



Taj Mahal

The Taj Mahal is considered the finest example of Mughal Architecture, a style that combines elements of Persian, Ottoman, Indian and Islamic architectural styles. Taj Mahal is a mausoleum located in Agra, India, built in 1632 by Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan in memory of his favorite wife Mumtaz Mahal. The architect was Ustad Ahmad Lahauri.

From 1983 Taj Mahal became a UNESCO World Heritage site and is cited as "the jewel of Muslim art in India." The inlay stones are marble, jasper, jade, leveled and polished to the walls. Over 1000 elephants were used to transport building materials during the construction. In the Mausoleum is buried Shah Jahan and his wife Mumtaz.





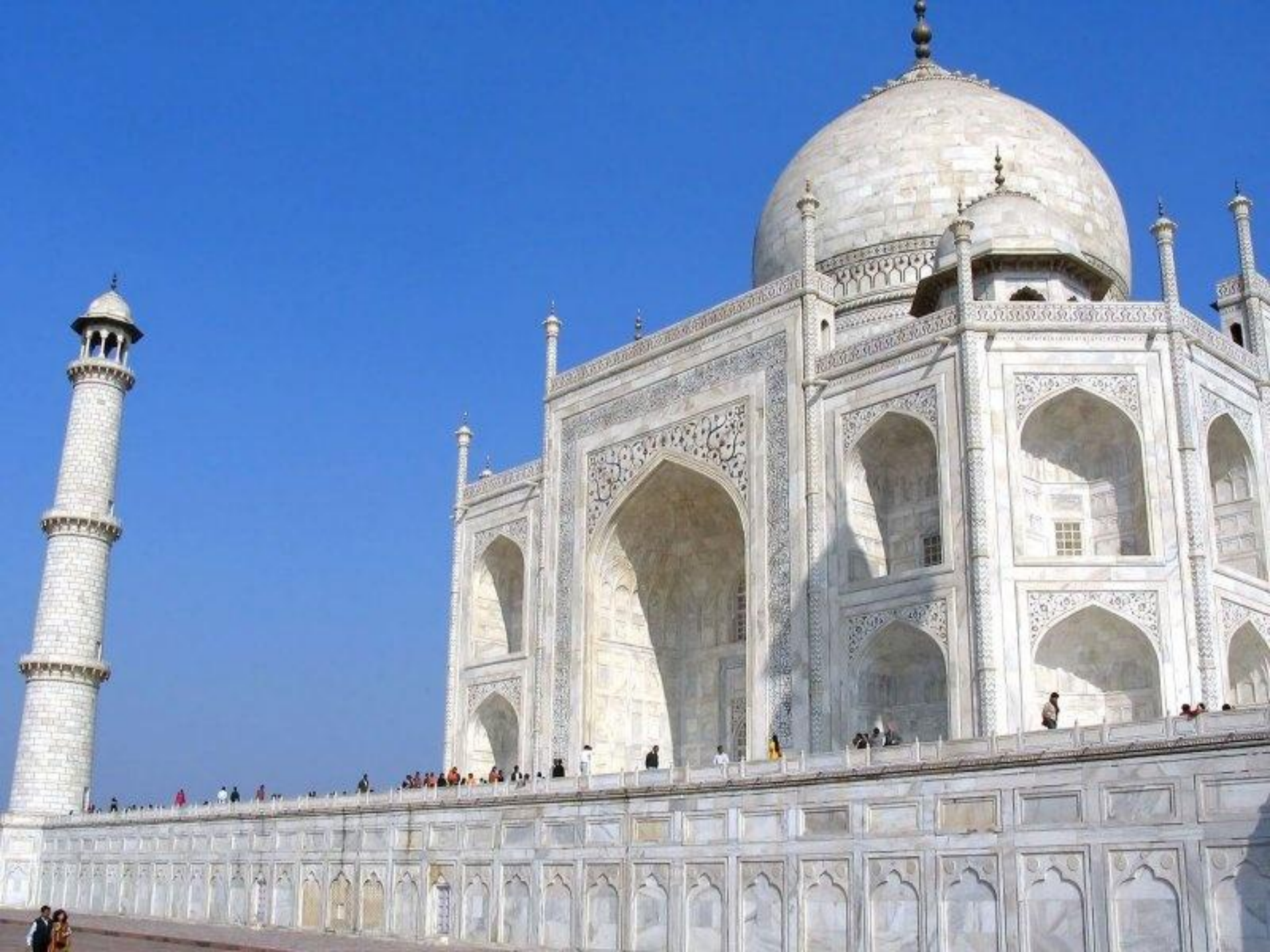




























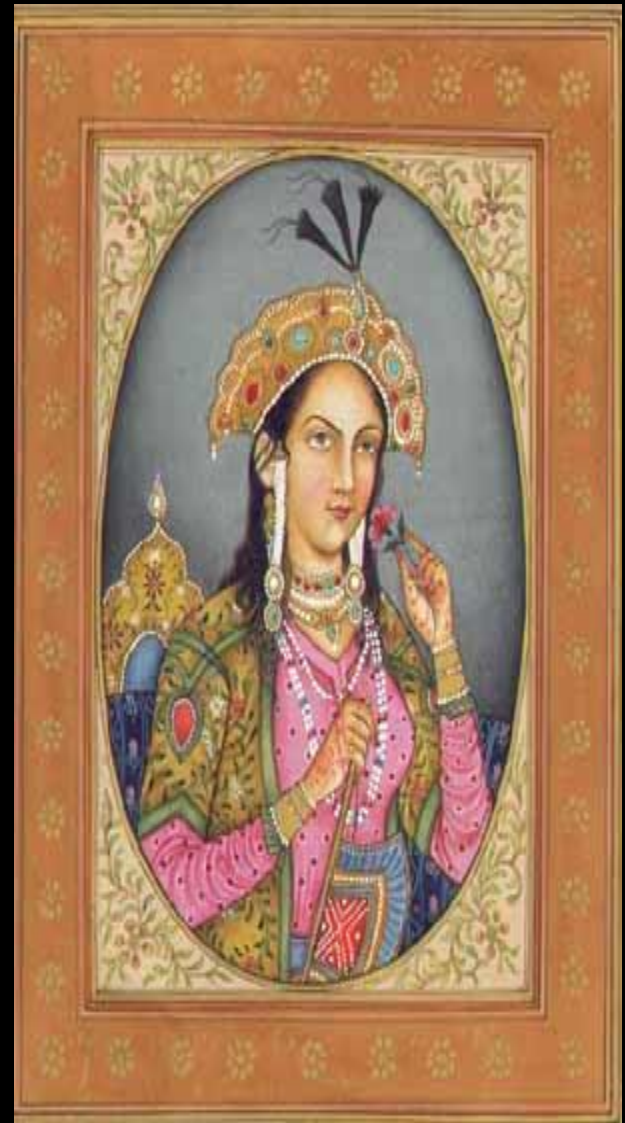








Emperor Shah Jahan



Favorite wife Mumtaz Mahal







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