

Northern India Tour - September/October Annually

2024 dates: 14th September– 6th October

Day 1: Saturday, Arrive Delhi Transfer to hotel O/Night

Day 2: Sunday, Delhi: Gardens and Tomb of Humayun; Qutub Minar & Gupta Iron pillar (C.375-413); Jama Masjid, Old Delhi (**budget 150rps approx for cycle rickshaw ride**). O/Night. **B**

Day 3: Monday, Travel to Chandigarh. Built in the early 1950's as a replacement capital for the displaced people of the Punjab after partition. O/Night **B**

Day 4: Tuesday, Morning visit to the Rock Garden built from recycled materials. Travel to Amritsar. Evening visit to Golden Temple. O/Night **B**

Day 5: Wednesday, Daytime visit to Golden Temple and Jallianwala Bagh Memorial. Afternoon free. Wagga Border. O/Night **B**

Day 6: Thursday, Travel to McLeodganj (via Dharamshala) – home of the Dalai Lama. O/Night **B**

Day 7: Friday, 10.00am Morning walk (15 – 20 minutes) to visit Church of St. John in the Wilderness and visit Dalai Lama Temple complex. Afternoon Free to explore the shops and boutiques largely managed/owned by Tibetans. O/Night **B**

Day 8: Saturday, Travel to Manali O/Night **B**

Day 9: Sunday, Day trip to Rohtang pass – foothills of the Himalayas - 13,500' Late afternoon visit to Manali Mall and local shopping. O/Night **B**

Day 10: Monday, Depart Manali passing the wholesale apple markets and travel to Hill Station of Shimla. Previously a popular retreat from the heat by members of the British Raj and seat of government during summer months until 1929. Evening walk along the famous Mall. O/Night **B**

Day 11: Tuesday, Travel to Delhi. O/Night **B**

Day 12: Wednesday, Delhi: Gandhi Memorial, India Gate, Parliament, local shopping Rajaji Gardens. O/Night **B**

Day 13: Thursday, Travel to Jaipur. Local Shopping. Meet with Tailor for any stitching you may require to be done. O/Night Carolyn's Taj Palace B&B. **B**

Day 14: Friday, Early morning departure to Amber Fort (**optional elephant ride 1600 rupees per elephant (takes only 2 persons)**). City Palace Museum; Hawa Mahal (Wind Palace), Optional Dinner at OTH (On the House) Restaurant. O/Night **B**

Day 15: Saturday, Textiles (Sikar House), Carpets, Johri Bazar, Albert Hall Museum. Wholesale jeweller. Evening visit to Birla Mandir Temple. O/Night **B**

- Day 16: Sunday**, Embroidery Recycled and patchwork, Local shopping Mall. Evening Walk in Central Park, **O/N B**
- Day 17: Monday**, Travel to Ranthambore National Park. On the way visit the Monkey Temple. Afternoon Jeep Safari. **O/Night L/D.**
- Day 18: Tuesday**, Early morning (6.30am) jeep safari. Bring breadcrumbs/biscuits for the birds. After breakfast travel to Agra. On the way visit Abanheri and Chand Baodi Step Well and Fatipur Sikri. **O/Night B**
- Day 19: Wednesday**, Baby Taj, Akbar's Mausoleum, Red Fort and Taj Mahal. Marble factory and optional evening theatre/dance performance at Kalakriti Cultural Centre - Story of the building of the Taj. **(1600rps approx) O/Night B**
- Day 20: Thursday**, Travel to Delhi. Visit Fatipur Sikri/Akbar's Mausoeum if missed previously. **O/Night B**
- Day 21: Friday, Departures.**