

Things to do and see in India

1 The Taj Mahal

Read the information on the UNESCO website and answer the questions below.

 <http://whc.unesco.org/>

- Built between and by order of Emperor in a city named
- Why was Taj Mahal built?
- What is inside?
- What's special about it?

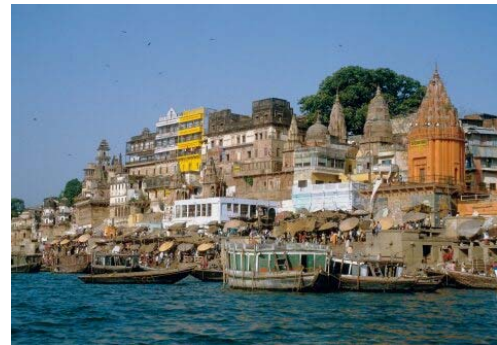


2 Varanasi

Look at the pictures of the so-called ganga-ghats at Varanasi, which are the holiest spots in India. Do research on the city and answer the following questions:

- How could you describe a ghat?
- Which river runs through Varanasi?
- Why do we get to see life and death together in Varanasi?

 [Images of Varanasi](http://www.imagesofindia.com/)



3 Goa

When one thinks of the Indian province Goa, trance parties and gorgeous beaches come to mind. However, the province's interior can also provide interesting and more thoughtful entertainment.

Watch the 6-minute video clip below. After watching the clip, write down 15 words that you associate with Goa.

 <http://www.lonelyplanet.com/>

4 Suggesting a travel route

a) Using the information above, look for more things to see in India. With the help of Google Maps, create a travel route, print it and present it to your classmates.

 <http://maps.google.com/>

b) What are the absolute must-sees, according to your opinion?

Key

1 The Taj Mahal

- Built between **1631** and **1648** by order of Emperor **Shah Jahan** in a city named **Agra**.
- It was built to to perpetuate the memory of his favourite wife, Mumtaz Mahal.
- Inside are the tombs of Mumtaz and Shah Jahan.
- It is exactly the same from all four sides.
The pure white marble changes its colour, depending on the time of the day.
It is a symbol of eternal love.

2 Varanasi

- A ghat is a set of steps leading down to a holy body of water. "Ghat" can also mean "mountain pass/range".
- The Ganges
- We see life and death together because most of the ghats are used for ritual bathing, while others are used as cremation sites.