



Rajpath, New Delhi

**16
DAYS**

ABSOLUTE INDIA

**Delhi • Varanasi • Khajuraho • Agra • Jaipur • Deogarh
• Udaipur • Aurangabad • Cochin • Kumarakom**

The visit to India itself was way beyond what we ever anticipated or expected. Other than the outstanding itinerary, and what we saw, experienced, and ate, we must say that our tour guide, Sanjay Sharma, added the "icing to the cake".

-Rhea and Bill Markenson



Indian Bride



Pristine Backwaters of Kerala



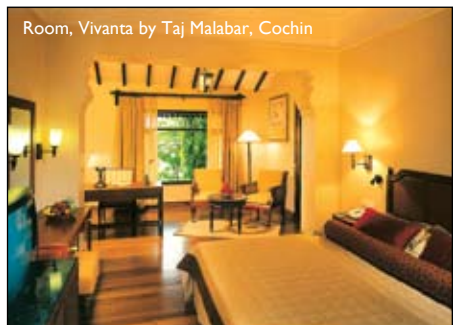
Ellora Caves, near Aurangabad



This tour offers a once-in-a-lifetime India experience. India has too much to experience in a single lifetime, let alone a single trip! This Absolute India tour is a comprehensive tour featuring the best of North and South India. From the national capital city of Delhi, Hindu rituals in Varanasi, awe-inspiring Taj Mahal, irreplaceable forts and palaces of Rajasthan, 2,000 year old art at the Ajanta and Ellora caves, Jewish town of Cochin to the pristine Backwaters of Kerala.



Deogarh Mahal



Room, Vivanta by Taj Malabar, Cochin



Khajuraho Temple

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Witness the Hindu rituals on the holy river Ganges in Varanasi
- Explore the vast Hindu temple complex in Khajuraho
- Extended visit to the mesmerizing Taj Mahal
- Visit the colorful 'bazaars' of Jaipur
- Elephant ride at Amber Fort
- Experience the charmed world of a bygone era at Deogarh Mahal
- Unique Village Safari visiting several colorful villages to experience rural India
- Admire the ornate Jain temple at Ranakpur
- Marvel at the Crystal Gallery at the Durbar Hall in Udaipur
- See amazing ancient architecture at Ajanta and Ellora caves
- Cruise the pristine backwaters of Kerala
- Visit Jewish town and synagogue in Cochin
- Witness a demonstration of 'Kalari Payathu,' the local martial arts
- Enjoy a heritage walk in the Fort Cochin area
- Witness colorful Kathakali dance performance



Taj Mahal , Agra

LAND TOUR PRICES INCLUDE

- First Class/2nd class AC train tickets
 - 15 nights hotel accommodations
 - 15 American breakfasts, 7 dinners and 7 lunches
 - Transfers and tours with local English speaking guides
 - India expert Tour Director or local hosts
 - Entrance fee to monuments and baggage handling
 - Tips/gratuities to porters, guides, drivers, waiters for included meals*
 - Service charges and hotel taxes
- *not on private tours, but can be prepaid



Spiritual Varanasi

MINIATURE PAINTINGS

Miniature paintings are the most widely prevalent type of traditional paintings in Rajasthan with colorful pictures painted in glowing mineral and vegetable colors on hand-made papers. The brushes have to be very fine and are therefore prepared by the artists themselves. To get high-quality results, the brush is (even today) made from hairs of the squirrel's tail.

'PRIVATELY GUIDED'- TRAVEL ANY DAY

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16 DAYS- ABSOLUTE INDIA

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unique and distinctive features

Day 1 -2, DELHI - Tour of Old and New Delhi. **TAJ PALACE**

Day 3, VARANASI - Fly to Varanasi. Visit Sarnath, where Lord Buddha preached his first sermon. Boat ride on the Ganges to see the Hindu rituals.

TAJ GATEWAY GANGES

Day 4, KHAJURAHO - Fly to Khajuraho. Explore the Hindu temple complex. **TAJ CHANDELA**

Day 5-6, AGRA - Drive to Jhansi for 1st class train to Agra, visit en route Orchha. Tour of Taj Mahal and Agra Fort. **TAJ GATEWAY FATEHABAD**

Day 7-8, JAIPUR - Drive to Jaipur visit en route Fatehpur Sikri. Tour Jaipur city and enjoy an elephant ride as we visit Amber Palace. **TAJ JAI MAHAL PALACE**

Day 9, DEOGARH - Drive to Deogarh Mahal, a castle located amongst colorful villages. Participate in a Village Safari by jeeps. **DEOGARH MAHAL**

Day 10, UDAIPUR - Drive to Udaipur. Visit ornate Jain temples at Ranakpur. Tour of Udaipur city and enjoy a scenic cruise on Lake Pichola. **FATEH GARH**

Day 11-12, AURANGABAD - Fly to Aurangabad. Tour of Ajanta and Ellora caves. **TAJ RESIDENCY**

Day 13-14, COCHIN - Fly to Cochin. Tour the Jewish Synagogue, Jewish town, Dutch Palace and the Chinese fishing nets. Witness a colorful Kathakali dance performance.

VIVANTA BY TAJ MALABAR

Day 15, KUMARAKOM - Continue to the backwaters in Kumarakom. Enjoy a three-hour cruise on the Backwaters. Fly to Mumbai and connect to homebound flights. **KUMARAKOM LAKE RESORT**

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