



Rotary Clubs of District 9600
CLUB DEVELOPMENT AND VISITATION TOUR
22 October 2018 – 12 Days/11 Nights
Rotary Members, Family and Friends Welcome

Hosted and Conducted by the Rotary Club of Redcliffe Sunrise

Detailed Itinerary

22 Oct: Arrive/Delhi by Morning flight

Arrive Delhi International airport

Meet & assistance on arrival by our travel executive

Transfer to your Hotel. Check into your Hotel (check-in time is 1200hrs)

Delhi – discover that India's capital is sprinkled with glittering gems: captivating ancient monuments, magnificent museums, a vivacious performing-arts scene and some of the subcontinent's yummiest places to eat.

Overnight at hotel

23 Oct: Delhi

Breakfast in the hotel.

Morning guided tour of Old Delhi

Delhi, the capital of India comprises of conspicuously contrasting Old and New Delhi. Old Delhi was the capital of Muslim India between the 12th and 19th centuries and one can find mosques, monuments and forts related to Muslim history. New Delhi is the imperial city created as India's capital by the British intricately planned and comprises of imposing buildings displaying various modern style of architecture.

Drive past **Red Fort** (UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE - Red Fort was built by the mughal emperor famous for its architectural wonders one of which is Taj Mahal - Shah Jahan. Red Fort is famous for its delicately carved inlaid and Royal chambers)



Jama Masjid – the Great Mughal Mosque (It is the largest mosque in India. Located in Old Delhi, the mosque has the capacity to accommodate 25000 devotees. Jama Masjid was completed in 1656 AD and it again the great Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan is behind this architectural masterpiece. Close to some 5000 craftsmen were involved in the construction of the mosque)



After visiting Jama Masjid enjoy the cycle rickshaw ride in the old Delhi. It will give you a taste of the city and make you sink in the frenzy of its colors, vivacity and irresistible charm. During your rickshaw ride you will get to ride around - Chandni Chowk or "Silver Square" is the most famous and historic street of Delhi, built around 300 years ago when the walled city of Shahjahanabad was established in the 17th century. Don't let the word "old" mislead you. The energy of vibrant streets of Chandni Chowk is simply irresistible.



Then visit Raj Ghat is a memorial place, where the father of our nation, Mahatma Gandhi was cremated. Raj Ghat is a simple square platform having a black memorial stone with 'Hey Ram' engraved on it.



Afternoon is free to relax or you can visit Gurudwara Bangla Sahib & Khan Market.

In the evening meet with a Rotary Club.

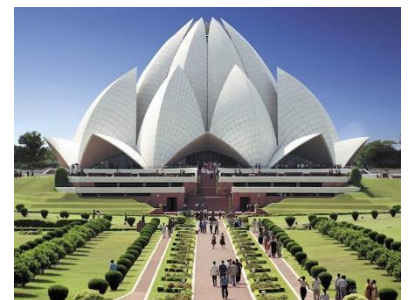
Overnight at hotel

24 Oct: Delhi

Breakfast in the hotel.

Depart for sightseeing tour of New Delhi visiting:

Lotus Temple is so named because of the lotus like structure of the temple. It was built in the 20th century and enthralled all tourists since its opening. It was found by the believers of the Bahai Faith, which was founded by Baha'ullah. This amazing piece of edifice is shaped like a half opened lotus flower built of sparkling white marble stone.



Humayun's Tomb (*UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE*) - Humayun's tomb is believed to have been designed in 1565 AD by the widow of Mughal emperor Humayun. Its plan is based on the description of Islamic paradise garden and is known to have inspired the Taj Mahal and many later Mughal tombs. This type of garden is known as a charbagh



Continue your tour with **Qutab Minar** (*UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE*) -

Qutab Minar is 73 meters high minaret which tapers from a 15 m diameter base to just 2.5 m at the top of the walls. The tower is one of the most perfect towers of the Persian world).

The tour would also include a drive through the **Lutyens Delhi** and a photo stop at **India Gate** (*The war memorial*) as well drive past **President's Palace & Parliament House**.

In the evening meet with a Rotary Club followed by dinner. **Overnight at hotel**



25 Oct: Delhi/Agra by road (210Kms/4-5hrs)

Breakfast in the Delhi hotel - Depart for Agra and check in at hotel

Agra is famous as being home to one of the Seven Wonders of the world - The Taj Mahal. The architectural splendor of the Moslems, the fort and the palaces is a vivid reminder of the opulence of the legendary Mughal empire, of which Agra was the capital in the 16th and early 17th centuries. While its significance as a political center ended with the transfer of the capital to Delhi in 1634 by Shah Jahan, its architectural wealth has secured its place on the international map.

Afternoon half day sightseeing tour of Agra visiting **Taj Mahal** at Sunset (*UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE*) Describe as a most extravagant monument ever build for love, this sublime Mughal mausoleum is India's most ogled icon. The Taj was built by Emperor Shah Jahan as a memorial for his second wife, Mumtaz Mahal, who died giving birth to their 14th child in 1631. The death of Mumtaz left the emperor so heartbroken that his hair is said to have turned grey virtually overnight. Construction of the Taj began in the same year and was not completed until 1653. Not long after it was finished, Shah Jahan was overthrown by his son Aurangzeb and imprisoned in Agra Fort where, for the rest of his days, he could only gaze out at his creation through a window. Following his death in 1666, Shah Jahan was buried here alongside Mumtaz.

After Taj visit **AGRA FORT**(sometimes called the *Red Fort*), was commissioned by the great Mughal Emperor Akbar in 1565, and is another of Agra's World Heritage Sites. A stone tablet at the gate of the Fort states that it had been built before 1000 but was later renovated by Akbar. The red sandstone fort was converted into a palace during Shah Jahan's time, and reworked extensively with marble & Pietra dura inlay. Notable buildings in the fort include the Pearl Mosque, the Diwan-e'Ām and Dīwān-e-Khās (halls of public and private audience), Jahagir Palace, Khās Mahal, Sheesh Mahal (mirrored palace),



Also visit local market and a marble factory where you can actually see the inlay work being done on marble like it was done for Taj in the past.

Overnight at hotel

26 Oct: Agra/Jaipur via Fatehpur Sikri (260kms/6-7hrs)

Breakfast in the hotel

Depart for Jaipur en route visiting **Fatehpur Sikri**

The Mughal Emperor Akbar built Fatehpūr Sikrī about 35 km from Agra, and moved his capital there. Later abandoned, the site displays a number of buildings of significant historical importance. A World Heritage Site, it is visited by most tourists. The name of the place came about after the Mughal Emperor Barbar defeated Rana Sanga in a battle at a place called Sikrī . Then the Mughal Emperor Akbar wanted to make Fatehpūr Sikrī his head quarters, so he built a majestic fort; due to shortage of water, however, he had to ultimately move his headquarters to Agra Fort.

Continue your drive to Jaipur and check in at hotel

Jaipur was founded in 1727 by Maharaja Sawai Jai Singh II and is the first well planned city of India, located in the desert lands of India, Rajasthan. The city which once had been the capital of the royalty now is the capital city of Rajasthan. The very structure of Jaipur resembles the taste of the Rajputs and the Royal families. In the present date, Jaipur is the major business centre for the natives of Rajasthan with all requisites of a metropolitan city.



Rest of the day is free to relax

Overnight at hotel

27 Oct: Jaipur

Breakfast in the hotel

Morning depart for **Amber fort**(Situated atop the Aravali hills, it is the ancient capital of Jaipur and a magnificent example of Rajput architecture). We ascend to the fort on Elephant's back and come down in Jeep.



Pronounced 'Amber' and meaning 'High', this wraithlike fort – palace beautifully illustrates Rajput artistry in the faded shades of the reddish pink. Situated on the rugged hills 1 Km north of town, Amber was once the ancient capital of the Jaipur state.

Drive past **Hawa Mahal- Palace of Winds**(This five storied building which looks out over the main street of the old city is one of Jaipur's major landmarks. This is a stunning example of the Rajput artistry with it's pink, semi-octagonal and delicately honey combed and stone windows. Originally Hawa Mahal was built to enable the ladies of the royal families to watch the daily life and processions of the city),



Visit Jantar Mantar *(The Observatory, built by Raja Jai Singh in 1728. It is an excellent example of the marvelous precision where in each construction has a specific purpose to measure the position of stars, altitudes and azimuths or calculating eclipses. The most striking instruments the Sun Dial which is 90 feet high) and City Palace Museum (City Palace is delightful blend of Mughal and traditional Rajasthani architecture. A part of the palace is still the house of the former Maharaja of Jaipur). Visit the various galleries displaying the armory, clothes and paintings of the Rajput clan.*



The tour of Jaipur is not complete without shopping as Jaipur is known as a shopper's paradise famous for jewellery, handicraft, carpet, blue pottery and textiles

Afternoon Rotary activity

Overnight at hotel.

28 Oct: Jaipur – Udaipur by SG at 0830/0930hrs

Breakfast in the hotel.

Depart for Jaipur Airport in time to connect flight to Udaipur.

Udaipur was the capital of the Rajput kingdom of Mewar, ruled by the Sisodia clan. The founder of Udaipur was Rana Udai Singh. The ancient capital of Mewar was Nagda, located on the Banas River northeast of Udaipur. Legend has it that Maharana Udai Singh came upon a hermit while hunting in the foothills of the Aravalli range. The hermit blessed the king and asked him to build a palace on the spot and said that it would be well protected. Udai Singh established a residence there. In 1568 the Mughal emperor Akbar captured Chittor and Udai Singh moved the capital to the site of his residence, which became the city of Udaipur. As the Mughal empire weakened, the Sisodia Ranas, and later Maharanas, reasserted their independence and recaptured most of Mewar except the Fort of Chittor. Udaipur remained the capital of the state, which became a princely state of British India in 1818. After India's Independence in 1947, the Maharaja of Udaipur acceded to the Government of India, and Mewar was integrated into India's Rajasthan state. The city's pride, the 'Lake Palace' was once a prison.

Upon arrival at Udaipur, transfer and check in to your hotel.

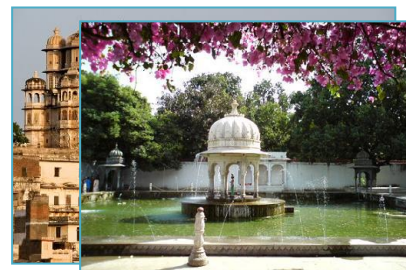
Late afternoon, enjoy a **boat ride on Lake Pichola** and visit the **Jag Mandir Palace**. The palace, built of granite and marble, covers four acres and is almost in the middle of the lake. Visit the **Borra Mahal, Khas Mahal** and **the courts, gardens and fountains**.



Overnight at hotel.

29 Oct: Udaipur

After breakfast, you will be taken on a half day sightseeing tour of Udaipur – also known as City of Lakes visiting **City Palace** - standing on the east bank of Lake Pichola is a massive series of palaces built at different times from 1559. The balconies of the Palace provide panoramic views of "Jag Niwas" (the Lake Palace Hotel), Jag Mandir on one side and on the other side of the city of Udaipur. Its main entrance is through the triple-arched gate - the Tripolia, built in 1725. The way now leads to a series of courtyards, overlapping parations, terraces, corridors and gardens. There is a Suraj Gokhda, where the Maharanas of Mewar presented themselves in the times of trouble to the people to restore confidence. The Mor-chowk (Peacock courtyard), gets its name from the mosaics in glass decorating its walls. The Chinese Painting Exhibition is noteworthy while a series of wall paintings of Krishna are on display in Bhim Vilas. There are numerous other Palaces such as Dilkhush Mahal, Sheesh Mahal, Moti Mahal and Krishna Vilas – built in the memory of a princess of striking beauty who poisoned herself to avert a bloody battle for her hand by rival princes. Now the Palace contains many antique articles, paintings, decorative furniture and utensils and attracts thousands of visitors every day,



Sahelion ki Bari was laid for a group of forty-eight young women attendants who accompanied a princess to Udaipur as part of her dowry. The garden set below the embankment of the Fateh Sagar Lake has lotus pools, marble pavilions and elephant-shaped fountains. These fountains are fed by the water of the lake gushing through ducts specially carved for the purpose.

In the evening meet the local Rotary Club followed by dinner.

Overnight at hotel.

30 Oct: Udaipur/Mumbai	by	6E 748	at	1000/1135hrs
Mumbai/Goa	by	6E 711	at	1350/1520hrs

Breakfast in the hotel

Transfer Udaipur Airport in time to connect flight to Goa (Change of plane in Mumbai)

Meet/Assist on arrival and transfer to hotel

The evergreen destination of **Goa** is a holidaymaker's paradise. Breathtakingly beautiful blue beaches, sensuous silvery sands, fabulous flora and fauna, rich cultural heritage, captivating churches, and terrific temples, Goa has it all. The feasts and festivals of Goa are the other things not to be missed.

Meet/assist upon

arrival & transfer to hotel.

Overnight at hotel.

31 Oct: Goa

Breakfast in the Hotel.

Half day guided tour of Goa visiting Old Goa & Panjim city.

Basilica of Bom Jesus

The Basilica of Bom Jesus is a World Heritage Monument as well as one of the finest baroque churches of Goa. The Church was built between 1594-1605 and dedicated to Bom Jesus (Good Jesus). The name of Jesus is symbolically represented by the letters 'IHS' and is found embellished throughout the Basilica. The IHS is also the monogram of the Society of Jesus, popularly known as the Jesuits, who usually stamped their churches with this insignia. The sacred relics of the patron saint of Goa St. Francis Xavier are kept here.



Se Cathedral

This is the largest cathedral in Asia. The Se cathedral has five bells out of which one is the famous Golden Bell which is one the largest in the world.

And other places of Interest.

Panaji, which means "the land that does not flood" is the state capital of Goa. Unlike many capital cities, Panaji has a distinct unhurried character. It is situated on the southern banks of the Mandovi River, which makes this town all the more charming.

Evening visit a local Rotary Project & club.

Overnight at hotel.

01 Nov: Goa

Breakfast in the hotel.

Today you will visit a rotary project in Goa. In evening visit a local Rotary Club followed by dinner.

Overnight at hotel.

02 Nov: Goa/Mumbai	by	9W 627	at	1435/1545hrs
Depart/Mumbai	by	International flight		

Breakfast in the hotel

Morning is free to relax

Transfer to Goa airport in time to connect flight to Mumbai. Upon arrival in Mumbai change terminal from domestic to International in time to board your onward flight to next destination



What's Included

Land Tour Cost:

- **Delhi** – Suryaa Hotel 4* - **3** Night's Accommodation with breakfast and taxes
- **Agra** – Crystal Sarovar 4* - **1** Night's Accommodation with breakfast and taxes
- **Jaipur** – Holiday Inn 4* - **2** Night's Accommodation with breakfast and taxes
- **Udaipur** – Uda Koti 4 * - **2** Night's Accommodation with breakfast and taxes
- **Goa** – Pride Sun Village Resort 4 * - **3** Night's Accom with breakfast and taxes
- All transfers by Air-Conditioned Deluxe Large Coach
- Services of accompanied English Speaking Guide during sightseeing
- Meet and Assist services at the hotels and airport
- Rickshaw Ride in Delhi
- Elephant Ride at Amber Fort in Jaipur
- Boat Ride in Udaipur (seat in boat basis)
- 4 x Fixed Menu Buffet Dinners after Rotary Meetings
- Entrance tickets to the following monuments:
 - Delhi:** Humayun's Tomb/ Qutab Minar
 - Agra:** Taj Mahal / Agra Fort / Fatehpur Sikri
 - Jaipur:** Amber Fort / City Palace / Jantar Mantar
 - Udaipur:** City Palace / Sahelio Ki Bari

Land Tour Cost Excludes:

- * Any meals other than mentioned above
- * Rotary expenses (If any)
- * Items of personal nature i.e. laundry, drinks, phone calls, tips etc.
- * Insurance charges, visa charges etc.



Land Touring Costs for Twin Share:

If this tour attracts 32-36 or more guests the cost will be: \$2,195.00 per person

Single Room Supplement if required: \$1,490.00 per person

Singles also have the option to "Willing to Share" for same cost as TWIN SHARE

Airfare Costs (subject to change):

International and Domestic Airfares

TO BE ADVISED

This cost may vary depending on when guests book and what guests may wish to do before or after Rotary Tour (Optional Extensions are available on request – please ask Kate)

Deposit Due within 5 days of Booking:

\$ 600.00 Per Person

Passport Copy to be given to Kate at time of booking (scan, text or photocopy acceptable)

Final Payment Due 1 August 2018

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