



PT – 04/ TEMPLE TOUR

Tour Highlights

- Stay in a Star Category Hotel
- Travel in Luxury Air Conditioned Vehicle
- Daily Buffet Breakfast
- Sightseeing of Orchha, Khajuraho & Varanasi
- Experience of India's Fastest Train
- English Speaking Friendly Guide During Sightseeing
- All Monument Entrances Included

itinerary

Temples Tour

Delhi – Khajuraho – Varanasi – Delhi

2 nights / 3 days

Tour code: PT- 4

Day 1: Delhi – Jhansi (Train: 0610 – 1040 Hrs)

Jhansi – Khajuraho (Drive: 170 Kms 4 Hrs Approx)

- Early morning transfer to railway station to board the train to Jhansi
- Upon arrival in Jhansi, transfer to Khajuraho via Orchha
- Lunch at Orchha
- Arrive Khajuraho and check in at hotel
- Overnight at hotel

Transfer to New Delhi railway station to board the train to Jhansi.

Pick up from Railway station and drive (04 hrs) to Khajuraho via Orchha



Visit Raj Mahal, the first palace within the Orchha citadel was built by Raja Rudra Pratap, but completed by his successor, Madhukar Shah. Rani-ka-Mahal, built for Madhukar Shah's wife, is of notable interest. Her ornate bedroom was decorated with beautiful murals depicting scenes from *Ramayana* and various incarnations of Lord Vishnu. Jehangir Mahal built by Bir Singh Deo is probably the most striking palace in Orchha with its elegant hanging balconies, countless windows with stone pierced screens and a beautiful gateway decorated with turquoise tiles. It was built in honour of Mughal emperor Jehangir

during his visit to Orchha. The painted palace of Rai Praveen Mahal was built for the beautiful courtesan and poetess, Rai Praveen, by Raja Indramani, who had great affection for her. Sheesh Mahal built in the 18th century has little of its past splendour, but offers sweeping views of the town from the terraces. It's a heritage hotel now.

Lunch at Orchha.

Upon arrival, check-in at your pre booked hotel.

Overnight at hotel.

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Morning half day temple tour
- Afternoon transfer to airport to board flight for Varanasi
- Arrive Varanasi and transfer to hotel.
- Afternoon visit to Sarnath & Evening Aarti on river Ganges
- Overnight at the hotel

Breakfast at the hotel



Khajuraho was founded in the 9th and 10th century by the rulers of the Chandela Dynasty, and influenced by Tantrism. Eroticism becomes a theme of philosophical interest and the aim is sublimation of sexual relationship in the Sexual act or "Maithun", women being regarded as the incarnation of the divine energy or "Shakti". It is also possible that the carvings of Khajuraho were influenced by "Kama Sutra", the famous treatise on erotic arts written by Vatsyayana in the time of the Guptas. The erotic love making images of celestial nymphs, gods and goddesses sculpted in delicate detail have caught

the imagination of people from all over the world.

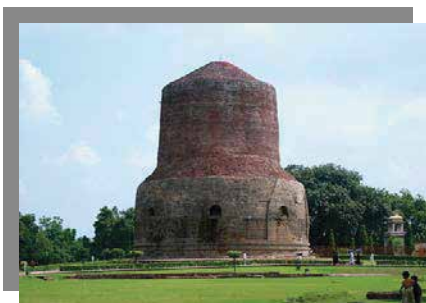


Morning visit the western group of temples. Western is the largest and best known. All but three temples, which are built of local granite, are constructed with hard river sandstone dug from the east bank of the Ken River, 13 miles to the east. None of the temples are enclosed, rather they are erected on high masonry platforms, each on an east-west axis. It is their detailed sculpture which gives Khajuraho its appeal and importance. Less than a tenth of it can be called 'erotic'. Numerous interpretations have been given for the erotic sculpture but there is nothing sordid about these inspired carvings showing beauty and voluptuousness of the female form. Most of the temples are

'banded' by horizontal panels of statues. The purvasins, or divine ladies, are shown engaging in common place human activities such as having a bath, feeding a bath, getting dressed and applying makeup. Figures of Lord Shiva often protruded from the band. The long frieze with scenes of battles, processions and hunting that rind the base of the Lakshmana temples are some of the best examples of narrative sculpture.

Afternoon transfer to airport to board the flight for Varanasi (Airfare cost additional)

Upon arrival, assistance and transfer to the hotel.



Varanasi, the holy city of India, is also known by the name of Kashi and Benaras. Kashi, the city of Moksha for Hindus since centuries, is known for its fine-quality silks, 'paan' and Benares Hindu University and Avimukta of the ancient days, Varanasi is the most popular pilgrimage point for the Hindus. One of the seven holiest cities, Varanasi city is also one the Shakti Peethas and one of the twelve Jyotir Linga sites in India. In Hinduism it is believed that those who die and are cremated here get an instant gateway to liberation from

the cycle of births and re-births.

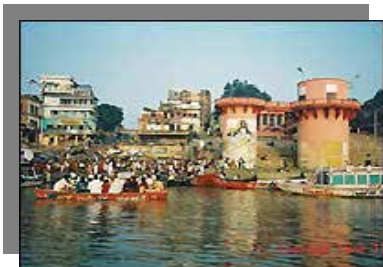
Later in the afternoon, visit Sarnath, 10 Kms. from the centre of the city, Sarnath symbolizes the birth of Buddhism. It was here that Buddha revealed his doctrine and founded his monastic community. The museum at Sarnath is amongst the most important in India and contains carvings representing a whole range of styles - archaic, the Mathura School, Gupta, post Gupta and Medieval - covering work of sculptors from the 3rd century B.C. to the 12th century A.D. In the evening proceed for evening Aarti on river Ganges.

Overnight at the hotel.

Day 3: Varanasi – Delhi (FLY)

- Early morning boat ride followed by city tour
- Breakfast at the hotel
- Afternoon transfer to airport
- Upon arrival, transfer in Delhi

Early Morning boat ride on Ganges followed by city tour. There is no Indian attraction like Varanasi. There are no architectural splendours, no exquisitely carved palaces or impregnable forts, and yet the



city has an inherent charm. Situated on the west bank of the Ganges, it extends back from the riverbank ghats to a winding maze of picturesque alleys overlooking tall houses alongside, dotted with temple. It is a fascinating area to walk around. Varanasi today, is also a centre of education, art and craft. The city has given birth to many academicians, musicians and artists of world acclaim. As a centre of art and craft it has a vast repertoire, right from silver, brass, copper artefacts to perfumeries and trinkets.

Morning temple and city tour of Varanasi.

The magnificent Krishna Balarama Temple built in 1975 by ISKON has today become Varanasi's most popular temple and has one of the highest principles of Deity worship and cleanliness. Hare Krishna devotees from around the world can be seen here throughout they year. The Kashi Vishwanath Temple built by the temples is another famous tourist attraction of the city. Besides these the Bharat Mata Temple, Alamgir Mosque, Durga Temple, Tulsi Manas Temple, Archaeological Museum and Ram Nagar Fort are some of the place worth visiting on Varanasi Tours, India.

Afternoon transfer to airport to board the flight to Delhi.

Assistance on arrival. Own arrangement for accommodation

TOUR ENDS

No of guest	Deluxe Hotel - Cost Per Person
02 Guest Traveling together	

THE ABOVE COST INCLUDES:

- Accommodation on twin sharing basis in Khajuraho & Varanasi.
- Daily buffet breakfast
- Lunch at Orchha
- Train tickets – Chair Car from New Delhi to Jhansi
- All transfers, sightseeing's and excursion using an air- conditioned vehicle.
- Services of a professional local English speaking guide at the places of visit / during sightseeing.
- Boat cruise on River Ganges.
- All currently applicable entrance fee as well as hotels luxury taxes.

THE ABOVE COST DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Any Expenses of personal nature like table drinks, laundry, telephone calls, mineral water, soft drinks etc.
- Any airfare or airport taxes (approximate Rs /- per person for Khajuraho – Varanasi – Delhi)
- Service tax @ 3.09%.
- Any other meals or services not mentioned in the above program.
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