

A Cinematic Voyage of India

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Prices start from :	£ 2,639
Travel between :	03 Sep 24 and 03 Sep 24
Board Basis :	Bed & Breakfast
Duration :	12 nights
Book by :	30 Jun 24
Includes :	Return Flights from London Heathrow 4 nights stay at Sun N Sand Hotel in a superior room with Bed and Breakfast Visit to Film Studio in Mumbai Visit the Film City in Mumbai 3 nights stay at Hotel Lakend in a Lake facing room with Bed and Breakfast Boat ride on Lake Pichola in Udaipur Full-day excursion to Ravla Khempur 2 nights stay at The Ajit Bhawan A palace resort in a luxury room with Bed and Breakfast Visit the iconic Meharangarh Fort 2 nights stay at Castle Kanota Hotel in a Double room deluxe with Bed and Breakfast 1 night stay at The park New delhi in a luxury room with Bed and Breakfast Transfers



Detailed Itinerary

Highlights: Mumbai - Udaipur - Jodhpur - Jaipur - Delhi

Hotels Featured:

- ☑Sun N Sand Hotel Mumbai 4*
- ☑Hotel Lakend 5*
- ☑The Ajit Bhawan - A Palace Resort 5*
- ☑Castle Kanota Hotel 3*
- ☑The Park New Delhi 4*

Itinerary:

Tue 03 Sep 2024: Mumbai
Flights from Heathrow to Mumbai Chhatrapati Shivaji Airport

Wed 04 Sep 2024: Arrive Mumbai
Arrive Mumbai airport later this morning. Welcome to India !!!
Meet and Greet at the airport upon arrival and transfer to your hotel for check in. Overnight at the Hotel. Mumbai - formerly known as Bombay,a capital of Maharashtra state of India. It is the countrys financial and commercial centre and its principal port on the Arabian Sea. Explore Mumbai, the most populous city and the country's financial and commercial centre located on Maharashtras coast, Mumbai is Indias most-populous city, and it is one of the largest and most densely populated urban areas in the world. It was built on a site of ancient settlement, and it took its name from the local goddess Mumbai a form of Goddess Parvat, the consort of Lord shiva, one of the principal deities of Hinduismwhose temple once stood in what is now the southeastern section of the city. It became known as Bombay during the British colonial period, the name possibly an Anglicized corruption of Mumbai or perhaps of Bom Baim (Good Harbour), supposedly a Portuguese name for the locale. The name Mumbai was restored officially in 1995, although Bombay remained in common usage.

Thu 05 Sep 2024: Full-day city tour of Mumbai & visiting Elephanta Island caves
Breakfast at the Hotel. Later proceed for a full day city tour of Mumbai visitng Elephanta Island caves first and then the city tour.
The Elephanta Caves - are located in Western India on Elephanta Island (otherwise known as the Island of Gharapuri), which features two hillocks separated by a narrow valley. The small island is dotted with numerous ancient archaeological remains that are the sole testimonies to its rich cultural past. These archaeological remains reveal evidence of occupation from as early as the 2nd century BC. The rock-cut Elephanta Caves were constructed about the mid-5th to 6th centuries AD. The most important among the caves is the great Cave 1, which measures 39 metres from the front entrance to the back. In plan, this cave in the western hill closely resembles Dumar Lena cave at Ellora, in India. The main body of the cave, excluding the porticos on the three open sides and the back aisle, is 27 metres square and is supported by rows of six columns each.
Gateway of India built to commemorate the arrival of George V, Emperor of India and Queen Mary of Teck. It was the first visit of a British monarch to India. However, they only got to see a cardboard model of the monument, as construction did not begin until 1915. The foundation stone for the Gateway was laid on 31 March 1913 by then Governor of Bombay, Sir George Sydenham Clarke with the final design of George Wittet the Gateway sanctioned in August 1914. Between 1915 and 1919 work continued at the Apollo Bunder to reclaim the land on which the Gateway was to be built, along with the construction of a sea wall. Gammon India had undertaken construction work for the gateway. Its foundations were completed in 1920 while construction was finished in 1924. The Gateway was opened to the public on 04 December 1924 by then Viceroy, Rufus Isaacs.
Mani Bhawan - Mani Bhavan was Gandhi's Mumbai headquarters for about 17 years, from 1917 to 1934. Father of Nation, Mahatma Gandhi used to stay here during his visit to Mumbai. The mansion belonged to Revashankar Jagjeevan Jhaveri, Gandhi's friend and host in Mumbai during this period. It was from Mani Bhavan that Gandhi initiated the Non-Cooperation, Satyagraha, Swadeshi, Khadi and Khilafat Movements. Gandhi's association with the charkha began in 1917, while he was staying at Mani Bhavan. Mani Bhavan is also closely associated with Gandhi's involvement in the Home Rule Movement, as well as his decision to abstain from drinking cow's milk in order to protest the cruel and inhuman practice of phookan meted out to milch cattle common during that period.
The Prince of Wales Museum - is a splendid structure situated in Mumbai and is regarded to be one of the heritage buildings of the city. The foundation stone of this edifice was laid down by the Prince of Wales on the 11 November 1905, and it was established as a museum on 10 January 1922. The facade of the museum is a sight to behold in itself and sits in the midst of an expansive green garden. Adorned with stunning stone and lattice work, the architecture of the Prince of Wales Museum is a blend of Indian, Mughal and British engineering styles. Inside, the museum holds almost 50,000 of some of the most exquisite artefacts relating to the rich and diverse history of India.
Hanging Gardens - terraced gardens perched at the top of Malabar Hill, on its western side. They provide lovely sunset views over the Arabian Sea and feature numerous hedges carved into the shapes of animals. The park was laid out in 1881 over Mumbai's main reservoir, some say to cover the water from the potentially contaminating activity of the nearby Towers of Silence. Dhobi Ghat is a well known open air laundromat in Mumbai. The

washers, locally known as Dhobis, work in the open to wash the clothes. Marine Drive - also known as the Queen's Necklace is a 3 Kms long boulevard in South Mumbai. It is also the worlds largest viewing gallery and hence has been a host to a number of events that take place along the promenade. Evening return to the Hotel for rest and relax. Overnight at the Hotel.

Fri 06 Sep 2024:Visit to Film Studio in Mumbai to see the TV serial shoot or any shoot (based on that day)

Breakfast at the Hotel. Later this morning you will be picked up from the Hotel and taken to the the Film city to see some shoot of TV serial in the Film Studios. It would be a full day activities to the Film Studios and the details of the same is given below which you will get a chance to see or do:

ABOUT THIS TOUR

The guided tour at SJ Studios offers visitors an experience of a lifetime. SJ Studios state of the art sets for film production and are booked 365 days of the year for film and TV shoots. Its is a great opportunity for you to witness a live shoot in progress, make sure to keep your voice down unless you want to contribute to the dialogue. Kick start your Mumbai tour with a trip to SJ Studios, its truly unforgettable!

LIVE SHOOTS

Your favourite Bollywood sequences come to life right before your eyes at SJ Studios. . SJ Studios is all about films and fun, its all about Bollywood, song, dance, drama, action all come together. .

BOLLYWOOD SETS

Get arrested for a crime you didnt commit or Convict a prisoner for a crime they are not guilty of. Enact your favorite star in one of our ready-to-shoot sets. . Feel like a true star and put on their shoes, literally. You could also get a chance to meet your favourite celebrity and get a picture taken along with them which you can cherish forever.

This is the one place where everything great about Bollywood comes together. Step into the well created sets where history has been created many a times and which have been immortalised by being a part of many of your favorite movies or TV shows.

DANCE

Experience the glitz and energy of Bollywood style dancing at our specially choreographed performance for our visitors. Foot tapping classic numbers and contemporary hits, item numbers and love songs, everything on offer will get you grooving, Bollywood Style!

LIVE VFX DEMO

We have designed special VFX greem screen chroma setup for tourist to understand and experience the process, they can enjoy a ride on a mechanical horse wearing the costume depicting a king or a traveller etc with various backgrounds. Bollywood 100 years Understand the history and evolution of Bollywood and get a proper perspective into the evolution of Bollywood from the days of black and white cinema to the current days of high flying digital and special effects Visual Effect Documentry

Throughout the video, you'll see examples of the stunning visual effects created by VFX artists, with before- and-after comparisons that demonstrate the power of VFX in modern filmmaking. You'll see how visual effects can transform a scene, create otherworldly environments, and bring fantastical creatures to life.

REHMAN WALL

Take a walking tour alongside the Rehman Wall which contains the hand-made paintings of some the most well-known celebrities and stars of Bollywood. Mr. S. Rehman, who is one of the last practicing film poster painters in Mumbai has created some of the most iconic and evergreen posters for legendary films like Awara,Mother India, Mughal-E-Azam, Deewar etc. The Rehman Wall will fill you with nostalgia and fond memories of classic Hindi films. It is art in its true form.SOUND RECORDING AND DUBBING STUDIO Visitors get a chance to experience how a sound studio works in the industry by performing a karaoke on a bollywood song or a movie dialogue.You can take home fantastic experiences, something that is just so Bollywood

BOLLYWOOD BROADWAY

Nothing could have been better than clicking some amazing pictures at the Bollywood Broadway with the statues of Bollywood Superstars, which is no less than a Bollywood photo Booth.

BOLLYWOOD PHOTO GALLERY

Visitors get a chance to see the history of our film production with our photo tour that includes some of the biggest stars of Bollywood like Amitabh Bachchan, Shah Rukh Khan, Salman khan and Amir Khan

BOLLYWOOD AWARD

Pose with the awards given to the best Bollywood personalities and feel as a celebrity for the day at our Bollywood Awards Galley. COSTUME PARTY Dress like a leading Bollywood star and grove on the songs of your favourite Bollywood actor at our SJ Theater.

RULES TO FOLLOW:

PLEASE KEEP YOUR PHONE ON SILENT MODE

DO NOT USE YOUR CAMERA OR TAKE PICTURES WITHOUT PERMISSION

BEWARE OF OVERHEAD AND MOVING EQUIPMENT WHILE ON SETS

LOOK OUT FOR WIRES AND GROUND EQUIPMENT

PLEASE DO NOT CROWD THE SETS

ALWAYS MAINTAIN SILENCE WHILE WATCHING LIVE SHOOTS

ALWAYS follow TO YOUR GUIDES INSTRUCTIONS

ALWAYS BE WITH YOUR GROUP

CHILDREN SHOULD ALWAYS BE KEPT CLOSE TO PARENTS

THIS IS A PRIVATE STUDIO, PLEASE RESPECT OUR SETS AND PROPERTIES they were showing as

under:

This evening return to your hotel for rest and relax. Overnight at the hotel.

Sat 07 Sep 2024: Visit the Film City in Mumbai

Breakfast at the Hotel. Later proceed with your guide to the fimcity for half day visit around 3-4 hrs to show you and below is the details what you will get chance to see in the Film city:

Visit the famous location inside filmcity and feel the cinema in Bollywood Park.

History of Indian Cinema.

Experience the Post Production Activities.

Visualize the reel attraction in foley effects and chroma shoots.

Tourists will get an opportunity to sing in a fully equipped singing studio.

Store your memories with all the pictures that you click by the selfie points.

Be your own character in a short film wearing our costume and makeup.

Enjoy our very own 7D visual simulation.

Live Bollywood style dance and comedy show.

Pre design sets like Raj Mahal, Court, Fort, Caves, etc. Irrespective of whether the shooting is happening or not.

Strike a pose with your favorite celebrity wax statue and cherish the lovely Moments for a lifetime.

Hungry? Visit the Bollywood Caf. The stunning avenue is lined up with tall buildings that resemblances Goa and European Street.

Do not forget to visit our very own merchandise store.

Post visit transfer back to your hotel for an overnight stay.

Sun 08 Sep 2024: Udaipur

Leisurely brekafast at the Hotel.

Post visit transfer to Mumbai airport to board flight for Udaipur. Meet upon arrival at Udaipur airport and transfer to your hotel for check in.

Rest of the afternoon is at leisure.

Overnight at the Hotel.

Udaipur - a historic capital of the former kingdom of Mewar. Udaipur is famous around the world as the City of Lakes or Venice of The East.Five of the major lakes, namely Fateh Sagar Lake, Lake Pichola, Swaroop Sagar Lake, Rangasagar and Doodh Talai Lake have been included under the restoration project of the National Lake Conservation Plan (NLCP) of the Government of India. Besides lakes, Udaipur is also popular for its massive historic forts and palaces, museums, galleries, natural locations and gardens, architectural temples, as well as traditional fairs, festivals and structures.

It was founded in 1559 by Maharana Udai Singh II of the Sisodia clan of Rajput, when he shifted his capital from the city of Chittorgarh to Udaipur after Chittorgarh was besieged by Akbar.

When it comes to movies, aesthetics and beauty are all that matte! What better place than Udaipur in Rajasthan to choose to create a fictional world in! Due to its all year round scenery and weather, Udaipur has been dubbed One of the most Heavenly Places and is on the wish lists of many renowned Bollywood and Hollywood directors. Also called, Venice of the East, with its fortunate gorgeous flora, lakes, and attractions. It has the allure to entice everyone to come and visit once. And those of us who cant go and experience the citys beauty physically can always take a trip to the nearest movie theatre! Therefore, here comes that which are the movies shooted in Udaipur.

Mon 09 Sep 2024: Half day city tour of Udaipur

Breakfast at the Hotel. After breakfast proceed for a half day city tour of Udaipur visiting City Palace - The city palace was built in 1725 with various palaces inside it such as Dilkush Mahal, the palace of Krishan Moti Mahal, Sheesh Mahal all ornately decorated. The museum in City Palace contains incomparable historic and artistic heritage which dates back to 14 century, Jagdish Temple - Dedicated to Vishnu, the preserver, this temple was built by Maharana Jagat Singh in 1651, Saheliyon Ki Bari - The Garden of the Maids of Honour, a most serene place in Udaipur, designed by Maharana Fateh Singh. It consists of beautiful lawns, gardens and fountains, a retreat for the ladies of the household, Rana Pratap Smarak, Nagar & Sajjan Niwas Gardens -Overlooking the Fateh Sagar is the Moti Magri (Pearl Hill) on which is a statue of Maharana Pratap on his famous horse Chetak. Local guide claim that he jumped an abyss of extraordinary width in the heat of the battle even after losing one leg! The path to the top winds through some attractive gardens.

Movie Octopussy (1983) During this trip you will get chance to see the Jagmandir Palace where James Bonds style and gestures, then this film will bring back memories for many fans. Jag Mandir is the thirteenth instalment in the James Bond series, starring Roger Moore as a fictional M16 agent, Octopussy (1983). Although the 13th James Bond film, opened the doors of Udaipur to a large number of foreign tourists. Also as the film was shooted in various locations throughout the city, including Taj Lake Palace, Jag Mandir Palace, Jagdish Chowk, Monsoon Palace, and others, depicting the citys allure in each shot.

Apart from this, 10 Movie which are the best movies of Bollywood shooted in this lake City including Octopussy and The best Exotic Marigold Hotel. Guide (1965), Mera Saya (1996), Phool Bane Angare (1991) , Yadein (2001) were amongst the best Movies out of these shooted here.

Afternoon enjoy common boat ride on Lake Pichola - The beautiful Lake Pichola derives its name from a nearby village Picholi. Udai Singh built a dam and from then the lake has become a meeting place for more than two hundred species of migratory and resident birds. During the boat cruise you will have glimpse of the special boat parked nearby to the Lake Palace Hotel on the Lake Pichola which was used for Marigold Film shoot You will get the chance to see Gangaur Royal Barge - Extensively featured in the classic James Bond film Octopussy, the Gangaur is the signature Taj Lake Palace dining experience, with twists and surprises that never cease to amaze and fascinate our guests. A group of maximum 14 guests can enjoy dinner on the boat, while up to 30 guests can be served cocktails on board The Gangaur is also a great venue for that intimate experience many a hand has been wooed (and won!) on the magical waters of Lake Pichola.

Return to the Hotel for overnight stay.

Tue 10 Sep 2024: Udaipur

Breakfast at the Hotel. Later you will be taken to Rawla Khempur 60 kms away from Udaipur. Rajasthan is the prime shooting location of The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel movie. Ravla Khempur is the hotel shown in the movie where the courtyard scenes were shooted in this movie. Ravla Khempur exudes historical ambience and is graced with breathtaking surroundings. The lofty terraces, open courtyards, sprawling gardens, domes, arches and canopied balconies transport one back in time. Khempur village developed over the centuries to one side of the Ravla. visit this place and experience the fee of this beautiful Hotel Rawla Khempur. Enjoy your lunch at this hotel (Ravla Khempur) and then return to the Hotel for rest and relax. Overnight at the hotel

Wed 11 Sep 2024: Jodhpur

Leisurely breakfast at the Hotel.

Post breakfast depart the hotel at 11:00 hrs for Jodhpur. Arrive at Ranakpur around 12:00 Noon to visit this famous Jain Temple.

Note: Ranakpur Jain Temple opens at 12:00 noon.

Visit this Jain Temple of Ranakpur with your guide and then continue your drive to Jodhpur. Rajasthan is famous for its rich and prolific art treasures. Some of its architectural monuments are considered among the best in the world. The Ranakpur Jain Temple excels them all as an exquisite work of art and architecture. There are a number of beautiful and delicately carved sculptures in this shrine which defy comparison. The temple is an eloquent testimony to India's cultural heritage, her unique architecture and the vision and acumen of her past master artists.

This temple is the realisation of the vision and endeavours of four great and devout seekers They were Acharya Somasundatsuri Dharanashah, the Minister to Kumbha Rana, Rana Kumbha himself, and above all, Depa or Depaa, the architect who made the realisation of the dream possible. Post visit enjoy your lunch at the Hotel or Local restaurant and then continue your drive to Jodhpur. Upon arrival at Jodhpur check into your Hotel with rest evening is free. Overnight at the Hotel.

Thu 12 Sep 2024: In Jodhpur

Jodhpur has become one of the top tourist destinations in India. Tripadvisor ranked Jodhpur among the top 10 Destinations on Rising throughout the world. Moreover, it is in the top 3 destinations in Asia. This shows the popularity and love of travelers for Blue City. Home to blue houses, natural beauty, and famous monuments like Mehrangarh Fort and Umaid Bhawan Palace, Jodhpur promises a great travel experience. While the city is known for the tourist places, you might not know that many superhit and popular Bollywood and Hollywood movies have also been shot here. In this write-up, lets talk about the Hollywood and Bollywood films shot in Jodhpur. 11 Bollywood Movies were shooted in this Blue city of Jodhpur as well there are few movies like Batman Autobiography of a Princess The Fall , The Jungle Book (1994) & The Dark Knight Rises of Hollywood also shot in this city, Post breakfast proceed to visit Mehrangarh Fort and Jawant Thada where a famous Movie Batman shot here.

Please note that Batman movie was shooted near the staff Parking at our side the Mehrangarh Fort Please note they made small circle by themselves near the parking which was shown in Batman like a well with the back side of Mehrangarh Fort View and if our guest want to visit that place they can visit the same at their end with the guide with proper explanation. That circle is still there which was made by them. Mehrangarh Fort covers an area of 1,200 acres (486 hectares) in Jodhpur, Rajasthan, India. The complex is located on a hilltop around 122 metres above the surrounding plain,[1] and was constructed c.1459 by Rajput ruler Rao Jodha, though most of the existing structure is from the 17th century.[2] Inside its boundaries there are several palaces known for their intricate carvings and expansive courtyards, as well as a museum housing various relics. A winding road leads to and from the city below. The imprints of the impact of cannonballs fired by attacking armies of Jaipur can still be seen on the second gate. At the north-east of the fort is the chhatra of Kirat Singh Soda, a soldier who fell on the spot defending Mehrangarh.

There are seven gates, which include Jai Pol (meaning 'victory gate'), built by Maharaja Man Singh to commemorate his victories over the Jaipur and Bikaner armies in 1806. The Fatthepol (also meaning 'victory gate'), commemorates victory of Maharaja Ajit Singh over the Mughals. The Jaswant Thada - is a cenotaph located in Jodhpur, in the Indian state of Rajasthan. It was built by Maharaja Sardar Singh of Jodhpur State in 1899 in memory of his father, Maharaja Jaswant Singh II,[1] and serves as the cremation ground for the royal Rajput family of Marwar.

The cenotaph is built out of intricately carved sheets of Makrana marble. These sheets are extremely thin and polished so that they emit a warm glow when illuminated by the Sun. The cenotaph's grounds feature carved gazebos, a tiered garden, and a small lake. There are three other cenotaphs in the grounds. The cenotaph of Maharaja Jaswant Singh displays portraits of the rulers and Maharajas of Jodhpur. Post visit return to the Hotel for an overnight stay.

Fri 13 Sep 2024: Jaipur

Breakfast at the Hotel. Later drive to Jaipur. On way stop for Photos or tea/ coffee break on the local restaurant on own and then continue the drive to Jaipur. Upon arrival check into hotel Castle Kanota where Marigold Film Series were shooted. The Viceroy Club Castle Kanota Castle Kanota, built in 1872 and spread over 8 acres of land, was the venue for the Viceroy Club and several of Celia Imrie and Ronald Pickup's scenes in the film. It's located on the outskirts of Jaipur, about half an hour's drive away.

Jaipur known as the pink city of India, due to the dominant colour scheme of its buildings. Jaipur was founded in 1727 by the Rajput Ruler Raja Jai

Singh II, the ruler of Amer, after whom the city is named. It was one of the earliest planned cities of modern India, designed by Vidyadhar Bhattacharya during the British Colonial period, the city served as the capital of Jaipur State. After independence in 1947, Jaipur was made the capital of the newly formed state of Rajasthan.

Rest of the evening is at Leisure. Overnight at the hotel.

Sat 14 Sep 2024: In Jaipur

Breakfast at the Hotel. Later, proceed to visit Amber Fort.

Amber Fort situated 130 m high with the Aravalli hills around and 11 km north of Jaipur. Upon arrival at Amber Fort you will be taken upto the fort by Elephants who are nicely dressed up with different Colours of Rajasthani clothes. The Amer Fort, situated in Amber, 11kms from Jaipur, is one of the most famous Fort of Rajasthan State in Jaipur. Amer, originally, was the capital of the state before Jaipur. It is an old fort, built in 1592 by Raja Man Singh. This fort is also very popularly known as the Amer Palace. The Amer Fort was built in red sandstone and marble and the Maottha Lake adds a certain charm to the entire Fort. Though the fort is quite old and may even look so from the outside, it is beautiful on the inside and boasts of various buildings of prominence like the 'Diwan-i-Aam', the 'Sheesh Mahal' and even the 'Sukh Mahal'. The Amer Fort has influences of both Hindu and Muslim architecture. This fort also has the 'Shila Devi' Temple and the 'Ganesh Pol' which is a gate that leads to the private palaces of the kings. The Amer Fort has many pavilion Fort of Rajasthan Ons and halls of great interest and other popular attractions.

On the way back from the Fort, you will board Non A/c Open Jeep or can walk down on foot and rejoin your car. Continue your drive to visit the City of Jaipur including City Palace, Observatory (Jantar Mantar), Hawa Mahal and the local Market. The Maharajahs City Palace A delightful blend of Mughal and traditional Rajasthani architecture, the City Palace sprawls over one-seventh of the area in the walled city. It houses the Chandra Mahal, Shri Govind Dev Temple and the City Palace Museum. Jantar Mantar (Observatory) This is the largest and best preserved of the five observatories built by Jai Singh II in different parts of the country. Have a look

it and explore the great Idea of King Jai Singh who made it many years ago. Hawa Mahal The ornamental facade of this Palace of Winds is a landmark in Jaipur. Its five storey structure of pink sandstone encrusted with fine tellies work and balconies has 953 inches and windows. It was built in 1799 by Pratap Singh and was a royal grandstand for palace women.

Post visit, drive past the local market passing through the Johri Bazaar where you can buy some some precious stones or Jewellery if you wish as Jaipur is also known as a shopping paradise and then come back to your hotel for rest and relax. Overnight at the Hotel.

Sun 15 Sep 2024: Delhi

Breakfast at the Hotel. Later drive to Delhi and the journey will take approx. 5 hrs to reach Delhi. Upon arrival check into the Hotel with rest of the evening is at leisure.

Overnight stay at the Hotel.

Mon 16 Sep 2024: Departure

Early this morning in time transfer to the airprot to board flight for onwards destination

Prices and Departures:

Deposit £250pp

✈X92395 Heathrow from £2639pp

✈Y15007/Y14981 Birmingham, Manchester from £2785pp

✈Y14997 Newcastle from £2849pp

✈Y15026 Dublin from £2879pp

✈Y15015 Glasgow from £2949pp

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