

## C20 India – Delhi, Chandigarh, Ahmedabad with optional extension to Mumbai Saturday 9th November to Wednesday 20th or Friday 22nd November 2019

Day 1 - Saturday 9 November 2019

Flight: 20:40 Jet Airways London to Delhi (non-stop flight, journey time is 8:50 hours).

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Day 2 - Sunday 10 November 2019

Arrival time in Delhi Indira Gandhi International Airport 11:00. Transfer to hotel.

Accommodation: The Lalit New Delhi for 4 nights



### **DELHI**

***Our visit to Delhi, will include an in-depth exploration of the work of both Sir Edwin Lutyens and Sir Herbert Baker in New Delhi. The two British architects, with a somewhat fractious relationship, were responsible for the construction of the city as Britain's new imperial capital of India, from 1912 to 1931. Although for the rest of our visit, we will be concentrating almost exclusively on C20 buildings, our first full day in India (Monday 11<sup>th</sup>) is designed to give us a background into India's historic architecture, and some of the forms and motifs which C20 architects drew on. We will also visit other major works from the early decades of the C20 and some of the best additions to the post-colonial development of the capital.***

Afternoon visit to see the Change of Guard Ceremony in the forecourt of the President's Palace (previously Viceroy's House) by Lutyens.

Dinner included.

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Day 3 - Monday 11 November 2019

Morning: Half-day tour including Humayun's tomb (1565 AD) and Gurudwara Bangla (important Sikh holy shrine).

Afternoon: Half-day walking tour of Old Delhi, including the Red Fort, Jain temple and the Dariba.

Breakfast and a group dinner included.

Day 4 - Tuesday 12 November 2019

Full-day tour of New Delhi. The work of Sir Edwin Lutyens and Sir Herbert Baker. Parliament House, the War Memorial Arch and the Viceregal Palace, now the official residence of the President of India, India Gate and the President's Palace and Teen Murti House (Nehru's Residence) built in 1929-30 as the official residence of the Commander-in-Chief of the British Indian Army.

Breakfast and dinner included.

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Day 5 - Wednesday 13 November 2019

Full day tour of Post Independence buildings in Delhi including work by Charles Correa, Raj Rewal, Joseph Allen Stein, Shiv Nath Prasad, and Kuldip Singh.

Breakfast and dinner included.



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Day 6 - Thursday 14 November 2019

Transfer to Chandigarh: You will be collected at your hotel and taken to the station for the Shatabdi Express. (Air conditioned chair car seating. Departure time: 07:40 hours Arrival time: 11:05 hours). Transfer to hotel.

Accommodation: Hotel Shivalikview for 3 nights

### **CHANDIGARH**

*Chandigarh, capital of the Punjab, is often described as Corbusier's masterpiece, a fantastic demonstration of what he could achieve when given free rein to create an entirely new city. His Secretariat (1953), Legislative Assembly (1955) and High Court (1952) (all of which we will see and visit internally) are undoubted masterpieces on an impressive scale. But the story of Chandigarh is more complex and fascinating than might initially appear. Whilst Corbusier had a virtuoso role, and was inspired to reach new levels of creativity by the project, he initially had to be cajoled into joining the team and visited India for only one or two months a year. In contrast, his cousin Pierre Jeanneret moved to live in the City and stayed for most of the rest of his life, and British husband and wife team Jane Drew, and Maxwell Fry committed to living in India for three years. We will also explore the residential areas of the City, and many of its less well known buildings, as well as the most famous, and discuss the legacy of all four foreign architects and the generation of Indian architects who worked with them.*

Afternoon: Half day tour of Le Corbusier's Chandigarh, includes visits to the Capitol Complex, the Open Hand, and Martyr's memorial.

Breakfast and dinner included.

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Day 7 - Friday 15 November 2019

Full-day tour of Chandigarh, including the Nek Chand, Rock Garden, Le Corbusier Museum, the Architecture Museum, the Government Museum & Art Gallery.

Breakfast and dinner included.



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Day 8 - Saturday 16 November 2019

Full day tour of Chandigarh including the work of Jeanneret , Jane Drew and Maxwell Fry.

Breakfast included.

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Day 9 - Sunday 17 November 2019

Transfer to Ahmedabad: connecting flights via Delhi (it is possible that a direct flight may be added to the timetable before our trip, in which case we will use that)

Jet Airways Chandigarh to Delhi (Departure time: 11:00 Arrival time in Delhi 12:25) then Jet Airways Delhi to Ahmedabad flight (Departure time: 13:20 Arrival time in Ahmedabad 15:00). Transfer to hotel.

Accommodation: Mani Mansion for 3 nights

### **AHMEDABAD**

***Gujarat's largest city, Ahmedabad is home to an extraordinary collection of fantastic C20 buildings by exceptional international architects and outstanding first-generation Indian modernists. These include Le Corbusier's Shodhan and Sarabhai houses, his Mill Owner's Association Building and Louis Kahn's Indian Institute of Management. These were constructed here in North West India because the progressive local elite, led by socialist-minded local mill owners, wanted to give the city global prominence through fine buildings.***

***We will have a comprehensive tour of the highlights of C20 architecture in Ahmedabad and additionally we will see some of its lesser known masterpieces.***



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Day 10 - Monday 18 November 2019

Tour of Ahmedabad , Sarbhai House, Mill Owners Building etc.

Breakfast and dinner included.

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Day 11 - Tuesday 19 November 2019

Visit Indian City Museum, Tagore Theatre, School of Architecture by B.V.Doshi & Cricket Stadium etc.

Breakfast and a group Thali dinner included.

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Day 12 - Wednesday 20 November 2019

Part of the group returns to London today on connecting flights via Mumbai. Transfer to airport.

Flight: Jet Airways Ahmedabad to Mumbai (Bombay) Departure time: 10:20 Arrival time in Mumbai (Bombay) 11:55. Then Jet Airways Mumbai (Bombay) to London, Departure time: 13:15 Arrival time in London 17:40 (journey time is 9:55 hours)

For participants continuing to Mumbai : Transfer to train station for rail journey: Ahmedabad to Mumbai (Bombay) by Shatabdi Express 1440 - 2120 Air conditioned chair car seating. Transfer to hotel.

Breakfast included.

## **MUMBAI**

***In 2018 the Art Deco buildings of Mumbai were officially recognized as a World Heritage site by the UNESCO. The city was a prosperous and expanding port in the 1930s, and home to The Indian Institute of Architects, founded there in 1929. Many of the buildings were designed by local architects, drawing inspiration from travels abroad and the fashionable liners which docked in the harbour. Decorated with motifs drawn from tropical vegetation, stylized waves, and sunburst rays, the ensemble rivals (some would say exceeds) Miami Beach and extends from Marine Drive to the Malabar and Cumbala hills, as well as Fort, Apollo Bunder, Colaba, Dadar, and Mahim. We will pack in as many apartment blocks, houses and cinema theatres as we can, and also see other early C20 buildings including the Gateway of India, built to commemorate the visit of King George V and Queen Mary in 1911.***



Accommodation: Trident Nariman Point for 2 night, or for an additional supplement, upgrade to Taj Mahal Palace

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Day 13 - Thursday 21 November 2019

Full day tour of Mumbai Art Deco

Breakfast included.

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Day 14 - Friday 22 November 2019

Transfer to airport

Flight: Jet Airways Mumbai (Bombay) to London. Departure time: 13:15 Arrival time in London 17:40 (journey time is 9:55 hours)

Breakfast included.

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Further reading (more suggestions if required)

Imperial Summer: Lutyens Baker and Imperial Delhi, Robert Grant Irving

Architecture & Independence: The search for identity – India 1880 to 1980. Jon Lang, Madhavi Desai & Miki Desai

The Modern Architecture of New Delhi, 1928 – 2007. Rahul Khanna & Manav Parhawk

India: Modern Architectures in History. [Peter Scriver](#) and [Amit Srivastava](#)