

Ayodhya with Varanasi and Vrindavan Yatra

Delhi 1nts, Delhi 2nts, Vrindavan 2nts, Agra 1nts, Lucknow 2nts, Ayodhya 1nts, Prayagraj 2nts, Varanasi 2nts

Daywise Itinerary:

Day 01 DEPART FOR DELHI

Board the flight to Delhi.

[X] Breakfast [X] Indian Lunch [Y] In flight Dinner

This tour can be conducted on any day of the week. Please enquire office on your preferred dates.

Day 02 ARRIVE DELHI

Arrive at New Delhi International airport & transfer to your hotel (Check in after 3 pm).

Leisure time and in the afternoon we proceed to visit Akshardham temple. Overnight at Delhi.

[Y] Breakfast [X] Indian Lunch [Y] Indian Dinner

Day 03 DELHI - VRINDAVAN - MATHURA SIGHTSEEING (APPRO 160KMS/4HRS DRIVE)

After breakfast drive to Vrindavan. Upon arrival check in at the Hotel. Afternoon proceed for Vrindavan sightseeing. Vrindavan is a must visit place for Krishna followers...chant and experience lord Krishna. Visit Seva Kunj and Nidhuban; one of the most visit place in a lifetime as this place relates to lots of unresolved mysteries with Hindu God Shri Krishna. This is to be believed that not only God Krishna visits this place, but he also does his Ras Leela every night. Later return to hotel for overnight stay.

[Y] Breakfast [X] Lunch [Y] Dinner

Day 04 VRINDAVAN - GOVARDHAN PARVAT EXCURSION

In the morning after breakfast, we proceed to Govardhan Parvat (24kms/45min drive), Govardhan Parvat a hill which is believed to be lifted by Lord Krishna on his finger. Every day, devotees from round the world come to this place to do the parikrama (circumambulation) of the hill. However, a large gathering can be witnessed on the pious occasions of Guru Purnima and Govardhan Puja. This entire parikrama is about 23km which takes around 5-6hrs to complete. Later return to hotel, rest of the day at leisure. Dinner and overnight stay at the hotel.

[Y] Breakfast [X] Lunch [Y] Dinner

Day 05 VRINDAVAN - AGRA SIGHTSEEING (APPROX 80KMS/2HRS DRIVE)

After breakfast, check out of hotel and proceed for Agra, which is situated in the state of Uttar Pradesh. Agra is one of the most famous tourist spots of the country. The city, situated on the west bank of river the Yamuna, is known world over as home to a wonder of the world, The Taj Mahal. Upon arrival, check in to hotel. Late afternoon, visit the famous Taj Mahal. This is India's most fascinating and beautiful masterpiece, with its perfectly symmetrical edifice, which is set amidst beautiful, landscaped gardens on the banks of the river. Visit the Agra Fort, an architectural wonder in stone. Situated within a radius of 3kms, on the banks of the river Yamuna, this Fort was designed and built by Akbar in 1565 A.D.; the fort is surrounded by a 70ft high wall. It houses the beautiful Pearl Mosque and numerous palaces including the Jahangir Mahal, Diwan-i-Khas, Diwan-i-Am and Noti Masjid. The Fort symbolizes the stature and power of the Mughal Emperor Akbar. The rest evening at leisure/free time for shopping. Evening dinner and overnight at the hotel.

[Y] Breakfast [X] Lunch [Y] Dinner

Day 06 AGRA - LUCKNOW (APPROX 350KMS/6HRS DRIVE)

Today we proceed to Lucknow – the capital city of Uttar Pradesh and it has always been a multicultural city. Courty manners, beautiful gardens, poetry, music, and fine cuisine patronized by the Persian-loving Shia Nawabs of the city are well known amongst Indians and students of South Asian culture and history. Upon arrival check in at the hotel, rest of the evening at leisure. Dinner and overnight stay at hotel.

[Y] Breakfast [X] Lunch [Y] Dinner

Day 07 LUCKNOW

After breakfast, embark on a journey through Lucknow's rich history and culture. Begin with a visit to the magnificent Bara Imambara, a historical marvel known for its grand architecture and



labyrinthine design. Explore the intricate details and fascinating history of Chota Imambara, another architectural gem of Lucknow. later, marvel at the imposing Rumi Darwaza, an iconic gateway that symbolizes the grandeur of Lucknow's architectural heritage. Learn about the significance of the British Residency, a witness to the city's colonial past and the events of the Indian Rebellion of 1857. Evening, take a leisurely stroll through Hazratganj, Lucknow's bustling shopping district, where you can shop for traditional crafts, exquisite textiles, and indulge in local delicacies that tantalize the taste buds. Conclude your day with an overnight stay at your hotel in Lucknow.

[Y] Breakfast [X] Lunch [Y] Dinner



Day 08 LUCKNOW - AYODHYA (APPROX 150KMS/3HRS)

Today we embark on a scenic drive to Ayodhya, a journey that takes approximately three hours. Upon arrival, immerse yourself in the sacred atmosphere of Ayodhya, known as the birthplace of Lord Rama. Visit the revered Ram Janmabhoomi, the birth place of Lord Rama, and seek blessings at Hanuman Garhi, a temple dedicated to Lord Hanuman. Explore the historical landmarks of Ayodhya, including the magnificent Ram Mandir, a symbol of devotion and architectural splendour. Evening, participate in the serene aarti ceremony, where the Ganga's serene waters reflect the flickering flames, creating a spiritual ambiance. Enjoy an overnight stay at your hotel in Ayodhya.

[Y] Breakfast [X] Lunch [Y] Dinner



Day 09 AYODHYA - PRAYAGRAJ (APPROX 180KMS/4HRS)

Begin your day with an early morning visit to Ram Mandir for a divine Darshan. Afterward, return to the hotel for a hearty breakfast before embarking on a scenic drive to Prayagraj. On arrival, check-in at the hotel and refresh yourself. Late afternoon, explore the confluence of three holy rivers, Triveni Sangam, where the Ganga, Yamuna, and mythical Saraswati merge. Discover the historical significance of Allahabad Fort and delve into the rich history of Anand Bhawan. Enjoy a leisurely evening exploring the hidden gems of Prayagraj before retiring for the night at your hotel.

[Y] Breakfast [X] Lunch [Y] Dinner

Day 10 PRAYAGRAJ - CHITRKOOT

Today we embark on a scenic drive to Chitrakoot a journey of approx 3hrs. According to Hindu mythology, Chitrakoot is where Lord Rama, Sita, and Lakshmana spent a significant part of their exile. Afternoon visit Ramghat, a sacred bathing ghat on the banks of the Mandakini River, and explore other significant sites such as Kamadgiri, Bharat Milap, and Janaki Kund. Immerse yourself in the spiritual ambiance of this holy town before returning to Prayagraj in the evening for an overnight stay at your hotel.

[Y] Breakfast [X] Lunch [Y] Dinner



Day 11 PRAYAGRAJ - VARANASI

After breakfast, check out of hotel and embark on a scenic drive to Varanasi, a journey of approx. takes 3hrs drive. Upon arrival in Varanasi, check-in at the hotel and relax. Afternoon, explore the sacred city of Sarnath, where Lord Buddha delivered his first sermon. Witness the mesmerizing Ganga Aarti ceremony at Dashashwamedh Ghat as dusk falls, a spectacle that captivates the soul with its divine beauty. Evening return to hotel for dinner and overnight stay in Varanasi.

[Y] Breakfast [X] Lunch [Y] Dinner



Day 12 VARANASI

Start your day with an early morning boat ride on the mystical waters of the Ganges, witnessing the city come alive with the soft glow of dawn. Explore the spiritual wonders of Kashi Vishwanath Temple, one of the most revered Hindu temples dedicated to Lord Shiva, and visit Banaras Hindu University, a prestigious educational institution with a rich history. Afternoon at leisure or explore Varanasi at your own pace, soaking in the vibrant atmosphere and cultural richness of the city. Evening dinner and overnight stay at the hotel in Varanasi.

[Y] Breakfast [X] Lunch [Y] Dinner



Day 13 VARANASI - DELHI (FLIGHT)

After breakfast at leisure, check out of hotel bid farewell to Varanasi and depending on your flight timing transfer to airport for flight to Delhi. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel and rest of the evening at leisure or explore the vibrant markets and bustling streets of Delhi. Dinner and overnight stay at the hotel in Delhi.

[Y] Breakfast [X] Lunch [Y] Dinner



Day 14 DELHI - HOME

Depending on your flight timings we get transferred to airport for your return flight back

home.

[Y] Breakfast [X] Indian Lunch [X] Indian Dinner



Return with the Happy Memories of the Tour!!!

Inclusions:

- * All nights in a 4* / 5* star hotels with breakfast
- * Meal plans as indicated in the itinerary
- * Entrances to sightseeing's and excursions as per the itinerary
- * Services of local tour guides
- * Transportation: AC Sedan Car for 1-2 Pax / Innova Crysta (or similar) for 3-4 Pax/ Tempo Traveller (or similar) for 5-8 Passengers

Exclusions:

- * Travel insurance
- * Visa charges
- * Items of personal nature viz. telephone calls, drinks (beverages), laundry, other meals, potter service, other personal expenses, etc..
- * Any cost of beverages, alcohols with the set meals.
- * Other services not listed in inclusive item & the itinerary
- * Driver & Guide tips
- * Return flights to and from

Cancellation Policy:

- * More than 56 days prior to departure date 50% of Total Holiday Cost for International Flight Tours
- * 55 - 42 days prior to departure date 75% of Total Holiday Cost for International Flight Tours
- * 41 - 0 days prior to departure date 100% of Total Holiday Cost for International Flight Tours

Terms & Conditions :

- * Please refer to the full Terms and Conditions on our website

FAQ :

Can I join the tour from any part of the world?

A: Yes, you can fly to New Delhi (India), our first point in the tour preferably a day earlier. Please do inquire in the office to arrange your logistics for both arrival and departure.

Weather & Essential to carry

Q. How can I check the local weather?

A: You can check the local weather to your destinations here: www.accuweather.com

Q. What is the best time to travel?

A: Every effort has been made to select date where the weather is moderate to ensure your best experience of **Ayodhya with Varanasi and Vrindavan Yatra**. (Kindly note due to changing weather conditions globally, Sonatours is not liable for weather variations).

Q. What clothes shall I wear or pack?

A: During the lovely summer months, it is advisable to wear light garments during the day but keep a light jacket or sweater in your hand luggage as evenings can get chilly.

A: We suggest waterproof jacket and a pair of sunglasses.

A: During the Yatra most of the dressing is casual and respectful attire. Should you independently wish to visit local market or city, casual evening wear is required.

Q. What kind of footwear will I need on the trip?

A: We suggest trainers, walking shoes, sandals, chappals or similar.

Passport; Immigration & Visa

Q. Do I need to carry a passport?

A: Yes, all passengers must travel with their passport if traveling outside the country you live in. We request you to see the following websites for the latest updates on travel to your destinations.

For UK Residents: www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice

For USA Resident: travel.state.gov/content/travel.html

Q. How long should the passport be valid?

A: Please ensure you have a passport that is valid for at least 6 months from the date of starting your tour.

Q. What are the Visa Requirements?

A: You are responsible to ensure that you have correct documentation.

British passport holders: Require an ETA (Electronic Travel Authority) prior to arrival in India (ETA updates to follow) or contact the office.

Please see the link for further information: <https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/evisa/tvoa.html>

Indian passport holders: Do not need Visas to travel to India.

British passport holders with OCI: Do Not need Visas to travel to India.

Non-British passport holders: Please do check with the Indian Embassy in country of your residence.

Sonatours is not responsible or liable in any way should you be denied travel due to incorrect documentation.

Q. What happens to me if I am stopped at custom and immigration?

A: Sonatours cannot be held responsible if passengers are stopped or held by any government departments, e.g. Police, Customs, Immigration or any other authorities. We are sorry to say that the tour will continue and no financial or any other kind of responsibility will be accepted by Sonatours.

Money Matters

Q. What is the currency used?

A: The currency in India is Indian Rupee (INR).

GBP or American Dollars (USD) can be exchanged to Indian Rupee (INR) locally throughout the country.

Q. Can I use my Credit/Debit cards there?

A: We recommend that you take a credit or debit card on holiday with you, as it provides extra financial flexibility. Major international credit cards, such as Visa or MasterCard are accepted by many restaurants, shops and hotels.

Most countries are using chip and pin. In cases where chip and pin not used, please be cautious when handing your debit/credit card.

Q. Are ATM machines available?

A: Major cities will have cash/ATM machines where cash can be withdrawn with your credit or debit card, though this might incur a fee charged by your card provider. Advise your bank which countries you are visiting prior to travel so that you don't run the risk of your card being refused and

subsequent expensive phone calls to unlock it.

Q. Where can I exchange my money?

A: Money can be exchanged at Airports, Banks, Exchange Bureaus and at the hotels. You may also need your passport for identification, please be aware that locally exchange rate may vary.

Health (Medication); Welfare & Travel Insurance

Q. Do I need any vaccinations?

A: For further information on vaccinations please check with your medical doctor for recent updates or go on the following website:

www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/nhs-vaccinations-and-when-to-have-them/

or contact your medical doctor for recent updates.

Q. Should I bring all my medication with me?

A: Please travel with all your necessary medication for the duration of your trip including your prescription/doctors report confirming the medication.

Q. Do I need to declare any special medical condition and requirements prior to booking the tour?

A: Should you have pre - existing medical conditions or requirements (e.g. oxygen during flight or sleeping, colostomy bags, etc). Kindly advise the office at the time of booking.

Q. What happens if I am unwell during the tour?

A: Should you feel unwell during the trip, kindly contact the Hotel Reception, Tour Manager/Local Guide. We regret that no refunds can be made for absences from a trip, including experiences such as missed meals or sightseeing. Strongly recommend to have personal travel insurance to cover these mishaps.

Q. What happens if an accident occurs while on the tour?

A: Should you be involved in an accident (minor or major), please contact your Tour Manager/Local Guide. Unfortunately, no refunds can be made for absences from a trip, including experiences such as missed meals or sightseeing.

Q. What should I do if there is an incident?

A: Sonatours makes every effort to keep your health and safety in mind. However, should an unforeseen incident occur please contact your tour manager/local guide/hotel reception for immediate assistance.

Q. Do you facilitate clients with disability?

A: Sonatours does not provide special tours for the disabled. Our coaches do not have wheelchair excess. It is possible to bring along a folding type wheelchair which may be kept in the baggage hold of the coach. The driver will load and unload the wheelchair from the coach for the passenger however they will need to be physically fit enough to be able to embark and disembark the coach on their own. On the tour it is also essential that a capable person is accompanying such a passenger on the tour to push their wheelchair.

Q. What happens if I have lost or left something in the hotel?

A: Kindly note that you are responsible for looking after your valuables and property when on vacation. If an item has been left in a hotel you will need to call the hotel and arrange with them directly for the return of your item, there might be charges involved.

A: You are advised not to carry unnecessary valuables and to be vigilant, as tourist spots are well known targets for pickpockets. In case of theft, you will need to advise your Tour Director immediately and report the theft to the police. This should provide you with a police report or crime reference number.

Q. Do I need travel insurance?

A: We strongly recommend you travel with Travel/Medical Insurance from your country of residence. Kindly ensure you get the correct insurance for the tour.

Q. Can Sonatours provide travel insurance?

A: There are various travel insurance providers in the market, however Sonatours does not provide Travel Insurance.

Accommodation & Transport

Q. How are rooms allocated?

A: Each hotel checks their bookings and room inventory in the morning and pre-assigned the rooms. Sonatours have no control over room allocations.

Q. Can you guarantee rooms together?

A: Room allocation is done by the hotels. Rooms together only be requested but not guaranteed.

Q. What facilities are there in the room?

A: Facilities vary from Hotel to Hotel and include en-suite bathrooms, generally TV, safe box, telephone, mini bar, room service (use of some of the services are chargeable and to be settled by yourself at the time of checkout). Hotels may require your credit card to cover your extras or cash deposits.

Q. Will the room have walk in shower?

A: Not all hotel rooms have walking showers.

Q. Does my room have Tea & Coffee making facilities?

A: Please note that not all hotels provide tea/coffee in the room. If hot water is required, kindly request the hotel reception for assistance.

Q. Is smoking allowed in the hotels/rooms?

A: Hotels do not allow smoking in the rooms. However, designated smoking areas are provided. Please check with the hotel reception.

Q. Is WIFI freely available?

A: Most hotels will have WIFI available in the public areas. Please check with hotel reception for WIFI information in the rooms.

Q. Do all rooms have air-condition?

A: Most hotels rooms in Sri Lanka offer air-conditioners or fans.

Q. Will all hotels have lifts?

A: Most of the hotels worldwide will have lifts. However, at some places Heritage Hotels or Resorts are used In such cases lifts cannot be guaranteed.

Q. What time do I need to be at the airport?

A: All flight tours originating in the UK require that you be at the airport for your flight at least 3 hours prior to your flight time. Your final itinerary confirmation will confirm the time you need to be at the airport. Should you miss your flight Sonatours will not be liable for any costs incurred for you to join the tour. The office will make every effort to assist you in such circumstances.

If you have booked the tour without flights, please meet the group at the hotel. Details will be sent to you at a later date. Please do check with the office as you might need to book a hotel before the tour starts and after it finishes.

Please be on time as we cannot be held responsible or liable for any loss or expense suffered if you miss the flight or coach.

Q. Are flights upgrades available?

A: On long haul flight tours upgrade to your flights is possible. Please advise the office at the time of booking to get the best possible price.

Q. Can I select my seats on the airplane?

A: International and Internal flight booking are booked as a group and the airlines will allocate the seats. Should you have a specific request it will be forwarded to the airline but cannot be guaranteed.

Q. What are the luggage requirements on the airplane?

A: International Flights: Different airlines will have different requirements on the weight allowance. It can range 20-30kgs for your main luggage and 5kg for hand luggage.

We do advise you to travel light. This information will be on your e-ticket once the tickets have been issued.

Q. What type of car will I be travelling in?

A: We use the finest fleet cars. AC Sedan car for 2 passengers, Innova Cysta for 4 passengers & Tempo Traveler for 6-8 passengers. On a touring holiday there are some long journeys which are unavoidable especially what travelling from city to city.

Q. What is the smoking and alcohol policy while travelling by car?

A: There is a strict policy of "no smoking, no alcohol and no smelly food" on all our coaches. We do, however, make plenty of comfort stops.

Food Matters

Q. Can I request my flight meal and is it guaranteed?

A: Meal request should be advised at the time of your booking; Sonatours will request on your behalf, but we cannot guarantee the request. Sonatours are not liable in case the requested flight meal cannot be fulfilled. Please be advised that complimentary meals are not available on the internal flights.

Q. What meal options are available to me while on tour?

A: Sonatours can cater for a range of Asian Vegetarian (e.g. Jain, Swaminarayan) as well as Asian Non-Vegetarian (Halal). Kindly advise your meal preference/allergies at the time of your booking. In areas where Indian is not available local cuisine will be provided.

Q. Where will I have my daily meals?

A: On all tours breakfast is at the hotel and dinners is at various restaurants or hotels.

Q. Should I carry dry snacks?

A: Dry snacks can be carried, provided they are pre-packed, and all the ingredients are clearly listed on the packaging.

Q. What is the cost of a local meal?

A: On an average local meal costs about £15-£20 per person per meal. This estimated price varies from city to city and country to country.

Miscellaneous

Q. Are tips included?

A: Driver and guide are not included in this tour.

Q. When does my day start?

A: The day usually starts between 8 & 9am. Further instructions you will be given the night before. However, this may differ depending on the activity of the day or when having an early flight.

Q. How much walking is involved per day for the duration of the tour?

A: This tour involves a substantial amount of walking (normally 6 to 7 hours a day, not all at one stretch).

Q. Will I have free time?

A: Each itinerary offers the perfect balance of downtime and discoveries. We also give you the opportunity to tailor your trip with optional experiences. If you decide to venture on your own during your free time, preferably you go in a group, keep the guide contact and the hotel address handy. Please do inform the tour director. We recommend you download an offline map too.

Q. Do I need to get a local SIM card?

A: Usually it is not necessary, should you require one kindly speak to your Tour manager/Local guide for assistance.

Q. Should I bring any electric outlet adapter and charger for my electronics?

A: Electrical currents vary Globally. We recommend that you carry a universal adapter and your electronic charges for your convenience and comfort.

India: Electricity supply is 220 and 240 Volts; uses the type G- 3 rectangular pins in a triangular pattern. Like in the UK.