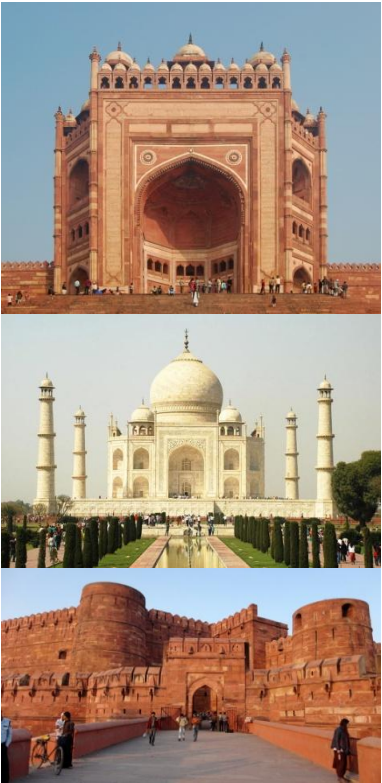


Pre & Post conference Tours

India is a beautiful country to explore. A number of Pre and Post conference tour packages have been arranged for delegates and accompanying spouses.

	Tour Code -01 Same day trip to Agra from Jaipur
 <p>The top photograph shows the Buland Darwaza, a massive red sandstone gateway with a large central archway. The middle photograph shows the Taj Mahal, a white marble mausoleum with a large central dome and four minarets. The bottom photograph shows the Agra Fort, a large red sandstone fort with multiple courtyards and a central gate.</p>	<p>Early Morning, drive from Jaipur to Agra enroute visiting Fatehpur Sikri. This deserted, red sandstone city, built by Emperor Akbar, between 1570 and 1585, now glows in its magnificent past. This was once the capital of the Mughal Empire for a short period but later abandoned due to scarcity of water. Here you will visit the Bulund Darwaza (The Gate of Victory), which is said to be the tallest gateway in the world. In the northern part of the courtyard is the superb white marble tomb of the famous Sufi saint - Sheik Salim Chishti. This tomb was built in 1570 and legend says that the Mughal Emperor Akbar was without a male heir because of which he made a barefoot pilgrimage from Agra to seek the blessings of this saint. The saint foretold the birth of a son, and in gratitude Akbar named his son Salim, who was later called by the title Jehangir. Continue to Agra. On arrival in Agra. Lunch at a local restaurant.</p> <p>Post Lunch; Visit the TAJ MAHAL (closed on Fridays). Horse carriage will take you to the gates An extravagant marble monument of love, built by Shah Jahan in 1653 as a memorial to his queen Mumtaz Mahal. This beautiful mausoleum in pure white marble took 22 years and 20000 craftsmen to build. Continue your tour to the Agra Fort, the original red sandstone fort built by Moghul Emperor Akbar in 1565. The Forts maze of courtyards, its marble mosque and lavish private chambers reflect the grandeur of the Mughal Empire. Return to Jaipur by late evening.</p>

Tour Code -02

Same day return trip to Ajmer & Pushkar



Early morning embark on a day return trip to Ajmer & Pushkar

Ajmer- an oasis wrapped in the green hills. The city was founded by Raja Ajay Pal Chauhan in the 7th Century A.D. and continued to be a major centre of the Chauhan power till 1193 A.D. When Prithviraj Chauhan lost it to Mohammed Ghauri. Since then, Ajmer became home to many dynasties. Today, Ajmer is a popular pilgrimage centre for the Hindus as well as Muslims. Especially famous is the Dargah Sharif-tomb of the Sufi saint Khwaja Moinuddin Chisti, which is equally revered by the Hindus and Muslims. Also visit the Shah Jehan's mosque, close to the Dargah is Adhai Din Ka Jhopra (Built in just two and half days) and Nasiyan Jain Temple; an ornate red sand stone Jain temple built in the late 19th Century. It also houses a museum which showcases the Jain conception of the universe that is truly amazing.

Later visit the **Pushkar** - The picturesque town Located 11 km from Ajmer. It is one of the most revered places for Hindus and referred to as "Tirth Raj". According to Padam Puran, Lord Brahma was in search of a suitable place for a Vedic Yagna (Sacrifice). While contemplating a lotus fell down from his hand on the earth and water spurted from three places, one of them was Pushkar, and Brahma decided to perform his yagna over here. Devout Hindus believe that it is essential to visit Pushkar at least once in their lifetime. No pilgrimage is considered complete without a dip in the holy Pushkar Lake. Pushkar has as many as 400 temples and 52 ghats built over the centuries by kings & nobles (Photography is prohibited on the ghats.) For complete cleansing of sins, three twilight's must be passed at Pushkar with baths at the three important & revered ghats - Varah, Brahma & Gau Ghats. The only temple in the country that is dedicated to Brahma is to be found here. While Pushkar is a heaven for the religiously inclined, it is also the venue of one of the country's most colorful cattle fairs - the Pushkar Fair.

Tour Code -03

Tiger Trails 01 Night/02 Days Trip



Day 01 : Jaipur-Ranthambhore (185 Km/ 3.5 Hrs)

Morning drive to Ranthambhore. On arrival check into your pre booked hotel.





Rathambhore: Nestled at the convergence of the Aravalli and Vindhya ranges, the Ranthambhore National Park is one of the few sanctuaries where the chances of tiger sighting are reasonably higher. Spread out over 400 square kilometers, the National Park was once the private hunting ground of the Maharajas of Jaipur, who handed it over to the government soon after Independence. In 1972, Project Tiger was launched to protect the tigers from extinction, and Ranthambhore became one of the first national parks to come under its aegis.

With the success of Project Tiger, the tiger population in Ranthambhore shot up. Apart from the majestic tiger, Ranthambhore National Park is an abode of over 40 species of mammals, 35 species of reptiles and more than 320 species of native and migratory birds. Leopards, jungle cats, caracals, wild boar, sloth bear, sambhar, spotted deer, nilgai, Indian fox, wolf, jackal, and striped Hyena among others. The park is a scenic outpost covered with dry deciduous forests interspersed with lakes and ponds, crumbling ruins of the 10th century Ranthambore Fort, Jogi Mahal and Ganesha temple. Jogi Mahal, which is the forest guesthouse, houses the second largest Banyan tree in the country and the Ganesha Temple is still visited by many devotees, especially during Ganesh Chaturthi Festival when a fair is held in Lord Ganesha's honor. Post Lunch, you will venture into the park by canter to track the elusive tiger and a host of other wild animals. Return to Hotel. Dinner and overnight at hotel.

Day 02 : Ranthambhore-Jaipur (185 Km/3.5 Hrs)

Early morning you will venture into the park by canter for more wild life viewing. Return to Hotel for breakfast.

Afternoon return to Jaipur

Tour Code 04 Jaipur-Agra-Delhi-Jaipur (03 Nights/04 Days Trip)	
 	<p>Introduction to India Experience a taste of India on this outstanding introductory tour of the country's most famous sights. Exploring the Golden Triangle, this journey combines imperial Delhi with the Legendary Taj Mahal at Agra and the pink city of Jaipur</p> <p>Day 01 : Jaipur-Agra (232 Km/5.5 Hrs) Morning Drive to Agra via Fatehpur Sikri, the deserted 16th-century red sandstone city built by Emperor Akbar as his capital and abandoned just 15 years later. Continue to Agra and stay at your pre booked hotel.</p> <p>Afternoon city tour of Agra. Visit Red fort, which was built by Emperor Akbar in 1565, and additions were made up until the time of his grandson, Shah Jahan. It contains the hall of public and private audiences amongst many other beautiful structures; - The Taj Mahal, which was constructed by Shah Jahan in memory of his wife Mumtaz Mahal. Construction of the Taj began in 1631 and was not completed until 1653. Overnight at hotel.</p>
	<p>Day 02 : Agra-Delhi (205 Km/4.5 Hrs) Morning, drive to Delhi en route visit Sikandra - Mughal Emperor Akbar's Mausoleum. Continue drive to Delhi. On arrival check into your pre booked hotel. Overnight at hotel.</p>
	<p>Day 03 : Delhi Morning sightseeing tour of Old Delhi begins with a visit to Jama Mosque, the largest mosque in India, built in 1650 AD. This is followed by a drive past the Red Fort (1639-48), built by Emperor Shah Jahan, creator of The Taj Mahal. Later proceed to Raj Ghat - the site of the memorial to Mahatma Gandhi. Afternoon sightseeing tour of New Delhi begins with a drive past Safdarjang's Tomb (1753 AD) while we are on the way to the Qutab Minar (1193 A.D.). This striking medieval tower of victory, build by the slave dynasty, is 73 m high. Within the Qutab complex, amidst the ruins of Quwat-ul-Islam mosque stands the Iron pillar which has stood the vagaries of weather and has not rusted for over 1500 years. Later drive through the Embassy area, Diplomatic enclave, stop for a quick photo shoot at India Gate and Rashtrapati Bhawan (Presidential Estate formerly Viceroy's House) and Connaught Place, New Delhi's main shopping area.</p>
	<p>Day 04 : Delhi-Jaipur (268 Km/5.5 Hrs) Drive to Jaipur or Drop at Delhi Airport/railway station for onward journey.</p>

Tour Code 05
Jaipur-Jodhpur-Udaipur-Jaipur (04 Nights/05 Days)



Highlights of Rajasthan

Explore the rich cultural heritage of Rajasthan. Tour encompasses the holy city of Pushkar, Jodhpur's blue-washed houses and bustling market, and the beautiful lakes and palaces of Udaipur

Day 01 : Jaipur- Jodhpur (By Surf 334 Km/6 Hrs)

Morning drive to Jodhpur en route visiting Pushkar; a charming and peaceful Hindu pilgrimage centre and home of the only temple in India dedicated to the god of creation Lord Brahma. Continue your drive to Jodhpur. On arrival in Jodhpur check into your pre booked hotel. Overnight at your hotel.



Day 02 : Jodhpur

This morning, you will visit the historical Mehrangarh Fort. Its palaces are decorated with delicate friezes and the museums display treasures of the royal family. You will also visit the famous Jaswant Thada, a white marble memorial built in memory of Maharaja Jaswant Singh. Return to your hotel and spend the evening at leisure. Overnight at your Hotel



Afternoon Jeep safari to a Bishnoi villages – A memorable outing in jeeps visit various traditional villages seeing local handicrafts viz shoe making, pottery, hand weaving and also men in their traditional attire, women clad with ancestral silver Jewelry, en-route watch and photograph wildlife black buck, chinkaras, peacocks etc. freely moving in abundance protected by “Bishnois” Protectors of wildlife and trees. Overnight at the hotel.



Day 03 : Jodhpur- Ranakpur- Udaipur (285 Km/5.5 Hrs)

Morning drive to Udaipur en route visiting **Ranakpur**; the largest Jain temple complex in India dating back to the 15th century, built during the reign of Rana Kumbha. The main temple is dedicated to Adinath, the first Tirthankar. Intricate carvings detail mythological figures, patterns and motifs on the walls, pillars and domes. The temple is an astounding creation of architectural splendor with 29 halls and 1,444 pillars all distinctly carved, no two pillars being



alike. Every hall of temple has inconceivable surface carved with equal delicacy. Within the complex there are two other Jain Temples, Neminath and Parsvanatha. Another temple worth Visiting is the nearby 'Sun Temple' dedicated to the 'Sun God'.

Note: (Leather belts, footwear, bare legs and black clothing are not allowed).

Continue your drive to Udaipur. On arrival check into your pre booked hotel Overnight at hotel.



Day 04 : Udaipur

Morning Half day city **tour of Udaipur** that includes visits to the City Palace, the largest palace complex in Rajasthan, with its scalloped arches, fretted balconies, and cupolas. The main part of the palace is now preserved as a museum, Saheliyon-Ki-Bari or “Garden of the Maids of Honor” is a small ornamental garden with fountains, kiosks, marble elephants, and delightful lotus pools. Jagdish Temple is an Indo-Aryan temple dedicated to Lord Vishnu. It has a black stone image of Vishnu as Jagan nath, Lord of the Universe.

Afternoon take a **boat cruise** on the placid waters of the Lake Pichola, within which seemingly floats The Lake Palace Hotel. Considered one of the most beautiful palaces in the world, arising out of the Turquoise Waters of the Lake Pichola like an elegant fantasy in white marble & also visit the Jag Mandir Palace. Overnight at hotel

Day 05 : Udaipur-Jaipur (405 Km/8 Hrs)

Morning drive to Jaipur. On arrival drop at Hotel or Airport