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**Starts - Delhi**

**Ends – Delhi**

**Duration – 09 Days/ 08 Nights**

**Places Covered – Delhi, Haridwar, Rishikesh & Varanasi.**

**About Delhi:** India a land of snake charmers and magicians and the capital of this land of mysteries is Delhi. Delhi is just not a city but a book-- a book which narrates the history of India. The city was built and destroyed seven times and has been witness to the various events which has brought India through the history books. Seven times this city went through the pain of being built and rebuilt. Today as the capital of India Delhi is the seat of administration and the monuments which tell the saga of a bygone era stand there. These icons are testimony to the grandeur of past and also an attraction for the tourists. With an area of 1483 sq. Kms, Delhi is all set to acquire full statehood. The charm of Delhi has attracted Emperors, Conquerors and poors equally. It is correctly said that Delhi is a land of 'Dilwalas' that is for people with heart. This phrase acquires a true color when one goes around the lanes of Delhi. Delhi-- a window to the kaleidoscope that is India.

**Day 01:-** Arrive Delhi, meet & assist at the airport & transfer to the hotel. Overnight in Delhi hotel.

**Day 02:-** After breakfast visit the ancient capital city, with its magnificent Red Fort the pageant of Indian History, from its origin around 1200 BC, through the periods under the Sultans in the 10<sup>th</sup> century and Mughals from the 14<sup>th</sup> Century. Then in afternoon visit New Delhi where ornate buildings recall the days when India was jewel in the crown of the British empire. Visit Qutab Minar, India Gate, Humayun's Tomb, Safdarjung Tomb, The President's House, Mahatma Gandhi Memorial, Lotus Temple & Laxmi Narayan Temple. Overnight in Delhi hotel.

**About Haridwar:** Haridwar is located in the foothills of the Shivalik. It represents the point where the Ganges reaches the plains. It is famous for being blessed by trinity of Lord Shiva, Vishnu, and Brahma. The name Haridwar (Hardwar) has been derived from two words, 'Har' means Shiva (the deity of Kedarnath), 'Hari' means Vishnu (the deity of Badrinath), and Dwar means gate. Haridwar is thus the gateway to the two holy shrines of Shiva and Vishnu in Badrinath and Kedarnath, respectively. Haridwar is famous for its Ganges Aarti(Prayer) that is celebrated at 7 pm each night(The time might change). Har-ki -Pai-ri ghat(River bank) is one of the most sacred Ghats in India as Maha arti (Grand prayer) is performed on this ghat every evening.

**About Rishikesh:** 43-kms from Dehradun & 24-kms from Haridwar, Rishikesh is situated amidst a calm environment, impressive water front, dense forest and hills. Apart from being known as the land of Gods, Rishikesh, is also the Mecca for peace seeker through Yoga & meditation. Rishikesh is virtually a town of saints, sages and scholars. Rishikesh is a rare religious center located on the right bank of river Ganges. There

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are a number of Ashrams (hermitages) where religious discourses are held. The place is also a renowned center for yoga teachings.

**Day 03:-** After breakfast, drop at the train station to catch a train to Haridwar . Arrive Haridwar, pickup from the train station and then visit the banks of the holy river – Ganges. Take a holy dip and then drive to the Rishikesh Resort. Arrive Rishikesh, check in the reserved Resort & then In evening visit the Ghats of Ganga for a mesmerizing Aarti (Prayer) with oil lamps and flowers floating on the holy river Ganges. Overnight in the resort.

**Day 04:-** After breakfast you are free to explore the holy city famous for its spas, Ayurvedic massage, Holy Ganges river, Laxman Jhula (The hanging bridge built by Lord Laxman), Ram Jhula (The hanging bridge built by Lord Ram) & resorts. Overnight in the resort.

**Day 05:-** Early morning have a session of Ayurvedic full body massage and rejuvenate your body & soul with the magical massage. Then have breakfast and explore the small town of Rishikesh & Holy Ganga river, Laxman Jhula (The hanging bridge built by Lord Laxman), Ram Jhula (The hanging bridge built by Lord Ram). Overnight in Resort.

**Day 06:-** After breakfast transfer to the Haridwar Train station to catch a train to Varanasi. Overnight in Train.

**About Varanasi:** Chaotic, Colorful, Charismatic and Claustrophobic- Varanasi's ancient alleyways and the bathing Ghats (river banks) leading to the holy River Ganges are an essential part of India. This is India's Hindu spiritual heartland, a place of pilgrimage, daily devotion and death. Also known s Kashi and Benares, the city of Shiva may be an auspicious place to die, but it is bursting with life.

**Day 07:-** Arrive Varanasi. Pickup from the station and transfer to the reserved accommodation. Evening visit the Ghats of River Ganges for a mesmerizing Aarti (Prayer), where every evening at dusk, thousands of devotees and tourists gather on the steps of Dasaswamedha Ghat (River Bank) for the Ganges Aarti (Fire worship) ceremony. As the darkness descends, it's a highly charged spiritual extravaganza where oil lamps are lit, bells clang, incense burns and bhajans (devotional prayers) are chanted. Many devotees light a small basket of flowers and set it adrift on the Ganges. Overnight in Varanasi hotel.

**Day 08:-** Dawn boat ride on Ganges – Of all the experiences in Varanasi, there is nothing quite as humbling as an early morning boat ride on the Ganges. Set your alarm for a pre dawn start. The driver takes you to the Dasaswamedha Ghat

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or Assi Ghat for the ride. Sitting in your rickety wooden rowing boat, there's an eerie sense of peace on the river until the sunrise bathes the river banks in gold and reveals the moving theater of spiritual devotion. All along the river banks, crowds of people are bathing, performing praying ceremony, praying to the Sun god and washing away the sins of Life. During the day city tour like Vishwanath temple, Banaras Hindu University, Archaeological museum etc. & the Sarnath Temple tour which is 10 kms north east and is a thriving center for Buddhists. During the evening, transfer to the train station for your onward journey by train to Delhi. Overnight in Train.

**Day 09:-** Arrive Delhi and transfer to the Hotel/ Airport/ Railway station as required according to your further itinerary.

## **INCLUDES:-**

- All trains tickets in A/c class as per the itinerary.
- Car with Driver as mentioned in the itinerary for sightseeing and station transfers.
- All fuel costs, state taxes, toll taxes, parking fee, permits.
- All sightseeing at the visiting places as per the itinerary.
- Driver's allowances (like food, accommodations etc.)
- Delhi airport transfers.
- Hotels all places with Air conditioned rooms, breakfast & taxes.
- Sarnath temple tour, City tour, Evening Aarti and morning Boat ride in Varanasi.

## **EXCLUDES:-**

- Anything not mentioned in the "Includes" column.
- Any personal nature expenses like tips, food (lunch & dinners etc), shopping, laundry, camera charges, Payments for personal charges like liquors, wine, mineral water, telephone charges, Portorage at hotels and airports, insurance etc.
- Entrance fee in monuments/ places of visit, cost of local guides if hired at the monuments.
- 3.09% G.S.T. (Government Service Tax) and the transfer fee (if any).
- Cost incurred due to mishaps, strikes, political unrest, vehicle breakdown etc.
- The prices are subject to change without any prior notice depending on the availability of the hotels/ flights etc unless booked and paid for. We have made no reservations yet.
- Any early check in or late checkout (In any hotel) is not guaranteed and subject to the sole discretion of the hotel. We are not responsible to secure early check in or late checkout unless you pay an extra night for that respective hotel.
- We shall not be responsible for any closure of monuments/ museums/ places of visit due to regular practice or special features (As governed by the governing authorities or the Government).
- Christmas/ New Year Eve or any other seasonal supplement charges (If applicable).
- Any Airfare/ Train tickets etc. (Unless mentioned in the inclusion column).