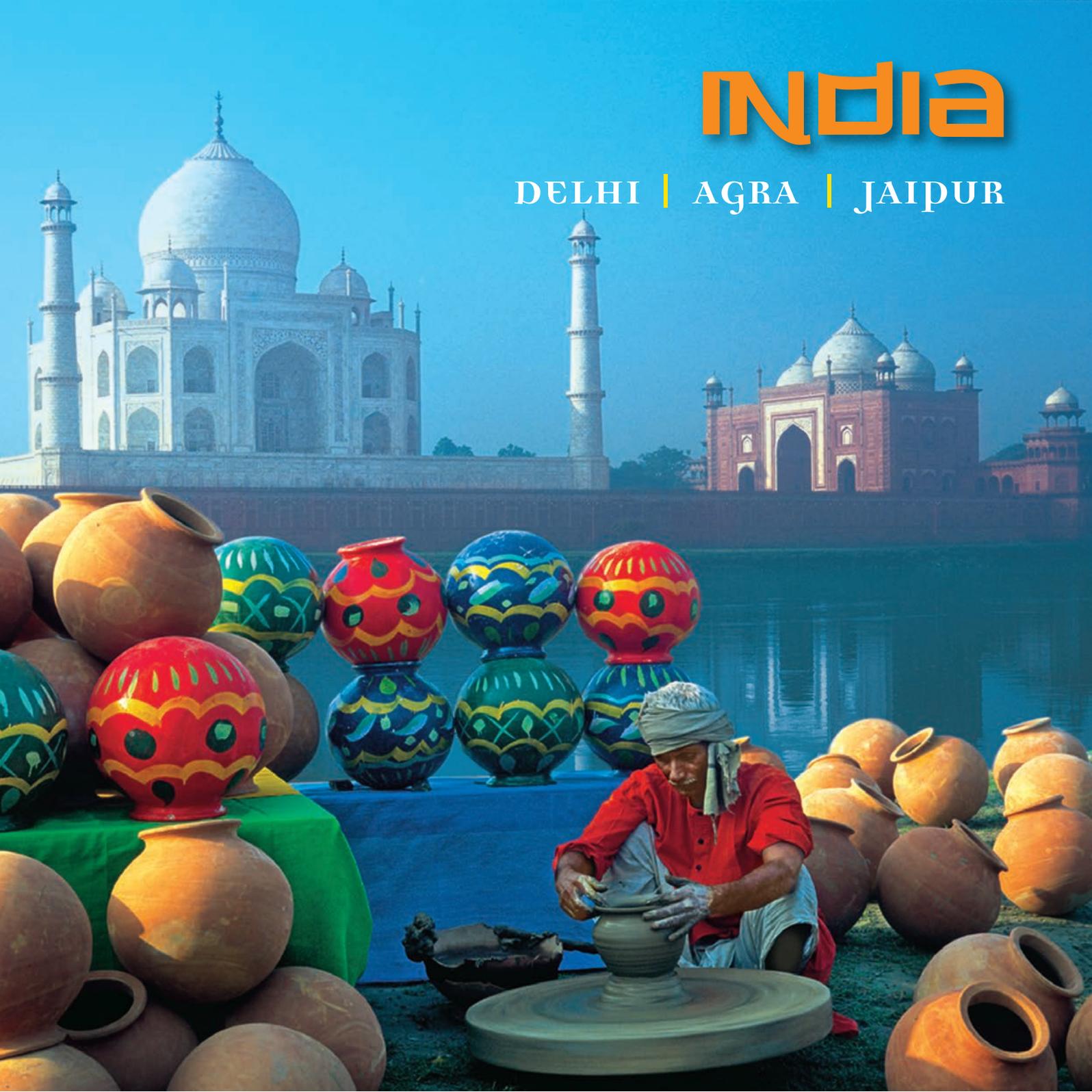


# INDIA

DELHI | AGRA | JAIPUR





# DESTINATION INDIA

India bristles with an eclectic melange of ethnic groups; an intoxicating cultural cocktail for any traveller. With such astonishing diversity, you will be taken on a journey that will linger in your mind long after you've departed.

India's culture and heritage are a rich amalgam of the past and the present. This vast country offers the visitor a view of fascinating religions and ethnography, a vast variety of languages with more than 438 living languages, and monuments that have been present for thousands of years.

As it opens up to a globalised world, India still has a depth of history and intensity of culture that awes and fascinates the many who visit there.



# DESTINATION INDIA

## DELHI

The capital of modern India has behind it centuries of history, which has enriched its culture. The name Delhi, Dehali, or Dilli is derived from Dhillika, the name of the first medieval township of Delhi.

India's capital and a major gateway to the country, contemporary Delhi is a bustling metropolis, which successfully combines in its folds - the ancient with the modern. Amidst the fast spiralling skyscrapers the remnants of a bygone time in the form of its many monuments stand as silent reminders to the region's ancient legacy. The first impressions for any visitor arriving in Delhi are of a spacious, garden city, tree-lined with a number of beautiful parks.

Delhi has some of the finest museums in the country. Its boutiques and shopping arcades offer access to a wealth of traditional and contemporary crafts from all over the country. Its many - layered existence is tantalising and each step taken will prove to be a fascinating journey of discovery.

## AGRA

Just over 250 kms from Jaipur, is Agra, the city of the Taj Mahal, a poem in white marble built in the 16th century by the emperor Shahjahan as a monument of love. Agra was once the capital of the Mughals and the relics of the glory are scattered all over the city; from the Taj Mahal to the massive Agra Fort, the delicately carved Itimadud-Daulah's tomb and Akbar's deserted majestic capital Fatehpur Sikri.

## JAIPUR

The pink city of Jaipur also the capital of the state of Rajasthan is known for its forts and palaces. It is by far the most colourful region in India, surrounded by rugged hills, each crowned by a formidable fort. Beautiful palaces, mansions and gardens dot throughout its precincts. The palaces and forts of yesteryear that were witness to royal processions and splendour are now living monuments, accepted quite naturally into the lifestyles of the people of the "pink city".



# accommodation

## THE OBEROI, GURGAON - NEW DELHI

Amid the competing structures in the city of Gurgaon is a place that provides welcome respite - The Oberoi Gurgaon. Forest green, ocean blue and a striking jewel box providing just the relief from the world outside it.

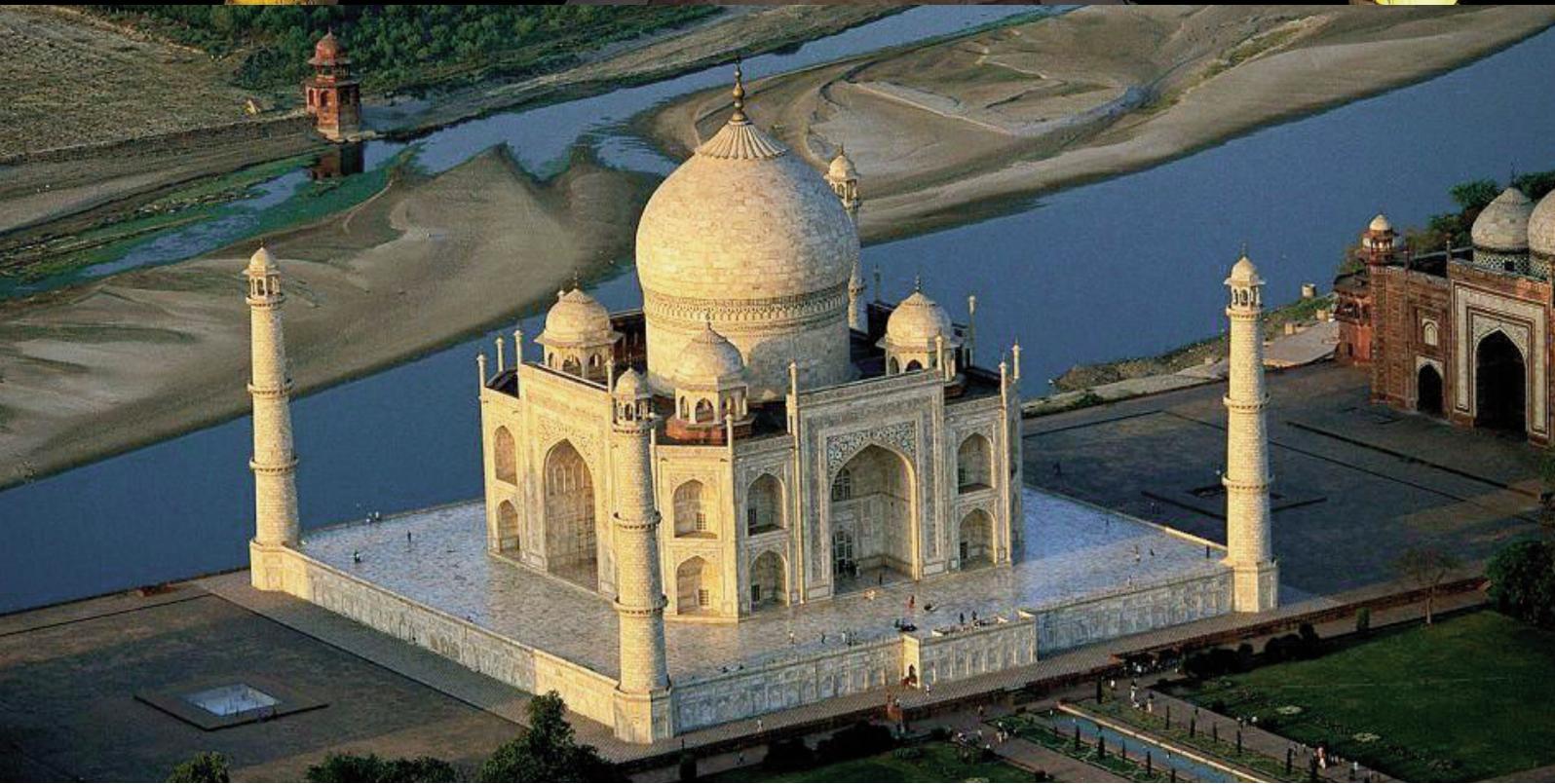
The hotel is located in the prime business and shopping district of Gurgaon and is a 15 minute drive from Delhi International Airport. The hotel is also within easy reach from the New Delhi city centre, major sightseeing destinations and most of the entertainment, shopping and recreation hubs in Gurgaon city.

Featuring the most spacious accommodation the 202 guest rooms and suites are planned with a host of innovative features. The rooms feature landscape windows that bathe every room with abundant daylight offering a view of the serene reflection pools and landscaped gardens. A 24 hour personal butler service and select suites with private heated swimming pools are only some of the features unmatched amongst luxury hotels in Delhi.

The Oberoi, Gurgaon offers a range of gourmet experiences that encompasses cuisine from around the world. Options range from an all-day dining restaurant featuring five interactive show kitchens, and alfresco seating on teakwood decks extended onto the reflection pool to an Indian coastal cuisine specialty restaurant. A delicatessen, bar and the country's only exclusive Cigar Lounge complete the culinary experience.

Some of the recreational opportunities at The Oberoi, Gurgaon include larger than an Olympic size outdoor pool, heated in winter and the first 24 hour spa in Delhi to revitalise your body and soul at any time during the day or night.

Space, serenity and Oberoi Hotels' legendary service delivered by caring staff make The Oberoi, Gurgaon the only choice for discerning business and leisure travellers.



# ACCOMMODATION

## THE OBEROI, AMARVILAS - AGRA

Indulge with your own private view of the greatest monument of love at The Oberoi Amarvilas, recognised as the leading luxury hotel in Agra. Wake up to the glorious sight of the Taj Mahal, bathed by the first rays of dawn. Watch her sparkle by day as the sun shines on her architectural perfection. Allow yourself to be swept away by her romance at dusk. Let the nights be filled with the magic of the Taj by moonlight.

Rated amongst the leading resorts in the world, The Oberoi Amarvilas offers the best view of the Taj Mahal in Agra. The hotel is located 600 meters from the Taj Mahal and all rooms, suites, lobby, bar and lounge offer breathtaking views of the monument.

Built in a style inspired by Moorish and Mughal architecture, the resort is a splendid display of terraced lawns, fountains, reflection pools and pavilions with rich interiors that take you back to an era of Emperors and Princes. An interlude at The Oberoi Amarvilas is truly unforgettable.

Richly detailed interiors are perfectly complemented by a choice of international and Indian cuisine. The hotel offers a range of activities to relax and recharge yourself. Rejuvenate yourself with a holistic treatment at the Oberoi Spa, get in touch with your inner self with a yoga session, or explore the famous sights of Agra - Taj Mahal, Agra Fort or the Fatehpur Sikri. All three monuments are recognised by UNESCO as World heritage sites.

Rated amongst the leading resorts in the world, the hotel offers the sheer luxury of enjoying the beauty of the Taj Mahal without visiting hours. This enriched by the royal service makes an interlude at The Oberoi Amarvilas exclusive and unforgettable.



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## THE OBEROI RAJVILAS - JAIPUR

Rated amongst the leading resorts in the world, The Oberoi Rajvilas is a unique way to experience Jaipur, one of India's most vibrant and exotic destinations. Amongst the most preferred luxury hotels in India, the distinctive character of The Oberoi Rajvilas revives the gracious lifestyles of India's legendary Rajput princes.

Located in 32 acres of beautiful gardens, pools and fountains, in the peaceful Rajasthan countryside, the hotel is an oasis of elegance and luxury.

With Jaipur as its backdrop, the hotel recreates the magnificence of princely Rajasthan in a beautiful fort setting with rooms, luxury tents and villas with private pools clustered around private courtyards. At The Oberoi Rajvilas, our attention to detail creates a soothing blend of warm, effortless service and harmonious spaces.

All rooms have large four poster beds and sunken marble baths overlooking private walled gardens. Air-conditioned luxury tents have embroidered interior canopies, old style baths and outdoor decks. Interiors of the Royal Villa highlight the fine craftsmanship and attention to detail that distinguishes the hotel.

The hotel offers a range of activities to relax and recharge. Rejuvenate yourself with a holistic treatment at the Oberoi Spa, get in touch with your inner self with a yoga session or explore the landscape of the Jaipur countryside with a leisurely elephant ride that culminates with a gourmet picnic at the magnificently restored Naila Fort.

A visit to Jaipur unfolds with private excursions to its many exotic attractions; palaces, forts, festivals and bazaars. A unique way of life awaits discovery in this magical region of Rajasthan. The Oberoi Rajvilas is the perfect hotel in Jaipur to begin and end your experience of this city.



# PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

DAY	MORNING	LUNCH	AFTERNOON	EVENING
Day 1				Evening arrival into Delhi  Overnight - Delhi
Day 2	Breakfast at leisure at the hotel  Morning tour of Old Delhi including a Rickshaw ride	Lunch at an Indian specialty restaurant "Chor Bizzare"	Afternoon at leisure	Bollywood Theme Evening with Dinner at Mayfair At Qutub  Overnight - Delhi
Day 3	Breakfast at leisure at the hotel  Morning tour of New Delhi	Buffet lunch at the hotel	Afternoon at leisure	Dinner at a local restaurant  Overnight - Delhi
Day 4	Breakfast at the hotel  Early morning departure by fast train to Agra	A traditional Military Band Welcome to Hotel Amar Vilas  Buffet lunch at the hotel	Afternoon tour of Agra Fort	Traditional Mughal Themed Dinner  Overnight - Agra
Day 5	Sunrise tour of the Taj Mahal  Return to the hotel for breakfast	Lunch at a local restaurant	Afternoon free to explore the city or relax by the pool	Buffet dinner at the hotel  Overnight - Agra



# PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

DAY	MORNING	LUNCH	AFTERNOON	EVENING
Day 6	Breakfast at leisure at the hotel  Depart hotel for the deserted city of Fatehpur Sikri	Buffet lunch at the hotel prior to coach transfer to Jaipur (4 hours)	Late afternoon arrival at Jaipur with a traditional Maharaja welcome	Elephant polo followed by a BBQ dinner  Overnight - Jaipur
Day 7	Breakfast at leisure at the hotel  Morning visit to Amber Fort including an elephant ride	Picnic lunch at Jaigarh fort	Afternoon at leisure to explore the city or simply relax  Optional visit to a block Printing Factory	Gala Durbar Evening at Samode Palace  Overnight - Jaipur
Day 8	Breakfast at leisure at the hotel  Morning sightseeing tour of Jaipur City including a visit to the City Palace and the Observatory (Jantar Mantar)	Lunch at leisure	Afternoon at leisure	Dinner at the Private Palace of the Maharaja of Jaipur  Overnight - Jaipur
Day 9	Breakfast at leisure at the hotel  Morning at leisure	Lunch at leisure	Afternoon domestic flight to Delhi to connect with flights to home ports	In flight
Day 10	Arrival into homeports			



# HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ITINERARY

## **SUNRISE TOUR OF THE TAJ MAHAL**

Taking 22 years and 20,000 men to build, the white marble was quarried 200 miles away and transported to the site by a fleet of 1000 elephants. The Taj Mahal is truly one of the wonders of the world, and is now recognised as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

## **BOLLYWOOD DINNER**

This evening you will have the opportunity to experience the colourful extravaganza of Bollywood. Enjoy a sumptuous banquet as you are entertained by dancers singing and swinging to famous Bollywood numbers.

## **EXPLORE THE DESERTED CITY OF FATEHPUR SIKRI**

“Fatehpur Sikri” is the deserted red sandstone city built by the great Mughal Emperor Akbar as his capital and palace in the late 16th century. It was abandoned soon after it was built when the local wells went dry and it remains today in much the same condition that it was over 300 years ago. It is complete with palaces and mosques and used to be a town larger than London when it was originally constructed. Now it is an extraordinary place to wander around with its buildings in near perfect condition.



# HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ITINERARY

## ELEPHANT POLO

In the land of Maharajas & Princes, Palaces & Forts, the game of Elephant Polo was one of the ultimate Royal experiences. Players are greeted at the Kukas Village by a Royal Military Piper Band. As in yesteryears, the arrival of the guests is accompanied by a tableau of horses and camels adding to the royal welcome. Jaipur is the only place in the world where one can witness this exclusive sport. The colossal size of the elephant, its playful antics, graceful gait and the wisdom of its eyes have always, enthralled guests.

Once the welcome and salute are done, there will be a demonstration of the royal sport played by our players just to demonstrate before the guests as to how simple, safe and exciting this sport is so that they can participate themselves and enjoy this unique and unforgettable experience. After this guests will have an opportunity to participate in the game, followed by a lavish dinner.

## GALA DURBAR EVENING AT SAMODE PALACE

Perched on a hill, 40 km from Jaipur, lies the romantic Samode Palace. Wind your way through the village, to the fortress, on colourfully decorated camel carts, accompanied by local musicians and torchbearers. Turn a corner of the track to find the illuminated palace looming above you and a stunning tableau of decorated camels and lancers lined up on either side. Beautiful ladies in Rajasthani costume wait on the stairs to greet the participants and to perform the traditional welcome with garlands of flowers and the 'tika' ceremony.

The group is escorted to the 'Darbar Hall' (central hall) where cocktails and delicious eats are served as traditional Rajasthani dances are performed. Enjoy the lavish dinner followed by an array of desserts before the grand finale of the evening, an impressive display of fireworks, which light up the sky and the surrounding hills. The palace, the welcome on arrival, the dancers and performers, all combine to create a very special ambience which will transport you back to an era long gone of the chivalrous warriors of this desert kingdom and their colourful queens.



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