

Day 1 Arr. Delhi Meeting and assistance on arrival and check into hotel. The Connaught or similar. Hotel check in time 12 noon. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 2 Delhi Morning half day city sightseeing tour of **OLD DELHI** drive past Red Fort built in 1648 by Mughal Emperor Shahjehan. Visit Jama Masjid one of the largest mosques in India, Raj Ghat and Shanti Vana - the cremation sites of Mahatma Gandhi and Jawaharlal Nehru. Also drive past Chandni Chowk shopping centre of Old Delhi - include Rickshaw Ride in Old Delhi.(Red Fort is closed on every Monday). Afternoon half day city sightseeing tour of **NEW DELHI** visiting Qutab Minar built by Qutub-ud-Din aibek in 1199, Humayun's Tomb, India Gate (War memorial arch), Lakshminarayan temple - a modern Hindu Temple. Also drive past President's house, Parliament house, Government secretariat buildings and Connaught Place - shopping centre of New Delhi. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 3 Delhi / Agra / Morning leave by surface for Agra. Afternoon half day city sightseeing tour of **AGRA** visiting Delhi the world famous **TAJ MAHAL** built by Moghul Emperor Shahjahan in 1630 for his queen Mumtaz Mahal to enshrine her mortal remains. Later visit the **AGRA FORT** containing the halls of Private and Public audience and other palaces. (Taj Mahal closed on every Friday) Also visit **MOTHER TERESA'S ASHRAM**. Evening return back to Delhi.

Day 4 Delhi Morning visit **AMERICAN EMBASSY & BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION**. Afternoon **TECHNICAL VISITS** being arranged directly. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 5 Delhi / Ludhiana Morning leave by surface for Ludhiana enroute visiting. **RICE MILL** at Kundli, **NATIONAL DAIRY RESEARCH INSTITUTE** at Karnal and **SUGAR MILL** at Karnal. **DAIRY RESEARCH INSTITUTE AT KARNAL** - the premier Institute of Dairying in India. It has a large herd of cattles numbering five thousand belongings to two indigineous breeds of cattles namely Tharparkar and Red Sindhi and two new breeds – Karan Swiss and Karn Freiss. It is having a large research complex which caterers to the needs of Cattle Production and Dairy Technology. On arrival check into hotel Majestic Park Plaza or similar.

Day 6 Ludhiana / Amritsar Morning visit **PUNJAB AGRICULTURE UNIVERSITY**. Afternoon leave by surface for Amritsar enroute visiting **MUSHKABAD FARMS** near Ludhiana. On arrival check into hotel Country Inn & Suites or Similar.

Day 7 Amritsar Morning half day city sightseeing tour of **AMRITSAR** visiting the Golden temple - the sacred sikh sanctuary marbled bronzed and covered with gold leaf wherein the Guru Granth Sahib - the bible of the sikhs is placed reverently. Also see the community kitchen where 10000 pilgrims are fed daily on voluntary and complimentary basis. The historic Jallianwala Bagh where gen. dyer's bullets killed scores of innocent Indians and the beautiful Ram Bagh gardens. Afternoon visit Wagah Border. **WAGAH BORDER** the only road crossing between India and Pakistan.

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The guards on each side assemble to parade and preen themselves in an immaculately turned out display of synchronized marching and bellowed military commands.

The flag of each country is then carefully raised or lowered and the gates are opened or slammed shut. Evening visit **GOLDEN TEMPLE**.

Day 8 Amritsar / Hoshiarpur Morning leave by surface for Hoshiarpur. Visit **HIGH SCHOOL**. Anandpur Sahib / **LUNCH** at the Village. Later drive to holy Sikh temple of Anandpur Sahib-Visit **TEMPLE AND MUSEUM**. On arrival check into hotel Kisan Haveli or similar.

Day 9 Anandpur Sahib / Morning leave by surface for Chandigarh. On arrival check into hotel Park Plaza or similar. Afternoon half day city sightseeing tour of **CHANDIGARH** designed by Le Corbusier - the famous French Architect. Half day tour include visit to the Secretariat, High Court, State library, assembly Chambers, Rose gardens, University, Botanical Garden and the beautiful Lake.

Day 10 Chandigarh / Delhi Morning meeting with the concerned **AUTHORITIES** in Chandigarh. Later leave by surface for Delhi. On arrival check into Hotel Parkland Grand or similar. Evening visit **BANK OF AMERICA** at DLF Cyber City / Gurgaon. (Arranged directly)

Day 11 Delhi / Kathmandu On time transfer to airport to connect flight to Kathmandu.

Dep: Delhi By: AI 213 At: 0730 hrs.

Arr: Kathmandu At: 0900 hrs.

Meeting and assistance on arrival and check into hotel Radisson or similar. Soon after sightseeing tour of Kathmandu, Swyambhunath and Boudhanth.

KATHMANDU CITY (CAPITAL): Situated at an altitude of 4500ft and founded in the 8th Century A.D. the valley of Kathmandu is composed of three royal Cities, Kathmandu, Patan & Bhadgaon. The valley surrounded by tiers or green hills topped off by snow capped peaks covers an area of 218 sq. miles. Kathmandu has always been a renowned center for Buddhism and its art where you will find the stupa of Swayambhunath, Bouddhanath and hundreds of temples depicting Buddhist and Hindu theology-complex blending of Hinduism & Buddhism where by legend and reality live side by side.

KATHMANDU DURBAR SQUARE: It is the historic seat of royalty. The Durbar Square, with its old temples and places, epitomizes the religious and cultural life of the people. It is here that Kings of Nepal are crowned and their coronations solemnized. Interesting things to see here are; Taleju Temple built by King Mahendra Malla in 1549 A.D., Kal Bhairav, the God of destruction, Nautalle Durbar, Coronation Nasal Chowk, the Gaddi Baithak, the statue of King Pratap Malla, the Big Bell, Big Drum and the Jagannath Temple. On the right-hand corner, large wooden lattice screen hides an enormous gilded face of Swet Bhairav. The screen is removed only during the Indra Jatra festival. There are also Numismatic and Tribhuvan Museum inside the Hanumandhoka Palace building.

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SWAYAMBHUNATH: The history of the Valley, according to the legends, begins with Swayambhunath, or "the self-existent". This is one of the world's most glorious Buddhist Stupa. It is around 2000 years old. The Stupa, which forms the main structure, is made of brick and clay supporting the lofty conical spire capped by a pinnacle of copper gilt. Painted on the four-sides of the spire base are the eyes of Lord Buddha. It is three kilometers west of Kathmandu City, and is situated on a hillock about 77m above the level of the Valley. This hill is a mosaic of small Chaityas and pagodas. Swayambhunath is, perhaps, the best place to observe the religious harmony of Buddhist and Hindu, in Nepal. It provides an excellent view of the Kathmandu Valley.

BOUDDHANATH: Situated 7kms northwest of Kathmandu city, the stupa of Bouddhanath contains the relics of Kashyap Buddha, one of the former Buddha's. The stupa was much later renovated by the Lichchhavi rulers of the 8th century A.D. Bouddhanath is a very important and holy stupa to Buddhists, particularly to the Tibetan Buddhists. The lotus-born Guru, Guru Padmashambava had revealed its greatness and importance to the Tibetan King Trisondetsen (742-797 A.D.)

Day 12 Kathmandu/ Half day sightseeing tour of Khokana and Bungmati.

KHOKANA & BUNGMATI:: It is an unspoiled Newari villages reflecting their art and architecture and till date has open farm lands. You will have a good insight and interesting time on meeting the villagers and seeing their arts and architecture.

This is a small town, located 10 kilometers south from the heart of Kathmandu the capital city of Nepal. The village has hundreds of master wood carver and sculpture producers. The ancient village came into existence as early in the 7th century. It used to be an autonomous province in Kathmandu Valley. Regardless of the rapid changes in lifestyle of the urban population and the globalize way of living, the Bungmati locals have remained untouched by modern waves and are living the life that they know best--simply rural-- from the past several centuries About 5000 people live in Bungmati Most of the people are Newars. Bungmati is 15 minutes walk, from Khokana. In this village one can see typical Newari houses. Also this village is popular for chilly and mustard oil. The best time to visit Bungmati is in October and November because at that time the whole village looks colorful. They hang red chilly garland from the top floor to the ground floor in the whole village. Most of the farmers in this village are either involved in spinning or oil pressing business.

DHULIKHEL: Dhulikhel is a scenic and ancient Newari town situated 30 kilometers east of Kathmandu on the Arniko Rajmarg (Kathmandu Kodari Highway) and has a panoramic view of the Himalayan range.

Afternoon continue drive to Dhulikhel and free for the final synthesis. On arrival check into hotel Dwarikas's Himalayan Shangri La or Similar.

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Day 13 Kathmandu / Morning after breakfast drive to Bhaktapur for the sightseeing tour. THE BHAKTAPUR: Situated about 14 Km east Kathmandu city was founded in 9th Century by King Anand Dev. About 4000 feet above the sea level this city renowned for its pottery and weaving industry.

DURBAR SQUARE: The main square of the city contains innumerable temples and other architectural showpieces such as lion gate, the golden gate, the statue of King Bhupatindra Malla, the big bell, the bell of barking dogs.

PALACE OF 55 WINDOWS: Being built by King Yaksha Mall in 1427 A.D. and remodeled by King Bhupatindra Malla in 17th Century, the balcony and the windows are intricately carved.

NYATAPOLA TEMPLE: This five storied Pagoda Style temple was built by King Bhupatindra Malla in 1708 A.D. well known for its massive structure and subtle workmanship.

Continue drive to the airport to connect flight to Delhi.

Dep: Kathmandu

By: AI 216

At: 1515 hrs.

Arr: Delhi

At: 1710 hrs.

Meeting and assistance on arrival and transfer to Hotel Parkland Grand for dinner (No accommodation) -- Two / Three Rooms for Wash and Change.

Day 14 Lv. Delhi

On time transfer to airport to connect flight for onward destination.