ITINERARY FOR SENSUOUS INDIA

Day 01
Arrive Delhi

Arrive into the capital of India, New Delhi & transfer by Private Car to your Hotel

Delhi is the capital of India. Its history goes back to 3000 years. Various rulers built eight successive cities in and around present day Delhi. Both Old and New Delhi give different perspectives to the city, from the winding, busy streets of Old Delhi that give an insight into India's Mughal past to the open and green spaces and avenues to the grand government buildings, New Delhi showcases the legacy of the British Raj.

Rest of the day at leisure and Overnight at your hotel.

Day 02
Delhi (B)

In the Morning visit the highlights of Old Delhi. Drive by the Red Fort, a symbol of Mughal power; Take a rickshaw (Pedicab) ride around the old shopping street, Chandni Chowk on to the Jama Masjid, the principal mosque of Old Delhi; Commissioned by the Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan, builder of the Taj Mahal, and completed in the year 1656 AD, it is the largest and best-known mosque in India.

Also visit Raj Ghat, a memorial of the great Mahatma Gandhi & a Gurudwara, Temple of the Sikh faith and Continue to New Delhi, Designed by the British in 1911, and one of the greenest capitals in the world.

Visit the impressive Qutab Minar, a 234-foot high red sandstone minaret. The buildings in this complex date from the onset of Muslim rule in India & Humayun’s tomb, the burial place of the second emperor of the Mughal dynasty; Built in the 16th-century, it is an excellent example of early Mughal architecture; Built as a Tomb with a garden, it is the first of a style that reached maturity in the Taj Mahal at Agra.

Later, drive past the government buildings and the Rashtrapati Bhawan (Presidential Palace) along the broad and majestic Rajpath before returning to the hotel.

Rest of your day at leisure & overnight in the Hotel

Day 03
Delhi/Agra /Delhi (B)
After breakfast, drive to Agra, about 3 +1/2 hrs along the Yamuna Expressway.

The earliest reference to Agra is in the epic The Mahabharat. Ptolemy, Alexander the Great's geographer also called it Agra. It was, however, in the medieval period that Agra earned prominence as a capital city under the Mughals. Its many wonderful monuments and the Taj Mahal is the greatest of them all.

On arrival visit The Taj Mahal

When his wife died unexpectedly in child birth, Emperor Shahjahan vowed to honor her with a memorial of unmatched beauty. He commissioned the world’s best craftsmen and 20,000 workers to build this beautiful structure, which, simply, is beauty - not just in design and technique, but also in desire and intent.

The Taj Mahal is generally considered the finest example of Mughal architecture, a style that combines elements of Persian, Turkish, Indian and Islamic architectural styles

Built as a monument to love, a manifestation of life's most powerful emotion, it is a delicately carved white marble jewel that seems to float on a sea of red limestone.

In 1983 the Taj became a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Continue to the Agra fort the 16th- century Mughal monument Known as the Red Fort of Agra. This powerful fortress of red sandstone encompasses, within its 2.5- km-long walls, the imperial city of the
Mughal rulers comprising of many fairy-tale palaces, Halls where the Emperor gave audience and two very beautiful mosques.

After the visit return to Delhi for overnight at The Hotel

**Day 04**
**Delhi/Srinagar (B + D)**

In the morning fly into Srinagar, Capital of Kashmir & transfer to your exclusive Houseboat.

Srinagar, located in the heart of the Kashmir valley at an altitude of approx 5,250 ft, it is romance, pure & simple romance; Situated around glistening lakes, snowy peaks, tree lined mountain slopes, sparkling rivers, placid lakes and gorgeous gardens, Its natural beauty have made many call it "Paradise on Earth"

In the A’noon enjoy a “SHIKARA” ride on the lake

A small wooden boat for all and sundry purposes, Shikaras are like Venetian Gondolas and are used to get to/from The Houseboats, cruising, touring, for selling flowers, vegetables and souvenirs and have now become a cultural symbol of Kashmir.

Dal Lake is an urban lake and is part of a natural wetland that is divided by causeways into four basins; its placid waters reflect the snowy peaks of the Pir Panjal Mountains & Parked on its shores are a large number of enchanting Houseboats

Dinner & Overnight on the Houseboat

**Day 05**
**Srinagar (B + D)**

In the Morning visit The Shankaracharya Temple atop the hill called Takht-e-Suleiman. Continue to The Hazratbal Mosque, The Shahi Hamdan and The Hari Parbat Fort built by an Afghan governor of Kashmir in the 18th century & take a walk in the Old City

In the A’noon drive about 45 minutes to Dachigam (10 Villages), a heavily wooded protected area to get a glimpse of the majesty of the Himalayas, a coniferous forest with alpine pastures, meadows, waterfalls & deep gullies running down the mountain face

Dinner & Overnight on the Houseboat
Day 06
Srinagar (B + D)

In the morning visit some of the famous Mughal gardens; with terraced lawns, cascading fountains, paint-box-bright flower beds & the panorama of the Dal Lake in front, the three Gardens of Chesmashahi, Nishat and Shalimar were the Mughal Emperors' concept of paradise.

Rest of the day at leisure with Dinner & Overnight on the Houseboat.

Day 07
Srinagar/Gulmarg /Srinagar (B +L + D)

This morning you are driven to The Ski resort town of Gulmarg (1 +1/2 hours) on roads bordered by rigid avenues of poplar that give way to flat expanses of rice fields interspersed with picturesque villages and depending on the season, the country side it is awash with nature's colors, translucent green of spring, the rich emerald of Summer and the golden hues of autumn.

Photo courtesy Khyber Himalayan Resort & Spa
Gulmarg, or the Meadow of Flowers was originally called ‘Gaurimarg’ by shepherds in the 16th century & was given its present name by Sultan Yusuf Shah, who was inspired by the sight of its grassy slopes embezzled with wild flowers; today Gulmarg is not merely a mountain resort of exceptional beauty, it has at 8,700 ft one of the highest green golf courses in the world, is the country's premier ski resort and has Asia's highest and longest cable car, a two-stage ropeway all the way up to approx 12,300 ft.

Lunch at Gulmarg & return to Srinagar for Dinner & overnight stay

Day 08
Srinagar/Delhi/Home (B)

Transfer to The Airport for flight to Delhi and connect flight home

(B) = Breakfast
(L) = Lunch
(D) = Dinner