

Madhya Pradesh + Taj - 5N/6D

Visit: Agra 1N | Gwalior 1N | Orchha 1N | Khajuraho 2N |

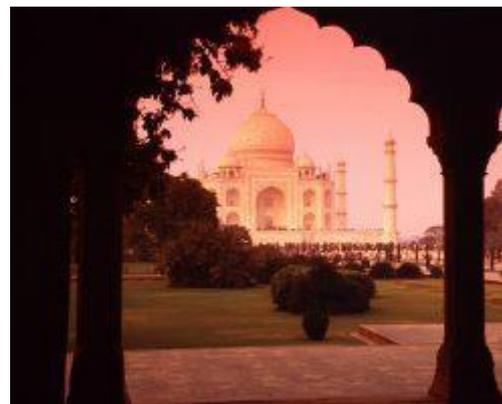
Sightseeing: **Agra:** Agra Fort, Fatehpur Sikri, Taj Mahal | **Gwalior:** Gwalior Fort, Man Mandir, Teli Mandir | **Orchha:** Orchha Fort, Jehangir Mahal, Raj Mahal, Rai Parveen Mahal, Laxminarayan Temple | **Khajuraho:** Visit Temple |



Itinerary

Day 01: Arrive Agra: Full Day City Tour

Arrival at Agra, has a rich historical background, which is amply evident from the numerous historical monuments in and around the city. The earliest reference for Agra comes from the epic age, when Mahabharata refer Agra as Agravana. In the sources prior to this, Agra has been referred as Arya Griha or the abode of the Aryans. The first person who referred Agra by its modern name was Ptolemy. Though the heritage of Agra city is linked with the Mughal dynasty, numerous other rulers also



contributed to the rich past of this city. Modern Agra was founded by Sikandar Lodhi (Lodhi dynasty; Delhi Sultanate) in the 16th century. Babar (founder of the Mughal dynasty) also stayed for sometime in Agra and introduced the concept of square Persian-styled gardens here. Emperor Akbar built the Agra fort and Fatehpur Sikri near Agra. Fatehpur Sikri remained his capital for around fifteen years after which the city was left isolated in mysterious circumstances. Jahangir beautified Agra with palaces and gardens despite spending most of his time in Kashmir with which he was passionately attached.



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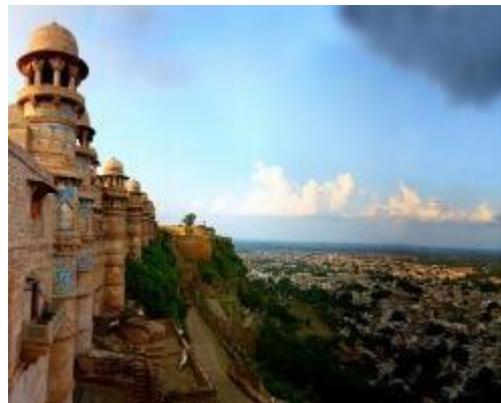
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Agra came to its own when Shahjahan ascended to the throne of Mughal Empire. He marked the zenith of Mughal architecture, when he built the Taj in memory of his beloved wife Mumtaz Mahal. In his later years, Shahjahan shifted his capital to the new city of Shahjahanabad in Delhi and ruled from there. Shahjahan was dethroned in 1658 by his son, Aurangzeb who imprisoned him in the Agra Fort. Aurangzeb shifted the capital back to Agra till his death. After the death of Aurangzeb, Mughal Empire could not touch its peak and many regional kingdoms emerged. The post-Mughal era of Agra saw the rule of the Jats, Marathas and finally the British taking over the city. Arrive Agra – drop to hotel – full day Agra city tour. Overnight at hotel in Agra.

Day 02: Agra – Gwalior: Sightseeing (120 KMS/3 hours)

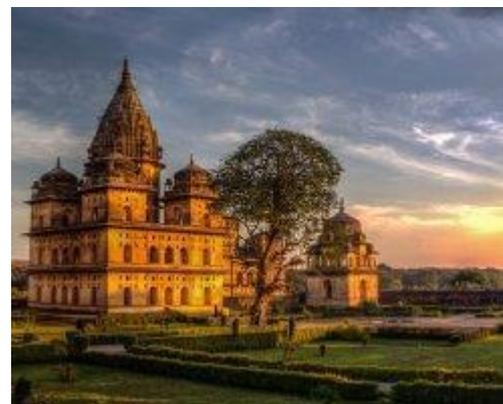
Today after breakfast, drive to Gwalior. Visit the mighty Gwalior Fort, built on a hilltop that overlooks the city. A steep road winds upwards to the fort, flanked by statues of the Jain Tirthankaras, carved into the rock face. Man Mandir is the Fort's piece de resistance... a delicate structure exhibiting superb use of color, motif, and design. Visit the Teli-ka-Mandir, entirely Dravidian in form, with sculptures that are distinctly north Indian. The Sas-Bahu temples are not, as people believe, dedicated



to a mother-in-law (Sas) and daughter-in-law (Bahu). Sas-Bahu is the name traditionally given to two adjoining temples of different sizes. The larger of the two is profusely sculpted with graceful figures and intricate patterns. The chhatris, memorials to former Scindia rulers, are executed in the typical Bundelkhandi style with conical spires and heavily carved exteriors. Overnight at hotel in Gwalior. (B)

Day 03: Gwalior – Orchha (130 KMS/3hours)

Today after breakfast, Gwalior local sightseeing, after lunch drive for Orchha. Overnight stay in Orchha. (B)





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Day 04: Orchha: Sightseeing – Khajuraho (160 KMS/4hours)

Today after breakfast, Orchha sightseeing. Orchha is steeped in history and is famous for its palaces and temples built in the 16th and 17th centuries. The main attraction is the Orchha fort complex. A four-arched bridge leads to the fort complex on the island. The Jahangir Mahal in the fort is known for its delicate work on one hand and balanced with strong masonry on the other.



Raj Mahal, the second palace in this fort complex is well known for its murals, depicting religious themes. The Rai Parveen Mahal, dedicated to the 17th-century poetess-musician, is the third palace within this complex and is set amongst well-laid gardens. Later, visit the Raja Ram Temple, formerly a palace. According to legend, Lord Ram appeared in dream of the then ruler Madhukar Shah, who subsequently brought an idol of Lord Ram and placed it in this palace. The idol refused to move from there to the temple, so the palace became a temple, and Lord Ram is worshipped here as a king. Also visit the Laxminarayan temple, a unique blend of temple and fort architecture. The frescoes within this temple depict social and secular themes. These frescoes have retained their vibrant colors. After Lunch depart for Khajuraho (approx. 180 KMS). On arrival, check-in to hotel. Overnight at hotel in Khajuraho. (B)

Day 05: Khajuraho: Temple Visit

Morning visit the beautiful temples that dot the town of Khajuraho are believed to have been built by the mighty Chandela rulers in 9th and 10th century AD. The engravings on these temples are highly sensual and erotic and much has already been discussed their symbolic importance. Visit the Western Group of Temples – the Kandariya Mahadeo is considered the most evolved example of central Indian temple architecture. Dedicated to Lord Shiva, this temple is also the largest of



Khajuraho's temples. The Lakshmana Temple is one of the oldest and finest of the western group of temples. The temple of Devi Jagdamba is considered by many to be one of the most erotic temples of Khajuraho. It houses Khajuraho's most talked-about images of mithuna, the sensuously carved figures. The temple of Vishvanath and Nandi celebrates the marriage of Lord Shiva with Parvati. Overnight stay in Khajuraho. (B)



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Day 06: Khajuraho – Depart

Morning free for local activities. Proceed to Khajuraho airport/railway station for onward journey. (B)



Package Inclusions

- Accommodation
- Breakfast
- Transfers and Sightseeing by AC Indigo

Package exclusions:

- Airfare/cruise fare
- Meals other than that mentioned in the itinerary
- Optional activities portorage
- All items of personal nature
- Any services not mentioned under inclusions list

ACCOMODATION IN BELOW MENTIONED HOTEL OR SIMILAR

Location/Category	PREMIUM
Agra	Mansingh Palace
Gwalior	Usha Kiran Palace
Orccha	Bundelkhand Riverside
Khajuraho	Radisson Hotel

PRICE PER PERSON: IN INR (RS)-EXCL ST @ 9.00%

ROOMING BASIS /CATEGORY	PREMIUM
ADL IN TWIN	60920

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