

QUICK GETAWAYS FROM DELHI

DELHI

Delhi is the capital of India and the seat of the government. Its history dates back several thousand years and its culture has been influenced by its lengthy history as the capital of India. Delhi's ancient history is exemplified by the many mosques, forts and monuments of significance found in the city.

DELHI SIGHTSEEING

Visit Jama Masjid, which is the largest mosque in India, commissioned by Emperor Shah Jahan. The courtyard of the mosque can hold about 25,000 worshippers. Enjoy a rickshaw ride in Chandni Chowk, the busiest market in Old Delhi; noisy, chaotic and uniquely Indian. Visit the local streets - Paranthewali Galli (Lane of Parathas) & Khari Baoli - Asia's largest Spice Market. Drive past Red Fort, President House, India Gate and several other government buildings in Edwin Lutyen's modern Delhi before you head to Rajghat, the memorial to Mahatma Gandhi that marks the spot where Mahatma Gandhi was cremated in 1948. Thereafter, visit Humayun's Tomb, commissioned by Humayun's wife Hamida Banu Begum in 1562. It was the first garden tomb built in the Indian sub-continent where the Persian architect used red sandstone on a large scale. Later in the evening visit the Qutab Minar, which is the tallest brick minaret in the world; it was commissioned by Qutbuddin Aibak, the first Muslim ruler of Delhi.



RED FORT



JAMA MASJID



HUMAYUN'S TOMB

POPULAR GETAWAY RESORTS AND HOTELS

ITC GRAND BHARAT, GURGAON

ITC Grand Bharat, Gurgaon India's first all-suite one-of-a-kind destination luxury retreat, is an epitome of fine living and fine dining. It symbolizes the concept of 'Bharatvarsh', encompasses the essence of India and brings to life myriad facets of the great nation through its architecture, interiors, services, cuisine, decor, and ambiance. The retreat is designed in the form of a 'mandala', or a circle, representing completeness. It is symbolic of a cosmic diagram, reflecting the relation of life with the infinite. Set amidst a vast expanse of 1.2 square kilometers, ITC Grand Bharat promises to deliver the finest luxury experience to guests, with its 100 splendid Deluxe Suites and 4 palatial Presidential Villas; classic 27-Hole Jack Nicklaus signature golf course; range of fine dining restaurants; signature spa Kaya Kalp - The Royal Spa; host of recreational and cultural activities, and, state-of-the-art meeting and banqueting facilities. In this island of tranquility, time slows down to accommodate one's need to reflect on the finer things in life. Discover the beauty that lies in the detail and connect with yourself at ITC Grand Bharat.



THE WESTIN SOHNA RESORT & SPA SOHNA-GURGAON



The Westin Sohna Resort & Spa Sohna-Gurgaon, Nestled within the tranquil surroundings, located within easy driving distance from Gurgaon and New Delhi, the resort is just 60 minutes from Indira Gandhi International Airport and 40 minutes from the central business district of Gurgaon. Spread across 37 acres of lush green land with state-of-the-art elegant design, the resort is a perfect weekend getaway near Gurgaon to let guests discover unparalleled facilities to relax and rejuvenate amidst the countryside.

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THE GATEWAY RESORT DAMDAMA LAKE, GURGAON

The Gateway Resort Damdama Lake, Gurgaon, experience nature woven beautifully in the first ever Gateway resort in India. Derived from the existing landscape, The Gateway Resort Damdama Lake Gurgaon welcomes you to a nature inspired sanctuary for the urban nomad. Located just 45 km from IGI Airport Delhi, on a sprawling 20 acres of land in the bosom of the Aravalli hills, near Damdama Lake. This enchanting lake is a well-known weekend getaway for leisure seekers from Delhi, Noida and Faridabad. Here is where the always-connected traveler can unplug and unwind at the specially designed Spa. Recharge your mind with a brisk walk through acres of lush greenery, listening to a symphony conducted by birds. Soak in the crystal waters of our pool or get active with extreme adventure sports facilities in the resort and beyond, or indulge in a morning of golf with our mini-putting greens. Find your escape. So near, yet so far from the hustle and bustle of daily life.



THE HERITAGE VILLAGE RESORT & SPA MANESAR, GURGAON



The Heritage Village Resort & Spa Manesar, Gurgaon, is a perfect weekend getaway from Delhi for families and couples. As one of the best luxury resorts in Delhi NCR, it is a great spot for business conferences & is also an ideal retreat for a tranquil spa experience. Indulge yourself at in-house recreational activities like: Table Tennis, Tennis, Billiards, Water Basketball, and Children Park with swings etc.

Experience some Great International cuisines or Indian Flavors at their Restaurants. Enjoy Delicious Indian and mughlai food at Surya Mahal, an Indian Specialty restaurant. Treat yourself to an eclectic mix of Mediterranean, Oriental or Middle Eastern cuisine at Bhanga Beat, the Lounge Bar. Or if you prefer wine, spend some quality time checking out an amazing range from all over the world at our wine cellar.

OTHER GETAWAYS

JAIPUR

Also known as the Pink City, Jaipur is capital to the state of Rajasthan, famous for its colorful culture, forts, palaces, and lakes. Jaipur owes its name to the founder of the city, warrior king Sawai Jai Singh II. The old city of Jaipur has neat and broadly laid-out avenues, all painted pink, and that gives a magical glow to the city, especially in the evenings.

JAIPUR SIGHTSEEING

Visit the Amber Fort. The best way to explore the fort is to ride up to it on Elephant back. Prominent structures inside the fort are the Diwan-i-Aam, adorned with latched galleries, the Ganesh Pol, with a beautiful painted image of Lord Ganesh, and the stunning Sheesh Mahal, a hall decorated with thousands of tiny mirrors. Later, stop to photograph the beautiful Hawa Mahal, also known as the "Palace of the Winds." This beautiful façade with its ornately carved latticework windows was designed so the ladies of the palace could look out onto the streets unobserved. Also visit the City Palace, a synthesis of Rajasthani and Mughal styles. The museums here showcase rare and ancient manuscripts, arms dating back to the 15th century, and costumes of erstwhile royalty. Visit the Jantar Mantar Observatory, comprising geometric devices for measuring time, and tracking stars in their orbits



AMBER FORT

ALWAR



SARIKA TIGER RESERVE

Alwar, once a princely state ruled by the Rajput king Pratap Sing, is located around 160 km south of Delhi in the state of Rajasthan, and is famous for its olive plantation in Tinkirudi. It is famous for its Kalakand (Milk-Cake), a world-famous dessert.

ALWAR SIGHTSEEING

The Sariska Tiger Reserve is located in the Aravali hills only a few kilometres away from Alwar. The sanctuary, which is a Project Tiger reserve, also boasts of many other species, including rare birds and plants. The military cantonment of Itarana lies on the outskirts of Alwar. Hill Fort Kesroli now a heritage hotel is also near by. Alwar also offers many interesting and historical monuments like Deewan ji Alwar ki lal haveli. Other places that you can visit here are the Bhangrah Haunted Fort, Bharthari Temple and Fairy Queen- the oldest working locomotive in the world- a national treasure of India!

JIM CORBETT NATIONAL PARK

This sanctuary is a part of the larger Corbett Tiger Reserve- a Project Tiger Reserve, and lies in the picturesque Kumaon hills in Nainital district. It is named after the famous hunter and naturalist, Jim Corbett, who popularized this land and its animals in his book "The Man-Eaters of Kumaon".

CORBETT SIGHTSEEING

Apart of being tiger reserve it also home to over 650 resident and migratory birds. The most famous residents of Jim Corbett National Park are the Royal Bengal tigers and the Asiatic elephants and over 500 varieties of flora and fauna. Safaris can be enjoyed by Jeep, Canter and elephant back. There are numerable option of hotels you can choose from here.



BENGAL TIGER

AGRA



TAJ MAHAL

This beautiful city is at the banks of Yamuna River is 232 kms from Delhi along the Yamuna Expressway, and is home to one of the Seven Wonders of the World. It is believed to have been founded in 1504 by Sultan Sikander Lodi, but flourished later under the Mughal Empire.

AGRA SIGHTSEEING

Visit the Red Fort, which was commissioned in 1656 by Akbar, and subsequently embellished by other Mughal Emperors. The beautiful yet forbidding structure is a handsome example of Mughal architecture. Later, visit the Taj Mahal, a mausoleum built as a symbol Emperor Shah Jahan's devotion to his beloved queen Mumtaz Mahal. Considered an architectural marvel, its construction took thousands of workers over 21 years to complete. This edifice is replete with decorative inlays, carvings and calligraphy. Thereafter, visit Itmad-ud-Daula, known as the "Baby Taj"; this mausoleum rests in a walled garden close to the Yamuna River. You will then visit Sikandra, which is also a mausoleum of the great Emperor Akbar. Akbar designed his own mausoleum as a perfect blend of Hindu, Christian, Islamic, Buddhist and Jain designs and motifs, in keeping with his religious tolerance and secular views.

HARIDWAR

Bestowed with the holy Ganga River, sacred ghats and revered temples, Haridwar serves as a prominent religious center of India. This city finds mention in various Indian scriptures and is considered one of the seven holiest places in India. The name Haridwar means the Gateway to God. Devout Hindus believe that a dip in the sacred river at Haridwar will help them attain salvation heaven in the afterlife.

HARIDWAR SIGHTSEEING

In Hindu traditions, the temples to visit within Haridwar, are Har ki Pauri, Ghat in Kankhal, Mansa Devi Temple, Maya Devi Temple and Chandni Devi Temple. There are several other temples and ashrams located in and around the city. Pivan Kaliyar Sharif, built by Ibrahim Lodhi, is the Dargah of Hazrat Alauddin Sabir Kaliyari, a 13th-century Sufi Saint of Chishti order. It is visited by devotees from all over the world, during the annual 'Urs' festival.



HARIDWAR TEMPLE

RISHIKESH



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The Himalayan foothills are the backdrop for many enlightened Yogis, who meditate on the banks of the River Ganges. In Rishikesh, the river leaves the Shivalik Hills in the Himalayas and flows into the plains of northern India. Several temples, ancient and new, exist along the banks of the Ganges in Rishikesh. Shatrughna Mandir, Bharat Mandir, Lakshman Mandir are the numerous temples established by Adi Shankaracharya. Rishikesh, sometimes nicknamed "Yoga Capital of the World" has numerous yoga centres. It is believed that meditation in Rishikesh brings one closer to attainment of moksha, as does a dip in the holy river that flows through it.

RISHIKESH SIGHTSEEING

Popular sights are the Lakshman Jhula, where Lord Ram's brother Lakshman is supposed to have crossed the river, temples, ashrams and ghats. Attend the evening aarti at the banks of the ghats where people gather in large crowds to pay homage to the holy river and seek blessings from Ganga. Rishikesh also offers adventure sports such as white water rafting, backpacking, bungee jumping, hiking, rappelling, mountain biking and rock climbing.

NAINITAL

This exquisite hill station located in the Kumaon district of Uttarakhand is quite a popular destination. The name Nainital is derived from an old temple of Goddess Naina Devi on the shore of the lake. Naina Devi Temple is one of the highly venerated Shakti Temples in India. According to Hindu mythology, Sati, consort of Lord Shiva, killed herself by jumping in the sacrificial fire. Shiva started roaming the entire universe with the body of Sati in his arms. Lord Vishnu dismembered the dead body of Sati to calm down the anger of Shiva. Various body parts of Sati fell at fifty-one different places in India that later became sacred as Shakti Peeths.

NAINITAL SIGHTSEEING

Visit Snow View Peak, at an altitude of 2270 m, situated on top of the Sher-ka-danda. A ropeway or cable car ride is the best-known way to access the snow viewpoint. Also visit Naini Peak, also known as Cheena Peak. Later, visit Dorothy's Seat, which provides picture perfect views of Nainital and its surrounding regions. Then proceed to Land's End, to enjoy spectacular views of Khurpatal and its surroundings. Next, proceed to the State Observatory of Nainital, which is devoted to astronomical studies. Lastly, visit Hanumangarhi, popular for its spectacular view of the sunset. Nainital has several hiking points such as the Nainital- Betalghat trek, Nainital-Kainchi Trek, Nainital- Kilbury Trek and the Snow View Trek.



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Perched at an altitude of 2050 meters above sea level and spread along the banks of the river Beas, Manali is literally the "Valley of the Gods". Surrounded by magnificent hills and woody forests, the picturesque charm of Manali makes it a preferred summer destination.

MANALI SIGHTSEEING

Visit the Hidimba or Dhungri Temple. Erected in 1533, this temple is dedicated to the local deity Hidimba, wife of the Pandava prince, Bhim. The temple is noted for its four-storeyed pagoda and exquisite wooden carvings. Visit the Manu Maharishi Temple, dedicated to sage Manu. Later visit Vashisht Kund; Vashisht, around 3 km from Manali, boasts a pair of old stone temples, opposite each other above the main square. The temple tanks are underground hot-water/sulfur springs. Thereafter proceed to the Tibetan Market, featuring shops that sell shawls, woolen clothes, handicrafts, imported goods and souvenirs.

DAY EXCURSIONS FROM MANALI:

ROHTANG PASS

Manali is the gateway to Rohtang pass beyond which lie the twin valleys of Lahaul and Spiti. Rohtang pass is 51 KM north of Manali at an altitude of 4111 meters (13,400 ft). The pass is open from June to October each year although trekkers can cross it earlier. It is a gateway to Lahaul Spiti, Pangri and Leh valley.

SOLANG VALLEY

A gorgeous dale, nestling between Beas Kund and Solang village, Solang Valley is a pretty spot, which presents picturesque scenery of snow clad mountains and glaciers. Solang valley is a perfect place for skiing and the 300 meter sky lift installed by the Mountaineering Institute is the main fascination of this stunning picnic location. A hot spot of the adventure buffs, the valley offers challenging activities like, horse riding, paragliding, skiing and zorbing.

KULLU

The valley of gods, or the 'habitable end of the world', as the Kullu valley has come to be known, spreads out its charm on either side of the upper reaches of the river Beas. This valley is famous for the beauty and its majestic hills covered with Pine and Deodar forest sand sparkling apple orchards. Kullu valley is sandwiched between the Pir Panjal, Lower Himalayan and Great Himalayan ranges. In the spring Kullu is at its most colorful with pink blossoms and white flowers while the higher slopes are glow with gorgeous rhododendrons.

MANIKARAN GURDWARA

Manikaran Gurudwara, held sacred by the Sikhs, is a popular tourist destination. According to the Sikh sources, Guru Nanak Dev once visited this place, accompanied by his disciple Bhai Mardana. The Janam Sakhi or the 'Autobiography of Bhai Mardana' mentions the various miracles performed by the Guru at this place. There is a hot spring which is used to cook some of the food for the Langar. One can enjoy a dip in the hot waters from the springs. Interesting Hindu legends are associated with Manikaran.



ROHTANG PASS



SOLANG VALLEY



KULLU



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