



Varanasi from only £745 per person

Varanasi is India's spiritual home. A sacred 3,000-year-old Hindu city, resting on the banks of the illustrious Ganges. A city filled with enchanting mysticism, astonishing temples and sacred waters. Most visitors agree, whilst not for the faint-hearted, Varanasi is both a magical and powerful experience.

This itinerary follows on from Day 10 of our Golden Triangle and Ranthambore tour.

Day 10: Varanasi, 2 nights

Following the departure of our travelling companions for Delhi, we fly from Jaipur to Varanasi early in the afternoon and make our way to The Taj Ganges Hotel, our home for two nights. This evening we experience the Aarti ceremony, an uplifting spiritual ritual near the Ganges where shells will be blown and incense sticks will be lit in large numbers. During this Hindu ritual of worship, hundreds of lamps will be illuminated to shine bright into the evening, and will be held aloft by the pandits as they chant ancient and enchanting hymns. **Breakfast and dinner included**

Day 11: Varanasi

Varanasi comes alive early in the morning as pilgrims flock to the river banks to bathe in the holy water and worship the rising sun. We rise early and enjoy a leisurely boat ride on the Ganges – a truly spectacular and cherished sight. Following our spiritual start to the day, we explore the old city and Bharat Mata Temple, a Hindu shrine dedicated to the Goddesses.

This afternoon, we visit Sarnath, where Buddha delivered his first sermon after attaining enlightenment, and survey the important treasures contained within Sarnath's archaeological museum. **Breakfast and dinner included**

Day 12: Delhi, Overnight

Our day is at leisure to relax or further explore the intriguing city of Varanasi prior to our afternoon flight to Delhi. Upon arrival we make our way to the Novotel Aerocity Hotel for our final evening in India. **Breakfast and dinner included**

Day 13: Depart Delhi / Arrive UK

After breakfast, it's time to say goodbye to the many charms of India as we transfer to the airport, to will begin our journey back to the UK. Our flight arrives in the UK later today. **Breakfast and in-flight meals and drinks included**

Available with The Golden Triangle & Ranthambore tour



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Your Varanasi holiday extension includes

Air travel from Jaipur to Varanasi and Varanasi to Delhi including applicable airport charges, accommodation for two nights in Varanasi, daily breakfast and dinner, three dinners, the services of a local guide and all transfers.

Single occupancy supplement from £145