



Delhi, Agra & Kolkata | Penn State, March 2027

Beyond the Taj

Discovering India Through Culture & Community

◆ *Experience India. Don't Just Visit It* ◆

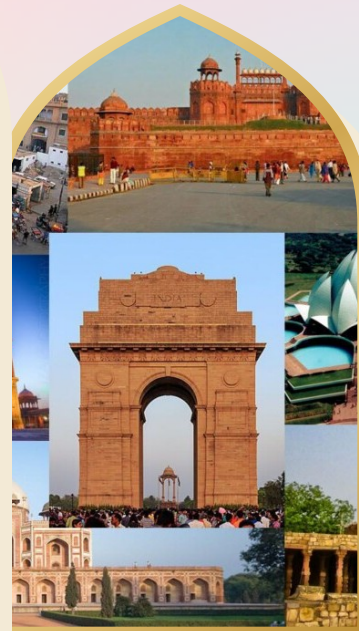
Associated Course: **Asia 199**



Old Delhi



Taj Mahal, Agra



Delhi, old and new

6–14 March

8 nights, 9 days

3 cities

by coach, train & air

US\$ 3,070

total per person

EARLY BIRD

US\$ 50 off for registration forms received before 31 October 2026

PROGRAM CONTACT

Dr. Somjit Barat ◆ sub26@psu.edu ◆ +1 (717) 504-5316

Qutab Minar ◆ Humayun's Tomb ◆ Taj Mahal ◆ Mehtab Bagh ◆ Victoria Memorial ◆ Biswa Bangla Gate

Your journey at a glance

Fly in

6 Mar

Delhi

2 nights, 6–8

Agra

2 nights, 8–10

Delhi

1 night, 10–11

Kolkata

3 nights, 11–14 Mar

Fly home

14 Mar



Three cities, one story

Delhi for the Mughal old city and grand New Delhi avenues, Agra for the Taj Mahal and its monuments, a night back in Delhi, then a morning flight east to Kolkata for colonial heritage, museums and New Town.

15

travelling

8

group dinners

12+

monuments

1



Day 1 | Saturday, 6 March

Arrival in Delhi & Welcome Dinner

2



Day 2 | Sunday, 7 March

Old & New Delhi Heritage Experience

3



Day 3 | Monday, 8 March

Agra: Taj Mahal & Mughal Heritage

4



Day 4 | Tuesday, 9 March

The City of the Mughals

5



Day 5 | Wednesday, 10 March

Return Drive to Delhi

6



Day 6 | Thursday, 11 March

Morning Flight to Kolkata

7



Day 7 | Friday, 12 March

Kolkata Heritage & Cultural Experience

8



Day 8 | Saturday, 13 March

New Town, Biswa Bangla Gate & Farewell

Delhi

Saturday, 6 March 2027

Day 1 of 8

Arrival in Delhi & Welcome Dinner

Arrival in Delhi followed by meet & assistance at the airport and transfer to the hotel. After check-in, the group will have time to relax and settle in before an orientation/briefing and the welcome dinner.

On arrival: Meet & assistance at Delhi International Airport; baggage collection. Post collection, meet the representative at the arrival gate at New Delhi International Airport. From there you will be driven to your hotel in Delhi.

Schedule

2:00 – 3:00 PM	Hotel check-in and room allocation
3:00 – 5:30 PM	Rest / leisure
5:30 – 6:30 PM	Group orientation and program briefing
7:30 – 9:30 PM	Welcome Dinner

Highlights

Airport welcome

Orientation briefing

Welcome dinner

Meals

Welcome Dinner

Overnight

Delhi

Where this day sits in your journey





Delhi

Sunday, 7 March 2027

Day 2 of 8

Old & New Delhi Heritage Experience

A full-day exploration of Delhi's historic heart and Mughal heritage. The group will experience Old Delhi by pedal rickshaw before visiting two of the city's most significant Mughal monuments.

Schedule

- 7:00 – 8:15 AM Breakfast at the hotel
- 8:30 AM Depart for Old Delhi: Jama Masjid, Old Delhi tour and Red Fort (from outside)
- 1:00 – 2:00 PM Lunch at a local restaurant during the sightseeing
- 2:00 – 5:00 PM New Delhi: the 12th-century Qutab Minar, Humayun's Tomb and Lotus Temple.
- Then Drive past India Gate (war memorial), the President's residence, Parliament House and the Secretariat buildings, an interesting blend of Victorian and 20th-century architecture. Visit Gurudwara Bangla Sahib, the Sikh temple.
- Evening Group dinner at a local restaurant

Highlights

Jama Masjid

Rickshaw ride

Qutab Minar

Humayun's Tomb

Lotus Temple

Bangla Sahib

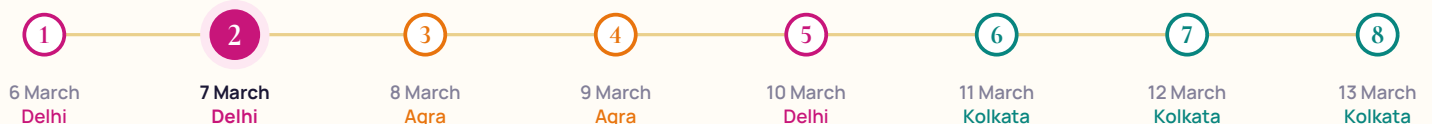
Meals

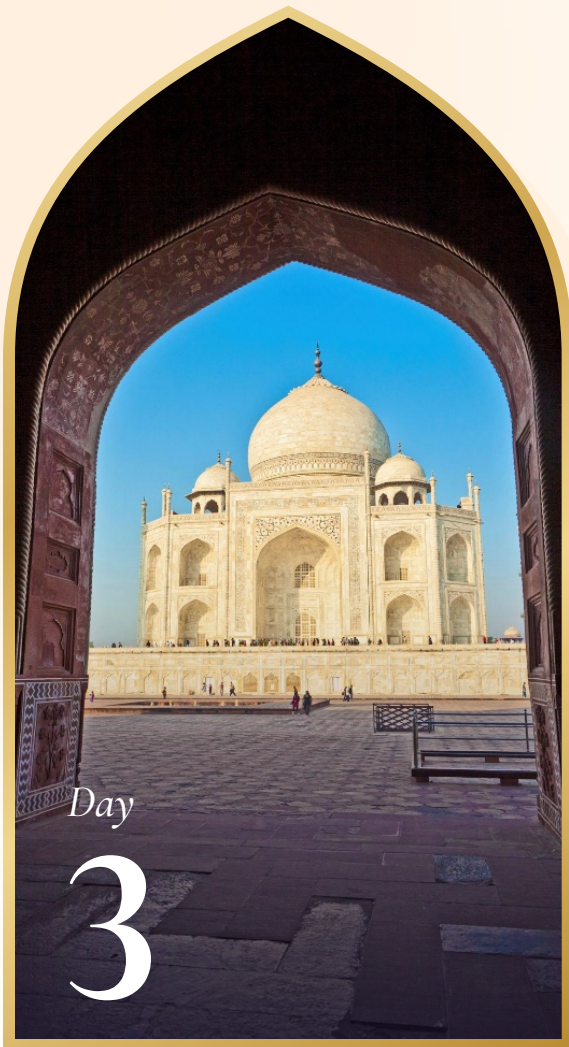
Breakfast, lunch, dinner

Overnight

Delhi

Where this day sits in your journey





Delhi to Agra

Monday, 8 March 2027

Day 3 of 8

Agra: Taj Mahal & Mughal Heritage

Travel to Agra and spend the day discovering the city's iconic Mughal heritage, including the Taj Mahal, Agra Fort, Itimad-ud-Daulah and Mehtab Bagh.

Schedule

- 7:00 – 8:15 AM Breakfast at the hotel
- 8:30 AM Start the drive to Agra, or take the early morning train
- 11:30 AM **Reach the Taj Mahal and visit the monument**
- 1:30 PM Lunch at a local restaurant
- 2:30 PM **Visit to Red Fort**
- 4:00 PM Hotel check-in
- 4:30 – 6:30 PM Leisure / rest time
- 6:30 PM Group dinner at a local restaurant

Highlights

Taj Mahal

Red Fort, Agra

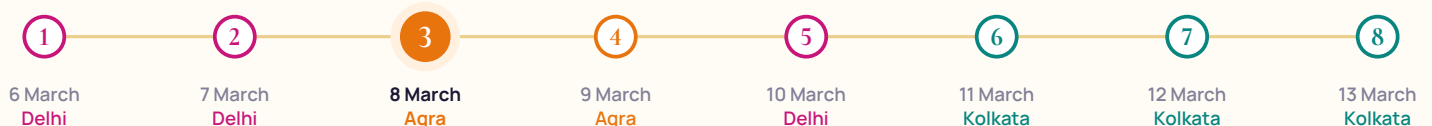
Meals

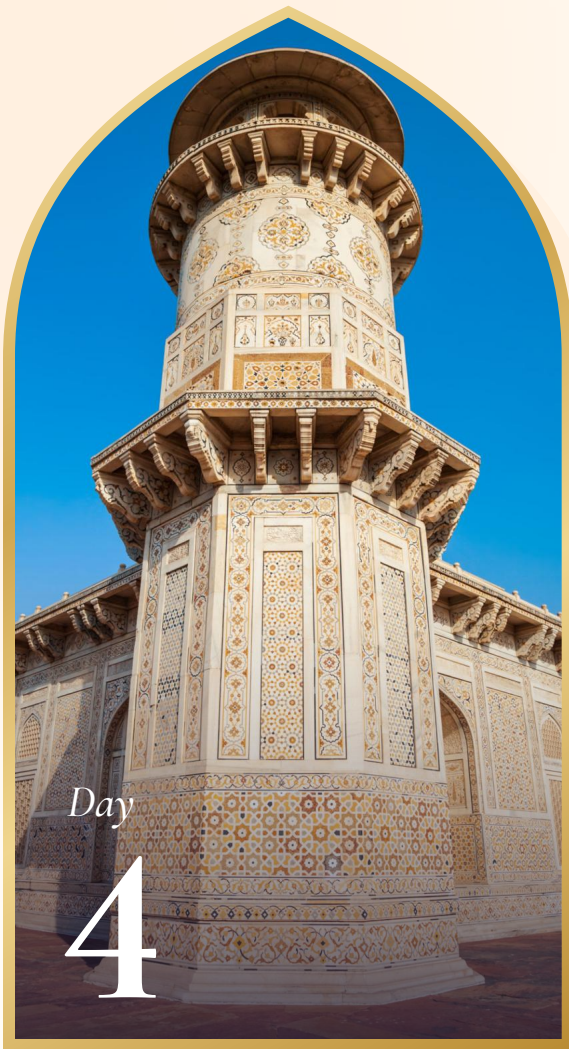
Breakfast, lunch, dinner

Overnight

Agra

Where this day sits in your journey





Agra

Tuesday, 9 March 2027

Day 4 of 8

The City of the Mughals

Explore the city of the Mughals with a visit to the local market, and to some of the monuments that inspired Shah Jahan to create a grandeur like the Taj Mahal.

Schedule

7:00 – 8:15 AM	Breakfast at the hotel
8:30 AM	Visit Itimad-ud-Daulah
10:00 AM	Depart for Akbar's Tomb
1:00 PM	Lunch at a local restaurant
2:00 PM	Visit Mehtab Bagh
4:00 PM	Evening free to explore the market
7:00 PM	Group dinner at a local restaurant

Highlights

Itimad-ud-Daulah

Akbar's Tomb

Mehtab Bagh

Local market

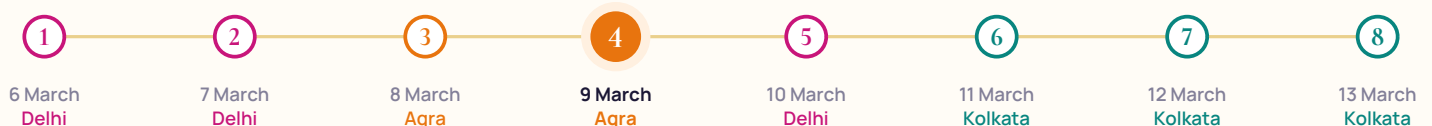
Meals

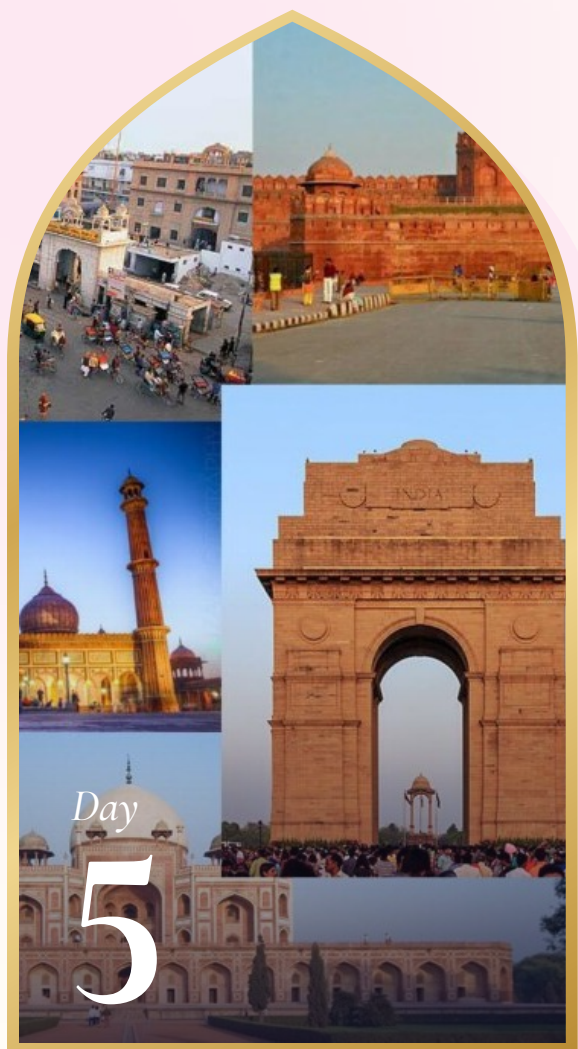
Breakfast, lunch, dinner

Overnight

Agra

Where this day sits in your journey





Agra to Delhi

Wednesday, 10 March 2027

Day 5 of 8

Return Drive to Delhi

After breakfast, depart Agra by coach for the drive back to Delhi. The afternoon is kept light so the group can rest and repack before the morning flight to Kolkata.

Schedule

7:00 – 8:15 AM	Breakfast at the hotel
8:30 AM	Check out and depart Agra by coach for Delhi
1:00 – 2:00 PM	Lunch at a local restaurant
3:00 PM	Hotel check-in, Delhi
3:30 – 7:00 PM	Leisure / rest time
7:00 PM	Group dinner at a local restaurant

Highlights

Coach to Delhi

Evening at leisure

Group dinner

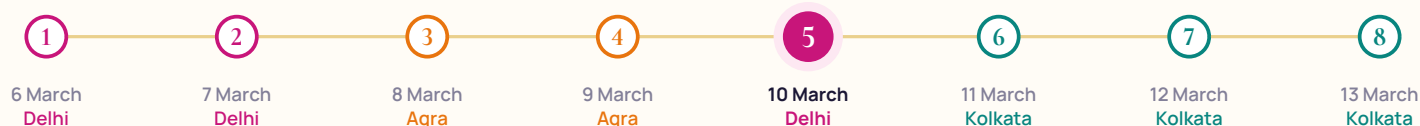
Meals

Breakfast, lunch, dinner

Overnight

Delhi

Where this day sits in your journey



Day 6 of 8

Morning Flight to Kolkata

An early start for the morning flight east to Kolkata. After arrival and check-in, the afternoon is free for a first look at the city's markets before the group dinner.

Schedule

- 5:00 AM Packed breakfast for the group
- 5:30 AM Check out and depart for Delhi Airport
- 8:30 / 9:30 AM **Flight to Kolkata (IndiGo 8:30 AM or Air India 9:30 AM)**
- 10:40 / 11:40 AM **Arrival in Kolkata**
- 1:00 – 2:00 PM Group lunch at a local restaurant
- 2:30 PM Hotel check-in
- 4:00 – 6:30 PM Optional shopping experience / market exploration
- 7:00 PM Group dinner at a local restaurant

Day

6

Highlights

Flight to Kolkata

Market exploration

Group dinner

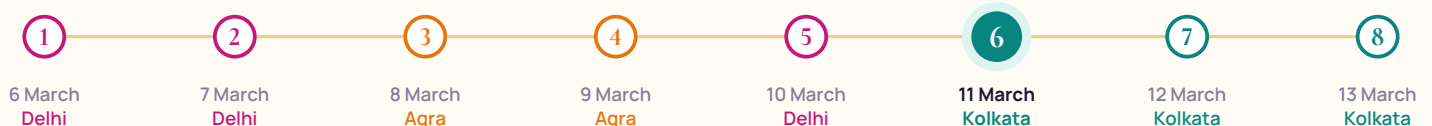
Meals

Packed breakfast, lunch, dinner

Overnight

Kolkata

Where this day sits in your journey





Kolkata

Friday, 12 March 2027

Day 7 of 8

Kolkata Heritage & Cultural Experience

Discover Kolkata's cultural heritage through a visit to the Victoria Memorial and Indian Museum, followed by a guided drive through the historic centre of the city.

Schedule

- 7:00 – 8:30 AM Breakfast at the hotel
- 8:30 AM Depart for the heritage tour of Kolkata
- 9:00 – 11:00 AM **Victoria Memorial & Garden**
- 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM **Indian Museum**
- 1:30 – 2:30 PM Group lunch at a local restaurant
- 3:00 – 5:00 PM **Central Kolkata Heritage Drive**
- 5:30 PM Return to hotel
- 7:00 PM Group dinner at a local restaurant

Highlights

Victoria Memorial

Indian Museum

Heritage drive

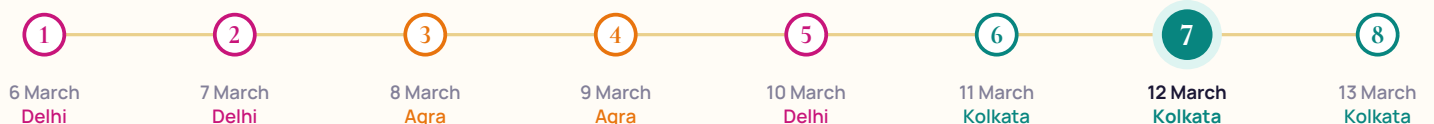
Meals

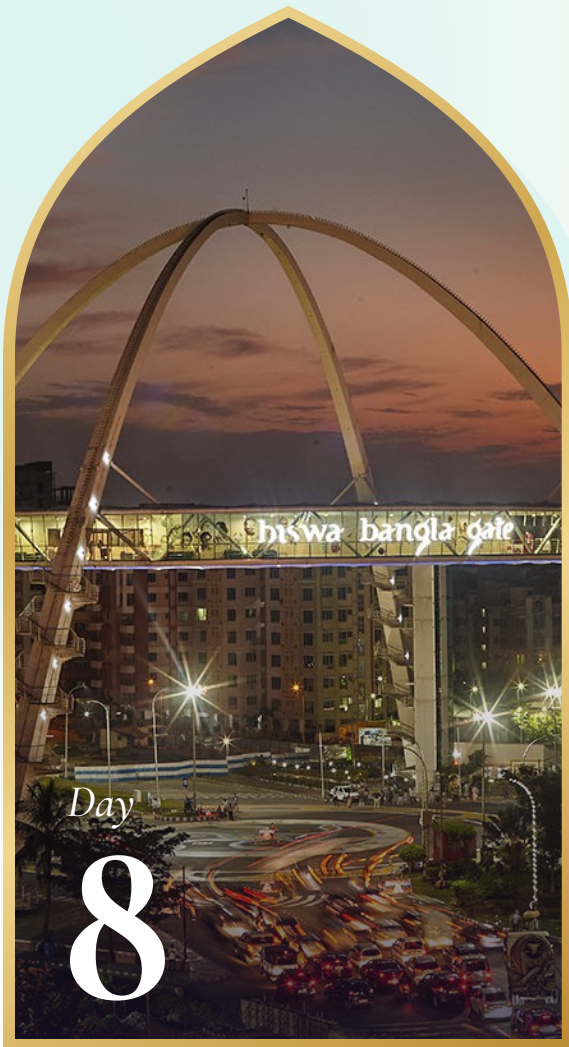
Breakfast, lunch, dinner

Overnight

Kolkata

Where this day sits in your journey





Kolkata

Saturday, 13 March 2027

Day 8 of 8

New Town, Biswa Bangla Gate & Farewell

Explore Kolkata's modern planned township of New Town and the landmark Biswa Bangla Gate, with the afternoon open for an academic, experiential or university-related activity. The program closes with a farewell dinner before the late-night transfer to Kolkata Airport.

Schedule

7:00 – 8:30 AM	Breakfast at the hotel
9:00 AM	Depart for New Town
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Biswa Bangla Gate / New Town experience
1:00 – 2:00 PM	Group lunch at a local restaurant
2:00 – 4:30 PM	Optional activity / academic activity
4:30 – 6:00 PM	Rest at hotel
6:30 – 9:00 PM	Farewell dinner
9:30 PM	Back at the hotel
11:30 PM	Check out and depart for Kolkata International Airport
3:30 AM	Flight to the US (early morning of 14 March)

Highlights

Biswa Bangla Gate

New Town

Academic activity

Farewell dinner

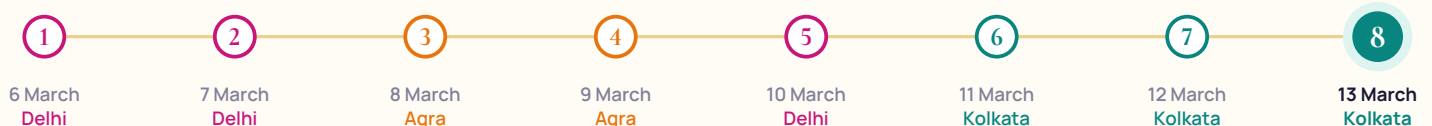
Meals

Breakfast, lunch, farewell dinner

Overnight

In transit

Where this day sits in your journey



Accommodation

Where the group stays

Envisaged hotels, or similar, with daily breakfast and internet.



◆ Delhi

Hotel Saket 27

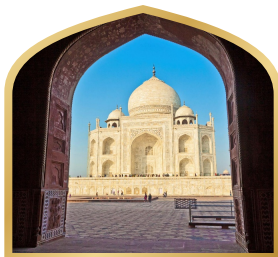
or similar

Check-in **6 March**

Check-out **8 March**

Room **Deluxe Room**

2 nights



◆ Agra

Hotel Mercure

or similar

Check-in **8 March**

Check-out **10 March**

Room **Superior Room**

2 nights



◆ Delhi

Hotel Saket 27

or similar

Check-in **10 March**

Check-out **11 March**

Room **Deluxe Room**

1 night



◆ Kolkata

Siamton Inn

or similar

Check-in **11 March**

Check-out **14 March**

Room **Standard Room**

3 nights

Getting there

Flights for the group

Etihad Airways, EY 006 / EY 316

IAD ——— **DEL**
Washington Dulles New Delhi

Departs **14:35** Arrives **19:20, 6 Mar**

Outbound
Economy

Qatar Airways, QR 541 / QR 707

CCU ——— **IAD**
Kolkata Washington Dulles

Departs **03:25** Arrives **16:55, 14 Mar**

Return
Economy

Domestic option 1, IndiGo, 11 March

DEL ——— **CCU**
Delhi Kolkata

Departs **08:30** Arrives **10:40**

Option 1
Economy

Domestic option 2, Air India, 11 March

DEL ——— **CCU**
Delhi Kolkata

Departs **09:30** Arrives **11:40**

Option 2
Economy

15 kg
32 lbs check-in

Domestic baggage. Domestic flights allow only 15 kg (32 lbs) of check-in baggage and 7 kg of cabin luggage. For females, an extra handbag / purse is also allowed. We will purchase 5 kg excess luggage for all participants flying within the country, to match the international baggage allowance of 23 kg.

What the cost covers

Included

- ✓ Accommodation on a twin-shared basis in the mentioned hotels/rooms with daily breakfast & internet at the hotel
- ✓ Services of English-speaking local guides for all mentioned sightseeing
- ✓ Dinner during the tour from 7 to 13 March, including a welcome dinner on 7 March in Delhi and a farewell dinner on 13 March in Kolkata
- ✓ All currently applicable government taxes
- ✓ All applicable permits for the trip
- ✓ One A/C large coach for all airport transfers in Delhi and Kolkata
- ✓ All sightseeing/excursions and surface travel as per program for 15 guests in an A/C deluxe coach
- ✓ Lunch during the tour from 7 to 13 March during trips / sightseeing
- ✓ One-way train ticket from Delhi to Agra or vice versa, depending on program finalisation
- ✓ Meet & assistance on arrival/departure at airports/hotels

✓ Monument entrance fees at the places of visit

Delhi

Old Delhi, pedal rickshaw ride in Old Delhi, Humayun's Tomb, Qutab Minar

Agra

Taj Mahal, Red Fort, Itimad-ud-Daulah, Mehtab Bagh

Kolkata

Victoria Memorial Garden and Museum, Indian Museum, Biswa Bangla Gate (New Town)

Not included

- ✗ Expenses of a personal nature such as tipping to driver, guide, naturalist, alcoholic beverages, still/video camera fees at monuments, medical expenses, laundry, table drinks, telephone calls, fax or any other items
- ✗ International visa charges or insurance charges
- ✗ Any other expense/changes due to unforeseen circumstances while in India
- ✗ Any services other than the ones mentioned above

Good to know before you go

Hotel check-in & check-out

- Hotel check-in time is 15:00 and check-out time is 12:00.
- Early check-in and late check-out are subject to availability.

Monument closures

- Agra: Taj Mahal is closed on Friday.
- Delhi: Jama Masjid is partially closed on Friday.

Cancellation of other services

- Meals, transport, entrance tickets etc.: no cancellation charges until 28 February 2027. After that, 100% non-refundable.

Visa & passport

- You must hold a valid passport, valid for at least six months at the time of your arrival in India, with clear pages for entry and exit stamps as well as your visa.
- You will need a visa to visit India. Please check with the relevant authorities, as some nationalities are allowed a visa on arrival.

Airline tickets & baggage

- International airlines: non-refundable tickets; date changes allowed with date change charges and fare difference, if any.
- Domestic flights: non-refundable tickets; date changes allowed with date change charges and fare difference, if any.
- Excess baggage: non-refundable once issued.

Hotel cancellation policy

No charge

Until 5 December 2026

50% fee

6 Dec 2026 to 5 Feb 2027

100% fee

From 6 Feb 2027 (rooms only)

Payment plan

Four easy instalments

Together they make up the full US\$ 3,070 per person.

Registration starts **1 October 2026**

Participation deadline **31 January 2026**



How to pay

Payment instructions are shared with each student once the registration is accepted by Elan Experiences. Registration is confirmed only after acceptance by Elan and receipt of the registration deposit.

EARLY BIRD

US\$ 50 off

Register early and save US\$ 50

An early bird discount of US\$ 50 applies to registration forms received before 31 October 2026.

Ready to join the journey?

Registration opens on 1 October 2026. The registration form is available to download using the link below.

1

Open the form

Open the registration form using the button below and download it as a Word or PDF file.

2

Complete it

Fill in all required fields, marked *, and sign the declaration.

3

Submit & pay

Return the completed form to Dr. Somjit Barat (contact details on the cover) and pay the US\$ 350 registration deposit by 10 November 2026.

Open the registration form



Registration opens 1 October 2026 | Registration deposit due 10 November 2026



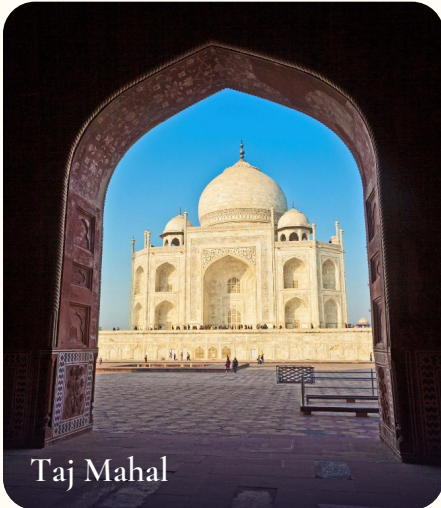
Program organised by Elan Experiences Pvt. Ltd.

Corporate office: D-20, 3rd Floor, Saket, New Delhi – 110017, India

info@elanexperiences.in

— Moments along the way —

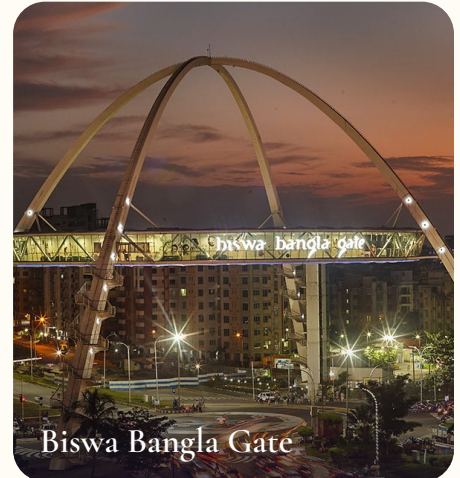
A glimpse of what awaits



Taj Mahal



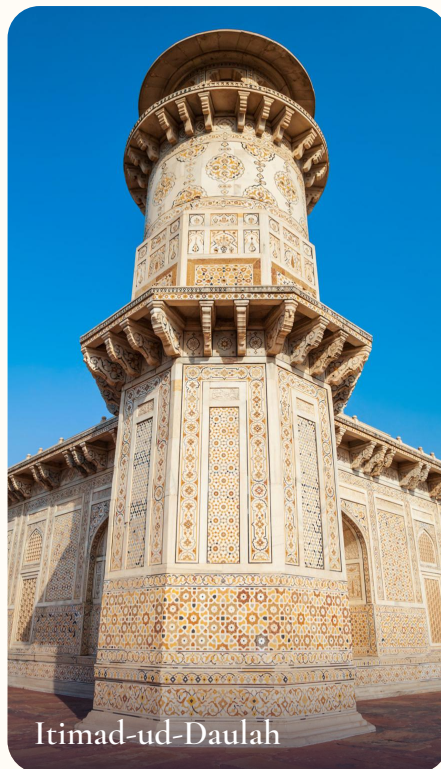
Victoria Memorial



Biswa Bangla Gate



Old Delhi by rickshaw



Iitmad-ud-Daulah



The Kolkata tram



Old Kolkata lanes



Delhi, old and new

Experience India. Don't Just Visit It
Beyond the Taj: Discovering India Through Culture & Community

Organised by Elan Experiences Pvt. Ltd. | info@elanexperiences.in

 **Elan** Experiences Pvt. Ltd.
The spirit for Travelogues