



***A Portrait of North India***

Mumbai • Udaipur • Jaipur • Agra • Delhi • Varanasi

***March 4-16, 2024***



## *ITINERARY*

### *HIGHLIGHTS*

- *Coda Tours signature small group size*
- *Coda Tours signature comprehensive sightseeing programs*
- *Coda Tours signature inclusive meal plan*
- *Coda Tours signature deluxe accommodations*
- *UNESCO World Heritage Sites of the Observatory, Agra Fort,*
- *City Tours of Mumbai, Jaipur, and Delhi*
- *illuminated aarti ceremony at Dasahwamedh Ghat*

### *ITINERARY AT A GLANCE*

<i>Day 1: Mon, Mar. 4</i>	<i>Depart USA</i>
<i>Day 2: Tue, Mar. 5</i>	<i>Arrive in Mumbai</i>
<i>Day 3: Wed, Mar. 6</i>	<i>Mumbai</i>
<i>Day 4: Thu, Mar. 7</i>	<i>Flight to Udaipur</i>
<i>Day 5: Fri, Mar. 8</i>	<i>Udaipur</i>
<i>Day 6: Sat, Mar. 9</i>	<i>Jaipur</i>
<i>Day 7: Sun, Mar. 10</i>	<i>Amber Fort</i>
<i>Day 8: Mon, Mar. 11</i>	<i>Agra Fort</i>
<i>Day 9: Tue, Mar. 12</i>	<i>Taj Mahal   Delhi</i>
<i>Day 10: Wed, Mar. 13</i>	<i>Old Delhi</i>
<i>Day 11: Thu, Mar. 14</i>	<i>Varanasi</i>
<i>Day 12: Fri, Mar. 15</i>	<i>The Ganges   Departure to USA</i>
<i>Day 13: Sat, Mar. 16</i>	<i>Arrival in USA</i>

### *FULL ITINERARY*

#### ***Day 1 – Depart USA***

***Monday, March 4, 2024***

*Depart the USA on any regularly scheduled flight to Mumbai, India*

#### ***Day 2 – Arrive in Mumbai***

***Tuesday, March 5, 2024***

*Upon arrival, guests will be met on the jet-bridge with a Mauli welcome ceremony before taking a private transfer to the hotel.*

***Hotel: Hotel Taj Mahal Palace ★★★★★***

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### **Room: Superior Sea View**

#### **Day 3 – Mumbai**

**Wednesday, March 6, 2024**

Start your India exploration with a special tour of Mumbai. This specially curated tour offers an immersive perspective of the city in its entirety through a combination of fun and engaging experiences that incorporate the city's history. Walk through the colonial precinct covering major landmarks. Visit a contemporary Bollywood dance studio. Sample coastal Konkan cuisine before strolling through the famous Spice Market. Buy raw spices or get them dry roasted and ground into the masala mix of your choice. Enjoy a contemporary Indian experience this evening with our Welcome Dinner.

**Meals: Breakfast, Dinner**

#### **Day 4 – Udaipur**

**Thursday, March 7, 2024**

Midday, transfer to the airport and fly to Udaipur - a princely state of Rajasthan with beautiful lakes surrounded by the majestic Aravalli hills. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure.

**Hotel: The Oberoi Udai Vilas Palace ★★★★★**

**Room: Premier**

**Meals: Breakfast**

#### **Day 5 – Udaipur**

**Friday, March 8, 2024**

Spend the day exploring Udaipur's fascinating City Palace. Continue to Sahelion-Ki-Bari Park or the Garden of the Maids of Honor on the shores of the second major lake of Udaipur, Fateh Sagar. Lunch at the former prime minister of Udaipur's residence which is still run by his descendants.

The afternoon is at leisure to explore the hotel and its amenities. Opt for a guided visit to the renowned Mewar School of Art and partake in a miniature painting session. The workshop begins with a brief talk about the history of miniature painting followed by a painting class.

**Meals: Breakfast, Lunch**

#### **Day 6 – Jaipur**

**Saturday, March 9, 2024**

Fly to Jaipur – the colorful capital of Rajasthan known as the pink city. Embark on a guided tour of Jaipur visiting City Palace and Observatory. Enjoy a private visit of City Palace, now a museum showcasing the royal lifestyle. Explore the private rooms in the Palace, which is still part of the royal family residence.

Also visit the Observatory - a UNESCO World Heritage site featuring the world's largest stone sundial. The instruments also allow the observation of astronomical positions with the naked eye.

**Hotel: Rambagh Palace ★★★★★**

**Room: Palace Room**

**Meals: Breakfast, Dinner**

#### **Day 7 – Amber Fort**

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### **Sunday, March 10, 2024**

*This morning, explore Amber Fort, the ancient capital of the Rajputs. Fortified by natural hills, high ramparts, and a succession of gates, ascend the Fort on jeep and visit the magnificent palaces. Lunch in a traditional mansion set in a verdant garden inside the walled city. Returning to the hotel to relax and unwind for the remainder of the day. Dinner tonight is in a private home with a local family.*

**Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

### **Day 8 – Agra**

#### **Monday, March 11, 2024**

*Early morning, drive to Agra - the city of the Taj Mahal; an iconic city that has always inspired love. No Indian landmark embraces blue sky as enthusiastically as the Taj Mahal, no matter which way the compass needle swings, you will find it striking from any and every angle.*

*In the afternoon, visit Agra Fort – a UNESCO World Heritage site with a citadel consisting of marble palaces, ornate alcoves, and terraced pavilions. From the ramparts of the fort, there is a lovely view of the gleaming white Taj Mahal in the distance.*

**Accommodations: Agra at Oberoi Amarvilas★★★★★**

**Room: Premier**

**Meals: Breakfast, Lunch**

### **Day 9 – Taj Mahal | Delhi**

#### **Tuesday, March 12, 2024**

*After an early breakfast we depart for the Taj Mahal's exemplary and awe-inspiring beauty which has made this one of the most elegant and harmonious buildings in the world. Afterwards, return to the hotel for the remainder of the morning at leisure to enjoy the amenities of the hotel. This afternoon, we continue our journey with a drive to Delhi for dinner and check-in at the hotel.*

**Hotel: The Leela Palace★★★★★**

**Room: Grand Deluxe**

**Meals: Breakfast, Dinner**

### **Day 10 – Old Delhi**

#### **Wednesday, March 13, 2024**

*Begin the city's exploration with Old Delhi. Oozing with charm, Old Delhi is a maze of eclectic medieval streets, a delightful combination of beautiful architecture, vibrant colors and streets selling wonderful delights. Ride a rickshaw through the narrow lanes, busy with trading. For those who love to cook, a walk through the aromatic spice market, Khari Baoli would add an unforgettable memory of Old Delhi.*

*After a classic Indian lunch, embark on a guided visit of Humayun's Tomb, a fine example of Mughal architecture. Returning to the hotel, pass the Presidential house and India gate which is a war memorial of Indian soldiers who died in First World War.*

**Meals: Breakfast, Lunch**

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### **Day 11 – Varanasi**

**Thursday, March 14, 2024**

Transfer to the airport and fly to Varanasi, the oldest living city of the world. This evening, drive to the ghats (banks of river Ganges) to watch the illuminated aarti ceremony at Dasahwamedh Ghat. In this century old ritual, the holy river is worshipped with flowers, incense, sandalwood, milk and vermilion. First the blazing camphor lamp and then the many flamed aarti lamps are raised high and then arched back to the water, the dark river reflecting the golden flames as Ganges accepts the worship. This is a passionate and divine journey as the music and the oil lamps create a trance-like experience. You will get the chance to float your own illuminated lamp down the river too!

Bid farewell to India with dinner at a boutique hotel on the ghats.

**Hotel: Taj Ganges ★★★★★**

**Room: Deluxe**

**Meals: Breakfast, Dinner**

### **Day 12 – The Ganges | Departure to USA**

**Friday, March 15, 2024**

Early this morning, experience a boat ride on the sacred Ganges at dawn. Witness thousands of devotees performing century old rituals at the ghats along the way. Also visit the funeral ghat and understand the after-death concept in Hinduism. From here continue to visit Vishwanath Temple and take a walk through the old city bazaars.

Freshen up at a hotel near the Delhi airport and await departure flights to the USA.

**Hotel: Hyatt Andaz Aerocity ★★★★★**

**Room: Andaz King**

**Meals: Breakfast**

### **Day 13 – Arrival in USA**

**Saturday, March 16, 2024**

## **INCLUDED**

- Ten (10) nights in 5★ Luxury Accommodations
- Breakfast daily, with nine (9) lunches and/or dinners
- Private transportation and tours throughout the tour
- Sightseeing excursions and entry fees, as stated in the itinerary
- Professional, English-speaking local guides
- Coda Tour Representative, with minimum participation
- Pre-departure assistance and Information Portfolio from Coda Tours

## **NOT INCLUDED**

- International airfare and baggage fees
- Intra-tour airfare (quoted separately)
- Trip Cancellation & Interruption insurance (highly recommended)
- Passport and visa fees; a visa is required for American and Canadian passport holders

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- Gratuity for local guides, drivers, staff, and Coda Tour Manager
- Personal meals, transfers, drinks, telephone, gifts, and expenses not outlined in the itinerary
- Any optional sightseeing excursions or additional visits not outlined in the itinerary

### INTRA-TOUR AIRFARE

Intra-tour flights are at an additional cost and are outlined below. Coda Tours will book these on your behalf.

March 7: Mumbai / Udaipur

March 9 : Udaipur / Jaipur

March 14 : Delhi / Varanasi  
Varanasi / Delhi

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RATES PER PERSON	10+ Travelers
Double Occupancy	\$8,795
Single Occupancy	\$12,195
Intra-tour flights (subject to change until ticketed)	
Economy Class	\$620 approx.

Note: Single occupancy rates can be avoided if matched with another single traveler. If no share is available, the single rate will apply. Rates are based on current rates of exchange at the time of publishing and are subject to change until final payment has been made. Rates are also based on a minimum participation which, if minimum participation is not met, may need to be revised.

### INTERNATIONAL AIRFARE

Delta, United Airlines, several European carriers, and Air India are among airlines that can be used for this tour. We recommend booking at least 7 months in advance if you want to use Frequent Flyer Miles or the American Express Platinum card 2-4-1 program. Please request a quote if you would like Coda Tours to assist with international airfare bookings. We often can offer favorable rates for Business or Economy class at a standard fee of \$35 per ticket.

### TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

A valid passport is required for international travel and must be valid for 6 months after the return date of travel and have two blank pages available per country visited. A single-entry visa for India is required for American/Canadian passport holders.

You may obtain your visa upon arrival at the airport in Mumbai or New Delhi by applying for an E-VISA. To arrange, please refer to this webpage <https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/visa/tvoa.html> , for costs and to download forms. An EVISA is the least expensive and easiest way to obtain your visa.

If you prefer to use a visa service, we recommend using [www.g3visas.com](http://www.g3visas.com). To speak directly to G3visas, call 888.883.8472 (toll-free in the U.S.).

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*Please note that visas cannot be processed more than 90 days prior to departure and processing may take several weeks to complete. You may also apply directly with an Indian Consulate in your area. For information, google the Indian Consulate nearest you (e.g. Indian Consulate New York).*

### **HEALTH**

*All travelers must be up to date with their COVID-19 vaccines and have proof of vaccination that is verified by a medical professional. No other immunizations are required for travel on this tour; however, the Center for Disease Control suggests that all travelers be up to date on routine vaccines, including Chickenpox (Varicella), Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis, Flu (influenza), Measles-Mumps-Rubella (MMR), Polio, and Shingles. For this tour, it is especially important to be up to date on your Hepatitis A and B vaccines.*

### **ATTIRE / WEATHER**

*Coda trips are always casual. There is no need for a jacket or tie. Pack for a variety of weather. Bring a light jacket or sweater. Jeans, khakis, and shorts are fine for daily wear. Comfortable shoes are a must. There may be opportunities for hiking, biking, and walking. All hotels offer laundry service, but it can be expensive.*

Avg Temperature	Low	High
Mumbai	64°	88°
Agra	51°	78°
New Delhi	51°	75°

### **MINIMUMS**

*All departures and rates are guaranteed on a minimum number of participants. A Coda Tour Manager will accompany a tour also based on a minimum number of participants. This tour can be operated as a Private Tour or customized and repriced based on a final itinerary.*

### **PRE-DEPARTURE INFORMATION**

*A portfolio of pre-departure information will be mailed approximately three weeks prior to departure.*

**ACCOMMODATIONS**



[Taj Mahal Palace – Mumbai](#) ★★★★★



[The Oberoi Udaivilas – Udaipur](#) ★★★★★



[Rambagh Palace – Jaipur](#) ★★★★★



[Agra at Oberoi Amarvilas](#) ★★★★★

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[The Leela Palace – Delhi](#) ★★★★★



[The Gateway Hotel – Varanasi](#) ★★★★★