

THE GANDHI LEGACY TOUR OF INDIA

December 29th, 2022, to January 12th, 2023: 14 Nights & 15 Days
Led by **Dr. Arun Gandhi and Mr. Tushar Gandhi**

- **Day 1: Thursday December 29th, 2022 – Arrival in Mumbai at the [Chatrapati Shivaji International Airport](#)**
 - **INTERNATIONAL ARRIVAL NOTICES FOR ALL TRAVELERS:**
 - It is advised that you seek an international flight arriving in Mumbai during the *morning* of December 29th.
 - Upon your arrival at the Mumbai Chatrapati Shivaji International airport you will proceed through both immigration and customs clearance. Once you have collected your luggage, walk through the exit gate of the arrival hall where *you will be met by a representative and transferred to [The Orchid Hotel](#)*.
 - *Hotel rooms will be held starting on December 29th (immediate early check-in)* to allow for your ability to both freshen up and/or sleep prior to the official tour commencement.
 - You are free until *the tour officially starts at 7:30pm* with a buffet dinner at The Orchid Hotel where you will meet Dr. Arun Gandhi, Mr. Tushar Gandhi, and the other tour participants.
- **Day 2: Friday December 30th, 2022 – Mumbai and Nagpur**
 - Early morning, the group will meet tour guide Alok Tiwari and be transferred to the [Mumbai Domestic Airport](#) to board a flight to Nagpur, upon arrival at the [Nagpur Airport](#), the group will be met and transferred to [The Pride Hotel Nagpur Airport](#) where you will have two hours to use wash and change rooms before driving on to the [Gandhi Sevagram Ashram](#) for a day visit.
 - Late in the afternoon, the group will be transferred back to the Nagpur Airport to board a flight back to Mumbai. On arrival at the Mumbai airport, the group will be met and transferred back to The Orchid Hotel for another overnight stay.
 - **Meals:** A buffet breakfast at The Pride Hotel Nagpur, a boxed lunch from the Nagpur Airport Hotel, and a buffet dinner at The Orchid Hotel (*depending on the flight timing*).
- **Day 3: Saturday December 31st, 2022 – Mumbai and Kolhapur**
 - In the morning the group will check out and head to [Mani Bhavan](#) for a visit of the transitional home, library, and museum of Bapu. This location has significance for being the focal point of Gandhi's political activities from 1917 through 1934.
 - The next stop is to visit [WIT \(Women's India Trust\) Panvel](#), an organization that started training less privileged and unskilled women in Mumbai to stitch sari petticoats. Today WIT has grown to provide women educational opportunities, vocational skills training, and employment. This visit will afford the occasion to

see traditional crafting such as block printing and sharing a meal with some of the women.

- Travel on to Kolhapur where the group will arrive late and check-in to the [Sayaji Hotel Kolhapur](#).
- **Important Note:** *Today you will spend approximately 7-8 hours on the road in a tour bus between Mumbai to Kolhapur.*
- **Meals:** A buffet breakfast at the Orchid Hotel, a vegetarian lunch at WIT Panvel, and a packed box dinner at the Sayaji Hotel Pune.

- **Day 4: Sunday January 1st, 2023 – Kolhapur**

- In the morning the group will travel out to see various migrant worker camps (such as visiting a brickyard site) and learn about issues pertaining to child labor.
- In conjunction with this visit, you will meet representatives from [AVANI \(Anti-Child Labor Program and Residential School\)](#) to tour both makeshift tent schools as well as the residential school where dozens of children have been removed from worksites and/or vulnerable positions and now not only attend governmental schools, but also are provided with food, accommodations, and health support through the organization.
 - During this visit you will meet with **AVANI founder Anuradha Bhosale** who is a renowned grassroots women's rights and anti-child labor activist; a former child-laborer herself, she has spent the past 20+ years fighting for the prevention of child exploitation, child-labor, human trafficking, and female infanticide.
- **Meals:** A buffet breakfast, a boxed lunch, and a buffet dinner from the Sayaji Hotel Kolhapur.

- **Day 5: Monday January 2nd, 2023 – Kolhapur, Pune, and Ahmedabad**

- The group will leave the hotel in the morning en route to Pune for a visit at the [Agakhan Palace](#) which is the national monument of India's freedom movement.
 - The palace is of particular importance since it served as the location of imprisonment for Gandhi, his wife Kasturba, and his secretary Mahadevbhai Desai following the launch of the 1942 Quit India Movement. Both Kasturba and Mahadevbhai pass away during their captivity here, as such a memorial to both are found on the grounds.
- In the evening the group will be transported to the **Pune Railway Station** to board the **overnight train** ADI Duroto to Ahmedabad.
- **Important Notes:**
 - *Today you will spend approximately 6 hours on the road in a tour bus between Kolhapur to Pune. You will also be taking an overnight train from Pune to Ahmedabad.*
 - *Due to COVID-19 changes, the railway no longer provides overnight bedding, as such, it is advised that you bring a travel pillow and blanket for this journey.*
- **Meals:** A buffet breakfast and a boxed lunch from Sayaji Hotel Kolhapur, and a boxed dinner from the Pune Hotel.

- **Day 6: Tuesday January 3rd, 2023 – Ahmedabad and Rajkot**
 - Upon arrival at the Ahmedabad station, the group will be met by a representative and transferred to the [Fortune Landmark Hotel](#) for breakfast and an opportunity to use the wash and change rooms for two hours. The group will then depart for Rajkot where they will visit the [Mahatma Gandhi Museum](#) (also known as the Alfred High School where Gandhi completed his graduation in 1887) and the [Kaba Gandhi No Delo](#) which served as the Gandhi’s primary family home in India until 1915. After these visits, the group will check-in to [Fortune JPS Grand Hotel](#) for an overnight stay.
 - **Important Note:** *Today you will spend approximately 6 hours on the road in a tour bus between Ahmedabad to Rajkot.*
 - **Meals:** A buffet breakfast and box lunch from Fortune Landmark Ahmedabad, and a buffet dinner at the Fortune JPS Grand Rajkot.

- **Day 7: Wednesday January 4th, 2023 – Rajkot and Porbandar**
 - The group will leave in the morning to visit the birthplace of Mahatma Gandhi at [Kirti Mandir](#) in Porbandar, and then return to Rajkot for another night stay at the Fortune JPS Grand Hotel.
 - **Important Note:** *Today you will spend approximately 4 hours on the road in a tour bus between Rajkot to Porbandar, and then another 4 hours back to Rajkot.*
 - **Meals:** A buffet breakfast at Fortune JPS Grand Rajkot, a buffet lunch at the Hotel Lords Inn Porbandar, and a buffet dinner back at the Fortune JPS Grand Rajkot.

- **Day 8: Thursday January 5th, 2023 – Rajkot and Bhuj**
 - First the group will visit [Hunnarshala](#), an organization that shares its knowledge and skills for building designs, settlement planning, social housing, disaster reconstruction, wastewater treatment systems, infrastructure development, and more. The impetus for its collaborations and associations grew after the 2001 earthquake that devastated the Kutch region.
 - Next the group will visit the [Khamir](#), which like Hunnarshala was instituted after the earthquake of 2001, and focuses on strengthening and promoting the rich artisanal traditions of the Kachchh district. The name Khamir is an acronym for Kachchh Heritage, Art, Music, Information and Resources. Additionally, Khamir means “intrinsic pride” in the local language of Kachchhi, and “to ferment” in Hindi. This organization serves as a platform for the promotion of traditional handicrafts and allied cultural practices, the processes involved in their creation, and the preservation of culture, community, and local environments.
 - Finally, the group will check-in to [The Fern Residency Bhuj](#) for an overnight stay.
 - **Important Note:** *Today you will spend approximately 6 hours on the road in a tour bus between Rajkot to Bhuj.*

- **Meals:** A buffet breakfast at Fortune JPS Grand Rajkot, a box lunch, and a buffet dinner at the Fern Residency Bhuj.
- **Day 9: Friday January 6th, 2023 – Bhuj, Mundra, and Ahmedabad**
 - This morning the group will depart for Mundra to visit the [Vikalp Sangam](#) which is the school for Salt Pan Workers.
 - After the visit you will drive on to Ahmedabad where you will check-in to the [Fortune Landmark Ahmedabad Hotel](#)
 - **Important Note:** *Today you will spend approximately 8 hours on the road in a tour bus between Bhuj to Mundra, and then on to Ahmedabad.*
 - **Meals:** A buffet breakfast and a box lunch from the Fern Residency Bhuj, and a buffet dinner at the Fortune Landmark Ahmedabad.
- **Day 10: Saturday January 7th, 2023 – Ahmedabad**
 - Today the group will spend the day with the [SEWA \(Self Employed Women’s Association\)](#). SEWA is a women’s trade union which was registered in 1972 for the organization of poor, self-employed women workers. Since these women earn a living through their own labor or small businesses, they do not obtain regular salaried employment with welfare benefits like those workers in the organized labor sector. As such, these women are representative of the 93% of the unprotected labor force workers in India. Members of SEWA will show you the property and share some of their stories with you.
 - **Meals:** Buffet breakfast and dinner at the Fortune Landmark Ahmedabad, and a vegetarian lunch onsite with SEWA.
- **Day 11: Sunday January 8th, 2023 – Ahmedabad and Jaipur**
 - After breakfast, the group will visit with students and tour the [Gujarat Vidyapeeth](#) campus which is the university that Gandhi founded in 1920.
 - The group will also have an afternoon visit to the [Sabarmati Ashram](#), which was an ashram founded in 1917 and served as one of the main centers of the Indian freedom struggle. Named after the holy river Sabarmati upon which it is situated, this site no longer functions as a working ashram, but rather as a museum and an institution whose aim is to preserve and propagate the legacy of the Mahatma.
 - In the evening, the group will be transferred to the [Jaipur Airport](#) where you will be flying on [Spice Jet](#) to Jaipur.
 - On arrival in Jaipur, you will be transferred to the [Ramada Hotel Jaipur](#).
 - **Meals:** A buffet breakfast at the Fortune Landmark Ahmedabad, a vegetarian lunch at the Gujarat Vidyapeeth, and either a boxed dinner from the Fortune Landmark Ahmedabad or a buffet dinner at the Ramada Hotel Jaipur.

- **Day 12: Monday January 9th, 2023 – Jaipur**

- Today the group will visit the [Jaipur Foot / Bhagwan Mahaveer Viklang Sahayata Samiti \(BMVSS\)](#) organization. Jaipur Foot is the world's largest organization dedicated to rehabilitating individuals with disabilities (over 1.55 million). Services include the fitting and provision of free artificial limbs and other aids to amputees and polio patients. The services are not only provided to individuals across India, but also extended to those in 27 countries around the world.
- Next, the group will visit [Jaipur Rugs](#) which is a family business with four decades of craftsmanship that revolutionized the carpet industry by working directly with artisans to empower them and their communities in realizing sustainable livelihoods. Its founder NK Chaudhary is called the “Gandhi of the Carpet Industry” and has treated all his artisans, considered untouchables, with respect. He has been quoted as saying: “Let goodness, fairness and most importantly, love prevail in business; profits will inevitably follow.”
- **Meals:** A buffet breakfast and dinner at the Ramada Hotel Jaipur, and a buffet lunch at a local restaurant.

- **Day 13: Tuesday January 10th, 2023 – Jaipur and Delhi**

- After breakfast, the group will depart for Delhi and check-in to the [Pride Hotel New Delhi Aerocity](#). Today is a free day outside of the group travel, enjoy some relaxation!
- **Important Note:** *Today you will spend approximately 5 hours on the road in a tour bus between Jaipur to Delhi.*
- **Meals:** A buffet breakfast at the Ramada Jaipur, lunch at a restaurant en route to Delhi, and a buffet dinner at the Pride Hotel New Delhi Aerocity.

- **Day 14: Wednesday January 11th, 2023 – Delhi**

- The group will start today's site-seeing with a visit to the [Gandhi Smriti](#) (part of the Old Birla House). This is a sacred place as it is where Mahatma Gandhi's epic life ended on January 30, 1948. His last 144 days of his life were spent here, and thereby contain many treasured memories including the room where Mahatma Gandhi lived as well as the prayer ground where he held a mass congregation every evening. It was the prayer grounds where Gandhiji was felled by an assassin's bullet.
- Next the group will visit the [Raj Ghat](#) where Mahatma Gandhi was cremated and houses the memorial to “The Father of the Nation.”
- Finally, the group will visit [The National Gandhi Museum](#) which contains a rich collection of original relics, books, journals, exhibition, memorabilia and more. It is also developing into a Resource Center for both Gandhian and Allied Studies and Research.
- **Meals:** A buffet breakfast and dinner at the Pride Hotel New Delhi Aerocity, and lunch at a local restaurant.

- **Day 15 OPTIONAL AGRA ADD-ON TRIP & DEPARTURE DAY: Thursday, Friday January 12th, 2023**
 - **RETURN FLIGHT NOTICE FOR ALL TRAVELERS:** To ensure proper coordination of your tour transfer to the airport, your international flight home **MUST** be booked *late at night* on January 12th **OR** in the *very early morning hours* (many international flights leave between 1-3am) on January 13th. If you are going on the Optional Agra Tour, it is *strongly advised* that you select a return flight on January 13th in the early morning hours.
 - **OPTION 1 (No extra cost) – Delhi:**
 - For those who are **NOT** taking the OPTIONAL Agra tour, you are free to explore and shop on your own in Delhi during the day.
 - **Meals:** A buffet breakfast and lunch will be included at the Pride Hotel New Delhi Aerocity.
 - *Note that lunch is the last meal provided with your tour.*
 - **Departure:** At the designated time you will be transferred from the Pride Hotel New Delhi Aerocity to the [Delhi International Airport](#) to board your flight back home.
 - **OPTION 2 (Additional cost of \$179) – Delhi and Agra (Taj Mahal)**
 - For those who are **ARE** taking the optional Agra tour, you will leave the hotel early en route for Agra to visit the [Taj Mahal](#). Built by the great Mughal emperor Shah Jehan in honor of his beloved wife Mumtaz Mahal, the Taj Mahal is one of the great wonders of the world.
 - **Important Note:** *Today you will spend approximately 8 hours roundtrip on the road in a tour bus between Delhi to Agra and back.*
 - **Meals:** A buffet breakfast at the Pride Hotel New Delhi Aerocity, and lunch at the Agra Hotel.
 - *Note that lunch is the last meal provided with your tour.*
 - **Departure:** You will be transferred directly from Agra back to the [Delhi International Airport](#) to board your flight back home.

TOUR PRICING

The Gandhi Legacy Tour of India 2023: Pricing Packages	
Single Room Package	\$5,288 USD/per person
Twin Room Sharing Package	\$4,189 USD/per person
Supplement for OPTIONAL Add-On Agra Trip	\$179 USD/per person
Pricing INCLUDES:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hotel accommodation for 14 nights • Three meals and two bottles of water per day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Most meals are buffet style, though some lunches and dinners are boxed meals (as noted in the itinerary) • Transportation throughout the trip including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pick-up from your international flight arrival at the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport in Mumbai ○ Drop-off for your international flight departure at the Indira Gandhi International Airport in Delhi ○ Overland drives, sightseeing, and transfers via tour bus ○ 1 domestic flight (economy class ticket) between Mumbai and Nagpur ○ 1 overnight train ride (2nd tier sleeper class ticket) between Pune to Ahmedabad • Tickets to all monuments and museums visited • English-speaking tour guide Alok Tiwari accompanying the entire trip • Local English-speaking guides in Mumbai and Delhi. • Gratuity for the drivers, trip helpers, and baggage at the hotels and railway stations • Honorarium for the NGO's visited during the trip 	
Pricing does NOT Include:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International airfare: Travelers will book their own roundtrip flight between the US and India • Indian Visa • Travel insurance, if desired, strongly recommended • Immunizations, if desired and/or required • COVID-19 related testing, <i>if required</i> • Any room category not mentioned above • Food, beverages and/or meals outside of those mentioned above • Any personal expenses such as telephone calls, laundry, shopping, etc. • Additional gratuity such as for the hotel cleaning staff, tour guide, local escorts, etc. • Baggage fees above permissible limits for the domestic flight (1 checked bag of 33lbs and one handbag of 15lbs) 	
Notes:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants will be informed of updated Indian COVID-19 policies in November 2022. • Early or late check-in to hotels will be subject to the room availability • Wi-Fi is available at most hotels; however, it is <i>not always</i> included in room pricing • Your up-to-date Passport details are required by July 15, 2022, to the Tour Coordinator 	