

Lotus Destination Management Company

2019-2021 Tour Series



Discover the Marketplace of India



**Designed as a
10-day experience,
this tour includes the
following:**

- ▶ 9 overnight hotel stays in our tour cities including Delhi, Jodhpur, Jaipur, and Agra
- ▶ Group arrival and departure transfers
- ▶ 3 meals daily and bottled water
- ▶ All transportation and sightseeing/entrance fees
- ▶ English-speaking tour guide throughout the tour and extension
- ▶ Government royalty

India: The World of the Craftsman

India breathes with a passion of artistry and creativity. Countless generations have been inspired by a culture that is rich in its ability to tell its stories through fine arts. The landscape is diverse, encompassing a growing community of artists specializing in painting, sculpture, architecture, music, poetry, photography, jewelry making, papermaking, weaving, or other talents handed down through time.

This adventure offers guests the opportunity to visit markets and shops where they can personally meet and talk with artisans. They will enjoy some of India's most exquisite handmade wares while also traveling to some of India's most celebrated cultural treasures. Highlights include the Kinzri Bazaar, Jodhpur's furniture and metal works industries, Jaipur's jewelry market, and the world's largest center for handmade paper.





“The hand of a craftsman engaged in his craft is always pure.” ~Hindu expression

We invite guests to join us for this exclusive opportunity to visit some of the world’s most skilled artisans while exploring many of the treasures of India.

■ DAY 1

Guests arrive in **Delhi** and transfer to the hotel.

■ DAY 2

In the morning, guests will enjoy a half-day guided tour of **Old Delhi** including Red Fort, Jama Masjid and a short bicycle rickshaw ride through Kinari Bazaar. On the way to **New Delhi** for lunch, visit the Raj Ghat, the cremation site of Mahatma Gandhi, “The Father of the Nation.” Following lunch, the tour continues into New Delhi with stops at Humayun’s Tomb, Outab Minar, the President’s House, and the India Gate.

■ DAY 3

Following breakfast at the hotel, guests will transfer to the domestic airport for a flight to **Jodhpur**. Upon arrival, they will check in at the hotel before enjoying an afternoon excursion to the Mandore Gardens.

■ DAY 4

A morning tour of **Jodhpur** will feature the Mehrangarh Fort and Jaswant Thada. In the afternoon, guests will enjoy shopping in the furniture and metal works district as well as the local textile market.

■ DAY 5

Guests depart early for a railway transfer to **Jaipur**. Upon arrival, guides will lead them in a tour of the City Palace, the Observatory, and the Palace of Winds.

■ DAY 6

Following breakfast at the hotel, guests will tour the Amber Fort. In the afternoon, they will visit the **Pink City**’s famous jewelry market. The tradition of jewelry making began when ruler Mirja Raj Ram Singh Ji invited noted jewelers across the country to settle in Jaipur.

■ DAY 7

Guests will travel to **Sanganer**, a major center for crafts and hand-printed textiles. Sanganer is known as the nation’s largest center of handmade paper and hand-printed textiles. Using block and screen printers, artisans known as “kagazis” specialize in small floral prints in bright colors printed on white backgrounds. The afternoon can be spent at leisure in Jaipur.

■ DAY 8

On the way to **Agra**, guests will stop at the Fatehpur Sikri. This city, built between 1569 and 1585, was intended to be the joint capital with Agra. However, it was soon deserted when it was discovered that the water system could not support any residents. It remained untouched for over 400 years.

■ DAY 9

Following breakfast, guests will enjoy a half-day guided tour of the Taj Mahal and Agra Fort. The afternoon can be spent at leisure.

■ DAY 10

Guests transfer to the Delhi airport for their return flight.

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