

A Detailed Itinerary

INDIA
includes Rajasthan - Gujarat

Explore Your Ancestral Land

with

A leading versatile Ismaili Scholar

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This itinerary will be complemented by a detailed pre-departure package solely for those who embark on this Journey of a lifetime. This package seeks to assist you to meaningfully encounter India - Your Ancestral Land.

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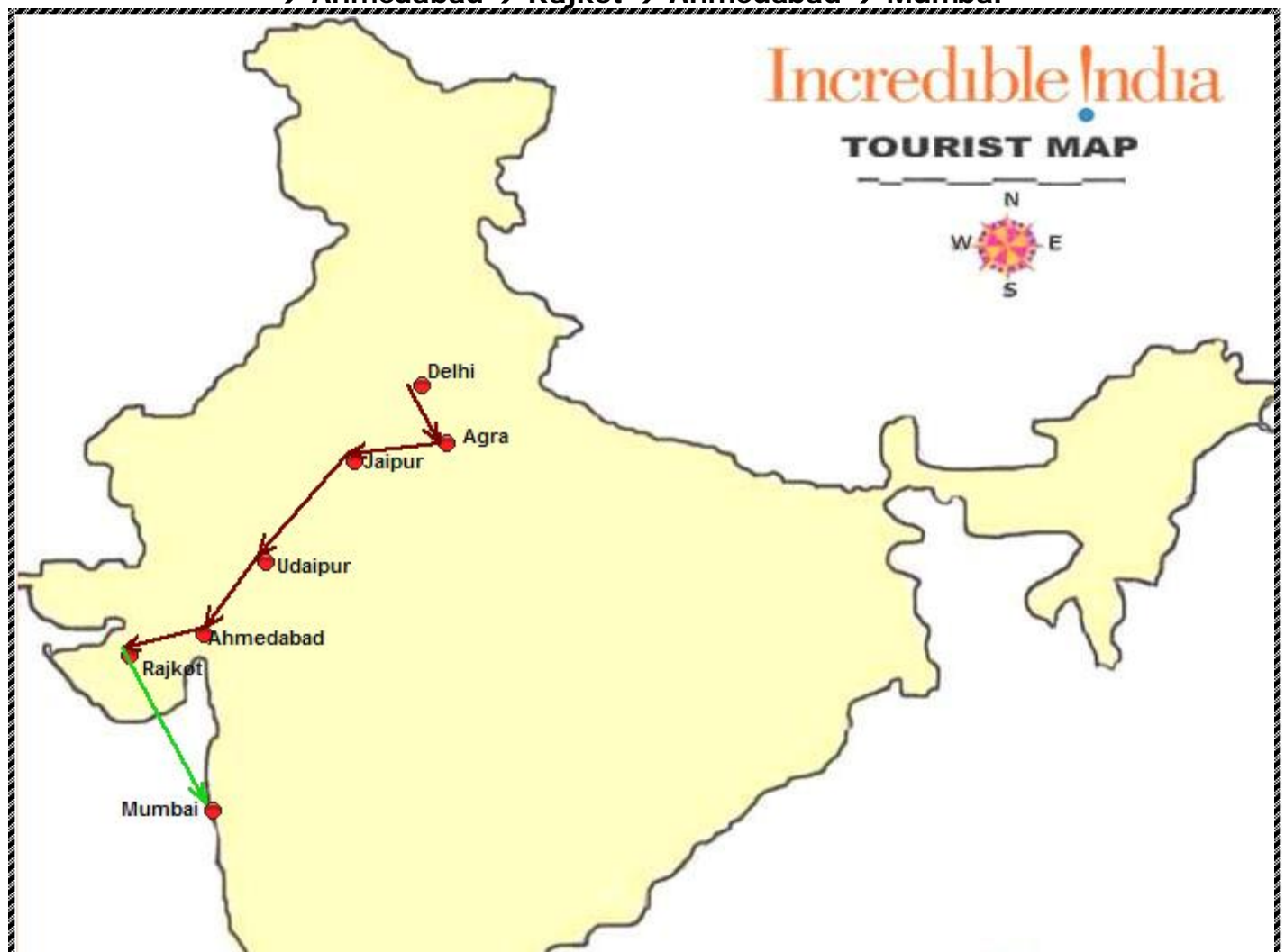
The Itinerary is intended only for those who participate in the India Tour

Description

A 16-Day journey invites you to penetrate into a world of mystery, adventure, mysticism, ancestral heritage, leisure and of course into the world of Bollywood (optional). This adventurous semi-expedition seeks to provide you with rare stories of *your* ancestors' conversion and their emigration to Africa, Europe and North America. Throughout your trip, you will be exposed to the magnificent legacies bequeathed by the Ismaili Pirs and the Aga Khans. The making of the heroic legacy championed by the Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN) is palpable in Gujarat, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and other parts of India. AKDN is founded and guided by His Highness Prince Karim Aga Khan; its precursors have been working in India since 1905. You may extend your journey in India if you so wish. Please contact Mehboob Kamadia.

Delhi → Agra → Jaipur → Udaipur

→ Ahmedabad → Rajkot → Ahmedabad → Mumbai



DETAILED ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrive Delhi 27th Jan

Receive a warm welcome on your arrival; transfer to your hotel. Stay three nights in a 5 Star deluxe hotel that is located in the heart of Delhi. Meet Mehboob Kamadia at the hotel for an overview of your exceptional journey. Rest of the day is at leisure - soak the atmosphere in and around the Connaught Place and its shopping centre.

Overnight in Delhi.



Day 2: Delhi 28th Jan

Buffet breakfast. Tour Old Delhi to visit the 17th century Jama Masjid, the largest mosque in India. Drive past Chandni Chowk, the Red Fort, Raj Ghat, India Gate, Parliament House, the Secretariat buildings and the Vice Regal Palace, now the official residence of the President of India.

Optional: Bollywood Show

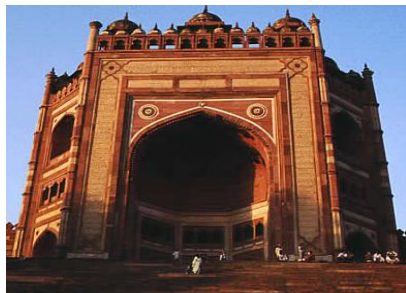
Meals: Buffet Breakfast
Overnight in Delhi



Day 3: Delhi 29th Jan

Buffet breakfast. Tour New Delhi with visits of Qutab Minar and explore the Humayun Tomb with Mehboob Kamadia and other experts.

Meals: Buffet Breakfast
Overnight in Delhi



Day 4: Delhi → Agra by road 30th Jan

After buffet breakfast, drive to Agra. Mehboob Kamadia will provide a more detailed overview of your journey while you are in the coach; for a meaningful encounter, Mehboob will speak on the Taj Mahal; Rise and fall of the Mughals leading to the makings of Pakistan and India with a focus on the contributions of His Highness the Aga Khan III. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel. Afternoon visit the Agra fort, the Halls of Public and Private Audience. Rest of the day is at leisure. Dinner will be served at your 5 star deluxe hotel in Agra. Overnight in Agra.

Optional: Special Show on Taj Mahal

Meals: Buffet Breakfast & Dinner in your 5 star hotel
Overnight in Delhi

Your Hotel in Agra

Your hotel in Agra is sprawled over 35 acres of luxurious gardens, and in close proximity to the Taj Mahal, ITC Mughal, a luxury hotel in Agra is a fitting tribute to the great Mughal builders of the past. The only Indian hotel to have won the prestigious Aga Khan Award for its excellent representation of Mughal architecture.



Day 5: Agra → Jaipur via Fatehpur Sikri 31st Jan

Explore the world famous Taj Mahal with expert commentary. To treasure and cherish your visits to the Taj Mahal, Mehboob will assist in professional photo shoots. Later, drive to Jaipur visiting Fatehpur Sikri enroute. Check-in at a 5 star deluxe hotel for 2 nights in 5 star deluxe hotel.

Meals: Buffet Breakfast & Dinner in your 5 star hotel
Overnight in Jaipur





Day 6: Jaipur 1st Feb

Explore the ancient Rajput capital of Amber Fort, 11 km from the city. Take a one-way elephant ride. Visit the Sheesh Maha, the Hall of Victory glittering with mirrors. Afternoon tour of Jaipur, the capital of Rajasthan and the so-called Pink City. Come face-to-face with a unique astronomical Observatory. Photo-shoot at the Hawa Mahal (Palace of the Winds); drive past the rose-pink residential and business areas of Jaipur. Dinner will be served inside your 5 star deluxe hotel.

Meals: Buffet Breakfast & Dinner
Overnight in Jaipur



Day 7: Jaipur → Udaipur 2nd Feb

After buffet breakfast, drive to Udaipur. Udaipur is referred to as the 'Venice of the East' and also the "city of lakes". The Lake Palace (Jag Niwas) located in the middle of Pichola Lake is the finest example of architectural and cultural marvel. The grand City Palace on the banks of the lake along with the Monsoon Palace (Sajjan Garh) on the hill above enhances the beauty of this magnificent city. Upon arrival in Udaipur, transfer to your 5 star deluxe hotel overseeing the beautiful lake for 2 nights. Dinner will be served inside your luxury hotel.

Meals: Buffet Breakfast & Dinner
Overnight in Udaipur





Day 8: Udaipur 3rd Feb

After buffet breakfast, explore the Venice of the East. Begin with a visit to the magnificent City Palace. From here, experience the most memorable part of Udaipur, the lake palace, shimmering like a jewel on Lake Pichola. Later, visit Jagdish Temple and drive around Fateh Sagar Lake and the Sahelion Ki Bari Garden. End your day in Udaipur in style. Take a boat ride on Lake Pichola and visit Jag Mandir, an island palace with a marble dome. Professional photo shoots will be carried out. Return to your 5 star deluxe hotel overseeing the city of lakes. Dinner will be served inside your luxury hotel.

Meals: Buffet Breakfast & Dinner
Overnight in Udaipur



Your Hotel in Udaipur



GUJARAT

Day 9: Udaipur → Ahmedabad by road 4th Feb

After buffet breakfast, depart to Ahmedabad, once the centre of Ismaili movement. En route, Mehboob Kamadia will introduce Gujarat - Our Ancestral Land - with an emphasis on Ismaili Tariqah and the magnificent legacy of the Ismaili Pirs. At the sole discretion of Mehboob Kamadia, you will visit several Ismaili centres and meet with Institutional leaders and members of the Jamat in and around Siddhpur and Ahmedabad. Upon arrival, check in at your deluxe Courtyard Marriott for 2 nights. Dinner will be served inside your deluxe hotel.

Meals: Buffet Breakfast & Dinner
Overnight in Ahmedabad



Day 10: Ahmedabad 5th Feb:

Sightseeing of Ahmedabad and begin exploring sites connected to Pir Imam Shah. Dinner will be served inside your deluxe hotel.

Meals: Buffet Breakfast & Dinner
Overnight in Ahmedabad



Day 1: Ahmedabad → Rajkot by road : 6th Feb

Morning drive to Rajkot & transfer to your 5 star hotel for 2 nights. Visit some sites in Rajkot at the discretion of Mehboob Kamadia. Rest of the day at leisure and/or shopping. People from Mumbai come to Rajkot for shopping. Dinner will be served inside your deluxe hotel. Overnight in Rajkot.

Meals: Buffet Breakfast & Dinner
Overnight in Ahmedabad

Day 12: Rajkot 7th Feb

Excursion of either Jamnagar or Junagadh; Mehboob will decide once in Rajkot. Dinner will be served inside your deluxe hotel. Overnight in Rajkot.

Meals: Buffet Breakfast & Dinner
Overnight in Ahmedabad

Day 13: Rajkot → Ahmedabad → Mumbai 8th Feb

After buffet breakfast, drive to Ahmedabad & fly to Mumbai. Transfer to your 5 star deluxe hotel in Mumbai located at Nariman Point, one of Mumbai's most desired and expensive neighborhood. Marine Drive its popular seaside promenade line the Back Bay. No dinners will be served in Mumbai. Enjoy dinning at your own expense in and around the heart of Mumbai with Mehboob Kamadia.

Meals: Buffet Breakfast
Overnight in Mumbai

Your 5 Star Hotel in Mumbai



Day 14: Mumbai 9th Feb After buffet breakfast, embark on city tour covering Kamla Nehru Park, Hanging Gardens, Malabar Hill, Chowpatty Beach, Dhobi Ghat, Gateway of India & drive through the Crawford Market, Marine Drive & Flora Fountain. Overnight Mumbai. Rest of the day at leisure with Mehboob Kamadia. Overnight in Mumbai in a 5 star deluxe hotel.

Meals: Buffet Breakfast
Overnight in Mumbai

Day 15 Mumbai 10th Feb After buffet breakfast, embark on a tour visiting Ismaili sites including the Aga Khan I's magnificent Mausoleum with scholar Mehboob Kamadia and other local experts. Rest of the day is at leisure with Mehboob Kamadia. Continue enjoying Mumbai. Overnight in Mumbai in a 5 star deluxe hotel.

Meals: Buffet Breakfast
Overnight in Mumbai



Day 16 Mumbai 11th Feb
Depart or Extend Your India Tour

Morning at leisure. Last minute shopping or feast your eyes with breathtaking views of the Nariman Point. Transfer to International airport to board the flight for your onward journey OR extend your tour in India.

End of Services.

Check In at 1500 hrs/Check Out time is 1200 Noon