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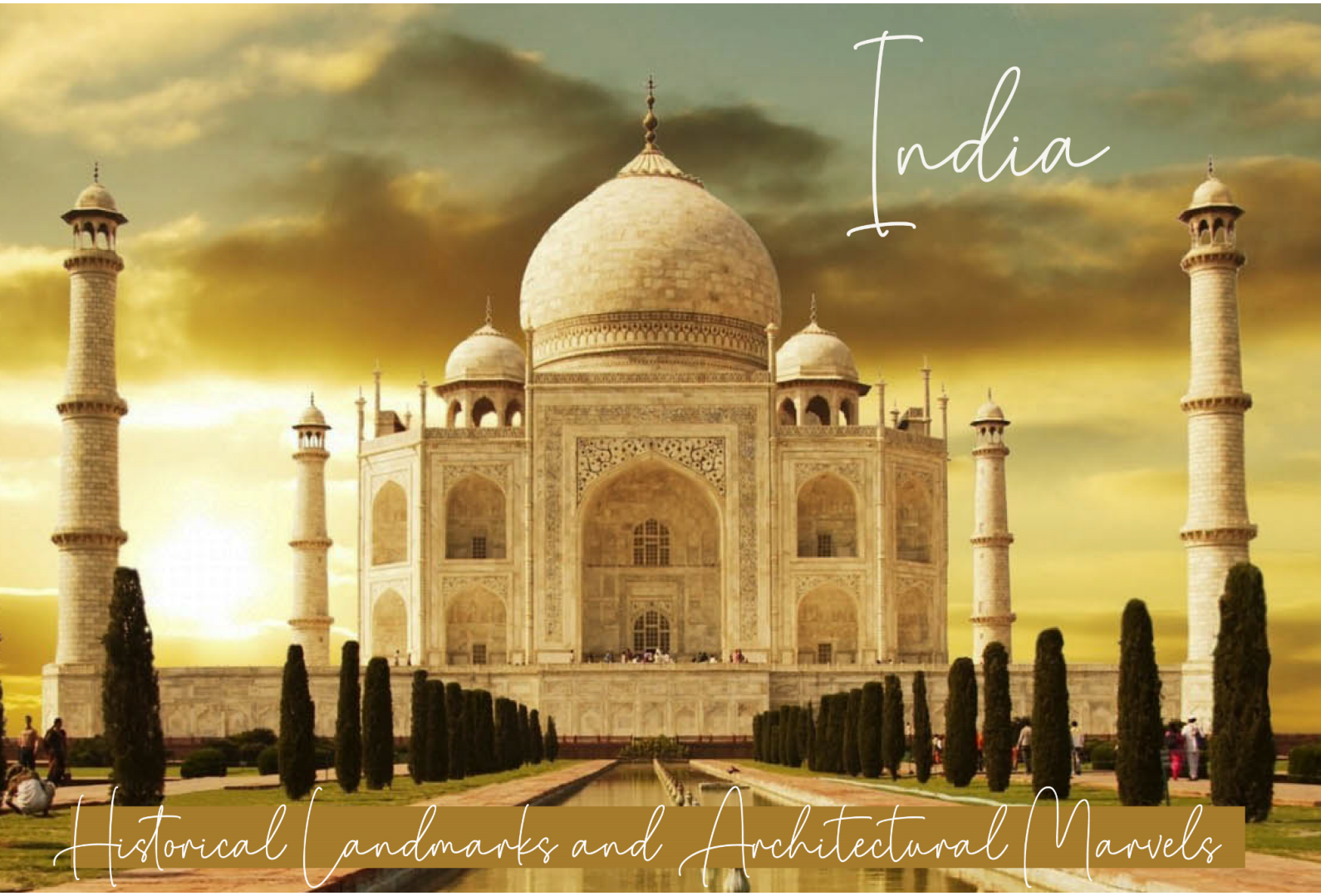
Food & Wine Tour in India

14 - Day Itinerary



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Key Sights: Delhi – Lucknow – Agra – Fatehpur Sikri – Jaipur – Bikaner – Delhi

India is synonymous with spices & 'curry' but its cuisines are as varied as its people. You will visit different cities in India, tasting authentic local delicacies from street food to the food of royalty. In this journey you will learn about various cuisines, the art of cooking them and enjoy them with locals. You will visit the 'Wine Capital of India', Nasik to take a tour of vineyards & enjoy wine tasting.

Highlights of the tour:
- Cover 06 variety of cuisines around India
    - o North Indian Cuisine
    - o Mughlai Cuisine
    - o Rajasthani Cuisine
    - o Awadhi Cuisine
    - o Marathi Cuisine
    - o Parsi Cuisine (Zoroastrian)
- Vineyard Tour in Nasik with Wine Tasting of India
- Visit historical sights' in New Delhi, Jaipur, Fatehpur Sikri, Agra, Lucknow & Mumbai including some UNESCO World Heritage Sites.
- Visit India's biggest inland saline lake – Sambhar Lake • Elephant ride up-to the hill in Amber Fort.
- Rickshaw ride in Old Delhi market.
- **Visit Taj Mahal.**
- 02 cooking demonstration & dinner with locals.
- Walking in the streets to enjoy local food.

Meal Package Experiences includes:
- Day 2: Paranthe Vali Gali tastings
- Day 3: High Tea at The Imperial
- Day 4: Sambhar Lake Resotr Lunch
- Day 5: Rohet's Home Dinner with Cooking Demo
- Day 6: Dawat-E-Nawab Restaurant at Radisson Blu Hotel
- Day 8: Lucknow Food Walk Tour
- Day 10: Vineyard Tour with Wine Tastings
- Day 11: Parsi Family Dinner with Cooking Demo
- Day 12: Maharashtrian Local Restaurant.

Detail Program:

Day 1 - Arrival Delhi By Flight

Upon arrival at the airport you will meet with our representative with your name card in the arrival hall after customs.

Delhi - Mystery, magic, mayhem. Welcome to Delhi, City of Djinns, and 25 million people. Like an eastern Rome, India's capital is littered with the relics of lost empires. A succession of armies stormed across the Indo-Gangetic plain and imprinted their

identity onto the vanquished city, before vanishing into rubble and ruin like the conquerors who preceded them. Modern Delhi is a chaotic tapestry of medieval fortifications, Mughal mausoleums, dusty bazaars, colonial-era town planning, and mega malls.

Warm welcome with fresh flower garlands and transfer to the hotel.

Day 2 – Delhi

After breakfast transfer to Old Delhi, Visit Raj Ghat, Jama Masjid, Rickshaw Ride in Old Delhi.

Raj Ghat	Cremation site of Mahatma Gandhi
Jama Masjid	It is the largest mosque in india and the final architectural extravagance of Shahjahan
Old Delhi Market	It is one of the oldest and busiest markets in Old Delhi, now in central north Delhi, India. Built in the 17th century by the great Mughal emperor of India Shah Jahan and designed by his daughter Jahan Ara.
Rickshaw ride & Spice Market	Ride through the old Delhi market witnessing, textile market, silver market & reaching Spice market. Walking tour of Khari Baoli Spice market with explanations of local Indian Spices.

Walk in the Parantha wali gali, to try 'Delhi's Famous Paratha'.

Humayun's Tomb: The design of the Taj Mahal is inspired from Humayun's Tomb. Humayun's Tomb is in the UNESCO's list of World Heritage Sites. Humayun's tomb is the first Indian building to use the Persian concept of a double dome. Humayun's Tomb was the first garden tomb made in India.

Return to the hotel. Overnight at the hotel.

Optional: Drive to 'Al-kauser' an authentic Mughlai food joint in the diplomatic enclave of New Delhi. Enjoy Mughlai delicacies. Here, the food is ordered and served in your car. This joint is pretty famous for late night munching among the urban population and higher class of the New Delhi Society. Food on direct payment basis, transfers included in package costs.

Day 3 – Delhi

Post breakfast at hotel, continue with Delhi's tour.

Qutub Minar: Qutb Minar, also spelled Qutub or Qutab, is the 2nd tallest minar in India after Minar-E-Fateha at chappar chiri at Anandpur Sahib which stands 100 meters tall. Visit a Kashmiri Co-op society, enjoy the infamous Kashmiri Kahwa.

Bangla Sahib: Gurdwara Bangla Sahib is the most prominent Sikh Gurdwara, or Sikh house of worship, in Delhi, known for its association with the eighth Sikh Guru, Guru HarKrishan.

Visit the 'Mega – Kitchen' of Bangla Sahib where optionally you could also have lunch at the community dining hall at the Bangla Sahib (subject to serving time).

Laxmi Narayan Temple: West of Connaught Place, the busy-looking, Orissan-style Lakshmi Narayan Temple was erected by the wealthy industrialist BD Birla. Mahatma Gandhi inaugurated the complex in 1938 as a temple for all castes; a sign on the gate says, 'Everyone is Welcome'.

Parliament Street & India Gate: Drive past Parliament of India, President's house & India gate.

Late afternoon around 1500hrs, transfer to hotel Imperial for a high-tea. The Imperial's glass-domed award winning Tea lounge- The Atrium with its high skylight ceiling, tropical surroundings and humming fountain creates just the right atmosphere for a meeting of any kind. It provides a relaxed English setting for a luxurious high tea experience.

Return to the hotel. Overnight

Optional: You can dine at the Bukhara, globally renowned as one of the best Indian-Mughlai restaurants.

Day 4 – Delhi – Sambhar - Jaipur / By Surface /5 hours + 2 hours

Post breakfast, we drive to Jaipur, en-route to a quick stop to check out the menu at the McDonalds on the highway.

McDonalds in India offers a wide variety of options adapted to the Indian palette. It would be interesting to check how Big Brands adapt to the local environment. If you are hungry already you might want to take a bite of a 'Maharaja Mac', a spicy twist to the McVeggie. Meals at McDonalds on direct payment basis.

By lunch time, we reach Sambhar Heritage Resort and enjoy Lunch there, post lunch we have a Salt Lake Train Tour.

Sambhar beholds the treasure of ancient history, antique folklore, and the phenomenal presence of legends beneath its lake bed. Numerous fables surround the creation of this barren land that has been transformed into the marvel that we today call Sambhar Salt Lake. Often referred to as the 'Salt Lake of Rajasthan', Sambhar Lake is India's largest inland saline lake.

Later we drive to Jaipur. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 5 – Jaipur

Post breakfast, we start for the Jaipur city tour:

Hawa Mahal**, photography stop,** The literal meaning of Hawa Mahal is Palace of Winds. Hawa Mahal was built by Maharaja Sawai Pratap Singh in 1799. Hawa Mahal is a pyramid - shaped facade with five stories.

Elephant Ride & Amber Fort, Amber Fort, whose construction began in the 17th century is one of the major forts in Rajasthan. Before the construction of the city palace in Jaipur, Amber was the seat of power. Riding the elephants to the top of the fortress.

Jal Mahal, photography stop, Near the cenotaphs of the maharanis of Jaipur, and beautifully situated in the watery expanse of Man Sagar, is the beautiful Jal Mahal.

Visit the **Jewellery & Carpet Workshops** to meet the local artists and witness their hand-made objects.

Jantar Mantar, Largest stone observatory in the World and this feature makes it a special destination for a traveler.

City Palace, The beautiful palace was built by Maharaja Sawai Jai Singh during his reign. City Palace stands apart, with its outstanding art and architecture.

Evening transfer to **Rohet's house for a cooking demo and dinner with Indian Family**, Sai Niwas is the home of Inder Vijai and Usha Singh situated close to Vaishali Nagar in Jaipur. Inder Vijai is a scion of Rohet family, an estate of the erstwhile Marwar Jodhpurstate.Enjoy an authentic Rajasthani Cuisine Experience.

Overnight at the hotel.

Day 6 – Jaipur - Agra / By surface / 5 hours

Post breakfast, leave for Agra.

En-route visit **Fatehpur Sikri**, Fatehpur Sikri is the best example of the culmination of Hindu and Muslim architecture. Fatehpur- Sikri Mosque is said to be a copy of the mosque in Mecca and has designs, derived from the Persian & Hindu architecture.

On arrival, check in to the hotel and proceed to visit **Agra Fort**. Agra Fort is a monument, a UNESCO World Heritage site located in Agra, Uttar Pradesh, India. It is about 2.5 km northwest of its more famous sister monument, the Taj Mahal. The fort can be more accurately described as a walled city.

Evening, dinner at **Daawat-e-Nawab**, this restaurant reinvents the culinary creations of a bygone era; month after month, guests are enchanted with a dining experience that transports them to the days of Nawabi glory. Guests can enjoy live Indian classical music while dining.

Overnight at the hotel.

Day 7 – Agra – Lucknow / By surface / 4 hours

Sunrise visit to **Taj Mahal**, a white marble mausoleum located in Agra, Uttar Pradesh, India.. Described as the most extravagant monument ever built for love, It was constructed by Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan as a memorial to his queen Mumtaz Mahal, made out of white marble and took 22 years to complete.

Return to the hotel for shower & breakfast. Proceed to drive to Lucknow to relish the Awadhi Cuisine, we arrive at Lucknow, check in at the hotel.

Day 8 – Lucknow

Post breakfast, we proceed for Lucknow's city tour. The structures in the city showcase the fine blend of Indo-Islamic and colonial era.

Asafi Imambara, This Imambara houses the tombs of Nawab Asaf-Ud-Daula and his architect. The remarkable feature of this building is the large vaulted hall which has withstood weather and time without the support of pillars or beams for the past 200 odd years. The Asafi (Bara) Imambara is a complex consisting of the hall, **a Mosque, gardens & also Bhool Bhulaiyan and a water well (Baoli)**

Rumi Darwaza was once described as the Earl of Grosvenor's seat inrumi Cheshire. The towers on both sides of the gateway appear like medieval European towers. With perfect Indian arches, Rumi Darwaza symbolises the historic architecture of Lucknow.

Husainabad Imambara, Also known as the Chota Imambara, it stands to the west of the Bara Imambara. Built by Nawab Mohd. Ali Shah around 1837-1840, it is more ornate in design with exquisite chandeliers, gilt-edged mirrors, silver Mimbar and colourful stucco work which adorns the interiors. A golden dome and fine calligraphy on the exteriors of the building makes it a truly exceptional monument of Mughal architecture.

Other monuments to be visited are Jama Masjid, clock tower & La Martiniere.

Lucknow as a city has carved a niche by attracting gastronomes, for the want of discovering and rediscovering the Awadhi Cuisine. Till date Lucknowites spend the most of their earnings and time on their kitchens. Lucknow is one place that has a full colony of chefs called, 'Bawarchi Tola' and then there is a full street, where one can find the best from Lucknow's very own traditional kitchens.

We take you for this evening walk and make you hop-in, hop-out of the traditional roadside eateries, making you try the best that is on the menu. This is a guided tour with our own set of cutlery and basic dining essentials. It allows you to experience the best of the best, at the unpretentious eateries, without having to worry about how to eat without a fork or to wipe your hands clean after you are done.

Overnight at the hotel.

Day 9 – Lucknow – Mumbai / By flight / 2 hours 30 mins
Mumbai – Nashik / By surface / 03 hours

Post breakfast, drive to Airport for a flight to Mumbai.

On arrival surface transfer to Nashik. On arrival in Nashik, check in & overnight at the hotel/vineyard.

Day 10 – Nashik

Post breakfast, wine tour in a vineyard with wine tasting. Onsite lunch at a vineyard & Post lunch second vineyard tour with wine tasting. Rest of the day on leisure.

Day 11 – Nashik – Mumbai / By surface / 03 hours

Post breakfast drive to Mumbai. On arrival, check in at the hotel. Later in the evening visit a Parsi family for a cooking demonstration & dinner with the family. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 12 – Mumbai

Post breakfast, Mumbai sightseeing.

RAJABAI TOWER: (Drive past) Next to the High Court, the Venetian -Gothic University has a Gothic clock tower 260 feet high that is curiously adorned with oriental figures.

BOMBAY HIGH COURT: (Drive past) is one of the oldest and chartered High Courts in the Country. It has Appellate Jurisdiction over the State of Maharashtra, Goa, and Daman & Diu.

CHHATRAPATI SHIVAJI TERMINUS: (Drive past) formerly Victoria Terminus, and better known by its abbreviation CST or Bombay VT) is an historic railway station in Mumbai which serves as the headquarters of the Central Railways. It is one of the busiest railway stations in India, and serves Central Railway trains terminating in Mumbai as well as the Mumbai suburban railway.

FORT - The Fort area in Mumbai is choc-a-bloc with old Victorian, Gothic buildings. An important financial and commercial center, this area is always full of activity.

The BSE or the Bombay Stock Exchange on Dalal Street is also located in this area.

AFGHAN CHURCH: The Church of St John the Evangelist better known as the Afghan Church is a Presbyterian church in South Mumbai, India, built by the British to commemorate the dead of the disastrous First Afghan War of 1838.

COLABA - The hub of tourist activity in Mumbai, Colaba is known for its street stalls, cafes and kitsch ambience. Colaba is also home to the most pocket friendly guesthouses and economy hotels.

MANI BHAVAN- is a simple old-style, two storied building on Laburnum Road, Mumbai. Whenever Gandhiji was in Mumbai between 1917 to 1934, he stayed here. It is now converted into a museum and research centre.

DR. BHAU DAJI LAD MUSEUM - Dr. Bhau Daji Lad Museum is the oldest museum in Mumbai. The Museum's collection showcases the Industrial Arts and life in nineteenth century Mumbai.

PRINCE OF WALES MUSEUM - The foundation stone of this magnificent building was laid by King George C in 1905 on the occasion of his first visit to India. The building was designed by George Wittet and is an Indo Saracenic Style.

Drive past Gateway of India, Taj Mahal Hotel & Marine Drive.

Evening we visit a local Maharashtrian restaurant for Dinner. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 13 – Mumbai

Breakfast at a hotel. Day free for leisure.

Day 14 – Mumbai

Breakfast at a hotel. Transfer to the airport for a flight back home.

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