

ROB CANDY WATERCOLOURS

# Colours of India

# Sketchbook Tour

Sketch and paint the magic of India

14 days tour

29th Sept – 13th Oct 2018



**Experience the Taj Mahal at sunset**  
**Sketch the architecture of Hawa Mahal**  
**Learn about Indian cuisine from a local family**  
**Ride an elephant to the Amber Fort, Jaipur**  
**Early morning Ganges boat ride at Varanasi**  
**Uncover the bustling city of Delhi**  
**Sketch and paint to your hearts content**

Tour includes

\* airfares from Sydney, \* twin share 4 hotel accommodation  
\*daily breakfast and dinner \*Fully inclusive tour with English  
speaking guide and local guides, air-conditioned coach,  
entrance fees, visas and tipping

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## Where does the tour take you ?

An exciting 14 day tour commencing in the bustling Indian life of Delhi that travels to the Pink City of Jaipur, the legendary Taj Mahal, the awesome carved temples of Khajuraho and the colourful city of Varanasi right on the banks of the Holy Ganges.



## Why this tour ?

This tour has been designed to explore the iconic sites of India. You will experience the culture of what is India today and its historic past. You will stay several nights at each location which allows you to experience, sketch and paint the colours and textures of India. There will be maximum time to sketch and paint with only two internal flights. You will travel in the company of artists, keen to capture the sights of India, as they fill their sketchbooks.

## Do I have to be an experienced artist?

Absolutely 'No' ! The tour is designed for artists of all abilities and media. Whilst the main tuition is in watercolour, aspects such as subject choice, compositions, values and sketching techniques will be universal to all media. Many artists joining the tour, choose to gather images either in a sketchbook or on a camera. Such source material is then used for years to come.

## Do I have to be an artist?

Absolutely 'No' ! Many non painters join our tour simply to see and experience such a wonderful region. There is a comprehensive non painter's programme each day. While the artist is toiling away capturing the scene, non painters will be visiting the sights such as museums, galleries, cafes and shops. They will have much to do. Many non artists often decide to give a sketch a go with great results.

## Do I need a partner?

No . Many individuals join our tours rather than travelling alone.



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## Artistic Tour Leader: Rob Candy

Rob Candy is a leading Sydney watercolourist and he has had numerous solo and group shows in Sydney, Brisbane, Tamworth and Patonga. His love and passion is painting landscapes in watercolour whether it is a beach, harbour or outback. He was invited to become a member of the prestigious Australian Watercolour Institute in 2005. Rob is an associate member of the Royal Art Society of NSW. He regularly conducts workshops in watercolour and has judged many art competitions. He has been featured artist in the Australian Artist Magazine many times and is included in the book 'Australian Watercolours' 2007. He has led watercolour and sketching tours along the Silk Road, China, Tibet, Turkey, Vietnam and Cambodia. For further details see: [www.rob candy.com](http://www.rob candy.com)



### Rob says of painting tours :

*'The excitement and fascination of painting and sketching such an amazing diverse area is a thrill for the artist to behold. At every turn, one is faced with amazing scenes, whether it is the landscape, its people or tradition. It is an incredible opportunity to travel and paint with a group of artists and share the experience. The artist comes back with a wealth of painting ideas, new directions and in many cases lifelong friends'*



### Rob says of the tour:

*'We have designed the tour to maximize every opportunity to sketch and paint and at the same time see and record the fabulous sights. Throughout the tour, there will be watercolour tuition and demonstrations focusing upon such aspects as drawing, watercolour washes, compositions, and values. Each day there will be a chance to sketch and paint and to develop and refine your artistic skills. It is also a great opportunity to share and discuss art with other artists on the tour.'*



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## Itinerary

### Day 1: 29<sup>th</sup> Sept Sydney → Singapore → Delhi

Today you will fly with Singapore Airlines flight from Sydney to Singapore, then connect the flight onto Delhi. Upon your arrival in the Indian capital city of New Delhi, you will be greeted by our representative at the Indira Gandhi International Airport. After a warm welcome, you will be escorted to your hotel for 3 nights stay



### Day 2: 30 Sept Day in Delhi Meal: B/L/D

An exciting day awaits in the bustle of New Delhi as we begin to sketch the colours of India. We will walk through the **Rajpath** known as the Royal Street, the ceremonial boulevard for the Republic of India sketching on the way. It runs from Rashtrapati Bhavan through Vijay Chowk and **India Gate** to National Stadium, Delhi. We will see and sketch the **Gurudwara Bangla Sahib**, the largest Sikh temple of Delhi, with a gold tomb, still in active worship; **Humayan Tomb**, which is the tomb of the Mughal Emperor Humayun. The tomb was commissioned by Humayun's wife Hamida Banu Begum in 1562 AD, and designed by Mirak Mirza Ghiyath, a Persian architect. If time permits we'll also visit **Qutab Minar**, a fine example of Indo-Islamic architecture and the world's tallest minaret. Dinner is served at the hotel tonight After dinner, Rob will demonstrate some sketching techniques which may assist you to capture the essence of this amazing country.

### Day 3: 1 Oct Delhi Meal: B/L/D



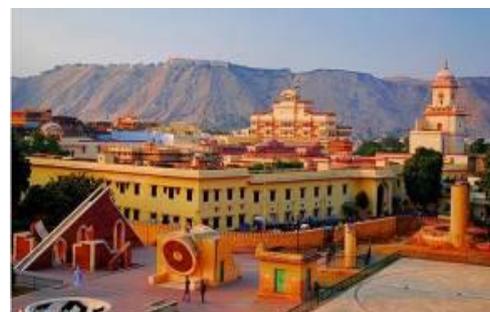
Today, is an amazing opportunity to sketch and paint as we tour Old Delhi, which includes a visit to **Jama Masjid**, the largest mosque in India; and visit **Raj Ghat**, cremation site of Mahatma Gandhi, then tour to **Red Fort**, the place that marked the announcement of India's freedom from the British Raj. Relax on a rickshaw ride and walk in **Chandni Chowk**, 'silver street', one of the largest trading centres of India. After lunch, we sketch and paint the bustling street life in an alley close to the hotel. This evening you can learn more about local lifestyle and culture of India with dinner at an Indian home. Spend time talking to your hosts and learn about their way of life. You may also opt for a unique opportunity to step inside an Indian kitchen and learn the age-old art of Indian culinary delights. Your hosts will be happy to share their secret recipes and give you some handy tips about Indian cooking.

### Day 4: 2 Oct Delhi → Jaipur Meal: B/L/D

After breakfast, embark on a leisurely drive to Jaipur - land of the Rajputs. Jaipur is an exuberance of colour, dance and traditional arts and crafts. Known, as the 'Pink City', Jaipur is home to ancient forts and palaces and is one of India's most well-planned cities. On the way we can sketch at the **Magnificent Neemrana Fort Palace**. Upon arrival in Jaipur, check in at your hotel. Late afternoon relax or join Rob for a sketch near to the hotel. This evening you have dinner at the hotel. After dinner, Rob will demonstrate a few watercolour techniques which you may find helpful.

### Day 5: 3 Oct Jaipur Meal: B/L/D

Colours and activities abound as we visit the **Hawa Mahal** (Palace of Winds), a remarkable five storied building along the main street of the old city with semi-octagonal and delicate honey-combed sandstone windows. Capture sketches of architectural astronomical instruments as we visit **Jantar Mantar**, built by Maharaja (King) Jai Singh II at his then new capital of Jaipur between 1727 and 1734. It is modeled after the one that he had built for him at the Mughal capital of Delhi. Visit **City Palace**, which was the seat of the Maharaja of Jaipur, the head of the Kachwaha Rajput clan. The Chandra Mahal palace now houses a museum but the greatest part of it is still a royal residence. Afternoon sketching and shopping.



### Day 6: 4 Oct Jaipur

Meal: B/L/D

This morning, we will explore with our sketchbooks, the **Amber fort**, a fine amalgamation of Hindu and Muslim architecture and ornamentation, built in the 16th century. To ascend up the fort, you may choose to walk, drive or take an elephant ride. Further sketching includes the **Nahargarh Fort, Gaitor Garden and Amokhi Museum** in the same area.

### Day 7: 5 Oct Jaipur → Agra Meal: B/L/D

This morning, embark on a leisurely drive to Agra, city of the world famous Taj Mahal. En route to Agra, stop to sketch **Fatehpur Sikri**, the red sandstone Mughal palatial complex. Within the complex lies a mosque built by the Mughal Emperor Akbar and dedicated to Sheikh Salim Chisti, a Muslim Sufi Saint who blessed Emperor Akbar with a son.

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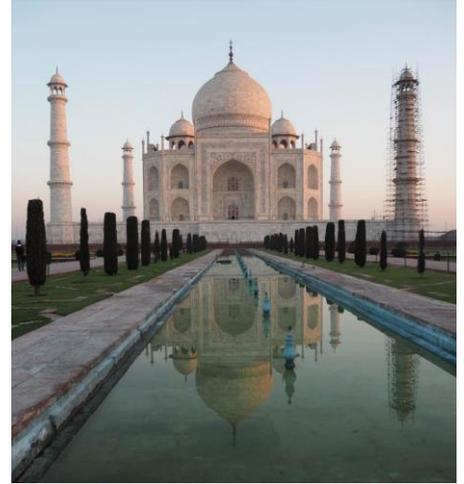
## Day 7 continued

Upon arrival in Agra, check in to your hotel and freshen up. Rest of the day at leisure to relax at the hotel or join Rob for a painting opportunity as we explore this ancient area with our sketchbooks. This evening, you will watch a live theatre performance, introducing you to the story of the Taj Mahal (Platinum Class). Watch the spectacular performance - "Mohabbat the Taj – The saga of love", staging the largest replica of the Taj Mahal, and presenting the legend of love that created this magnificent mausoleum. Dinner at the hotel.

## Day 8: 6 Oct Agra

Meal: B/L/D

This morning capture the surreal views of the Taj Mahal at sunrise. Step inside this eternal symbol of love and appreciate the intricate designs and symmetries that rhyme as a poem written in marble. Taj Mahal is an extravagant display of love, built by Shah Jahan in memory of his beloved wife Mumtaz Mahal. Also visit the splendid Agra fort, built in red sandstone, encapsulating magnificent palaces, halls of public and private audience and beautiful gardens. Then visit Itmad-ud-Daula's Tomb, which is a Mughal mausoleum in the city of Agra in the Indian state of Uttar Pradesh. Often described as 'jewel box', sometimes called the 'Baby Taj', the tomb of I'timād-ud-Daulah is often regarded as a draft of the Taj Mahal.



## Day 9: 7 Oct Agra → Jhansi → Orchha → Khajuraho

Meal: B/L/D

After early breakfast, take a short train to Jhansi. From Jhansi we will drive to Khajuraho, En route visit and sketch Jahangir Mahal and Laxmi Narayan Temple of Orchha. The town is peppered with fascinating little shrines and memorials to capture your imagination as you fill your sketchbook. Also en route to Khajuraho, visit the quaint town of Alipura. Then continue your drive to Khajuraho - a UNESCO world heritage site in central India, famous for its erotic sculptured temples. Upon arrival at Khajuraho, check in at your hotel and freshen up.

## Day 10: 8 Oct Day in Khajuraho

Meal: B/L/D

Today is an opportunity to continue to paint and fill your sketchbooks as we visit the enchanting temples of Khajuraho with sculptures that draw their inspiration from the ancient art of Kama sutra. Khajuraho Temples were built by the Chandela kings between 950 AD and 1050 AD. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure in your hotel or wet your paints as we sketch in nearby streets. Enjoy the evening watching a spectacular sound and light show at the historic temples of Khajuraho.



## Day 11: 9 Oct Khajuraho → Varanasi

Meal: B/L/D

After breakfast, we sketch at the Raneh Water Fall. Then, we will be transferred to the airport to catch your flight to Varanasi, the spiritual capital of India (also known as Kashi and Benaras). Upon arrival in Varanasi, check in to your hotel and begin to explore this amazing area. This evening, experience a rickshaw ride to the ghats to enjoy the grand 'Aarti' ceremony at Dasaswamedh Ghat, conducted every day at sunset by white-robed priests. The young priests sway in seemingly choreographed movements, worshipping the river goddess with incense, flowers and earthen lamps.

## Day 12: 10 Oct Varanasi

Meal: B/L/D

Enjoy an early morning boat ride on the Holy River Ganges. See the 'bathing ghats' where thousands of pilgrims pay homage to the Sun God by immersing themselves in the holy water of River Ganges, and the 'burning ghats' where cremations are conducted. After the boat ride, return to your hotel for breakfast. After breakfast we have the day to explore and experience this amazing city as we sketch, paint, and shop in Varanasi. Dinner at the hotel.

## Day 13: 11 Oct Fly Varanasi → Delhi → Singapore

Meal: B/D

Morning at leisure to relax at your hotel or capture life in Varanasi in your sketchbook. Later you will be transferred to Varanasi airport to board your flight for Delhi. Upon arrival in Delhi, you will be transferred from airport to local market for the last opportunity to gather sketches of this amazing country or last-minute shopping and then enjoy farewell dinner at local restaurant and later straight transfer to International airport to catch your flight to Singapore.

## Day 14: 12 Oct Singapore → Sydney

Arrive in Singapore in the morning and connect with a flight back to Sydney

## Day 15: 13 Oct Sydney

Arrive in Sydney at 0740 in the morning.

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**Open the doors to travel and experience India**

## **Hotels (4 star)**

Delhi ITC Welcome Hotel (Deluxe room)  
Jaipur Golden Tulip Hotel (Deluxe room)  
Agra Mansingh Palace Hotel (Standard Room)  
Khajuraho Golden Tulip (Standard Room)  
Varanasi Hotel Madin (Deluxe room)



**Special price: \$5430.00 per person, single supplement: \$850.00**

## **Inclusions:**

1. Economy Class Singapore airlines air tickets Sydney-Singapore-Delhi-Singapore Sydney including taxes and fuel surcharges
2. Indian domestic economy air tickets: Khajuraho-Varanasi-Delhi
3. Accommodation in above mentioned hotels or similar class
4. All transportation would be provided by using Air-Conditioned Coach.
5. Meals as specified (B= Breakfast, L= Lunch, D= Dinner)
6. Rickshaw ride in Old Delhi
7. Visit of Neemrana Fort followed by Lunch.
8. Elephant ride at Amber Fort Jaipur
9. Evening tour of Mohabbat the Taj show in Agra.
10. Evening light and sound show historic temples of Khajuraho.
11. Excursion to Raneh water fall by Jeep
12. Evening witness the Grand Aarti ceremony at River Ganges.
13. Morning boat ride at River Ganges.
14. Train in ticket (Agra - Jhansi) in Air-Conditioned Chair Car.
15. Cooking demonstration with local family in Jaipur.
16. Bottle of mineral water during transfer and sightseeing.
17. All current applicable taxes.
18. Tips & Gratuities

## **Exclusions:**

1. Indian Visa: All travellers need to log on below website and submit all details for the visa application. <https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/evisa/tvoa.html>
2. Travel insurance (Strongly recommended)).

## **How to Book?**

Please fill out the booking form attached, and have it sent to CBT Holidays by email: [eric@cbtholidays.com.au](mailto:eric@cbtholidays.com.au)

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