

India

Depart Cairns 20 October at 9.20AM arrive Guangzhou 3.00PM – China Southern airlines
Depart Guangzhou 20 October at 7.10PM arrive Delhi 10.20PM – China Southern airlines

Accommodation: Cosmos Hotel IN: 20 October OUT: 21 October

Commence the following Cosmos tour on the 21 October in Delhi and ending in Delhi on the 29 October

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. **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; the grand India Gate war memorial; then, a drive past Parliament and Rashtrapati Bhavan. (B)

3. **DELHI - AGRA.**

Today, we travel to Agra and visit AGRA FORT, a colossal, redsandstone UNESCO World Heritage Site comprising the spectacular Mughal Palace with audience halls, the Room of Mirrors, and the pavilion where Shahjahan spent his last days. Visit the famous TAJ MAHAL at sunset. This remarkable edifice was commissioned by Shahjahan as a memorial to his wife, Mumtaz Mahal, and took 22 years to build. (B)

4. **AGRA - FATEHPU SIKRI - JAIPUR.**

En route to Jaipur 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. En route, visit CHAND BAORI, the ancient stepwell in Abhaneri, with 11 levels of zigzagging steps. Later, arrive at Jaipur, Rajasthan's quintessential royal city. Often referred to as the 'Pink City', Jaipur is studded with intricately adorned temples and monuments. (B)

5. **JAIPUR.**

Today we start the day with a visit to the legendary AMBER FORT, known as the 'Sleeping Beauty of Rajasthan'. This fortress-palace has a sombre 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.

6. **JAIPUR - RANTHAMBORE NATIONAL PARK.**

Drive to Ranthambore National Park, home to its famous tigers and the only place in Rajasthan where these impressive creatures can be seen in the wild. It is said that Ranthambore provided the inspiration for Rudyard Kipling's The Jungle Book. Plant a tree in the National Park and enjoy your first jungle safari this afternoon. (B,L,D)

7. **RANTHAMBORE.**

Bring your wildlife watching eyes and spot telltale tiger stripes today on your two jungle safaris. Also, look out for leopards, striped hyenas, sambar deer, sloth bears, and Indian wild boar. (B,L,D)

8. **RANTHAMBORE-DELHI.**

Depart early this morning for your train to Delhi. Transfer to your hotel in Gurgaon on arrival. (B)

9. **DELHI.**

Your tour ends with breakfast this morning. (B)

Depart Delhi 29 October at 12.35PM arrive Guangzhou 7.55PM – China Southern airlines

Depart Guangzhou 29 October at 10.00PM arrive Cairns 30 October at 7.45AM – China Southern airlines

Cost per person \$2,209*pp and includes the following:

- Airfares
- Airport taxes
- 1 nights accommodation in Delhi
- 9-day tour including breakfast daily, 2 lunches and 3 dinners and sightseeing as per itinerary