

## **ORIENTATION MAP**



# **INCREDIBLE INDIA**

#### 2 NIGHTS / 3 DAYS

DAY 1 MUMBAI - AGRA

Once you have disembarked your ship you will be met by an A & K representative at the gangway, who will accompany to your waiting vehicle for your transfer to Mumbai airport.

Arrive at the airport and check-in for your flight to Delhi.

Leave: Mumbai at 0955hrs by Jet Airways flight # 9W - 331

Arrive: Delhi at 1210hrs

On arrival in Delhi collect your luggage and pass through Customs and Immigration where an A & K representative will meet and assist you to your air-conditioned vehicle.

Drive through Delhi to a local restaurant where lunch is served before embarking on your journey to Agra along the New Yamuna Expressway.

On arrival in Agra an A & K representative will be waiting at your hotel to meet you and assist with check-in plus answer any questions you may have.

Two great Mughal monarchs, Akbar and Shah Jahan, transformed the little village of Agra into a befitting second capital of the Mughal Empire during the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> century - giving it the name Dar-ul-Khilafat (Seat of the Emperor). Today, Agra is caught up in a world of contrasting edifices of red sandstone and white marble, narrow allies, quaint buggies, and that irresistible charm that this favorite city of the Mughals still retains. It is not surprising, that modern Agra still reflects its Mughal heritage most conspicuously.

A buffet dinner will be served in the Mughal Pavilion and the remainder of the evening is at your own leisure.

Meals included: Snacks on board the flight, lunch and dinner

Overnight hotel: ITC Mughal, Agra

http://www.itchotels.in/Hotels/itcmughal.aspx

TIMING	ITINERARY & POINTS OF INTEREST	DISTANCE/ TERRAIN	W/C FRIENDLY
07h15 – 08h15	Depart Mumbai quayside and proceed to the airport		
08h15 – 09h55	Arrive at Mumbai airport and check in for your flight	300 meters / Flat	Western Style
09h55 - 12h10	Flight from Mumbai to Delhi		Western Style
12h10 –13h30	Arrive in Delhi and transfer to a local restaurant for lunch	100 meters / Flat	
13h30 - 14h30	Lunch is served	100 meters / Flat	Western Style
14h30 – 16h30	Depart for Agra		
16h30 – 16h45	Restroom stop en-route	50 meters / Flat	Western Style

16h45 – 18h45	Continue to Agra		
18h45 – 19h30	Arrive in Agra and check-in to your hotel	50 meters / Flat	Western Style
19h30	Dinner is served		

## DAY 2 AGRA – DELHI

Today begins with a very early start as you proceed to see the Taj Mahal at sunrise.

The glory of this monument is strangely undiminished by the crowds of tourists who visit each day, as small and insignificant as ants in the face of this immense and captivating monument. That said the Taj is at its most alluring in the relative quiet of early morning, shrouded in mist and bathed with a soft red glow. As its vast marble surfaces fall into shadow or reflect the sun, its color changes, from soft grey and yellow to pearly cream and dazzling white; it's well worth visiting at different times. This play of light is an important decorative device, symbolically implying the presence of Allah, who is never represented in anthropomorphic form.

Return to your hotel for breakfast before checking out and paying a visit to Agra fort.

Agra Fort was built by the Mughal Emperor Akbar in 1565 AD, and is predominantly made of red sand stone. The vast halls echo the voices of a bygone era and transport the visitor back through the passage of time. Ensconced within is the picture perfect Pearl Mosque, which is a major tourist attraction.

Stop for lunch at a local hotel or restaurant before your return journey to Delhi with a stop enroute.

After arriving in Delhi and checking into your hotel have some time to freshen up before dinner.

Meals included: Breakfast, lunch & dinner Overnight hotel: The Imperial Hotel, Delhi

http://www.theimperialindia.com/

TIMING	ITINERARY & POINTS OF INTEREST	DISTANCE/ TERRAIN	W/C FRIENDLY
05h15 – 07h30	Visit the Taj Mahal at sunrise.	750 meters / Flat	Not
	Return to your hotel for breakfast.	marble ground	recommended
07h30 – 10h30	Arrive at your hotel and proceed for breakfast.	30 meters / Flat	Western Style
10h30 - 12h00	After breakfast visit Agra Fort	850 meters / Cobbled	Not
	-	and uneven ground in	recommended
		places	
12h00 – 12h20	Drive to a local hotel/restaurant for lunch		
12h20 - 13h30	Lunch is served	30 meters / Flat	Western Style
13h30 – 17h30	Return to Delhi by coach with a stop en-route		
17h30 – 19h00	Arrive at your hotel, check in and freshen up for dinner	100 meters / Flat	
19h00 -	Dinner at your hotel then free time		

Depart from your hotel to Delhi airport and your flight to Mangalore and your waiting ship.

Leave: Delhi at 0800hrs by Air India flight # 6E-515

Arrive: Mangalore at 1215hrs

Transfer from the airport to the pier, a guide will accompany you onboard the vehicle giving a brief panoramic tour of Mangalore. Arrive at the pier and board your ship.

Meals included: breakfast, snacks on board the flight

#### **Program Highlights**

- A visit to the breathtaking Taj Mahal a UNESCO heritage site and one of the Seven Wonders of the World. This is a sight not to miss whilst you are in India.
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**Meals** – Full board basis and includes two local beers OR soft drinks with each meal as well as bottled water, tea and coffee.

**Transportation** - pricing is based on travelling in an air-conditioned 9 seater vehicle.

**Guides** – On arrival at all airports and hotels an A & K representative will meet your guests and assist wherever needed. A registered English speaking guide will meet them in Agra when visiting the Taj Mahal and Agra Fort. The transfers to and from Agra will not be accompanied by a guide but an English speaking driver.

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- ➤ 1 O/N at the ITC Mughal on a Full Board Basis (Dinner on a Table d'Hôte Basis)
- ➤ 1 O/N at The Imperial on a Full Board Basis (Dinner on a Table d'Hôte Basis)
- ➤ Bottled water, 2 bottles of Indian beer or soft drink during lunch & dinner
- Snacks on board the aircraft both ways
- > Transportation and sightseeing tours using an air-conditioned vehicle
- > Services of professional English speaking local guide for sightseeing tours
- Entrances fee to Taj Mahal & Agra Fort
- Bottled water during sightseeing tour & long drives
- Assistance on arrival and departure by A&K representatives
- Porter service at hotel and airport
- Service Tax imposed by Government of India

#### WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED?

- > Lunch on Day 3
- Personal expenses such as telephone calls, laundry, spa, gratuities to drivers, guides & hotel staff
- Tips to Driver, Guide, hotel staff, meals other than specified
- Camera fees

## **IMPORTANT NOTES, OBSERVATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS**

- > Sites and order of visits are subject to change due to weather or other operational influences
- > The Taj Mahal is closed on a Friday
- > Guests are recommended to wear comfortable shoes, hats and sun glasses

# ALL GUESTS MUST CARRY VALID INDIAN VISAS OBTAINED OVERSEAS BEFORE ARRIVAL INTO INDIA.