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## **Travel for Women**

A Journey to India

SAMPLE ITINERARY

LTR Tour Type Two



**Delhi** - capital of India, a cosmopolis, constantly inhabited since the ancient times. History tells us that there are 'seven cities' in Delhi, each with its own unique story and lore. It is an amalgamation of the ancient, medieval, and modern with an unparalleled flavour.

# Day 1

## Arrive NEW DELHI

- Guests arrive individually and are welcomed by LTR representative with 'Mouli' at New Delhi airport.
- After the meet & greet, private and individual transfer to hotel (20 kms / 45 minutes)
- Arrive at the hotel & check into room.
- Night at the hotel - **The Imperial, New Delhi**

# Day 2

## DELHI

- 7.30am**
- Buffet breakfast at the 1911 restaurant of the hotel, in a section of the restaurant for an overview by a LTR representative and to meet journey host Juanita Phillips.
- 9.00am**
- Depart by coach to Sikh Temple **Gurudwara Bangla Sahib**. (6 kms / 15 minutes)
- 9.15am**
- Witness one of the community's Mega Kitchen of this Sikh Temple which serves 100000 meals per day free of cost and later visit the temple complex. *Before entering the temple, guests should remove their shoes and socks and proceed for the footbath and the sink to purify their hands and feet before entering the premises.*
  - Visit of the Gurudwara temple, a place of serenity made of white marble and covered with comfortable rugs under the sacred music that intoxicates. Guests will discover the principles of one of the great monotheistic religions of the world. The visit will end with the handing over by the volunteers of a sweet offering "the halwa", a kind of solid and sweet porridge, another symbol of the obligation of generosity which characterizes the principles of this religion. *Note: Guests must cover their head with a head scarf to visit the Temple. Proper attire is required in any place of worship (arms and legs covered) and the use of cameras is prohibited (bandanas are available in front of the entrance if guests do not have a headscarf)*
- 10.15am**
- After the visit, proceed for orientation tour of New Delhi: Government buildings, President's Palace & India Gate and stop at Humayun's tomb (7 kms / 30 minutes)
  - Visit **Humayun's Tomb**. Visit the tomb of the second Mughal emperor which was built by his wife Hamida Banu, also known as Bega Begum, in 1565. The building's architecture is inspired by the construction of the Taj Mahal.
  - After this visit, return to The Imperial hotel, to acclimatise, relax or enjoy the facilities.
- Afternoon**
- "Henna" (Indian temporary tattoo) artists are at disposal for the group at the hotel, immersing guests into the Indian experience. *Note: bookings are taken earlier, as an artist takes approx. 15-20 mins. per person.*
- 8.00pm**
- Welcome Dinner at Southeast Asian speciality restaurant **Spice Route of The Imperial Hotel**, in a section of the restaurant.
  - Night at the hotel - **The Imperial, New Delhi**

**Day 2 Meals: Buffet Breakfast & Dinner (drinks not included)**

**Agra** is situated on the banks of the Yamuna River; this city is home to some of the finest examples of Mughal architecture including its pinnacle the Taj Mahal. Agra served as the capital of the Mughal Empire until Shahjahan shifted it to Delhi.

## Day 3

### DELHI / AGRA

- Breakfast at leisure at hotel (from 6.30am).
- 10.45am** • Transfer by coach to Old Delhi. (7 kms / 30 minutes)
- 11.30am** • Visit the **Jama Masjid** - one of the largest mosques in India was built between 1651 and 1656 by Shah Jahan.  
*Note: Guests to dress modestly (covering head, arms & legs)*
- 11.45am** • 5-minute walk to the Haveli Dharampura.
- Lunch at Indian specialty restaurant "**Lakhori**" in **Haveli Dharampura**.
- 1.30pm** • After lunch, depart by coach for Agra. (220 kms / 4 hrs)
- Arrive at the hotel & check into room.
- Dinner at leisure.
- Night at the hotel - **The Oberoi Amarvilas**

*Day 3 Meals: Buffet Breakfast & Lunch (drinks not included)*

## Day 4

### AGRA

- *Note: Optional visit of Taj Mahal at Sunrise, return to the hotel for breakfast. Here is the opportunity to visit twice and view the monument in different light.*
- 9.00am** • After breakfast at the hotel, depart by electric golf carts towards the entrance of Taj Mahal.  
*Note: There is a vehicle exclusion zone around the Taj Mahal complex of 300 metre radius.*
- Visit of the **Taj Mahal** - A World Heritage monument, literally "crown of palace", built by Emperor Shah Jehan in memory of his beloved wife Mumtaz Mahal.
- 11.45am** • Return to the hotel by electric vehicle and then further transfer by coach to Itmad-ud-Daulah. (8 kms/ 30 minutes)
- 12.15pm** • Visit Tomb of **I'timād-ud-Daulah** - a Mughal mausoleum which is often described as a "jewel box", sometimes called the "Baby Taj", the tomb of I'timād-ud-Daulah is often regarded as a draft of the Taj Mahal.
- 1.15pm** • After the visit, transfer by coach to Salt Café restaurant. (8 kms / 30 minutes)
- 1.45pm** • Lunch at the rooftop restaurant **The Salt Café**.
- 3.00pm** • Transfer by coach to Agra Fort. (4 kms / 15 minutes)
- 3.15pm** • Visit the **Red Fort** - built by three generations of Mughal Emperors from 1565 to 1573 - from where you can see the Taj Mahal on the banks of the Yamuna River. The visit includes the entire residence as well as the royal apartments.
- 7.00pm** • Dinner at Indian speciality restaurant **Esphahan** at the hotel.
- Night at the hotel **The Oberoi Amarvilas**

*Day 4 Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner (drinks not included)*

The pink city of **Jaipur** is the capital of Rajasthan, known for its craft centres, where stamped cotton, carpets, precious stones, blue pottery etc. are made.

# Day 5

## AGRA / JAIPUR

- 9.00am** • After breakfast, check out & depart by coach to Fatehpur Sikri. (45 kms / 1 ½ hrs)
- 10.30am** • Visit **Fatehpur Sikri** - the abandoned capital of the Mughal dynasty. Akbar the Great built this red sandstone fortified city as his capital between 1572 and 1585. The city was built around the village of Sikri where the Emperor met the famous Sufi mystic Shaikh Salim Chisti. Within the sea of red sandstone buildings in the complex, you will find the pristine white marble tomb of the saint glowing like an oasis. The buildings, gateways, and courtyards are fine examples of a burgeoning synthesis of Indo-Islamic art and architecture. The city was abandoned shortly after it was constructed due to a shortage of water.
- 12.30pm** • After the visit, transfer by coach to Laxmi Vilas Palace. (24 kms / 30 minutes)
- 1.00pm** • Lunch at the main restaurant of the hotel **Laxmi Vilas Palace**.
- 2.30pm** • After lunch, continue by coach to Abhaneri. (104 kms / 2 hrs)
- 4.30pm** • Arrive Abhaneri - a small village in Dausa, Rajasthan, Abhaneri is known for its 'Baori' or step well which was invented by the natives to harvest rain water.
- 5.30pm** • Depart by coach to Jaipur. (92 kms / 2 hrs)
- 7.30pm** • Arrive at the hotel & check into room.
  - Dinner at leisure.
  - Night at hotel - **Samode Haveli**

*Day 5 Meals: Breakfast & Lunch (drinks not included)*

# Day 6

## JAIPUR

- Breakfast at leisure at the hotel (from 7am).
- 8.30am** • Transfer by coach to **Patrika Gate** which integrates the art, craft, and heritage of Jaipur into one structure. Its vibrant and intricate walkways serve as a true reflection of Rajasthani culture and offers many photographic opportunities.
- 9.30am** • Depart by **Pink Tuk-Tuk for the Pink City Heritage tour** (approx. 3.5hrs) covering Albert Hall Museum, drive past gorgeous Jal Mahal, the iconic Hawa Mahal, meander through the Johari Bazar.
  - The Pink Tuk-Tuk tour ends at Hawa Mahal (wind palace), then transferred by coach back to the Samode Haveli.
  - Afternoon at leisure.
- 5.00pm** • Depart by coach to the **Amber Palace** (7 kms / 15 minutes)
- 5.15pm** • Board jeeps and continue towards the palace with a stop en route at **Panna Meena ka Kund** which is a square-shaped stepwell, with adjoining stairs on all four sides and a room on the northern wall.
- 6.00pm** • Visit the fortress perched on top of a hillock, which was the seat of power of the Kachhawa Rajput clan before the City Palace was constructed in Jaipur. The fort was made impregnable with battlements surrounding it. It overlooks the Maota Lake and is sprawled over the Aravalli Hills. The fort complex houses the most stunning palaces, gardens, and courtyards decorated with colourful frescos and mirrors.
- 7.00pm** • Dinner at Indian speciality restaurant **1135 A.D.**
  - This restaurant is in the Amber Palace complex, and it is an incredible concept restaurant that recreates the splendor of the maharaja's court. Antique silver furniture, crystal chandeliers, silk rugs, frescoed ceilings and gold gilded walls create the perfect ambiance for the dinner.
  - After dinner, board jeeps and descend the fort and the further transfer by coach to hotel.
  - Night at hotel - **Samode Haveli**

*Day 6 Meals: Breakfast & Dinner (drinks not included)*

# Day 7

## JAIPUR

- 7.45am** • After breakfast, transfer by coach to commence a special flower tour.
- 8.15am** • The Great Exotic Flower tour (*approx. 3 hours tour*): The story of flowers isn't just another aspect of Jaipur but intrinsic to how the inhabitants feel about their city. Apart from the motifs having been interwoven into the architectural fabric of Jaipur, the visual metaphor of the 'Pink City' makes locals think of Jaipur fondly for its legendary hospitality and often the flower becomes a central theme.
- **What to expect:** The story of the flower as it travels through the city: A visit to early morning flower market, a temple visit where guests understand the religious significance of flowers and a hands on workshop with temple flowers after their use in a design studio. We also make some edible flower laddus (Indian sweet) and end the tour with some pampering with beauty treatments using natural flowers.
- 11.30am** • After the flower tour, visit Jantar Mantar, an observatory with 19 stationary astronomical instruments is one of the 5 observatories of India. The tools at this world heritage site can be used for everything, from tracking astronomical movements to predicting eclipse.
- 12.00pm** • 2 minutes' walk to the City Palace. Visit the royal residence built in a blend of the Rajasthan and Mughal styles which now houses a museum with a superb collection of Rajasthan costumes and armoury of the Mughals and Rajputs.
- 1.30pm** • Transfer by coach back to the Samode Haveli for a short break. Lunch at own arrangements or refresh.
- 3.00pm** • Proceed by coach to the Anokhi textile museum and a fashion designer's studio and jewellery ateliers to learn about gemstones.
- Later, walking tour in the old city to observe the local artisans in their workshops; jewellers' and silversmiths, gold and silver foil makers and revisit the iconic Hawa Mahal in the evening from the outside.
- 5.15pm** • Transfer to **Dera Mandawa**. (3 kms / 10 minutes)
- 5.30pm** • Proceed for **Cooking Demonstration** followed by dinner with Dera Mandawa hosts (*approx. 4hrs*). Upon arrival, the host will give a short brief / introduction about the venue and cooking demonstration.
- Then proceed for an accompanied walk to the local spice & vegetable market.
- Back to Dera Mandawa for an interactive cooking demonstration, which will be conducted by owner's wife, the matriarch of the Mandawa family. A keen, enthusiastic cook and instructor, her family recipes and patient instructing style have always delighted the guests. With her you get to cook and taste dishes that you will not find easily in modern day Rajasthan.
- After the session, dinner with Mandawa family.
- 9.30pm** • Return to hotel. (5 kms / 15 minutes)
- Night at hotel - **Samode Haveli**

**Day 7 Meals: Breakfast & Dinner (drinks not included)**

# Day 8

## JAIPUR / JODHPUR

- 8.30am** • After breakfast, check out & transfer by coach to Chhatrasagar. (235 kms / 5 hrs.)
- 1.30pm** • Lunch at the restaurant of **Raas Chhatrasagar**, facing the mighty Lake Chhatrasagar or stunning swimming pool.
- 3.00pm** • Continue towards Jodhpur (115 Kms / 2 hrs)
- 5.00pm** • Arrive at the Clock tower market or alternative central location and then transfer further by Tuk-Tuk to the Raas Jodhpur. (2 kms / 10 minutes)  
**Note: The coach cannot access the hotel directly, so luggage will also be transported in separate Tuk-Tuk transport.**
- Arrive at the hotel & check into room.
- Evening** • Dinner at leisure.
- Night at the hotel - **Raas, Jodhpur**  
**Note: this amazing Jodhpur hotel is located near a Mosque and the early call to prayer may impact sleep. Ear plugs will be made available. Due to the nature of the hotel, special configurations are in place for twin bed arrangements.**

**Day 8 Meals: Breakfast & Lunch (drinks not included)**

**Jodhpur** - the second largest city in Rajasthan is popularly known as the Blue City. The name is clearly befitting as a lot of its architecture – temples, havelis and even houses are built in vivid shades of blue. Jodhpur is famous for its handicraft products, which include glass bangles, cutlery, dyed cloth, lacquer work, felt and leather products.

## Day 9

### JODHPUR (Festival of colours - “Holi”)

- Breakfast the main restaurant of the hotel (from 7.30am). Morning at leisure.
- Optional: Holi celebration at a separate location (venue / hotel).  
*Note: there may be others participating in the event, additional costs apply for - Holi colours, clothing (White Kurta Pyjama). Expression of interest from guests will be taken. Further details to be advised.*
- 12.45pm** • Transfer by Tuk-Tuk to Pal haveli hotel. (3 kms / 10 minutes)
- 1.00pm** • Lunch at **Indique** restaurant.
- 2.00pm** • Transfer by Tuk-Tuk to Jaswant Thada. (3 kms / 10 minutes)
- Visit **Jaswant Thada**, the white marble cenotaph, built in 1899 in memory of Maharaja Jaswant Singh.
- After the visit of Jaswant Thada, transfer by Tuk-Tuk to Mehrangarh Fort.
- Visit **Mehrangarh Fort**, mounted on a high rock of 120 metres above the plains. The Maharajas, sheltered by its ramparts, built a luxurious palace which is now transformed into a museum, it houses superb collections of weapons, palanquins, music and miniatures. The view of this “blue city” is amazing from the fort.
- 5.30pm** • Return to hotel by Tuk-Tuk.
- 7.00pm** • Dinner on the rooftop at the Raas hotel, in a reserved section.
- Night at the hotel - **Raas, Jodhpur**

*Day 9 Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner (drinks not included)*

## Day 10

### JODHPUR / NARLAI

- 8.30am** • After breakfast, check out & depart by Tuk-Tuk to coach parking.
- 8.45am** • Transfer by coach to **Panchkunda ki Chathri** (30 mins drive)
- 9.15am** • Arrive and visit the cenotaphs of local Royal families.
- 10.30am** • Continue by coach to Narlai. (136 kms / 3 hrs)
- 1.30pm** • Arrive at the hotel- proceed for the lunch in the main restaurant of the hotel.
- 2.30pm** • Check into room.
- Late afternoon** • Proceed for Leopard Photo Safari with the naturalist.
- The rugged Godwad countryside around Narlai is an ideal site for Leopards. The Photo Safari ends with Tea and Snacks. *Duration: approx. 2.5 hours*
- Evening** • Dinner at leisure.
- Night at the hotel - Rawla Narlai

*Day 10 Meals: Breakfast & Lunch (drinks not included)*

**Narlai** - is a small rural village between Jodhpur and Udaipur, making it easily accessible and yet, far removed from the crowds. Set in the Aravalli Hills, the village is surrounded by lush forests and scenic countryside, and perfect for leopard photography safaris.

# Day 11

## NARLAI

### Morning

- Champagne breakfast at an exclusive local venue.
- Sumptuous meal is set up for guests on a jeep bonnet between the Aravali hills, freshly baked muffins, chips, homemade short breads with sandwiches, plunged coffee & teas.
- Return to the hotel and experience the hotel's facilities at leisure, including its wellness spa or take an escorted walking expedition into Narlai Village. *(Subject to availability of the hotel guide.)*
- The village itself is interesting to explore. Guests can visit the temple (dedicated to "Aye Mata") where a miraculous flame is reputed to have burnt for centuries, producing saffron instead of soot. Wishes made here are said to come true. Or the cave temple dedicated to Lord Shiva, which is cool, serene and silent.
- Lunch is at own arrangements.

### Evening

- **Private and experiential dining at the historical Step well.**
- Taste the flavour of true Rajasthan Royal hospitality at the 18th Century old Baoli (Step well) of Rawla Narlai.
- Turban honour (optional) for all the Guests, they are ferried by local transport to reach the venue (1 KM away from the Hotel).
- Night at the hotel - **Rawla Narlai**

*Day 11 Meals: Breakfast & Dinner (drinks not included)*

# Day 12

## NARLAI / UDAIPUR

- Breakfast at leisure (from approx. 7am)
- 10.30am** • Having checked out, depart by coach to Devigarh near Udaipur. (92 kms / 2 hrs.)
- 12.30pm** • Arrive at the hotel – proceed for lunch at the main restaurant of the hotel.
- 2.00pm** • Check into room.
- Afternoon** • Tour of local area.
- Proceed for **Delwara Heritage Walk and Handicraft Experience.**
- Delwara village epitomises the rich history of Rajasthan state. Traditionally the area was divided into kingdoms under the rule of tribal families. The Jhala Rajputs ruled the kingdom of Mewar wherein Delwara lay. *Duration: approx. 2 to 3 hrs.*
- 5.00pm** • Visit **Eklingji** which is a 1000-year-old temple complex dedicated to the god Shiva and **Nagda** is the abandoned capital of the Mewar region, is an ancient group of temples dating from the 7th century. *Duration: approx. 2hrs.*
- Evening** • Dinner at leisure.
- Night at the hotel - **Raas Devigarh**  
*Note: due to the nature of hotel, special configurations are in place for twin bed arrangements.*

*Day 12 Meals: Breakfast & Lunch (drinks not included)*

**Udaipur** - the 'White City of Rajasthan' is famous for its artificial Lakes and 16th century Rajput style palaces made of white marble. It is also famous for Bandhani print sarees, known for their vibrant colours and intricate patterns created through traditional tie dye.

# Day 13

## UDAIPUR

- Breakfast at leisure (*from approx. 7am*)
- 9.00am**
  - Depart by coach to **Sajjangarh Monsoon Palace** (*33 kms / 1 hr*)
  - The palace was built at the end of the 19th century by Maharana Sajjan Singh, to make it his summer residence, and now belongs to the government. Built on top of a hill, it offers a panoramic view of Udaipur and its surroundings.
  - King Udai Singh founded his new capital "Udaipur" after being driven out of Chittogarh by the Emperor Mughal Akbar. Nicknamed the Venice of India, Udaipur is famous for Lake Pichola and the City Palace, a palace-built lakeside.
- 11.00am**
  - Transfer by coach to City Palace. (*8kms / 30 minutes*)
- 11.30am**
  - Visit the magnificent **City Palace** which is simply enormous - an assemblage of not one but four separate palaces covering some four acres of area and exceeding all other palaces for colossal grandeur. *Duration: approx. 2hrs.*
- 2.00pm**
  - Late lunch at **Palki** restaurant located inside the premises of the city palace.
- 3.30pm**
  - **Boat ride on Lake Pichola.** (*approx. 1 hour*)
  - In the James Bond Movie Octopussy, there is a scene on the Lake Pichola where the Afghan Prince and 007's nemesis Kamal Khan travels on a large wooden boat hand-rowed by women dressed in clinging saris and blouses adorned with jewels. Visit the grounds of Jag Mandir, the floating palace, where its elephant statues are prominently on display.
- 4.30pm**
  - Transfer back to the Raas Devigarh after the Lake Pichola cruise. (*28 kms / 45 minutes*)
- Evening**
  - Private dinner at the hotel.
  - Night at the hotel - **Raas Devigarh**

*Day 13 Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner (drinks not included)*

# Day 14

## UDAIPUR

- Early morning Yoga session at the hotel with a yoga teacher.
- Morning**
  - After breakfast, proceed to visit Sadhna - meet the women of Sadhna to gain firsthand knowledge about the lives of these women artisans. While chit chatting over a cup of tea under an ancient tree in the village temple where these women often meet, they share wonderful stories about how their learning and confidence building within Sadhna has helped them evolve into playing an important role in their communities and family. Guests can the participate in a hands-on workshop with them.
- 1.00pm**
  - Lunch at the main restaurant of the Raas Devigarh.
- Afternoon**
  - At leisure.
  - Traditional dress for the evening – Local Sarees and accompanying clothing, with two local ladies assisting guests.
- Evening**
  - A Private Farewell Dinner is organised with Indian or Continental cuisine on offer.
  - Night at the hotel - **Raas Devigarh**

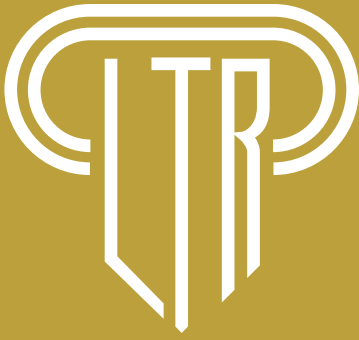
*Day 14 Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner (drinks not included)*

# Day 15

## Depart UDAIPUR

- Morning**
  - After breakfast, check out and transfer to Udaipur airport (*39 kms / 1 hr*)
  - Depart by individual flights for onward destinations.

*Day 15 Meals: Breakfast*



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