



Year 10 Trip to India!

7th – 16th February 2025

- Cost: £1600
- Includes: flights, accommodation, food, travel & all activities
- excludes visa



What is Avanti Quest?

Designed by the Trust in collaboration with teaching staff, Avanti Quest is a retreat programme centred around spiritual insight and character formation, two of the Trust's main pillars.

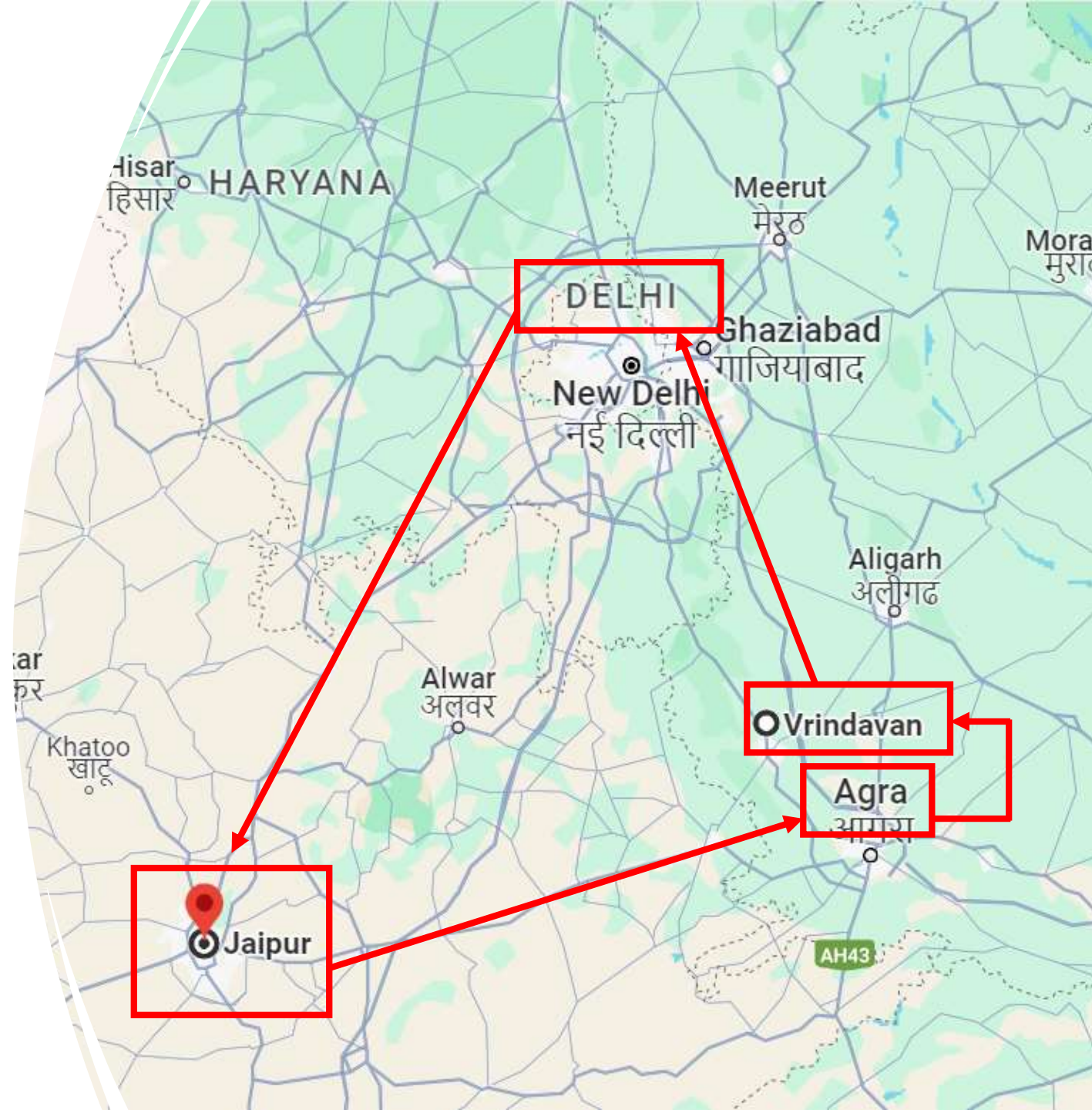
Through a combination of fun outdoor activities, thought-provoking workshops and small group discussions, students are encouraged to continue their path of self-discovery free from the distractions of modern life and academic pressures.

We hope that students will come away from these experiences feeling physically, emotionally and spiritually nourished with a greater understanding of themselves and the world around them.

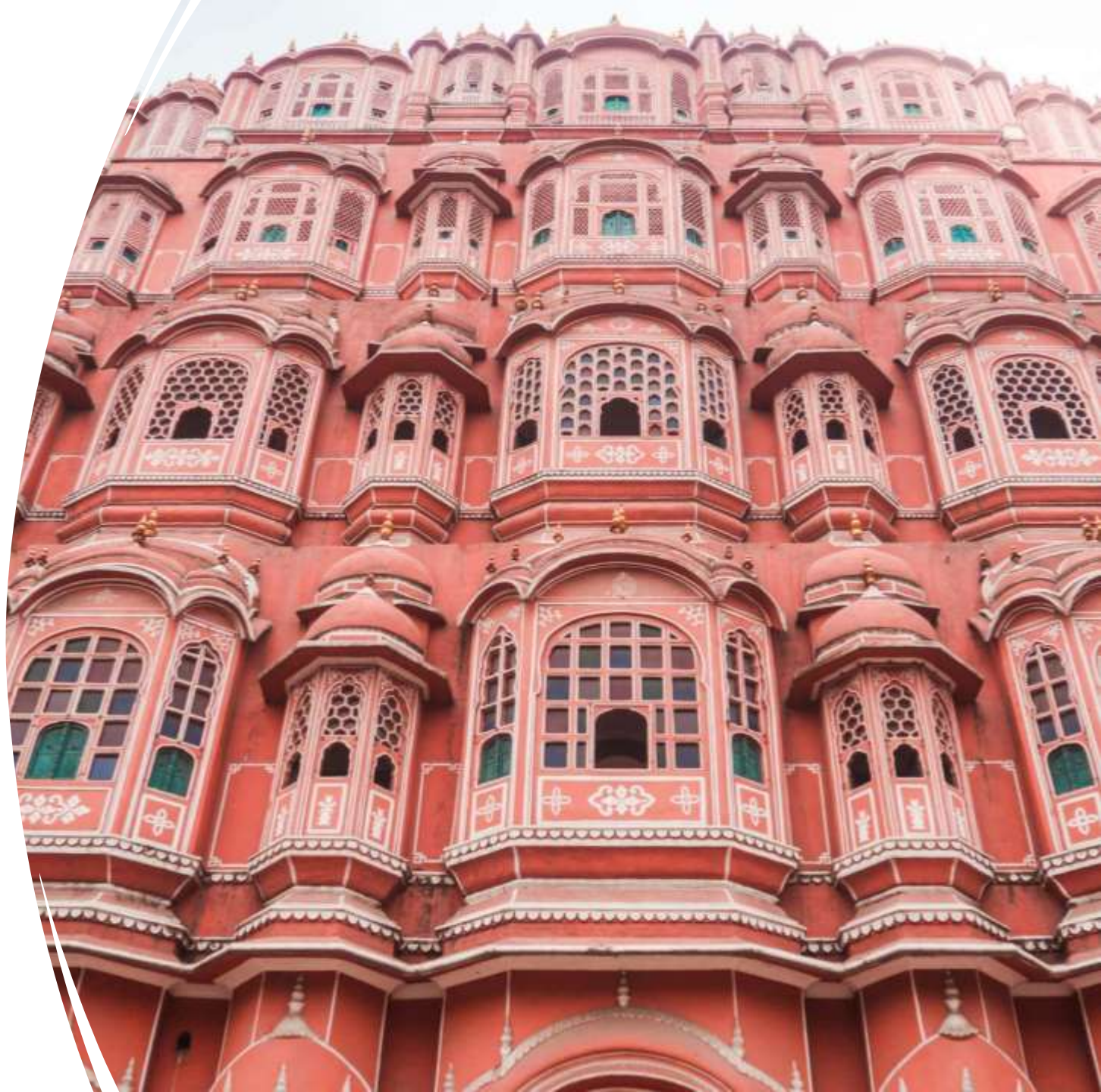
Where is Avanti Quest Happening?

Jaipur, Agra & Vrindavan Tour

- Day 1 – Travel from UK to Delhi
- Days 2&3 - Jaipur for 2 night
- Day 4 – Day trip to Agra, travel to Vrindavan in the evening
- Days 5-9 – Vrindavan & Govardhan
- Day 10 – Travel back to Delhi and fly back to UK



2 Day Trip to Jaipur





History

- The history of the Mughal Empire (1670 AD) and the connection to Vaishnavism
- How the deities moved from Vrindavan to Jaipur & why
- Visit the main temples in Jaipur
- Learn the history of the arts & architecture that Jaipur is famous for



Culture

- Jaipur sell beautiful, traditional arts and crafts as well as jewelry
- Visit the local markets
- Students will have a chance to do some shopping (with adult supervision)
- Spend time with the local elephants!





Architecture

As we roam the city, students will be able to see and admire some of the most beautiful sites & the traditional designs Jaipur has to offer





Taste

- Eat Jaipuri Cuisine in an authentic environment!
- An evening of adventure with games, stalls and delicious food (ethos friendly)

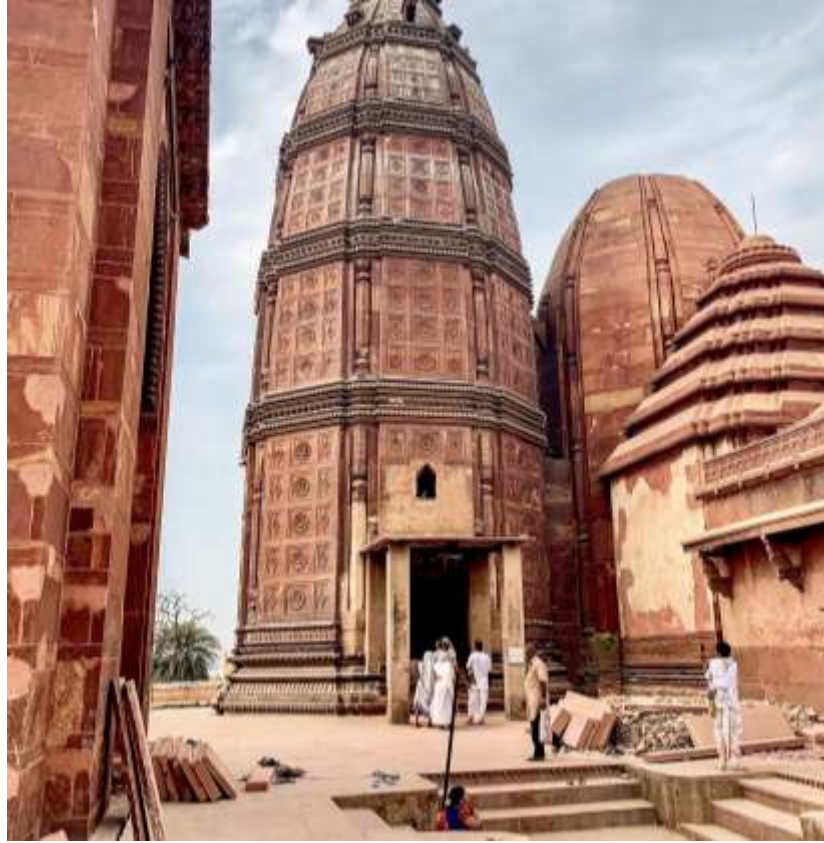
Day Trip to Agra

- Visit & explore the Taj Mahal
- Learn about the history and the connection to Vaishnavism and Vrindavan (follow on from Jaipur)
- Visit the Tomb of Akbar (and the role he played in Vaishnava culture)
- Visit the Agra Fort and learn the history
- Travel to Vrindavan from Agra in the evening



5-Day Trip to Vrindavan & Govardhan





Darshan

- Visit the main temples in Vrindavan & Govardhan
- Take a boat ride down the Yamuna river
- Meet the Saints of Vrindavan who have dedicated their lives to Krishna



Experience

- Give back to the community - plant trees
- Visit and serve goshallas
- Spend time with the locals and learn to make rotis the traditional way!





Immerse

- Kirtan experience
- Spend time and talk to people living in Vrindavan
- Parikrama – circumambulate around Holy places
- & much, much more!

Accommodation

- Jaipur – hotel accommodation (still to be booked). Looking at 4* hotels in the centre of Jaipur
- Vrindavan 1 night at MVT guesthouse next to ISKCON Vrindavan and 4 nights at Govardhan Retreat Centre. All rooms have AC and en-suites. Comfortable & clean
- Rooms will have 2 people occupancy



Food (Prashad)

- Food will be provided by one of our reputable agencies – Love Braj who will cook the majority of meals and provide us with packed lunches where necessary
- Snacks will be available if necessary
- Food is cooked in a safe and clean environment.
- Ethos friendly prashad
- Bottled water will be used at all times during meal times, students are encouraged to bring their own water bottles for the trip that they can carry around



Safety

- Given the complexities of an international trip, we are in the process of assessing all potential risks across transport, accommodation and activities.
- A 1:5 ratio of teachers to students will be maintained throughout the trip.
- An on-site doctor will stay with us for the duration of the trip to address health-related concerns, administer necessary care, and ensure the overall well-being of the children.
- The retreat team will be meeting with school staff in advance to go over expectations.
- Members of our team (and some teachers) are First Aid trained.



What do we expect from students?

- Students to listen and respect all Avanti rules, so that the programme runs without disruption and everyone is kept safe.
- To be respectful and supportive of the retreat team, school staff & volunteers that will be attending, as well as their peers.
- To be respectful of the locals and be open to understanding a different culture/language from the one they may be used to.
- Dress code - We do not expect anyone to wear full Indian clothes, but we do ask that as we are going to holy places they should dress appropriately and comfortably



What do we expect from parents?

- If interested, please register by completing the initial form as found in the letter.
- To secure your child's place, please make the **£100 non refundable deposit** once made available in ParentPay/Arbor where a monthly payment plan is available.
- To fill in the necessary contact and medical forms when shared by schools after registration.
- To support children in preparing their luggage and passports for the retreat. A recommended list of items to pack to will be provided nearer to the retreat date.
- To ensure that students arrive at school on-time when leaving for the retreat and that students have the means to get home on their return to school.

