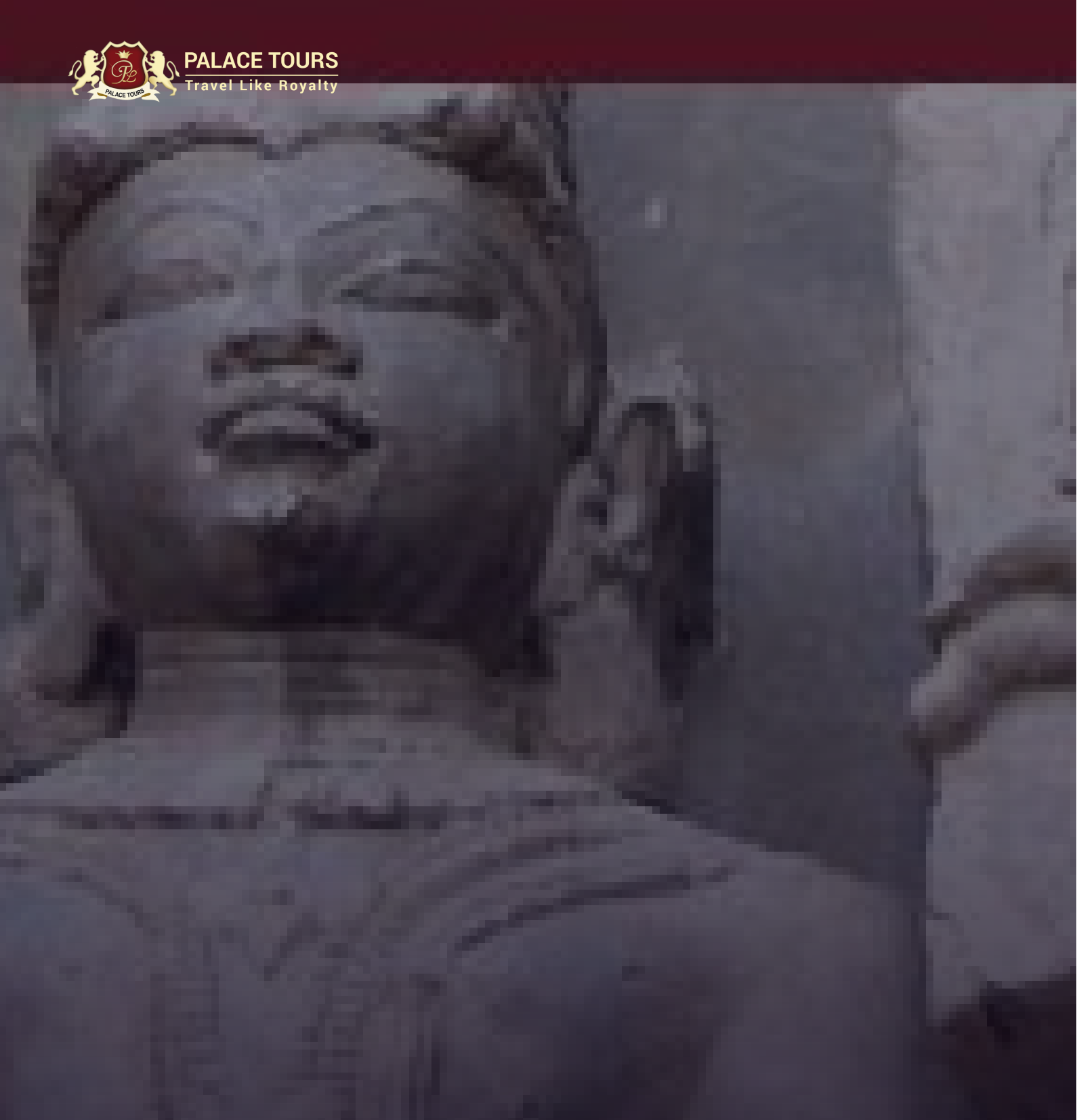

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Overview

Perhaps most famous for their religious significance, the holy cities of Varanasi and Khajuraho host multitudes of temples and museums as well as access to the Holy River Ganges. Journey from Delhi by air to explore the intricate temples of Khajuraho and then fly to Varanasi to discover a new aspect of your spirituality on this exciting 3-day tour.

Living with the great questions of birth and death, Varanasi has never bothered to record its history. Its beginnings are lost in the mists of time. It was there when Jerusalem, Beijing and Athens rose and it has watched great cities like Nineveh and Babylon be swallowed by the sand. It is one of the oldest living cities in the world. Khajuraho is famous for its magnificent temples dedicated to Lord Shiva, Lord Vishnu and the Jain Tirthankaras. These temples were built between 950 A.D. & 1050 A.D. and represent some of the most exquisite specimens of art and architecture in medieval India. Only 22 temples of the original 85 now survive.

DAY BY DAY

Your Itinerary

DAY 1

KHAJURAHO

<FONT face="Verdana, Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif">Fly from </FONT><FONT face="Verdana, Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif">Delhi to Khajuraho. Upon arrival, you are met by a Palace Tours representative and transferred to your luxury hotel for check-in. This afternoon, tour the ancient Jain and Tantric temples, where intricately-carved poses, sculpted by the religious devotees, cover the shrines. Enjoy dinner and an overnight stay at the hotel.</FONT>

DAY 2

VARANASI

After breakfast at the hotel, transfer to the airport for your flight to Varanasi. You are met upon arrival and transferred to your next sumptuous hotel. This afternoon, enjoy a tour of Sarnath, where Lord Buddha revealed his enlightenment to Nirvana. Dinner and overnight are at the hotel.

DAY 3

VARANASI

<FONT face="Verdana, Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif">Embark on an early-morning boat tour on the Ganges River, whose holy waters draw thousands of pilgrims every year. This remarkable tour shows the cleansing baths and burning cremation ghats of Hindu funerals. Return to your hotel for breakfast followed by a tour of the Hindu temples to which this ancient town is dedicated. Among the most famous is Hanuman Mandir. Later, transfer to the airport for your afternoon flight to Delhi. Upon arrival, transfer to the international terminals for your departing journey or to another beautiful hotel for one more night in Northern India. </FONT>

Tips & Travel Guide

What are the passport/visa requirements for travel to India?

A passport with validity at least six months beyond your departure from India is required. Also, visas must be obtained prior to arrival in India. If you are a US citizen, please follow this link for details on obtaining an Indian Visa: https://www.indian-visa.com/. If you are not a US citizen, Please visit www.mea.gov.in, click on “Welcome” and then under "MEA Links" at the right, click on "Missions and Posts Abroad" and then click "Consulate Generals". You can then select your appropriate Consulate General office and link directly to its website, where detailed visa information and application forms can be found.

Where and when are meals taken?

All breakfasts are a la carte and are served at your hotel. Lunches and dinners are usually not included unless specified. During your tour, your escort will have a list of hotels and restaurants where our guests typically enjoy lunch or dinner. We have tried our best to identify these based on our experiences and that of other travelers since quality and safety of food is an important factor while traveling. Your attendant / escort will go over the list of these establishments with you and recommend you best option. You would be able to choose the location depending on the availability and feasibility during your tour.

If I have a specific diet restriction or preference, will you be able to accommodate my request?

All efforts are made to accommodate reasonable diet preferences. We communicate the requests to the hotels and restaurants where you would be eating and your request should generally be honored and ready. However, it is always better to re-coordinate the requirements with our escort / attendant who will be able to ensure the establishments know about your requirements. We also request you to re-inform the establishment about your requirement at the time you go for meals to avoid any confusion or misunderstanding.

What cultural customs should I keep in mind when visiting temples?

We highly recommend you avoid wearing leather at any time. Please be aware that when visiting temples, it is recommended to fully cover your legs and shoulders. You will also be required to remove your shoes inside the temples and we suggest you carry the shoes with you (do not leave them at the door).

Can you provide a wheelchair if I need assistance on the sightseeing tours?

Wheelchairs and attendants are available but the arrangements must be made well in advance. Please do let us know and we will be happy to arrange for this. If there is an additional charge, it will be communicated to you depending on your exact requirements. Please be aware that sightseeing vehicles and many monuments are not fully wheelchair

accessible. Therefore, it will be beneficial if the party can stand and walk at least a few steps with assistance for entering/exiting vehicles and maneuvering within certain monuments.

What kinds of hotels are used?

We use the best properties available in each location, only standard, deluxe, and luxury, 4- or 5-star hotels such as Taj, Oberoi, Imperial, Intercontinental and Hiltons, which give you good value, best security and hygiene conditions, and excellent service. In order to maintain our high standards of safety and security for our clients, we do not deal with low-end or budget hotels. We want you to enjoy every moment of your trip and not worry about your person or your belongings.

Please contact us if you would like to replace a hotel that we are using in the itinerary so we may provide you a price comparison and recommendation. Please look at the "Accommodation" tab for this tour in order to see the list of hotels used.

What airlines are used for domestic flights?

We use Jet Airways, Jet Lite, Kingfisher and at times (if needed for big groups) we use chartered aircraft.

What is the recommended gratuity?

Gratuities are solely at your discretion, and should reflect your enjoyment of the journey and your satisfaction with the quality of service provided. As a general guideline, per day, a tip of $10 for the driver and $5-$10 for the guide is appropriate.

Are doctors available at all times?

We have identified qualified doctors in each destination you visit. These doctors are available in any case you need emergency medical attention. The hotels that we use usually have their own panels of on-call doctors available to their guests. In any case, please let the escort / attendant / anyone in our ground office know immediately if you feel unwell or think you are going to need medical attention.

What is the travel time between each city?

Delhi - Khajuraho is by air which takes approximately 1 hour

Khajuraho - Varanasi is by air which takes approximately 1 hour

Varanasi - Delhi is by air which takes approximately 1 hour

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Terms & Conditions

PAYMENT TERMS:

25% of total tour cost due at the time of booking

75% or balance no later than 65 days prior to tour departure date

CANCELLATION FEES:

(i) 25% of the total tour value plus total cost of domestic airfare if cancelled more than 65 days prior to date of first service sold by TRAVBUZZ / PALACE TOURS
(ii) 100% of the total tour value if cancelled 0-64 days prior to date of first service sold by TRAVBUZZ / PALACE TOURS

We strongly recommend purchasing travel insurance to cover the losses incurred in case of cancellation. For information on available plans or to purchase travel insurance, please visit www.palacetours.com/insurance.

COMMON QUESTIONS

Frequently Asked Questions

How long is the Heritage of India tour to Khajuraho and Varanasi?

> Heritage of India is a 3-day, 2-night tour. You fly from Delhi to Khajuraho on Day 1, fly on to Varanasi on Day 2, and fly back to Delhi on the afternoon of Day 3, with one night in each city.

What will I see in Khajuraho?

> On the afternoon of Day 1 you tour the temples of Khajuraho, dedicated to Lord Shiva, Lord Vishnu and the Jain Tirthankaras. Built between 950 and 1050 AD, they are covered in intricately carved sculpture and are among the finest examples of medieval Indian art. Only 22 of the original 85 temples survive.

What is Sarnath and when is it visited?

> Sarnath, just outside Varanasi, is where the Buddha is said to have delivered his first teaching after enlightenment. You visit it on the afternoon of Day 2, after flying from Khajuraho to Varanasi and checking in to your hotel.

What happens on the Ganges boat tour in Varanasi?

> On Day 3 you take an early-morning boat ride on the Ganges, the holy river that draws thousands of pilgrims every year. From the water you see the bathing ghats where devotees perform ritual cleansing and the cremation ghats used for Hindu funerals. You return to the hotel for breakfast afterwards.

Which temples are visited in Varanasi?

> After the boat ride and breakfast on Day 3, you tour the Hindu temples of Varanasi, one of the oldest living cities in the world. Among the best known is Hanuman Mandir. You then transfer to the airport for your afternoon flight to Delhi.

Are the flights between Delhi, Khajuraho and Varanasi included?

> No. Domestic airfare on the Delhi, Khajuraho, Varanasi and Delhi sectors is not included, and neither is any child airfare supplement or airport tax. Our travel specialists can help you plan flights that match the tour timings.

What is included in the Heritage of India tour price?

> The price includes two nights at your selected hotel with daily breakfast, airport and hotel transfers in Varanasi and Khajuraho, one airport transfer in Delhi, sightseeing in an air-conditioned vehicle with a local English-speaking guide, monument entrance and camera fees, arrival and departure taxes, luxury and food taxes, and bottled water during sightseeing.

What is not included in the Heritage of India price?

> The price excludes domestic and international airfare, airport taxes, lunches and dinners, gratuities, laundry, beverages, telephone calls and other personal expenses, any compulsory holiday dinners required by hotels, and anything not specifically listed as included.

What is the difference between Royal and Maharaja class on this tour?

> Heritage of India is offered in Royal and Maharaja classes. The services are the same in both; the only difference is the hotels. Royal class uses upscale international hotels, while Maharaja class uses premium luxury hotels in Khajuraho and Varanasi.

Which meals are included on the Khajuraho and Varanasi tour?

> Daily breakfast is included at your hotel, served a la carte. Lunches and dinners are not included, so you are free to dine at the hotel or explore local restaurants. Bottled water is provided during sightseeing tours.

Can I add a night in Delhi before or after the tour?

> Yes. Accommodation in Delhi with breakfast and a hotel-to-airport transfer is available as a recommended add-on at extra cost. Contact us for the best available rates on a Delhi hotel night before or after your Khajuraho and Varanasi trip.

Where does the Heritage of India tour start and end?

> The tour starts in Delhi with a flight to Khajuraho and ends in Delhi with your afternoon arrival from Varanasi on Day 3. On arrival you are transferred to the international terminal for your onward flight or to a hotel if you are staying another night.

Do I need a visa to take this India tour?

> Yes. Visas must be obtained before arrival in India, and your passport must be valid for at least six months beyond your departure from India. Check the official Indian government guidance for your nationality well ahead of travel.

Are there fixed departure dates for Heritage of India?

> No scheduled departures are listed on this page at present. This is an independent tour that runs on the dates you choose, subject to hotel and flight availability. Contact us with your dates and preferred class for the exact fare.

What deposit is needed for the Heritage of India tour?

> A 25% deposit confirms your booking, and the balance is due 65 days before departure. Bookings made within 65 days of travel are paid in full at the time of booking.

Are there child rates on the Heritage of India tour?

> Yes. Child rates are based on age at departure, with one band for children under 5 and another for children aged 5 to 11. Note that a child airfare supplement for the domestic flights is not included and is quoted separately.

Can I take the Khajuraho and Varanasi tour as a solo traveller?

> Yes. The tour is priced per person sharing a double room, and single occupancy is available on request with a supplement. Our travel specialists will quote the single fare for your dates and chosen class.

Can I combine Heritage of India with a longer India itinerary?

> Yes. Because it starts and ends in Delhi, this 3-day tour fits easily before or after a Golden Triangle or Rajasthan tour, or a luxury train journey. Tell us what else you plan to see and we will help you link the itineraries.

When is the best time to visit Khajuraho and Varanasi?

> The cooler months from roughly October to March are the most comfortable for temple visits and the dawn boat ride on the Ganges. Summer is very hot across northern India and the monsoon brings rain from about July. Ask us about conditions for your travel dates.

How do I ask a question or book Heritage of India?

> Email travel@palacetours.com, call 786-408-0610, or message us on WhatsApp at https://wa.me/17864080610, where a travel specialist or our AI assistant will help. When departures are listed on this page they can be booked directly online; otherwise send us your preferred dates and we will confirm availability and the fare.

Do I need a Visa for India?

> All visitors to India need a Visa

Do you help with getting a Visa

> Unfortunately, we don't offer Visa assistance but we can provide you with all the information that you need for getting a visa to India

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