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9 Day India Royal Sojourn – Jaipur, Mumbai & Hyderabad



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A Rare Occasion with the Royal Family of Jaipur - Enjoy an Afternoon Elephant Polo Match at Rambagh Palace

On a five-city tour through the Golden Triangle and beyond to Mumbai, be welcomed to this legendary country in majestic style. Revel in the vibrant sights and aromatic scents of India's lively spice markets where amongst the bustling lanes of ancient cities, an endless variety of heaping spices entices all the senses. Shop amongst the world's most colorful shopping bazaars for silver, pearls and other fine Indian specialties to uncover the pulse of India's dynamic street culture.

**A nation's culture resides in the hearts and in the soul of its people. -
Mohandas Gandhi**

Encounter the captivating architecture of the nation in private guided tours through the region's most regal palaces and significant monuments.

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In Jaipur, join the Royal Family for special meetings and cultural exchange, followed by a visit to the verdant fields of Rambagh Palace Elephant Polo Grounds. There, beautifully decorated elephants will charm visitors with their polo skills.

Other highlights include a private lunch with India's most celebrated chef, Hemant Oberoi, featuring the Marathi and Parsi Cuisines of Mumbai.

8 Day Itinerary: Jaipur, Mumbai & Hyderabad

Day 1 Arrival Jaipur: US – Jaipur

- **Upon Arrival,** Meet your VIP Professional English-speaking Liaison Representative in the customs area. You will be escorted through customs and forward through the airport to the baggage claim area. Once there you will meet your private English-speaking Driver who will transfer you to your hotel.

Check-in and settle into your accommodations. The remainder of the day is at leisure for you to relax in the hotel or explore a little on your own.

Lunch & Dinner are on your own. See Celebration Escapes' Restaurant Collection for recommendations for dining in Jaipur.

Day 2 Jaipur: Jaipur



- **Breakfast in your hotel.**

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After breakfast, you will meet your private English-speaking Driver & Professional Local Guide in the lobby of your hotel for your tours.

You will start today at the City Palace, the private residence of Maharaja Bhawani Singh of Jaipur. You will have a private tour of Part of the palace that is open to the public. You will visit the featured museum, along with an observatory.

After the tour, you will enjoy lunch on your own in Jaipur. Your guide will offer suggestions for dining in Jaipur.



After lunch, Tour the Hawa Mahal, the Palace of the Winds, a five-story facade that overlooks the walled city's main thoroughfare. With its 953 small windows, it was historically used by the ladies of the royal household to watch the local people perform daily activities.

Next, visit Jaipur's acclaimed markets, beginning at the Spice and Herb Market. There, your guide will teach you about the various aromatic spices used in Indian cooking.



Continue to the lively Bangle and Henna market, where women will have the opportunity to have henna designed on their hands or feet.

You will be returned to your hotel where you are at leisure for the remainder of the day.

Dinner is on your own tonight. See Celebration Escapes' Restaurant Collection for dining recommendations for Jaipur.

- **Day 3 Jaipur: Jaipur – Amber Fort – Elephant Polo**
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- **Breakfast in your hotel.**
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- **After breakfast**, you will meet your private English-speaking Driver & professional local guide in the lobby of your hotel for your day's tours.

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Encounter a sprawling complex of courtyards, halls, palaces and apartments at Amber Fort, where you will have the opportunity to view the majestic grounds from atop an elephant.

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After visiting the Fort, be transferred to Rambagh Palace Elephant Polo Grounds where you will be welcomed by eight beautifully decorated elephants along with festive dancers and local musicians.

Witness an exciting polo match with elephants.

Then enjoy lunch and the opportunity to meet members of Jaipur's Royal Family.

Adterwards, you will be returned to your hotel where you will be at leisure for the remainder of the day.

Dinner is on your own tonight. See Celebration Escapes' Restaurant Collection for dining recommendations for Jaipur.

- **Day 4 Jaipur: Jaipur – Mumbai**

- **Breakfast in your hotel.**

- **After breakfast**, check out of your hotel and you will meet your private English-speaking Driver in the lobby of your hotel for your transfer to the airport for your flight to Mumbai.

Mumbai (formerly called Bombay) is a densely populated city on India's west coast. A financial center, it's India's largest city. On the Mumbai Harbour waterfront stands the iconic Gateway of India stone arch, built by the British Raj in 1924. Offshore, nearby Elephanta Island holds ancient cave temples dedicated to the Hindu god Shiva. The city's also famous as the heart of the Bollywood film industry.

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- **Upon arrival in Mumbai**, meet your private English-speaking Driver in the baggage claim for your transfer to your hotel.

Meet the Concierge in the hotel for a VIP Check-in and leave your luggage, which will be delivered to your room when it is ready.

After hotel check-in, meet your private English-speaking professional Guide in the lobby for your tours today.



You will be taken on a sights and sounds program of the dynamic city of Mumbai. The experience has been designed to showcase some of the more interesting and colorful inhabitants of the city, from Koli fisherman to the residents of Kotachiwadi; the dhobis who scrub the city's laundry at the open-air Dhobi Ghat and a few of Mumbai's 200,000 dabbawallas (the lunch carriers of Mumbai).



Highlights include a tour of an Old Parsee home, the residences of Mumbai's first Persian settlers, a visit to Malabar Hill, the exclusive residential area in Mumbai, the terraced gardens known as The Hanging Gardens, and the Tower of Silence.

Complete your tour with a visit to Mahatama Gandhi's Mumbai Residence, known as Mani Bhawan, now a museum.

Lunch with Chef Hemant Oberoi, India's most celebrated chef, who has designed a special meal featuring Marathi and Parsi Cuisine.

After Lunch, tour downtown Mumbai and the district known as "Fort." Learn about the colonial past of India's financial and business center and visit architectural highlights including the Gateway of India, the extravagant Victoria Terminus, Bombay University and the High Court.

Conclude your day with a celebrity hosted dinner and an option to visit one of Mumbai's most exclusive nightclubs.

- **Day 5 Mumbai:** Mumbai – Elephant a Island & Elephant Caves

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- **Breakfast in your hotel.**
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- **After breakfast,** meet your private English-speaking Driver in the lobby of your hotel for a transfer to the pier for your boat transfer to the Elephanta Caves, approximately an hour away.



Groves of mango, tamarind and palm trees encircle the tranquil Elephanta Island, just off the coast of the Arabian Sea.

Discover the island's most important historical site, the 6th century A.D. Elephanta Caves. Hewed from basalt rock, over 60,000 square feet of intricate frescoes are dedicated to Shiva Mahadeva, the holy Hindi icon.

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- Be amazed by the three-faced stone carvings of Lord Shiva, as he is depicted as The Destroyer, The Creator and the Preserver.
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- **After returning from Elephanta Island,** eat brunch at either Indigo or Olive, two of Mumbai's most notable restaurants.

The remainder of the day is at leisure to relax in the hotel or explore the area on your own.

Dinner is on your own tonight. See Celebration Escapes' Restaurant Collection for dining recommendations for Mumbai.

- **Day 6 Mumbai: Mumbai**
- **Breakfast in your hotel.**
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- **After breakfast,** you will meet your private English-speaking Driver & professional local guide in the lobby of your hotel for your day's tours.



Get your Bollywood on! Your first stop today is a private tour of the Bollywood Studios.

The escapism dreamed up by Bollywood studios is part of the lifeblood of India, and although there are major film studios elsewhere in the country, no others have quite the hold on the national imagination as those in Mumbai.

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Through Bollywood Tours, glimpse some behind-the-scenes action at a shooting studio and experience the fascination yourself.



The fabulous Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya museum in South Mumbai would be worth visiting for the building alone, a colonial-era fantasy of eastern promise, topped by a white dome and set in balmy palm-fringed gardens. However, do spend time exploring the 50,000-strong collection of artefacts within, which include hand-painted snuff bottles and the personal suit of armour of Mughal emperor Akbar.

Insider's tip: While away contented hours in the cool museum galleries to escape the heat and don't forget to pop to the museum cafeteria which is set in lush green gardens. There's a particularly good museum shop too.

Next, hang out in a cutting-edge neighborhood.



Artsy Kala Ghoda is an old-meets-new heritage neighbourhood and Mumbai's own Shoreditch. Within its 1860s stone buildings you can find galleries, cafés and some stellar shopping. Browse cool, Indian design at **Filter Shop** and tunes at Rhythm House, a music store and a Bombay institution.



Enjoy a Lunch at **Trishna** and get down and dirty with their legendary butter garlic crab. After lunch, it's time for a cool down and some Indian Culture. You will continue on your tour to the Byculla East.

Explore the riches of Mumbai's oldest museum

Amid the pastel-coloured colonnades of the beautifully restored Dr. Bau Daji Lad Museum, discover some of Mumbai's most remarkable treasures, including the elephant that gave Elephanta island its name. The museum is a survey of the soul, culture and history of the city: you can't fail to be beguiled by its collection of early maps of the nascent city or displays of traditional headwear on an array of busts from the 1930s.

After some time exploring the museum with your guide, you will be treated to a private workshop in the museum. Once a month, the Museum invites young, talented professionals to

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lead intensive workshops for adult audiences. Participants benefit from their expertise, experiment with a new art form, develop new skills and leave here inspired!

Sample Workshop:

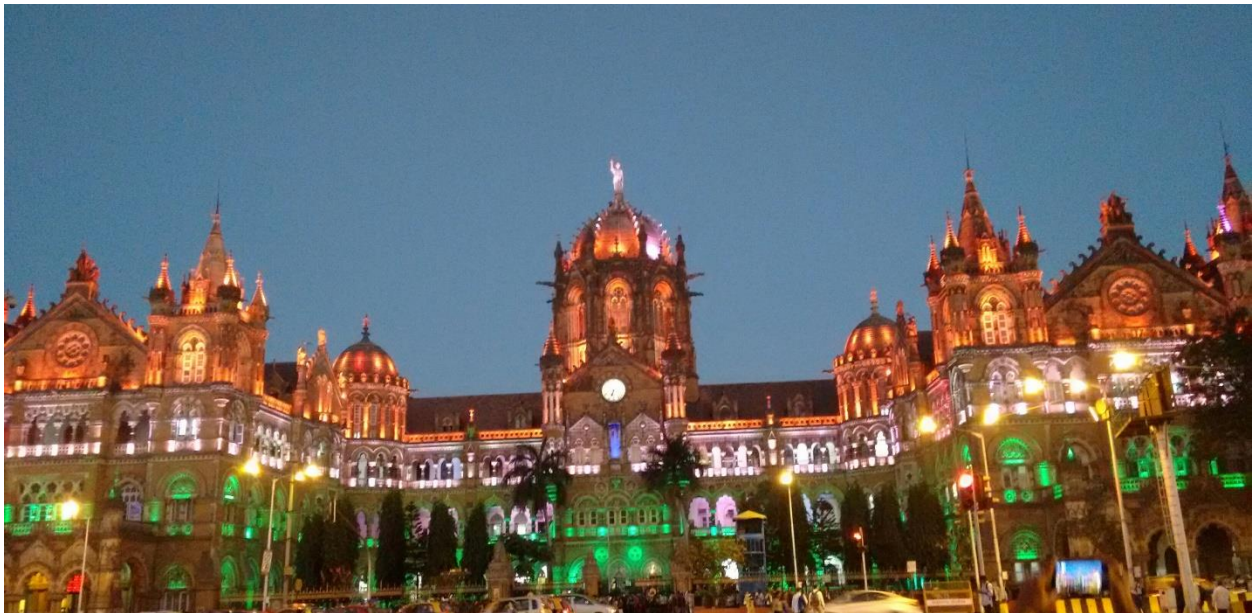
Masterclasses: Traditional Indian Miniature Painting
With National Merit Award winning Master Craftsman from Jaipur. In collaboration with A Hundred Hands

Learn the fine art of Indian miniature paintings across various styles and schools from a Master Craftsman from Jaipur!

Afterwards, you will be returned to your hotel where you are at leisure until dinner.

Dinner tonight is on your own. You will visit one of the best restaurants in Mumbai. Your private English-speaking driver will transfer you to the restaurant and return at the end of the meal to take you on a nighttime city lights tour of the city.

Marvel at Mumbai's magnificent railway station.



So gothic that you might expect bats to come swooping out from its pinnacles, domes and buttresses, Mumbai's main railway station, **Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus**, is the preeminent emblem of the 19th-century colonial-era architecture that dots the city, built to celebrate Queen Victoria's Jubilee. The station may have colonial origins, but its constant throng of passengers epitomises Mumbai's energy more than anywhere else.

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Insider's tip: The architecture is an extraordinary reimagining of Indian culture through 19th-century British eyes and is not to be missed. The station looks its most spectacular lit up after dark, when its architectural frills are artistically illuminated in jelly-bright LED colours.

You can choose to stop at one of Mumbai's top night spots for a drink and a little taste of local nightlife.

After the tour you will be returned to your hotel.

Day 7 Mumbai: Mumbai – Hyderabad

- **Breakfast in your hotel.**

After breakfast, meet your private English-speaking Driver in the lobby of your hotel for a transfer to the airport to meet your flight to Hyderabad.

Discover the unique culture of Southern India on a four-night trip to the cities of Hyderabad, Cochin and Kumarakom.

From Mumbai, fly to the southeastern coast of India to Hyderabad, once the princely state controlled for centuries by the powerful Nizams.

Upon arrival at the airport meet your private English-speaking driver in baggage claim. for your transfer to the hotel.

Hyderabad is the capital of southern India's Telangana state. A major center for the technology industry, it's home to many upscale restaurants and shops.

Its historic sites include Golconda Fort, a former diamond-trading center that was once the Qutb Shahi dynastic capital. The Charminar, a 16th-century mosque whose 4 arches support towering minarets, is an old city landmark near the long-standing Laad Bazaar.

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Check-in at Falaknuma Palace, an exact replica of England's Windsor Palace, and once the royal guest house of Nizam Mehboob Ali Khan. Meet the Concierge for a VIP Service who will take your luggage and have it waiting in your accommodation when it is ready for you.

Meet your English-speaking professional local Guide in the lobby and venture into the city and be introduced to the history and significance of Hyderabad's most iconic monuments: from the square Charminar Mosque built in 1591 to the vibrant Lad Bazaar, renowned for his glistening pearls, lacquer bangles and exquisite textiles.



Experience the city's distinctive culture and flavorful cuisine, an aromatic blend of South Indian Mughal and Persian influences.

Visit the Salarjung Museum, the life-long passion of the Prime Minister of the city from 1899 to 1949. It boasts a priceless collection of antiques with significant emphasis on Mughal jade, miniature paintings and countless clocks.

Complete your day in Hyderabad with a **Signature Dinner** of Hyderabadi Cuisine, characterized by its use of coconut, tamarind and a fusion of Mughal and Telegana traditions.

Day 8 Hyderabad: Hyderabad - Cochin

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Breakfast in your hotel.

After breakfast, you are at leisure to enjoy the Palace or venture out to the Bazaar for some legendary Basra pearl shopping.

Lunch is on your own today.

After lunch, meet your private English-speaking Driver & Professional Local Guide in the lobby of your hotel for your tour.



Today you will tour some of the best museums in Hyderabad. Salar Jung Museum, this vast collection was amassed by Mir Yousuf Ali Khan (Salar Jung III), who was briefly grand cizier to the seventh nizam. The 39 galleries in clude early South Indian bronzes and wood and stone sculptures.



You will continue on to the State Museum, a sprawling museum in a fanciful Indo-Saracenic building constructed by the seventh nizam as a playhouse for one of this daughters. It hosts a collection of important archaeological finds, as well as an exhibit on the region's Buddhist history.



End your tour with a visit to The ethereal Birla Mandir, constructed of white Rajasthani marble in 1976, graces Kalapahad (Black Mountain), one of two rocky hills overlooking the lake of Hussain Sagar. Dedicated to Venkateshwara, it's a popular Hindu worship centre, with a relaxed atmosphere, and affords magnificent views over the city, especially at sunset. There are several imposing statues including a huge granite image of Venkateshwara. Disabled access is good: there's a lift in the curious clock tower.

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You will be returned to your hotel. The remainder of the day is at leisure to relax in the hotel or explore the area on your own.

Dinner is on your own tonight. See Celebration Escapes' Restaurant Collection for dining recommendations for Hyderabad.

Day 9 Hyderabad: Hyderabad - Cochin

- **Breakfast in your hotel.**

After breakfast, meet your private English-speaking Driver in the lobby of your hotel for a transfer to the airport to meet your flight to Mumbai and forward to meet your international flight back to the US and onward Home.

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