

India - Best Exotic Marigold - Style



Departures 08 April 2017 and 10 September 2017
US\$1995 per person in twin share
US\$495 Single Room Supplement

Embark on a journey inspired by the much-loved movie staying in charming Heritage Hotels, including the Best Exotic Marigold Hotel itself! Learn Indian cooking, ride original Indian transport, and interact with villagers and locals. This is what India is all about!

Highlights:

- ✓ Stay at Actual Heritage Film Hotels
- ✓ Guided heritage walk tours throughout
- ✓ Rickshaw ride through Old Delhi spice market
- ✓ Taj Mahal Experience (Sunrise & Sunset)
- ✓ Horse Tonga Ride in Agra
- ✓ Tuk-Tuk Ride in Jaipur
- ✓ Bollywood Film at Local Cinema
- ✓ Bullock cart ride in Khempur
- ✓ Traditional sunset boatride in Udaipur
- ✓ Royal Elephant Ride at Amber Fort
- ✓ Village Towns of Kanota, Khempur, Ajmer, Abhaneri
- ✓ Visit inside Oldest Mosque of Old Delhi
- ✓ Visit inside Sikh & Hindu Temple
- ✓ Local Bazaar visits
- ✓ Farewell Royal Dinner in Udaipur
- ✓ Ethnic Indian Cooking Class
- ✓ Ethnic Meals at Local City Restaurants



DAY 01: ARRIVE DELHI

Upon arrival in capital city of Delhi you will be welcomed and transferred to your hotel for check-in and your welcome ceremony.

Overnight : [Hotel Maidens](#) in Old Delhi

DAY 02: DELHI

Enjoy Breakfast at your hotel in Delhi. After breakfast we begin your tour of Old Delhi. Your specialist guide will take you on a heritage walking tour of Raj Ghat (the memorial of Mahatma Gandhi), Jama Masjid (grandest mosque in the city), and end with a traditional rickshaw ride through the bustling bazaars and spice shops of Old Delhi.

Enjoy a local lunch on your own. Your guide will recommend you local restaurant options.

After lunch, enjoy a walking city tour of Old & New Delhi visiting Humayun's Tomb (India's 1st garden tomb signifying Taj Mahal), India Gate, Rashtrapati Bhawan formerly known as viceroys house and 'Bangla Sahib Gurudwara' (this is the grandest shrine of the Sikhs) where you can participate in the holy rituals.

Return to your Hotel for an authentic ethnic dinner.

Breakfast, dinner

Overnight : [Hotel Maidens](#) in Old Delhi

**DAY 03: DELHI to AGRA**

Enjoy Breakfast at your hotel in Delhi before the drive to Agra. In the afternoon we take you on a tour of Agra Fort, exploring its royal courtyards, palaces and mosque.

Take a traditional tonga (chariot) ride to a marble factory where traditional tea & cookies will be served.

Late afternoon visit Mehtab Bagh (moonlight garden) to experience the sun set over the Taj Mahal. Returning to your hotel pass through the holy river Yamuna and local villages where women collect water, wash clothes along with their buffaloes.

Back at your hotel enjoy dinner.

Breakfast, dinner

Overnight : [Hotel Trident](#) in Agra

DAY 04: AGRA to KANOTA

Early morning enjoy sunrise over the Taj Mahal from inside the complex itself. The Taj was built by Shah Jahan as a memorial for his third wife, Mumtaz Mahal, who died giving birth to their 14th child in 1631. The death of Mumtaz left the emperor so heartbroken that his hair is said to have turned grey virtually overnight.

Return to your hotel for breakfast, after which we leave for Kanota, enroute visiting the stepwells of Chand Baori in Abhaneri. Lunch is on your own at local restaurant.

Check-in at Hotel Castle Kanota, the stand-in for the viceroy club in "Best Exotic Marigold Hotel".

Enjoy an authentic dinner at the hotel.

Breakfast, dinner

Overnight : [Hotel Castle Kanota](#)

**DAY 05: KANOTA to JAIPUR**

Enjoy Breakfast at Castle Kanota before driving to Jaipur.

This afternoon enjoy a traditional cooking class with local lunch at Surabhi

Restaurant. Take time to explore its turban museum inside. Later we hop on a local Tuk-Tuk and ride to the Palace on Winds in Old Jaipur city to explore the heritage of this princely city and its buildings & bazaars. Late afternoon we take you for a truly local experience: a Bollywood movie at 'Raj-Mandir' cinema. Enjoy as the audience whistles and dances to bollywood songs. (A typical Bollywood film lasts 3 hours and is without subtitles – you may leave as you please). After the movie return to your hotel for dinner.

Breakfast, lunch, dinner

Overnight : [Hotel Narain Niwas Palace](#) in Jaipur

DAY 06: JAIPUR

Enjoy Breakfast at your hotel, followed by a walking tour dressed in a traditional turban, bindi & stoll. Climb atop royal elephants for a ride to the hilltop fortress at Amber. Witness prayer rituals at the hindu temple inside the fort.

Later in the morning visit the famed flower market in Jaipur, renowned for its marigolds. Next, explore the Maharaja's Palace, its Museum and Observatory. The afternoon is free to spend at your leisure, perhaps to have your palm read by an astrologer.

Breakfast, dinner

Overnight : [Hotel Narain Niwas Palace](#) in Jaipur

DAY 07: JAIPUR to PUSHKAR

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel, followed by the drive to Pushkar via Ajmer, where we explore its massive fort and charming Gond Talav Lake. Visit the famous sufi saint shrine of Dargah Sharif where you can witness holy rituals.

Enroute to Pushkar enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. Dinner is served at your hotel.

Breakfast, dinner

Overnight : [Hotel Pushkar Palace](#)

**DAY 08: PUSHKAR to KHEMPUR**

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel before visiting the Brahma Temple and Pushkar Lake for some great photo opportunities.

A 4-5 hour drive through vibrant countryside will get us to Khempur, site of the Best Exotic Marigold Hotel. Enjoy lunch on your own at a local restaurant enroute.

Mid-afternoon, arrive at the real Best Exotic Marigold Hotel (a.k.a. Ravla Khempur) for check in. This charming converted Palace is a wonderfully quirky property that takes you into the world as it is portrayed in the film. The Palace is also home to royal marwai horses and is surrounded by lively villages.

Late afternoon board a local bullock cart for a ride to a suitable setting to enjoy sundowner tea. At dinner at the hotel you will be joined by the owner of Ravla Khempur who will tell you the impact of the film on his hotel and village.

Breakfast, dinner

Overnight: Best Exotic Marigold Hotel [Ravla Khempur](#)

DAY 9: KHEMPUR

Enjoy Breakfast at Ravla Khempur. Today is a free day to enjoy this charming property and walk around the local village and school.

Dinner will be served at the hotel.

Breakfast, dinner

Overnight: Best Exotic Marigold Hotel [Ravla Khempur](#)

DAY 10: KHEMPUR to UDAIPUR

Enjoy Breakfast at Ravla Khempur, followed by the drive to the romantic & princely lake city of Udaipur. Your hotel overlooks the lake.

The rest of the day is free to explore this vibrant city on your own.

Dinner will be served at the hotel.

Breakfast, dinner

Overnight: [Hotel Trident in Udaipur](#)

**DAY 11: UDAIPUR**

Enjoy Breakfast at your hotel, followed by city tour visiting the elusive City Palace and the Crystal Gallery showcasing the world's largest private collection of crystals belonging to Maharaja Saijan Singh. Next we take you to Sahelion Ki Badi (a.k.a. courtyard of the maidens), and the Jagdish Temple. Later we stroll around street markets.

Lunch is on your own (your guide will recommend good local options) and the afternoon is free for your own explorations.

Late afternoon, enjoy a traditional sunset boatride on Lake Pichola offering panoramic views of Udaipur city, its forts, palaces and temples by the lake.

We end our cruise in style with a royal farewell 4-course dinner at Darikhana Restaurant, located within an island palace.

Breakfast, dinner

Overnight: [Hotel Trident in Udaipur](#)

DAY 12: DEPART UDAIPUR

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel in Udaipur before transferring to the airport for your onward flight.

This is included in your Best Exotic Marigold tour of India:

- ✓ Travel route inspired from the actual film 'Best Exotic Marigold Hotel 1 & 2'
- ✓ Accommodation at Heritage Hotels as inspired from the film
- ✓ 4-5 Star deluxe accommodation throughout except in Kanota, Jaipur, Pushkar, Khempur where it is 3 Star Heritage Hotels as inspired by the film
- ✓ Stay at the real 'Best Exotic Marigold Hotel' in Khempur
- ✓ Daily breakfast and dinners
- ✓ Transfers, tour, excursion by deluxe Aircon Seat-in Vehicle (Shared)
- ✓ All Entrance fees at monuments as per itinerary
- ✓ Fully Escorted by an English Speaking Guide
- ✓ Rickshaw ride in Old Delhi bazaars
- ✓ Elephant ride at Amber Fort, Jaipur
- ✓ Authentic Indian Cooking Class/Demonstration with Lunch in Jaipur
- ✓ Local bollywood movie tickets at local Indian cinema in Jaipur
- ✓ Tour of the Taj Mahal
- ✓ Tonga horse chariots ride in Agra
- ✓ Visit to stepwells of Abhaneri Village
- ✓ Visit to pilgrim city of Ajmer
- ✓ High Tea, Bullock Cart Ride
- ✓ Meeting owner of 'Best Exotic Marigold Hotel' in Khempur
- ✓ Traditional sunset boatride in Udaipur
- ✓ Farewell royal Dinner in Udaipur at Jagmandir (palace on island) on famed 'Pichola Lake'
- ✓ Local attire of Indian turbans, scarfs, bindis during Jaipur elephant tour
- ✓ Souvenir group picture in front of the real 'Best Exotic Marigold Hotel'
- ✓ Welcome souvenir
- ✓ On arrival Marigold garland with Pure indian silk scarfs
- ✓ Baggage tags on arrival
- ✓ Daily Complimentary Bottled Mineral Water
- ✓ 4.5% Government of India service tax

This is not included in your Best Exotic Marigold tour of India:

- x International air fare and associated taxes
- x Domestic flights and associated taxes
- x Meals other than those listed
- x Tips & gratuities
- x Visa & passport expenses
- x Phone calls, laundry, Wi-Fi charges, drinks and other items of a personal nature
- x Video and camera permits
- x Travel insurance



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x Anything else not specifically listed as included