



Cultural Treasures of India — Overview for Landing Page

Duration: 13 days / 12 nights · Private & small-group departures available

Route (summary): New Delhi → Agra (Taj) → Ranthambhore (wildlife) → Jaipur (Pink City) → Mumbai → Aurangabad (Ajanta & Ellora) → Mumbai return

Theme: Culture • Heritage • Wildlife • Living Traditions

Quick summary — the journey in one paragraph

Discover India's most treasured encounters in one seamless journey: begin in Delhi with the sensory contrast of Old and New city life, stand before the Taj Mahal's marble romance at sunset in Agra, track wildlife on Jeep safaris in Ranthambhore, and wander the royal palaces and bustling bazaars of Jaipur — the Pink City. Fly to western India to explore Mumbai's colonial landmarks and lively neighbourhoods, then step back in time at the breath-taking Ajanta and Ellora rock-cut caves in Aurangabad. This 13-day program blends monuments, hands-on culture, wildlife adventure and spiritual moments — all with private transfers, expert local guides and handpicked hotels to ensure comfort and authenticity.

What you'll experience (places & highlights)

New Delhi — introduction to India's capital (Old & New)

Explore the sensory lanes of **Old Delhi** with a rickshaw ride through **Chandni Chowk**, discover spice markets and narrow alleys, and visit the solemn **Raj Ghat**. Contrast that with New Delhi's broad ceremonial avenues: **India Gate**, **Rashtrapati Bhavan**, and the UNESCO sites **Humayun's Tomb** and **Qutub Minar** — a perfect primer on Mughal and British India.

Agra — the Taj Mahal (romance in marble)

Feel the emotion of the **Taj Mahal** at sunset when the light softens the marble and crowds thin. Agra also offers the imposing **Agra Fort** and local artisan workshops where master craftsmen continue centuries-old marble inlay and pietra dura traditions.

Ranthambhore — tiger country & dramatic landscapes

Ranthambhore brings nature into the itinerary: morning and evening **jeep safaris** with licensed naturalists across a landscape of ruins, lakes and dry forest. This reserve is one of the best places in India to encounter the **Bengal tiger**, as well as deer, sloth bear, leopards and plentiful birdlife.



Jaipur — the Pink City of palaces & craft

Jaipur's hilltop **Amber Fort**, the regal **City Palace**, the honeycomb façade of **Hawa Mahal**, and the fascinating instruments at **Jantar Mantar** tell the story of Rajput royalty. Browse vibrant bazaars for textiles, jewelry and crafts, and experience local culture with visits such as an **elephant village** (or ethical alternatives) and optional hands-on cooking or craft workshops.

Aurangabad — the Ajanta & Ellora cave wonders

A base for two UNESCO masterpieces: **Ajanta** (stupendous Buddhist frescoes and cave temples) and **Ellora** (the monumental Kailasa, a single carved rock temple). These ancient caverns are among India's most profound artistic and spiritual sites.

Mumbai — India's modern port city & cultural mix

Return to the coast and experience Mumbai's colonial legacy at the **Gateway of India**, the ornate **Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus**, the colorful **Dhobi Ghat**, the creative Kala Ghoda precinct and immersive neighborhood experiences (including an optional guided community tour that explains cinematic portrayals and real urban life).

What's included (concise & guest-ready)

- Arrival assistance and airport transfers (garland welcome where arranged)
 - **Accommodation:** Handpicked hotels on bed & breakfast basis (selected lodges at Ranthambhore include dinner)
 - **Domestic flights** and transfers as per program (flight sectors Jaipur→Mumbai, Mumbai→Aurangabad→Mumbai included)
 - Private chauffeur-driven vehicle for road transfers and sightseeing segments
 - Professional English-speaking local guides in each destination
 - Monument entrance fees (Taj Mahal, Amber Fort, Humayun's Tomb, Qutub Minar, Ajanta & Ellora, etc.)
 - Old Delhi **rickshaw ride** through Chandni Chowk and spice-market stroll
 - **Shared jeep safaris** in Ranthambhore with a naturalist-cum-guide (permits & park fees included)
 - Visit to an **elephant village** (subject to availability) or jeep ascent alternative at Amber Fort; Jaipur cooking class (hands-on)
 - Steamboat/harbour transfer for selected coastal visits in Mumbai (where included)
 - Local taxes, service charges and assistance as per itinerary
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What's not included

International airfare, visas, travel insurance, gratuities, meals not specified, optional activities beyond the program, and personal expenses.

Responsible travel note (short & transparent)

We partner with licensed suppliers who follow ethical and welfare guidelines. Elephant interactions are offered only where legal and responsibly operated; guests may choose a jeep ascent or cultural alternative. Ranthambhore safaris operate with licensed naturalists and follow park guidelines to minimize wildlife disturbance. Community or slum tours in Mumbai are conducted with trusted local operators who focus on respectful, educational experiences and community benefit.

Practical details & best time to visit

- **Duration:** 13 days / 12 nights (private or small-group options)
- **Pace:** Comfortable — a mix of short flights, road travel and leisure time built into each stay
- **Best time to travel: October to March** — cooler days, clear skies and festival seasons (ideal for sightseeing and wildlife viewing). Monsoon months (June–September) bring heavy rains in some regions and higher humidity; April–June can be hot, especially inland.
- **Who should travel:** First-time visitors from the U.S. & Europe, culture and history lovers, wildlife enthusiasts, and travellers seeking a balanced mix of monuments, nature and living traditions.

Cultural Treasures of India Tour

13 Days / 12 Nights

Destinations: Delhi – Agra – Ranthambhore – Jaipur – Mumbai – Aurangabad



Tour Overview

Step into a world of timeless culture, architectural marvels, spiritual traditions, and exotic wildlife. This journey through India's most treasured destinations blends the magnificence of Mughal architecture, the vibrant heritage of Rajasthan, the thrill of tiger safaris, and the breath-taking artistry of ancient cave temples. From the **Taj Mahal at sunrise** to the **Ajanta and Ellora caves**, each day reveals a new treasure waiting to be discovered.

Detailed Itinerary

Day 01: Arrival in Delhi – Welcome to India

Arrive in Delhi, India's bustling capital city. Our team will greet you at the airport and escort you to your hotel. The evening is free to rest and recover from your journey.

Overnight in Delhi

Day 02: Exploring Delhi – A Tale of Two Cities

Discover Delhi's contrasts as you explore the old and the new. Begin in **Old Delhi** with the magnificent **Jama Masjid**, rickshaw ride through Chandni Chowk's spice and silk bazaars, and a photo stop at the **Red Fort**. Continue to **Raj Ghat**, Mahatma Gandhi's memorial. In the afternoon, visit the grandeur of **New Delhi** – the colonial avenues of **India Gate**, **Rashtrapati Bhavan**, and **Parliament House**. Conclude with two UNESCO World Heritage Sites: **Qutub Minar** and **Humayun's Tomb**, precursors to the Taj Mahal.

Overnight in Delhi

Day 03: Delhi – Agra

Board the early express train to **Agra**, home of the Taj Mahal. On arrival in Agra meet and transfer to hotel. Freshen up at the hotel. Afternoon proceed to Visit the imposing **Agra Fort**, a former royal residence of the Mughal emperors. Later proceed to visit the most photographed monument in the world The Taj Mahal it took more than 22 years to make Taj Mahal, Emperor Shahjahan made to monument of Love in memory of his beloved wife Mumtaz. Enjoy your evening at the hotel.



Day 04: Agra-Ranthabhore (Later afternoon safari)

Optional Early morning visit to Taj Mahal for Sunrise and proceed back to hotel for hot breakfast, after breakfast proceed to Ranthambhore, on arrival at the hotel check in, Afternoon get ready to enjoy the Jeep safari to enjoy the wildlife at its best, enjoy the safari with Naturalist and guide to give you the full inside view about the wildlife. Proceed back to hotel. Dinner will be provided at the hotel.

Day 05: Ranthambhore – Tiger Safaris (Morning and evening safari)

Set out on early morning and afternoon **jeep safaris** in **Ranthambhore National Park**, one of the best places in the world to spot the elusive Bengal tiger in its natural habitat. The park also shelters leopards, sloth bears, wild boars, marsh crocodiles, and over 250 species of birds, proceed back to hotel for Hot breakfast, afternoon free, proceed for another Jeep safari for evening. Later proceed back to hotel.

Overnight in Ranthambhore

Day 06: Ranthambhore – Jaipur (By Road, 3–4 hrs)

Drive through rural Rajasthan to the colorful city of **Jaipur**, known as the “Pink City.” The evening is free to explore its vibrant bazaars, filled with textiles, handicrafts, and gemstones. Today we will be driving through the pink city and a visit to Jal Mahal- A Palace by the lake, Enjoy the evening breeze and beauty of the Aaravali Hills. Proceed to hotel.

Overnight in Jaipur

Day 07: Jaipur – Palaces & Forts of the Pink City

Begin with a visit to **Amber Fort**, an architectural masterpiece set on a hillside. Will provide jeep up to its gates and explore the ornate palaces within. Stop for photos at the **Hawa Mahal (Palace of Winds)**, Jaipur’s iconic façade. Later, tour the **City Palace**, still home to Jaipur’s royal family, and the **Jantar Mantar Observatory**, a UNESCO site with giant astronomical instruments. End the evening with an optional **Rajasthani cultural dinner** featuring folk dance and music.

Overnight in Jaipur



Day 08: Jaipur – Mumbai (By Flight)

Fly to **Mumbai**, India's dynamic financial and cultural capital. In the evening, enjoy a leisurely stroll along **Marine Drive** and witness the Arabian Sea sunset.

Overnight in Mumbai

Day 09: Mumbai – Gateway to the Past and Future

Begin at the **Gateway of India**, Mumbai's iconic colonial-era arch. Cruise across the harbor to explore the **Elephanta Caves (UNESCO)**, with rock-cut temples dedicated to Lord Shiva. Return to the city for a drive past **Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus (Victoria Terminus)**, a UNESCO railway station, and stop at the fascinating **Dhobi Ghat**, the world's largest open-air laundry. Explore the art-filled **Kala Ghoda district** and the lively markets of Colaba.

Overnight in Mumbai

Day 10: Mumbai – Aurangabad (By Flight) & Ellora Caves

Morning after breakfast departure transfer to airport for the flight to **Aurangabad**, gateway to India's rock-cut cave wonders. Visit the **Ellora Caves (UNESCO)**, an extraordinary complex of 34 monasteries and temples carved into basalt cliffs. The highlight is the **Kailasa Temple**, a single monolithic structure hailed as one of the world's greatest rock-cut achievements. Time permitting, explore the medieval **Daulatabad Fort**.

Overnight in Aurangabad

Day 11: Aurangabad – Ajanta Caves Excursion

Morning after breakfast Embark on a full-day excursion to the **Ajanta Caves (UNESCO)**. Hidden in a remote gorge, these 2nd-century BCE caves house remarkable murals and sculptures that depict the life of the Buddha and Jataka tales. The art here is considered among the greatest masterpieces of Buddhist religious art in the world. Return to Aurangabad in the evening.

Overnight in Aurangabad

Day 12: Aurangabad – Mumbai (By Flight)



Morning after breakfast proceed to airport for the flight to Mumbai. On arrival in Mumbai will be received at the airport and transfer to hotel. Relax for the last day in Mumbai. Optional can visit the local markets for last minute shopping. Overnight in Mumbai.

Day 13: Mumbai- Out

Morning after breakfast check out from the **hotel 12:00pm, later proceed to airport for the flight back** home according to your flight departure with sweet memories.

CITY NAME	HOTEL NAME
DELHI	PRIDE PLAZA/THE LALIT/ITC DWARKA OR SIMILAR
AGRA	COURTYARD OR SIMILAR
RANTHAMBHORE	JUNA MAHAL OR SIMILAR
JAIPUR	NARAIN NIWAS OR SIMILAR
MUMBAI	NOVOTEL JUHU OR SIMILAR
AURANGABAD	WELCOMHOTEL BY ITC HOTELS, RAMA INTERNATIONAL OR SIMILAR

Tour cost includes

01. Hotels on bed and breakfast basis
02. Hotels in Ranthambhore with breakfast and Dinner
03. Shared jeep safaris in Ranthambhore
04. Naturalist cum guide in Ranthambhore
05. Private vehicle in each city with driver
06. Flights Jaipur to Mumbai to Aurangabad to Mumbai
07. Airport assistance
08. English speaking guide in each city
09. Steam boat for Elephanta caves
10. Train Journey from Delhi to Agra by Shatabdi Express