



Goddess Travels

Indulge your Passion....Tours to India for Women by Women

2025 Goddess Tour: Diwali Tour

Highlights:

- See the Taj Mahal by sunset and sunrise.
- Ride Elephants into Amer Fort.
- Wander the spice markets of Old Delhi
- Bathe and walk with rescued elephants through the countryside.
- Enjoy a private boat ride on Lake Pichola
- Walk the ancient underground tunnels of Amer Fort
- Participate in a traditional north indian cooking class in a traditional haveli.
- Relish in the spectacular Diwali Festivities

Itinerary Overview October 12-21, 2025: 10 Days: Delhi- Agra-Jaipur-Udaipur-Delhi

Day 1: October 11/12, Arrive into New Delhi

Check in and rest and relax for the rest of the evening.

Hotel: The Claridge's

Day 2: October 13, Delhi

Morning visit to Qutub Minar and Khan Market

The Qutub Minar is a red sandstone tower built by Muslim conquerors in the thirteenth century.



Khan Market is a popular shopping destination. This neighborhood is a storehouse of the city's most prestigious book shops, opticians, grocers, tailors, home décor stores, peppered with a range of cafes, restaurants, bakeries. Your first opportunity to pick up some great local clothes.

After lunch, drive to Old Delhi to the Spice Markets. Delhi's Khari Baoli is Asia's largest spice market.

Hotel: Golden Haveli

Day 3: October 14, Overland Agra to Delhi (3.5 Hour drive)

Late afternoon visit to Mehtab Bagh, the Mughal Garden across the river from the Taj Mahal. Mehtab Bagh is one of the last Mughal gardens in Agra. It is located just north to the Taj Mahal and overlooks the Agra Fort and Yamuna River on the opposite side. Perfectly aligned with the gardens of Taj Mahal, Mehtab Bagh provides a picture-perfect view of the Taj from the fountain at the front of the entrance gate.

Hotel: Taj View



Day 4: October 15-Overland from Agra to Jaipur (4 Hour Drive)

Today, visit two UNESCO World Heritage Sites: Agra Fort and the immortal Taj Mahal. The Taj is flawless in its proportions, a vision of unrivaled magnificence. Continue to the impressive Agra Fort. After lunch, drive to Jaipur.

Hotel: Samode Haveli



Day 5, October 16, Jaipur

Morning excursion by elephant into Amer Fort. Amer is a fascinating blend of Hindu and Muslim architecture. Built in the 16th century by Raja Mansingh in red sandstone and white marble. We will also visit a traditional step well and Jagat Temple in the ancient village of Amer. Afternoon visit to the Wind Palace (Hawa Mahal) and Jantar Mantar followed by leisure time in the old city for shopping.

Hotel: Samode Haveli



Day 6- October 17, Jaipur

Visit to a charming elephant sanctuary where we will feed, bathe and walk with elephants.

Dinner in a traditional “haveli,” with a cooking class demonstration hosted by a lovely local woman on a Jaipur rooftop.

Hotel: Samode Haveli



Day 7: October 18, Fly to Udaipur (1-hour flight)

Udaipur is one of the most beautiful cities in the state of Rajasthan. Located right at the heart of Udaipur, Pichola is one of the oldest and largest of the city's lakes. Built in 1362, legends say that the beauty of the lake enticed Maharana Uda Singh to build a city by its banks. Evening boat ride on Lake Pichola.

Hotel: Amet Haveli



Day 8: October 19, Udaipur

After breakfast, we'll enjoy a morning boat ride on Lake Pichola. View the stunning palaces of Udaipur from the lake. We will stop at the unique Garden Palace in the middle of the lake.

After the boat ride, we'll visit the Udaipur City Palace Complex, considered the largest palace complex in Rajasthan, Jagdish Temple, and the Garden of Maidens.

Hotel: Amet Haveli



Day 9: October 20, Udaipur

Enjoy special Diwali festivities. Diwali is India's biggest and most important holiday of the year. The festival gets its name from the row (avali) of clay lamps (deepa) that Indians light outside their homes to symbolize the inner light that protects from spiritual darkness, good over evil, and the human ability to overcome.

Hotel: Amet Haveli



Day 10: October 21, Delhi

Fly to Delhi for an international flight home or continue to Rishikesh

Cost:

\$6232.00 Based on Double Occupancy

\$1947.00 Single Supplement for Single Room.

Optional add-on: Rishikesh (must be booked in conjunction with Diwali Tour.)

Highlights:

- Daily Yoga
- Daily Meditation
- Daily lamp lighting ceremony on the Ganges River
- Private ghat (stairway) for bathing or viewing the Ganges
- Visit to the Beatles Ashram
- Hotel located right on the Ganges River

Itinerary Overview October 21-24, 2025: 3 Days- Rishikesh-Delhi

Day 10: October 21, Fly to Rishikesh

Catch a flight to Rishikesh. Nestled in the foothills of the Himalayas, Rishikesh is often referred to as the "Yoga Capital of the World" and is renowned for its ancient temples, ashrams, and the sacred Ganges River Evening viewing of the Ganga Aarti. The Ganga Aarti ceremony in Rishikesh is truly a mesmerizing and spiritually uplifting experience. The sight of lit lamps, the sound of devotional songs, the fragrance of incense, and the serene flow of the Ganges create an atmosphere that feels almost otherworldly. Ganga aarti is a devotional offering to the River Goddess.

Hotel: Ganga Kinare



Day 11: October 22, Rishikesh

Begin the morning with a guided session of yoga and meditation overlooking the banks of the Ganges. After Breakfast: Visit the sacred cave of Vashishta, named after the sage Vashishta, for quiet contemplation and meditation. Spend some time in the caves along the Ganges, where saints have meditated for centuries. The tranquility and spiritual energy here are truly remarkable.



After lunch we will explore the former Beatles Ashram, now a tiger sanctuary. Enjoy the unique murals and architecture scattered throughout the forest. The art here is a blend of spirituality and creativity, reflecting the ashram's storied past.



In the early evening, we will witness the Aarti ceremony at Parmarth Niketan. Chanted prayers and rhythmic drumming fill the air as you watch lantern-bearing priests bid the gods and goddesses a restful slumber.

Hotel: Gange Kinare

Day 12: October 23, Rishikesh

Begin the day with guided yoga and meditation.

After breakfast, visit the numerous ashrams and temples that dot the town by crossing the iconic Lakshman Jhula and Ram Jhula bridges. These suspension bridges offer stunning views of the Ganges and the surrounding landscapes.



Late afternoon, treat yourself to an ayurvedic spa treatment and we will end the day with a stroll to the Ganga Aarti ceremony at Triveni Ghat, light lamps and send them down the river, and end with dancing to the drums of the celebration.

Hotel: Gange Kinare



Day 13: October 24, Rishikesh to Delhi- (1-hour flight)

Begin the morning with guided yoga and meditation. Morning at leisure.

Afternoon flight to Delhi, shopping and dinner, and continue to international flight home.

Cost:

\$1934.00 Based on Double Occupancy

\$746.00 Single Supplement for Single Room.

Cost Includes:

- Accommodation in four and five-star hotels (listed in itinerary).
- All Indian Domestic Airport transfers.
- Private Air-Conditioned Car with Driver for transfers and sightseeing as per the itinerary.
- Breakfast daily.
- All Taxes including Government and Service Tax.
- Local English-speaking guides in each city.
- Sightseeing per the above itinerary.
- Monument / Entry Charges per itinerary.
- Domestic Airfare (Jaipur -Udaipur-Delhi-for Add on Udaipur-Rishikesh-Delhi)
- Recommended Packing List, Reading List, Shopping, Spa, and Restaurant Guide.

Cost Excludes:

- Personal Expenses such as Laundry, telephone calls, tips, bottled water, Liquor, etc.
- Monument Camera Fees.
- Visa
- Additional sightseeing or use of the vehicle not mentioned in the itinerary.
- Any other costs NOT mentioned under “Includes” header.

*This proposal is based on the above dates, destinations and guests traveling together. If there are any changes to the above itinerary it will affect the per person cost and a new cost will be presented with the updated itinerary.