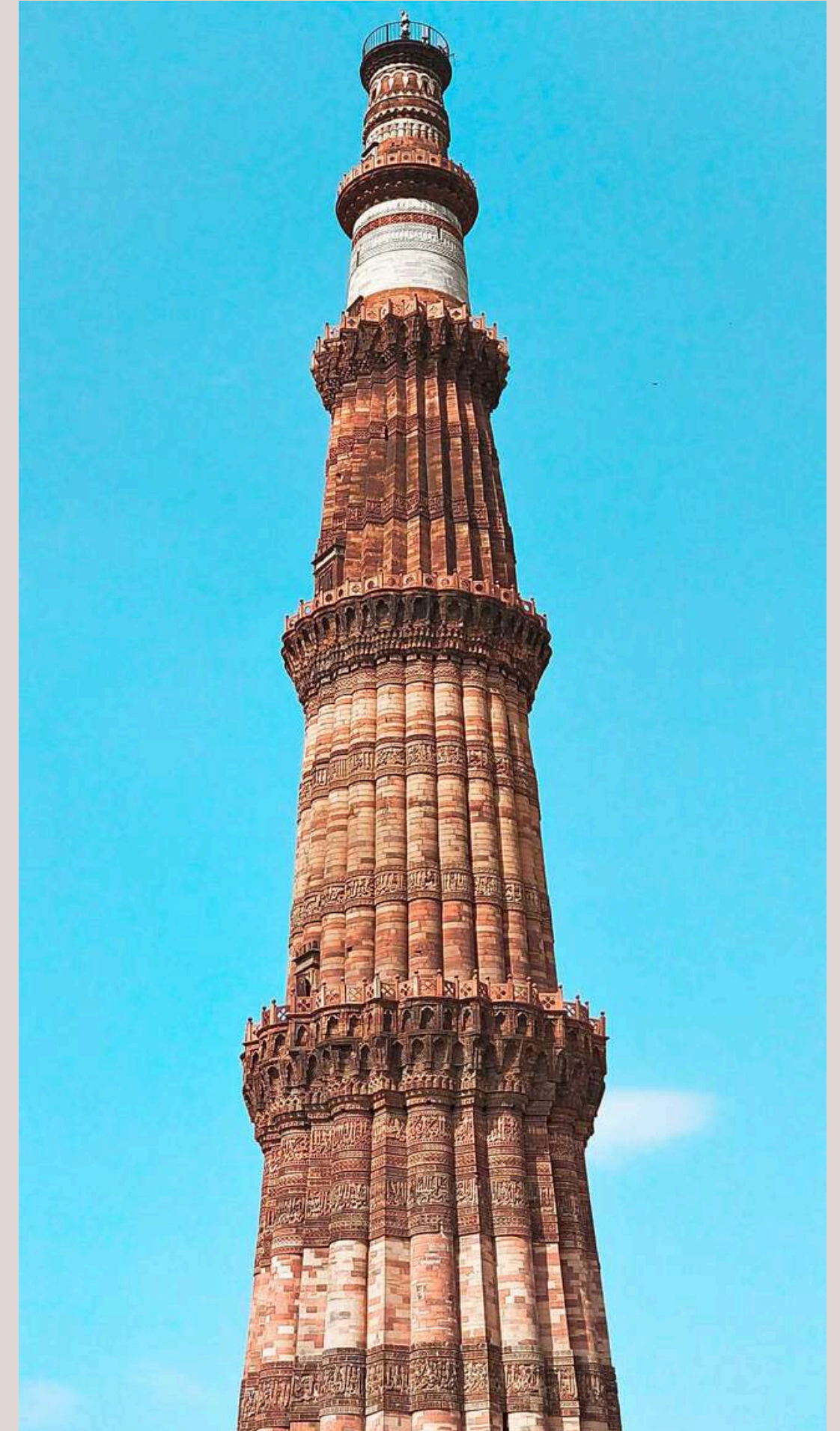
Cancellation between 30 days and 15 days from Day 1 of the Journey

- Get 50 % cash refund
- 90% cash voucher for same trip till one year
- 80% cash voucher for any other journey till one year

Cancellation less than 15 days from Day 1 of the journey/
In case of no show

- No refund

THIS JOURNEY REQUIRES A MINIMUM OF 5 GUESTS



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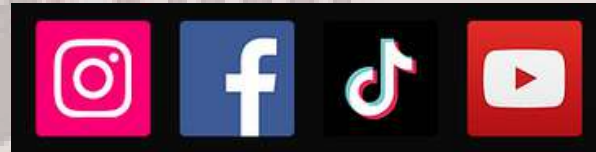
Let's get to know each other and see if we're a good fit for each other! 😊



RESERVE YOUR PLACE ON THE JOURNEY

Choose your payment option and reserve your spot on the journey with a non-refundable deposit of USD 500.

JWN will take a maximum of 12 guests on this tour!



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INDIA

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