

FLAVORS OF INDIA



11 DAYS • 20 MEALS

2017 Departure Dates:

February 14, March 7*, October 3, November 14**

**Special Holi Departure **Special Diwali Departure*


MayflowerTours™
Life Enriching Experiences



The Mayflower Way

- ✓ 20 Meals (9 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 8 dinners)
- ✓ Airport transfers on tour dates when air is provided by Mayflower Tours
- ✓ Included city tour of Old Delhi and visit to the Red Fort, with a local guide
- ✓ Enjoy a rickshaw cycle ride through Old Delhi's Chadni Chowk
- ✓ Visit the sites of Raj Ghat, Jama Masjid, Humayun's Tomb and Qutub Minar
- ✓ Visit the Amber Fort with a local guide
- ✓ Included city tour with a local guide to visit the City Palace, 'Jantar Mantar', and Hawa Mahal – Palace of the Winds in Jaipur
- ✓ Dine with a local family during an included dinner
- ✓ Enjoy two safari adventures in Ranthambore National Park with a chance to see the famed Bengal Tiger and other wildlife
- ✓ Included scenic rail experience to Bharatpur
- ✓ Visit Fatehpur Sikri – a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- ✓ Enjoy sunset and sunrise visits to the Taj Mahal
- ✓ Visit the Agra Fort
- ✓ \$55 in Mayflower Money

DAY ONE – Depart the USA

The adventure begins with your departure from the USA on an overnight flight to New Delhi, India, a city that bridges two different worlds.

DAY TWO – New Delhi, India

Upon arrival in New Delhi late evening, a representative of Mayflower Tours will meet you and assist with the transfer to your hotel. Please note, some flights may not arrive until early morning on Day Three.

DAY THREE – Old Delhi – the Heart of Metropolitan Delhi

Begin the day with a tour of Old Delhi, a labyrinth of narrow lanes overflowing with major attractions and World Heritage Sites. Visit the Red Fort, the largest monument of the city and the most opulent fort and palace of the Mughal Empire, symbolizing power and elegance. The memorial site of Mahatma Gandhi, Raj Ghat, sits serenely on the banks of the Yamuna River. Jama Masjid, the largest mosque in India, is another architectural treasure that graces Old Delhi and is visited during our tour. Experience life like a local on a rickshaw cycle ride around Chandi Chowk, the bustling and colorful street market of the old city. This evening, a welcome dinner is included.

(Breakfast and dinner)

DAY FOUR – New Delhi – the Capital of India

With its wide boulevards, impressive government buildings, green parks and gardens, the city is in complete contrast to Old Delhi. Our excursion takes us along the ceremonial avenue, Rajpath, past the Parliament House and Rashtrapati Bhawan - official residence of India's President. See India's counterpart to France's Arc de Triomphe as a photo stop is made at India Gate – a commemoration to fallen soldiers. We visit two monuments from India's past – the magnificent garden tomb of the Mughal Emperor Humayun and Qutub Minar, the second tallest tower in India and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The remainder of the day is at leisure. (Breakfast and dinner)

DAY FIVE – Jaipur – Think Pink!

Travel to the walled city of Jaipur, also known as the 'Pink City' due to the color of its buildings. Home to innumerable cultures and traditions, Jaipur is a royal treat for visitors. Visit the City Palace where we see some of the most imposing architecture of the city. Inside the palace is a resplendent collection of robes of royal princes, carpets, an armoury of weapons, and miniature paintings portraying historic events. At the awe inspiring Jantar Mantar, an observatory built in 1726 AD, see curiously shaped and oversized instruments that are still astonishingly accurate today. Tonight we are immersed in culture as we dine with a local family. From the traditional greeting upon arrival to our conversation and dinner with the family, it's truly a life enriching experience. (Breakfast and dinner)





Visit the opulent Amber Fort while in Jaipur

DAY SIX – Amber Fort – the Massive 16th-century Fortress

Located on a hill high above the city, in a rugged and picturesque setting, the towers and domes of the Amber Fort are reminiscent of scenes from a fairy tale. This morning, enjoy the opulent palace complex as our guide takes us through the halls, gardens, pavilions and temples of this fascinating site made of red sandstone and marble. On our return we stop at the Hawa Mahal (Palace of Winds) – the most well-known landmark and icon of Jaipur. This five-story architectural wonder, overlooking the busy bazaar street below, has a spectacular pyramidal façade. Its 953 delicately honeycombed pink sandstone windows allowed the women of the palace to observe daily life without being seen. The remainder of the day is free of planned activities. *(Breakfast and dinner)*

DAY SEVEN – Ranthambore National Park – Beauty and History

Leaving Jaipur, depart by motorcoach for Ranthambore, one of the largest and most renowned national parks in Northern India. Named after the historic Ranthambore Fortress found within the park, it's a blend of history and nature, supporting a diverse range of flora and fauna. Upon arrival, we check in to the hotel and become acquainted with our new surroundings. *(Breakfast, lunch and dinner)*

DAY EIGHT – Ranthambore Safari – the Eye of the Tiger

Exploration of this wildlife park takes place on morning and afternoon safari adventures. Driving through this amazing sanctuary, observing majestic predators in their natural habitat, we set our sights on beautiful Royal Bengal Tigers, leopards, deer and other animals our naturalist guide helps us spot in the forest. Keep your camera ready to snap those photos of rare and endangered animals, birds and architectural ruins from the medieval period – all found in the forest. *(Breakfast, lunch and dinner)*

DAY NINE – Bharatpur, Fatehpur Sikri and Agra

Enjoy a scenic rail journey to Bharatpur where we board a motorcoach and continue to Agra. En-route, visit a real-life ghost town: the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Fatehpur Sikri (City of Victory) built by Emperor Akbar as his capital. Dramatically



abandoned a few years after it was built, its 'ruins' are still in pristine condition. This afternoon, set out for another life-enriching experience: a sunset visit to the Taj Mahal! Built by Emperor Shah Jahan, it's considered one of the Wonders of the World and its beauty has never been surpassed. A perfect end to the day, we see this magnificent monument, as the sun sets, gradually turning the white marble to a soft rosy pink. *(Breakfast and lunch)*

DAY TEN – Agra – Home of the Taj Mahal

Our last day in India begins with a sunrise visit to Mehtab Bagh, a recently excavated Mughal garden, with a breath-taking view of the Taj Mahal from across the River Yamuna. The rays of the sun cast a golden sheen upon this architectural masterpiece and provide yet another unbelievably amazing site. While visiting the Red Fort of Agra, discover the inner paradise hidden by its forbidding exteriors. Emperor Shah Jahan was imprisoned in this fortress and walled city, yet he could still see his exquisite Taj Mahal every day. The final afternoon is at leisure in Agra. *(Breakfast and dinner)*

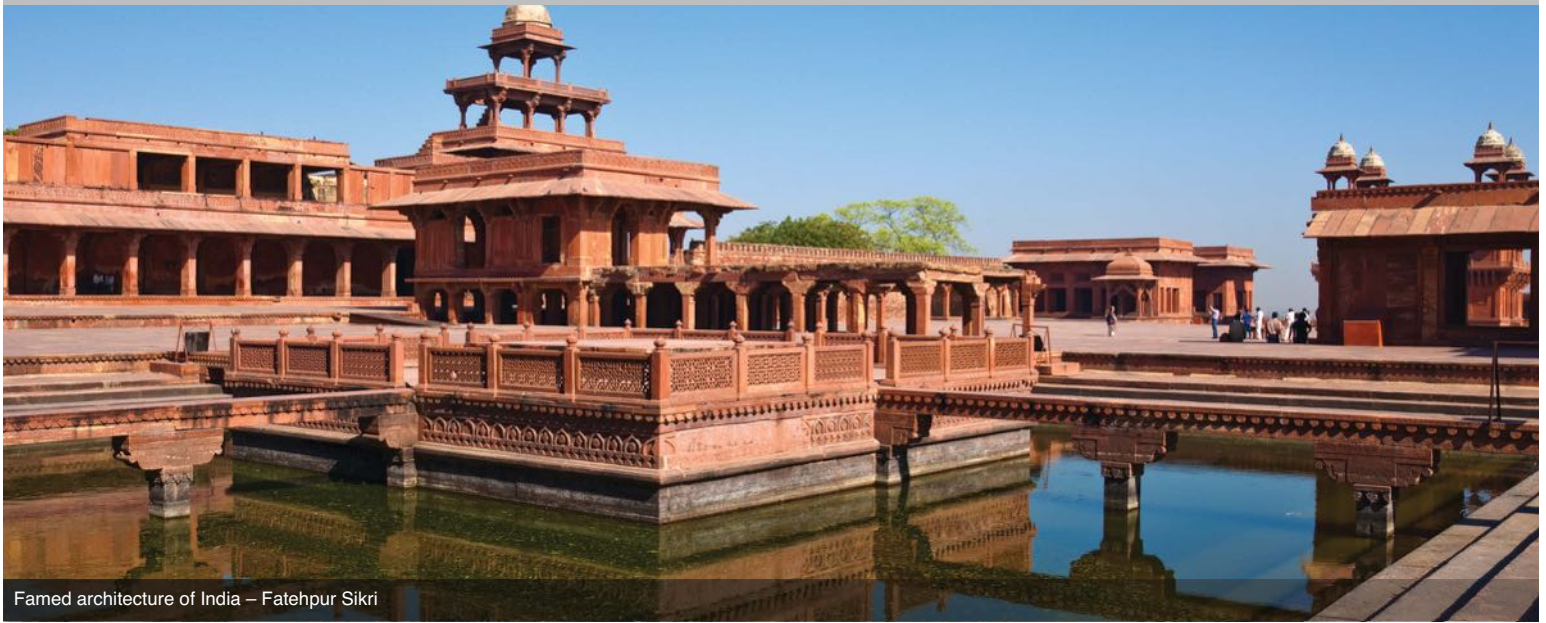
DAY ELEVEN – New Delhi / USA

After a relaxing morning, journey back to Delhi. With a late afternoon arrival, visit the Bangla Sahib, the most prominent Sikh house of worship in Delhi, before enjoying an included dinner. After dinner, transfer to the airport for the flight home. Due to the day's logistics, flights should depart Delhi after 10:00pm. *(Breakfast and dinner)*



Experience the wildlife of India in Ranthambore National Park

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Famed architecture of India – Fatehpur Sikri

| 2017 DEPARTURES | PER PERSON TWIN ROOM | SINGLE ROOM |
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| February 14 | \$1,599 | add \$599 |
| March 7* | \$1,599 | add \$599 |
| October 3 | \$1,639 | add \$599 |
| November 14** | \$1,639 | add \$599 |



Call for air rates and schedules between your city and New Delhi, India



***Special Holi Departure** – March 7, 2017
Holi commemorates the arrival of spring and passing of winter....a festival that welcomes the new energy of the season with a joyful atmosphere and social merriment. Celebrated by merry-makers throwing colored powders on each other, it's known as the 'festival of color'!

****Special Diwali Departure** – November 14, 2017
Diwali is the festival of lights in India. It is one of the most important and glamorous holidays in India. Homes are decorated with thousands of lamps, people dress in colorful outfits and fireworks light up the night sky.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Days Two through Four – Crowne Plaza New Delhi Mayur Vihar, Delhi, India

Days Five and Six – Holiday Inn City Centre, Jaipur, India

Days Seven and Eight – Tree House Anuraga, Ranthambore, India

Days Nine and Ten – Courtyard by Marriott, Agra, India

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

EASY 1 2 3 **4** 5 ENERGETIC

Travelers Protection Plan (TPP) - \$149

This nonrefundable fee waives all cancellation fees when we are notified of cancellation one day before the tour departs. If you must leave the tour early due to personal illness, illness or death of a member of your immediate family, TPP guarantees full refund for any unused services after the departure of the tour. Other benefits include medical expenses for illness and injury, emergency transportation, 24 hour hot line, and lost or stolen baggage assistance. Return air transportation is included ONLY if your air tickets were provided by Mayflower Tours. If you purchase the optional Travelers Protection Plan (TPP), you will be refunded all payments, including deposit amount, less the TPP premium amount.

Cancellation Charges Without Traveler's Protection Plan (TPP)

- 91 days or more Deposit Amount
- 90 to 45 days prior 20% of tour cost
- 44 to 15 day prior 30% of tour cost
- 14 to 1 day prior 40% of tour cost
- Day 1 of departure 100% of tour cost
- or early departure from tour
- No refund on unused portions of the tour

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Passport & Visas

Each U.S. citizen must have a valid passport. Expiry date of passports should be at least 6 months after the return date of tour. If you don't have a passport, call our office and we'll tell you how to apply for one. Some countries require visas for entry by U.S. citizens. We will send visa applications and instructions if a visa is required for your tour. Holders of non-U.S. passports should contact their nearest consulate and inquire about the necessary passport or visa documentation required for entry into the countries visited. NOTE: Due to airline security measures, your passport name must match your airline ticket name and your tour reservation name or you may be denied aircraft boarding.



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