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Early morning we took motor-rickshaws to the Taj Mahal for a 0600 sun rise over the monument.

Taj Mahal was constructed in 1632 by Emperor Shahjahan in the memory of his favorite wife, Queen Mumtaz Mahal, it is the world's most magnificent abode of love, created in white marble. Even today, as it stands amongst the Seven wonders of the Modern World, it is the most extravagant monument ever built for love, by an Emperor, broken-hearted at the untimely death of his wife in childbirth in 1629, after having given birth to 14 children. Built on the banks of the River Yamuna, this architectural masterpiece stands 26 meters tall and was built by 22,000 workers. The play of natural light on the white marble from sunrise to sunset sees it undergoing subtle differences in hue and shade rendering it an ethereal and magical glow, making it one of the most visited monuments in the world. After visiting the Taj Mahal we went back to the hotel (The Leela -Ambience Delhi Convention Hotel), I had room 263. We had a bite to eat then headed to the Delhi airport for our flight to Mumbai and our return to the ship.

I was scheduled and had prepaid for business class but was put on economy IndiGo Airlines. No business class all economy seats. In fact the guides abandoned me at the airport and I was left to get to the plane on my own. IndiGo flight 824 at 10:15 Seat 12C. I will try and correct this when I get back to the ship.





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I was able to go to a Marble Carving Factory in Agra and I purchased one small inlaid marble piece (Carnelian, Turquoise, Malachite, Lapis Lazuli & Mother of Pearl) to keep as a sample





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