

# NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2024 – SPIRITUAL TOUR OF NORTH INDIA

## QUICK SUMMARY OF THE TOUR:

<b>From / To</b>	<b>25 Nov 2024 to 09 Dec 2024 (14 Nights and 15 Days )</b>
<b>City Cover</b>	<b>Delhi –Ayodhya - Varanasi - Agra – Jaipur – Rishikesh – Himalayas - Delhi</b>
<b>Group Led by</b>	<b>Marina Chand &amp; Guruji Sai Saileshwara ( I Pure Soul, Australia)</b>
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<b>Cost</b>	<b>AUD \$3,275</b>
<b>Features</b>	<b>Spiritual guide with daily mindfulness guidance; tour is average pace with adequate time to absorb the sites and environment.</b>

## TOUR DETAILED ITINERARY

### Day 01- Monday - 25 Nov 2024 Arrival into Delhi

Arrival at Delhi International Airport. You will be met at the airport and driven to the hotel. Rest at hotel and visit Akshar Dham temple at 4:00PM. Akshar dham was the biggest Hindu temple in the world at the time of its opening. Back to hotel and overnight stay. (Note: visit to Akshar dham is dependent on the time of arrival in Delhi)

### Day 02- Tuesday - 26 Nov 2024 – Delhi to Ayodhya (flight)

Breakfast and drive Delhi airport. Board flight. Attend evening fire ceremony (aarti) at holy Sarayu River. Ayodhya is the birthplace of Lord Rama. Major events as recorded in the sacred text Ramayana took place here. Check in and dinner at hotel. (Note: Flight options for November are not open at this time, we will update local activities as soon as all flights are in the system.)

### Day 03- Wednesday -27 Nov 2024 ( Ayodhya sacred sites – Varanasi) Road Travel ( 220 Km / 05 Hrs )

Breakfast at hotel. Morning visit to major attractions of Ayodhya including the Ram Janambhoomi (birthplace of Lord Rama) where he spent most of his childhood, Lakshman Ghat, Kala Ram Temple, Kanak Bhavan Temple, Dasharat Mahal. Then road trip to Varanasi 220 Km. Check in hotel, dinner, and night stay In Varanasi.

### Day 04- Thursday - 28 Nov 2024 –Varanasi

Morning breakfast at the hotel and drive to Namo Ghat and enjoy a boat ride from Namo Ghat to Dashashwamedh Ghat and visit the most sacred Kashi Vishwanath temple, Annapurna and Vishalakshi temple. Then back to hotel where we will rest. Afternoon at 04:00 everyone will go for Ganga Aarti ceremony. After the aarti, return to the hotel for dinner and night stay in Varanasi.

### Day 05- Friday - 29 Nov 2024 - Varanasi

Morning visit to the famous Assi Ghat on the Ganges River for the sunrise. Morning cultural program 'SubahBanaras' with morning Ganga Aarti. Later you will do a boat cruise on the Ganges to see different kinds of Hindu rituals performed in the river precinct, old architecture, and the famous cremation grounds Manikarnika, Harish Chandra ghats and other important ghats. We will return by boat to Assi ghat and after boat cruise visit Banaras Hindu University, which is the biggest residential University in Asia, Bharat Mata temple and back to the hotel for breakfast. After little rest, visit the most revered Kashi Vishwanath temple, Annapurna and Vishalaksh temple and visit where Buddha delivered his first sermon to his five disciples. Sarnath is known as the birthplace of Buddhism. You will visit the attractions at Sarnath such as the Buddha temples and return to the hotel for dinner.

**Day 06- Saturday - 30 Nov 2024 Varanasi to Agra (Flight and Road (250 Km /06 Hrs )**

Breakfast and drive to Varanasi Airport board flight to Delhi. From Delhi you will take a drive to Agra 250 Km / 06 Hrs. Check-in at hotel and rest, dinner and overnight stay.

**Day 07- Sunday - 01 Dec 2024 Agra to Jaipur (Road Travel 250 Km /06 Hrs )**

Morning breakfast, check out of hotel at 09:30 am, visit the world-famous Taj Majal, Red Fort and drive to Jaipur. On the way visit Fatehpur Sikri and have lunch, then reach Jaipur by evening. Dinner at hotel and night stay.

**Day 08- Monday- 02 Dec 2024 Jaipur**

Morning breakfast, and start the journey from 09:00 am to Hawa Mahal, Jantar Mantar, Jal Mahal, Jai Garh Fort, Nahargarh Fort with lunch at a good place. Aim to have time for free time to go for shopping in the local market. Return to hotel for dinner and night stay.

**Day 09- Tuesday- 03 Dec 2024 Jaipur**

Morning breakfast, and start the journey at 09:00 AM to Amber Fort, Albert Hall Museum, Birla Temple. Evening visit for authentic rural Rajasthani experience 'Chokhi Dhani' one-stop offering traditional food, camel and bullock cart ride, enjoy old-school games and cultural performances, then return to hotel and stay overnight.

**Day 10- Friday - 04 Dec 2024 (Flight) Jaipur to Rishikesh**

Breakfast and drive to Jaipur Airport to board flight to Dehradun. Drive to Rishikesh, Yoga Capital of the World. We will reach in the afternoon - there everyone will be welcomed with flower garlands, after checking in the hotel, we will rest for a while. Late afternoon you will go for Ganga Aarti and enjoy the spiritual program on the banks of the sacred Ganges (yagna, kirtan and aarti). After the program we return to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay. In the evening there's free time for shopping in the local market.

**Day 11- Saturday - 05 Dec 2024 Rishikesh – day trip to Haridwar**

Breakfast and 10:00 am drive to Haridwar. Visit local sites and evening Join Ganga aarti at the sacred site of Har ki Paudij. This is the place where drops of immortal nectar fell from the sky and where millions of Hindus wish to take a dip in the river. Then you will return to the hotel for dinner and night stay.

**Day 12- Sunday - 06 Dec 2024- Rishikesh free day**

Morning Drive to Kunjapuri for sunrise. Kunjapuri is a Goddess Mountain temple. Return drive to hotel for breakfast and a free day for shopping. Return to the hotel dinner and overnight stay.

**Day 13- Monday - 07 Dec 2024 – day trip into the Himalayas**

Breakfast and 09:00 am drive to Devprayag high in the Himalayas. Devprayag is the confluence of two sacred rivers, where the Ganges River starts. On the way you will visit the amazing Vashitha Cave for meditation and we will be able to see (but not enter) the Jesus Cave where Jesus did penance. In the evening back to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

**Day 14- Tuesday - 08 Dec 2024 Rishikesh to Delhi ( Road Travel 250km / 6 Hrs )**

Breakfast and 10:00 am drive to Delhi. Check in hotel evening visit local area or shopping mall. Back to hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

**Day 15- Tuesday - 09 Dec 2024**

Breakfast and drop to Airport as per your Flight Time. Tour ends here.

## **COSTS, INCLUSIONS AND EXCLUSIONS**

Tour cost is \$3,275 AUD

### **Package Includes**

- All hotels with twin sharing
- Breakfast and dinner in hotel
- All domestic flights
- Ground transport as per plan
- All sightseeing as per plan.
- Jaipur Chochi Dhani entry fees with Rajasthani dinner.
- Sar Nath and Kashi Vishwanath Temple entry fees\*
- Taj Mahal, Red fort and Fatehpur Sikri entry fees\*
- Jaipur monuments entry fees\*
- Rickshaw ride in Varanasi
- Boat ride in Varanasi as per plan
- Welcome Vedic Ceremony in Rishikesh
- English speaking guide Agra, Jaipur and Varanasi
- During travels water bottle
- Airport transfer in group (not individual)
- Tips for hotel staff, guides, tour coordinator and driver
- Tour coordinator will always accompany the tour
- Welcome gift.

### **Package excludes**

- International flights
- Lunch each day
- Personal airport transfer (not in the plan).
- Temple donation all places (this is voluntary).
- Beatles Ashram Rishikesh entry fees.
- Hotel early check in and late check out.
- Extra night and out of plan.
- \*Increases in entry fees (calculated in March 2024).

## **ACCOMMODATION**

### **Hotel In Delhi**

- Novotel New Delhi Aerocity or similar

### **Hotel In Ayodhya**

- Ramila Kutir or similar

### **Hotel in Varanasi**

- Hotel Madin Varanasi or similar

### **Hotel In Agra**

- Grand Mercure Agra or similar

### **Hotel In Jaipur**

- Lemon Tree Premier or similar

### **Hotel in Rishikesh**

- Hotel Yoga Vasishtha

### Ground Transport

- ✓ Delhi – Agra – Jaipur By Bus
- ✓ Ayodhya - Varanasi By Bus / Tempo (minibus) / Auto Rickshaw
- ✓ Varanasi By Bus / Tempo (minibus) / Auto Rickshaw
- ✓ Rishikesh By Innova Car / City Tour By Auto Rickshaw
- ✓ Rishikesh – Delhi By Innova Car

### Notes

- The name of the given hotel is subject to change.
- The flight timings given in the plan are current and may possibly change.
- Ayodhya Dham is not completely ready yet, there is not much choice of hotels, and arrangements are being made by some hotels. If there is any deficiency in service, then please try to be flexible.

### Want to book?

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We will send you a registration form and further details including information about:

- Passport and visa requirements
- Medical and health information
- Dietary requirements
- Money matters
- Packing list
- Weather and seasonal information
- Personal safety
- Travel insurance
- Group rules

### Payment

A deposit of \$1,100 is required at the time of booking.

The balance of \$2,175 is due 1 October 2024.

No refunds are possible after 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024.

Places are strictly limited and we expect to sell out.

### Other

Should you require any further assistance, please feel free to contact us, we will be glad to assist.

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