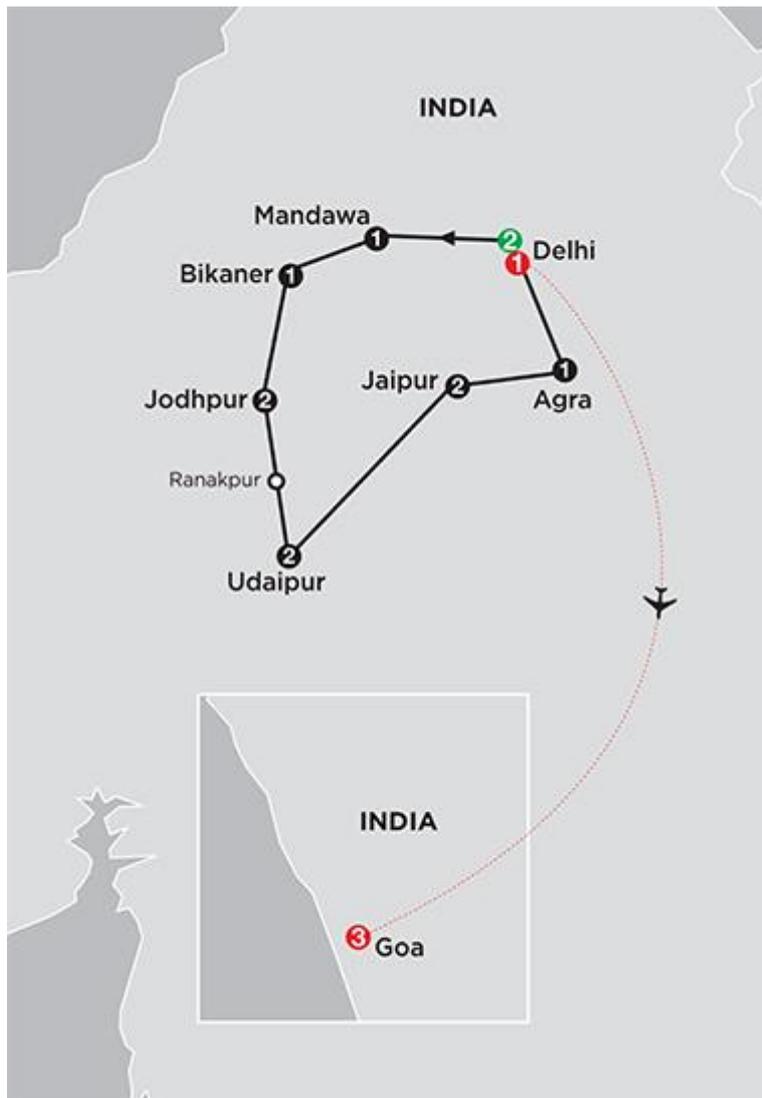


# India

Depart Cairns 24<sup>th</sup> March at 9.30AM arrive Guangzhou at 3.05PM – China Southern  
Depart Guangzhou 24<sup>th</sup> March at 7.15PM arrive Delhi 10.50PM – China Southern

Accommodation: Cosmos Hotel IN: 24<sup>th</sup> March OUT: 25<sup>th</sup> March

Commence the following tour in Delhi on the 25<sup>th</sup> March and ending in Delhi on the 6<sup>th</sup> April



1. **1. DELHI.**

Welcome to Delhi, the capital of modern India. Delhi is a magnetic blend of old and new boasting a fascinating array of sights, from elegant shops and lively bazaars to impressive forts and mosques that were once the power-base for India's Mughal emperors. This evening, meet your Tour Director for a welcome dinner at your hotel. (D)

2. **2. DELHI.**

Your day starts with a sightseeing tour of Old Delhi including a CYCLE RICKSHAW RIDE. See the splendid 17th century Mughal Red Fort before visiting landmarks such as RAJ GHAT and the

majestic three-domed JAMA MASJID, the largest mosque in Asia. Experience a walk in the alleys of CHANDNI CHOWK; and later, visit the ancient stepwell AGRASEN KI BAOLI, which has 103 steps and a series of carved chambers and passages. This afternoon, enjoy New Delhi's major sights, including the towering QUTUB MINAR, ancient tomb of the Emperor Humayun; then a drive past the grand India Gate war memorial, Parliament, and Rashtrapati Bhavan. (B)

3. **DELHI - MANDAWA.**

Depart Delhi for the busy market town of Mandawa, famed for its intricately painted havelis- the ornate mansions of India's merchants and temples. Admire the splendid views over Mandawa from its fortress-topped hill before an afternoon visit to the havelis. (B)

4. **MANDAWA - BIKANER.**

Travel to Bikaner and take a tour of the massive JUNAGARH FORTRESS, a formidable complex housing 37 pavilions, mirrored palaces, and exquisitely decorated balconies, chapels, and courtyards. Stroll the local bazaars and enjoy a savoury treat in the "snack capital" of India. (B)

5. **BIKANER - JODHPUR.**

Travel to Jodhpur, once one of India's princely states. Set in the sand dunes of the Thar Desert, Jodhpur's mesmerising old city is ringed by a 10-kilometre, 8-gated wall outside of which the new city stands. Brimming with enchanting palaces, temples, havelis, and a beautiful fort, this imperious city exudes grandeur and warm hospitality. Your accommodation this evening is approximately one hour from the city in a hotel that has been home to generations of noblemen from 1622 AD. (B)

6. **JODHPUR.**

Marvel at the grand palaces of Jodhpur's MEHRANGARH FORT. Admire the splendid JASWANT SINGH II MEMORIAL, beautifully constructed from thin marble sheets that allow sunlight to filter in and enjoy a turban-tying demonstration. Later, take a SAFARI to visit the local Bishnoi tribes of the desert. These communities of nature lovers protect endangered plant and tree species and prohibit poachers from killing animals. (B)

7. **JODHPUR - RANAKPUR - UDAIPUR.**

This morning, visit the spectacular JAIN TEMPLES en route to Udaipur. On arrival in Udaipur, the remainder of the day is at leisure. Known as the "City of Lakes," Udaipur is built around three lakes and is made up from a maze of narrow lanes, exquisite palaces, pavilions, and gardens. (B)

8. **UDAIPUR.**

Marvel at Udaipur's beauty on a tour of its CITY PALACE AND MUSEUM, comprising a series of enchanting palaces overlooking Lake Pichola. There is the opportunity to learn about the miniature art this region is famous for. (B)

9. **UDAIPUR - JAIPUR.**

Today, travel to Jaipur, Rajasthan's quintessential royal city. Often referred to as the "Pink City," Jaipur is studded with intricately adorned temples and monuments. (B)

10. **JAIPUR.**

Today, we start with a visit to the legendary AMBER FORT, known as the "Sleeping Beauty of Rajasthan." This fortress-palace has a somber exterior that hides a richly ornate interior of

royal apartments, including an alabaster Hall of Victory and a superb Chamber of Mirrors. Explore the ANOKHI MUSEUM and the CITY PALACE MUSEUM, with its collection of paintings, carpets, weapons, and costumes; then enjoy time at the bustling markets of the old city. (B) NOTE: Museum visit subject to opening times.

**11. JAIPUR - FATEHPUR SIKRI - AGRA.**

En route to Agra this morning, stop at FATEHPUR SIKRI, an abandoned city. Tour the sandstone palaces, elegant courtyards, and victory gate of this ghostly place built in 1569 and deserted by its people when the water ran out. Continue to Agra and see the intricate art of pietra dura or marble inlay. (B)

**12. AGRA - DELHI.**

Your day begins with a visit to the famous TAJ MAHAL. This remarkable edifice was commissioned by Shahjahan as a memorial to his wife, Mumtaz Mahal, and took 22 years to build. Later, visit AGRA FORT, a colossal, redsandstone UNESCO World Heritage Site comprising forbidding battlements and spectacular Mughal Palace with audience halls, the Room of Mirrors, and the pavilion where Shahjahan spent his last days. This afternoon, depart Agra for Gurgaon (near Delhi). (B)

**13. DELHI.**

Your tour ends today with breakfast this morning. (B)

Depart Delhi 6<sup>th</sup> April at 11.50AM arrive Guangzhou 7.30PM – China southern

Depart Guangzhou 6<sup>th</sup> April at 10.00PM arrive Cairns 7<sup>th</sup> April at 7.20AM – China Southern

Cost per person \$2491.00 and includes the following;

Airfares

Airport taxes

1 night pre accommodation in Delhi

13 day tour including breakfast and 1 dinner and sightseeing as per itinerary