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KIPLING & CLARK *itinerary* — INDIA PRIVATE LUXURY TOUR
2010-2011— 14 DAYS
DELHI – VARANASI – AGRA – RAJTHAMBHORE – JAIPUR – UDAIPUR

**YOUR SNAPSHOT
ITINERARY**

DAY 1: ARRIVE DELHI

2 nights – Delhi (The Imperial)

DAY 3: FLY DELHI/VARANASI

2 nights – Varanasi (The Gateway Ganges)

DAY 5: FLY VARANASI/DELHI

1 night – Delhi (The Imperial)

DAY 6: TRAIN DELHI/AGRA

1 night – Agra (Oberoi Amarvilas)

**DAY 7: AGRA/BHARATPUR/RANTH-
AMBORE**

2 nights – Ranthambore (Vanyavilas)

DAY 9: RANTHAMBHORE/JAIPUR

2 nights – Jaipur (Raj Vilas)

DAY 11: FLY JAIPUR/UDAIPUR

2 nights – Udaipur (Lake Palace)

**DAY 13-14: FLY UDAIPUR/DELHI &
DEPART DELHI/U.S.**

Day use room in preparation of your departure flight back to the U.S.

DAY 1: ARRIVE DELHI

Day Summary: Arrive Delhi. Transfer to Imperial, day free to rest.

Breakfast at the hotel

Upon arrival, after clearing

immigrations and customs, please proceed to the Arrivals area and look for a sign with our Kipling & Clark logo, held by our local guide.

The city consists of two parts - Old & New Delhi. Old Delhi was the capital of Muslim India between 17th and 19th century and has many mosques, monuments and forts. New Delhi, the imperial city was created by the British as the capital of India. In 1911, Edwin Lutyens', the most renowned English architect of the day, was chosen to design New Delhi. Lutyens' architectural conceptions were totally different from the Hindu or Mughal architecture. The city centre has wide, straight avenues in a strict layout, plenty of parks and low colonial buildings with spacious gardens.

Meals: Breakfast

*Accommodations: The Imperial/
Imperial Room*

DAY 2: DELHI

Day Summary: Delhi private touring.

Breakfast at the hotel

This morning visit Old Delhi, it pulses with the energy and colour, the hustle and bustle of thronged bazaars and is laced by a maze of narrow lanes which twist and turn between tall, leaning houses full of the sights, sounds and

aromas of the Indian sub-continent. You will see the famous Red Fort surrounded by shops, and bazaars, the Jama Masjid with its tapering minarets and wonderful marble domes and the Chandni Chowk. In Old Delhi you will also have an opportunity to enjoy a rickshaw ride. In the afternoon you will be taken on a tour of New Delhi. It is a city of wide boulevards which offers ever changing perspectives of Lutyens' landscaped city. It is a city known for its formal parks, magnificent Parliament Building, the Rashtrapati Bhawan (the official residence of the President of India designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens) and India Gate. In New Delhi you will also visit Qutab Minar, the 72.5 m high tower dating back to 13th century and Humayun's Tomb (built in the 16th century and architecturally the fore runner of the Taj Mahal).

Red fort is closed on Mondays

Meals: Breakfast

*Accommodations: The Imperial/
Imperial Room*

DAY 3: DELHI – VARANASI

Day Summary: Fly Delhi/Varanasi, afternoon/evening private touring.

Breakfast at the hotel

In the morning you will be transferred



to the airport for flight departing Delhi bound for Varanasi. Upon arrival you will be met and transferred to your hotel

Later in the afternoon, take a short excursion to visit Sarnath. At a distance of 12 km from Varanasi lies Sarnath, where Lord Buddha is believed to have preached his first sermon after enlightenment. Here he revealed the eight fold path, the Buddhist Doctrine.

Later in the evening experience Aarti at the holy river Ganges.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodations: The Gateway Ganges/Executive Room

DAY 4: VARANASI

Day Summary: Varanasi private touring.

Breakfast at the hotel

Today early morning you enjoy the boat ride at Holy Ganges followed by walking tour along the Ghats.

The Holy City of Varanasi, the Religious Capital of Hinduism, crowded with temples and a labyrinth of streets with their throngs of people, is a city to be experienced. As a place of devotion and worship, Varanasi attracts thousands of pilgrims every year. The city represents the best thoughts of Vedic religion and culture.

The Kashi Vishvanath Temple (or the Golden Temple) is a gold spiraled temple rebuilt in the 18th century, dedicated to Lord Shiva. The spire is covered with tones of gold plating donated by Maharaja Ranjit Singh of Punjab. Only Hindus are allowed inside this temple. The Bharat Mata

Mandir is dedicated to Mother India and has a marble relief map of Mother India. The new Vishvanath Temple, built in 1966 is one of the tallest in India, and is located at the Benaras Hindu University, which itself is the largest residential university in Asia and is considered a great seat of learning of the ancient script of Sanskrit. The marble Shiva temple modeled on the old Vishwanath temple is open to all castes.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodations: The Gateway Ganges/Executive Room

DAY 5: VARANASI – DELHI

Day Summary: Fly Varanasi/Delhi. Independent evening activities.

Breakfast at the hotel

In the afternoon, you will be transferred to the airport for flight departing Varanasi bound for Khajuraho. Upon arrival you will be met and transferred to your hotel.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodations: The Imperial/Heritage Room

DAY 6: DELHI – AGRA

Day Summary: Early morning train, Delhi/Agra. Afternoon private touring.

Breakfast at the hotel

Early morning you will be met and transferred from your hotel to New Delhi railway station for your train 2002 Shatabdi departing Delhi at 6:15am, arriving Agra at 8:10am you will be met, later proceed for sightseeing tour of Itmad-ud-daulah's tomb & Mahtab Bagh .

After sightseeing check in at hotel.

Later you will be taken for a tour of Agra city, visiting the Agra Fort & Taj Mahal.

Shah Jehan was imprisoned by his son in the magnificent fort at Agra.

The Taj Mahal

Here you'll see the art and crafting of the white marble that has made the area so famous, the Pearl Mosque and the Halls of Public and Private audience. After visiting the Agra Fort you will see the Tomb of Itimad-ud-Daulah. The Taj Mahal truly is one of the wonders of the world. It is a monument of love built by the Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan in 1630 for his Queen Mumtaz Mahal to enshrine her mortal remains. For twenty-two years, 20,000 men labored day and night to build this masterpiece that has held the world awe struck ever since. It is visited today by more than three million people who visit Agra each year. Be, Zen and I feel the Taj Mahal is one of the very few places in the world where the reality of seeing the subject actually surpasses all of the hyperbole and hype. Rudyard Kipling expressed the beauty of this place aptly as "the embodiment of all things pure." – R.L.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodations: Oberoi Amarvilas/ Premier room with Balcony

DAY 7: AGRA-BHARATPUR-RANTHAMBORE

Day Summary: Drive to Bharatpur, train to Sawai Madhopur.

Breakfast at the hotel

After breakfast, you will be driven



to Bharatpur (2 hours), on arrival you will be met and transferred to Bharatpur railway station for your train Golden Temple Mail for Sawai Madhopur.

***Please note we will provide an escort to assist you with your luggage/boarding on the train journey.**

Earlier the private hunting preserve of the Maharajas of Jaipur, Ranthambore was once the scene of royal hunting parties. Nestling between the Aravali and Vindhya hills, Ranthambore remains one of Rajasthan’s last sizeable stretches of verdant grassland and jungle. Though mainly known for tiger, Ranthambore also has large number of sambhar, chital and nilgai. Sounders of boar and an occasional gazelle can be seen, as also the Indian hare, mongoose and monitor lizards. Among the other local fauna are the leopard, hyena, jackal, jungle cats, sloth bear and marsh crocodile. The lakes and pools at the park are where the deer congregate and where it is easiest to see the animals.

The bird-life includes the jacanas, painted stork, black stork and white-necked stork which are seen along the water bodies. Peafowl are found in abundance and other birds include Bonelli’s eagle, crested serpent eagle, the great Indian horned owl, quail, partridge, spur fowl and paradise flycatcher.

*Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Accommodations: Vanyavilas/Tent*

DAY 8: RANTHAMBORE

Day Summary: Ranthambore game viewing (good luck with the tigers!)

Breakfast at the hotel

Morning and afternoon game view at Ranthambore national park in an open Jeep / Canter.



*Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Accommodations: Vanyavilas/Tent*

DAY 9: RANTHAMBORE- JAIPUR

Day Summary: Morning game-viewing, later private drive to Jaipur.

Breakfast at the hotel

Morning game view at Ranthambore national park, later you will be driven to Jaipur (3.5 hours)

Jaipur is the state capital of Rajasthan and owes its name, planning and foundation to the Maharaja Jai Singh II. In 1727, Jai Singh decided to move from his hillside fortress at Amber to the plains, and thus Jaipur was conceived. It is also known as the “Pink City”, derived from the pink painted sandstone from which the buildings in the old walled city are constructed.



DAY 10: JAIPUR

Day Summary: Jaipur private touring.

Breakfast at the hotel

Today you will do a full day city tour of Jaipur. In the morning you will be taken to Amber Fort where you arrive atop an elephant.

After breakfast, drive the short distance north to Amber, the ancient capital that preceded Jaipur. Originally built 11th century AD and expanded in size and scope by succeeding dynasties and their rulers, Amber is a fortress town of visual awesomeness. Ride up to its imposing hilltop location on elephant back and explore the maze of passages, corridors, pavilions, ornamental gardens and ramps.

On the way back we stop at Anokhi Museum, where we can see a collection of old costumes with hand block prints that are typical to Rajasthan (closed Wednesdays)

After lunch, explore Jaipur, capital of the modern state of Rajasthan. Its centerpiece is the City Palace, home of the royal family and known for its clutch of excellent private museums that display royal memorabilia, particularly armaments, art, books, costumes and textiles. Lying adjacent to the City Palace is the medieval

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Jantar Mantar observatory – built by Maharaja Jai Singh II, an inveterate astronomer – who’s curiously shaped and oversized implements are astonishingly accurate till today.

End the day with a walk through Jaipur’s traditional markets, set amidst the memorable backdrop of Sir Samuel Swinton Jacob’s vernacular architecture

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodations: Raj Vilas/Premier room

DAY 11: JAIPUR – UDAIPUR

Day Summary: Fly Jaipur/Udaipur.

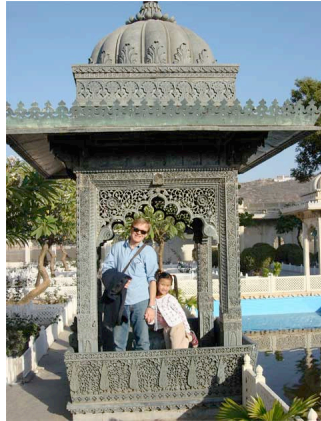
Breakfast at the hotel

You will be met and transferred from your hotel to Jaipur airport for your flight departing Jaipur bound for Udaipur. On arrival, you will be met and transferred to your hotel, Udai Vilas.

Considered to be one of India’s most beautiful locales, the medieval town of Udaipur is set around a patchwork of lakes, and ringed by low hills. Rising along Lake Pichola’s eastern shore is the old city, dominated by the magnificent City Palace which presents a dramatic vista at sunrise and sunset.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodations: :Lake Palace Palace room – alternative accommodations, Devi Garh, approx. 30 minutes outside Udaipur



Lake Palace Hotel/Udaipur

DAY 12: UDAIPUR

Day Summary: Udaipur private touring.

Breakfast at the hotel

Spend the morning visiting the City Palace, actually a series of interconnected palaces that reveal private apartments, airy gardens on the upper floors, paintings and portraits, and a miniature painting gallery. In another of the nearby palaces, view a splendid private collection of crystal, before seeing the Maharana’s collection of vintage cars.

Later in afternoon, return for a walking tour of the old city through its narrow lanes and markets, past whitewashed houses and tiny shops that sell a variety of merchandise. We visit the workplaces of puppet makers, and those of musical wooden toys, and Udaipur specialty. Visit Bagor Haveli, a well restored 18th century AD nobleman’s mansion that now has an excellent exhibition of regional arts & crafts, costumes, puppets and musical instruments.

Later, enjoy a private boat cruise on Lake Pichola, visiting Jagmandir

Island and taking in the heady lakeside vistas.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodations: Lake Palace/Palace room

DAY 13-14: UDAIPUR – DELHI & DELHI/U.S.

Day Summary: Fly Udaipur/Delhi, rest at hotel, and depart Delhi/U.S.

Breakfast at the hotel

In the late afternoon you will be transferred to the airport (45 minutes) for flight departing Udaipur bound for Delhi.

Upon arrival, you will be met and transferred to your hotel **The Leela** you have **day use room booked**. Later you will be transferred to the airport for your **early morning** departure flight back to the U.S.

Meals: Breakfast

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