Embark on a journey down the Ganges – India’s most sacred river and central to the Hindu faith. Witness the rituals of life and death played out on its bank. Take a small boat to the magical city of Varanasi, with its intricate laneways and vibrant ghats. Add in the chaotic charm of Delhi, the mystical Taj Mahal, colourful markets and the Pushkar Camel Fair and you have all the ingredients of an amazing Indian adventure.
Delhi is where we will meet to start off this incredible experience. The first afternoon is free and allows people to rest up from their flight into the country.

The following day, we will visit the city’s largest mosque before visiting Chandani Chowk – the city’s old bazaar. Discover Delhi’s famous traditional workmanship that manages to survive down these narrow alleyways despite the modern day influences.

In the afternoon, we’ll visit Qutub Minar - the world’s tallest brick minaret, followed by Humayun’s Tomb. This tomb, built in 1570, it is said to be the precursor of the Taj Mahal.

An overnight train journey is a must do for any visitor to India. Tonight, we’ll catch the overnight train to Mizapur complete with clean sheets, a blanket and pillow in an air-conditioned carriage. Berths are usually four to six to a compartment depending on what class is available. The motion of the train is surprising sleep inducing!
After arriving in Mirzapur in early hours of the morning, we’ll transfer to the hotel to freshen up before boarding our boats. We’ll spend the next three days sailing down India’s most famous river, the Ganges. This stretch of the river is often touted as the most colourful and interesting.

Take in the ancient temples, and beautiful landscapes. Wave to the friendly locals flocking to the banks or simply relax into the slower pace that is life on the river.

For the next two nights, we’ll be camping on deserted banks of the river. Our team will look after everything – putting up the tents, cooking amazing meals and even doing the washing up!
On the third day, we’ll sail into Varanasi, the ultimate destination for all Hindus and without a doubt one of the most amazing cities in the world. You’ll have the afternoon to relax - book a massage, go for a swim in the hotel pool or just relax with a book.

The following morning, we set off early for a sunrise boat ride on the Ganges, passing the many ghats and temples along the river. We’ll have a chance to wander along the banks of the Ganges, marvel at the burning Ghats or loose ourselves in the back alleys of this ancient town.

In the evening, soak up the magic of a candle flower ceremony followed by the Ganga Aarti – the ritual where pilgrims gather to offer prayers to the Mother Ganges.

On the third night in Varanasi, we’ll catch the overnight train to Agra.
Step off the train, grab some breakfast and check into the hotel. We’ll have the afternoon free to explore some of the city’s bazaars or perhaps visit Agra Fort, a place of beautiful palaces and gardens.

Later, watch the sun set from one of the best vantage points in the city - Mehtab Bagh, located over the river from the Taj Mahal.

We’ll have time to freshen up at the hotel before heading out for a delicious meal at one of the local restaurants.

An early start the next morning to visit India’s famous monument to love – the Taj Mahal. Taking 22 years and 20,000 men to build, this flawless architectural creation of love was built by Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan as an expression of love for his wife Mumtaz Mahal.
Following our Taj visit and breakfast, we’ll set off by road to Jaipur, India’s pink city and home to the ‘palace of the winds’. We allow two nights here to fully appreciate everything this city has to offer. Soak up the colourful and crowded atmosphere of the famous Bazaar filled with textiles, artisan crafts and jewellery. Perhaps buy some semi-precious stones – a local specialty or have your fortunes told by a renowned Indian astrologer!

We will visit the fabulous 17th century Amber Fort, overlooking the Moat Lake and surrounded by fortified battlements.

If time allows, we’ll head to the spectacular Raj Mandir Cinema and experience a Bollywood blockbuster.
We’ll make our way by car to the village of Roopangath in a rural part of Rajasthan. Tonight, we will stay in a heritage hotel, built in 1649 and originally the Roopangath Fort. The hotel is still run by the descendants of Maharaja Roop Singh, having been passed down through the same family for generations.

In the afternoon, we will take a walk through the village to mingle with the local people, exploring a more authentic side of a lesser-known India. We’ll head back to the fort to watch the sunset from the highest point – a sight not to be missed.
Pushkar is India’s unofficial camel capital and home to the Pushkar Camel Fair - an extravaganza not to be missed. We’ve got two days here while the fair is on to soak up the atmosphere.

Marvel at the fair with a bird’s eye view from the heights of a hot air balloon, see the metre-long moustaches as competition judging gets under way or watch the devotees bath in Pushkar’s lake.

On the second night, we’ll head out into the semi-desert area near Pushkar on camels and enjoy a delicious dinner serve under the stars on the sand dunes!
On our final morning in Pushkar, we’ll transfer to Jaipur airport and fly back to Delhi. Relax in the hotel or do some last minute shopping before heading out to enjoy our farewell dinner.
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