

GOLDEN TRIANGLE, INDIA



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06 Nights Hotels

India is a democratic land of contrast and contradiction with a rich dynamic culture and ancient history, one of the oldest civilizations in the world. The History of India begins with the Indus Valley Civilization and the coming of the Aryans. India stands apart from the rest of Asia for its culture, traditional costumes, Food, and geographical area.

We have made this tour specially to explore the fascinating culture and history where you will discover many highlights of Delhi before heading to the pink city of Jaipur and massive Amer Fort. After that approach to Agra, to witness the world-famous Taj Mahal and the incredible Fort and enjoy riding a rickshaw.

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- ♥ India is extremely tourist friendly. The locals are kind and helpful. Shopping is fun, with many bargains to be had...

ITINERARY: -

Day 01: Arrive in Delhi

Upon arrival at Delhi Airport, you will be met by our airport representative who will assist you and your driver will take you to the hotel for night stay. Rest of the day free. Night in Delhi

Note: No meals neither early check in is Included on day1. (Normal check in time: 14h)

Day 02: in Delhi

Breakfast. Full day sightseeing of Delhi with guide. You could include some of the following: Old Delhi, Red Fort from outside, the Jama Masjid Mosque, with a rickshaw ride through the Chandni Chowk visiting the Spice, Wedding and Silver Markets and then the Birla Temple, Parliament Buildings of Sir Edwin Lutyens, India Gate and Humayun's Tomb.

Start the morning with a visit to Old Delhi. Built in the first half of the 17th Century by the Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan this old city is still a dense network of overcrowded homes, markets and endless alleyways dominated by the enormous **Red Fort (closed on Monday)**. Enjoy going by a cycle rickshaw through Chandni Chowk (closed on a Sunday) a bustling thoroughfare of shops, craftsmen's workshops, mosques, and temples. Continue onto **Jama Masjid** the largest mosque in India and then to the Red Fort (closed on a Monday) with its imposing appearance and towering entrance. Also visit **Rajghat**, the cremation place of Mahatma Gandhi.



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In the afternoon drive south to New Delhi designed by British architect Sir Edwin Lutyens in a combination of western and eastern styles. Proceed up to **Rashtrapati Bhavan** once the Viceroy's abode but now the official residence of the President of India and then across to the eastern end of the Rajpath to the imposing **India Gate**. This war memorial, designed by Lutyens, commemorates the Indian soldiers who died in the First World War, on the Northwest Frontier and in the Afghan War of 1919 and, most recently, in the Indo-Pakistan war of 1971.

Continue to visit the **Qutub Minar** complex housing an impressive 13th Century 72m victory tower, one of the most perfect towers in the world. The tower was built to celebrate Muslim dominance in Delhi after the defeat of Delhi's last Hindu ruler. The first three storeys of the Qutub Minar are made of red sandstone and the last two are made of marble and sandstone.

Night stay in Delhi.

Day 03: Delhi – Shahpura – Jaipur (By surface, Aprox. 5h)

Half Board. After breakfast drive to Jaipur, capital of Rajasthan. This is a busy bustling city where the bazaars spill over on to the streets, to mingle with the handcarts, camels, elephants, scooters, rickshaws and tuk-tuks. It is lively and colourful and painted pink!

☞ **Lunch at Shahpura Haveli.**

Before reaching Jaipur, on the way, we will enjoy lunch at the ancient Shahpura Haveli palace, a Heritage hotel in Rajasthan. Shahpura Haveli is a 300-year-old structure located in Shahpura. It was known as the residential complex of the Shekhawats, a clan that was discovered in the 14th century. The palace has now been converted into a heritage home which boasts of Indo-Saracenic style of architecture.



After lunch continue drive to Jaipur, the highly distinctive planned city of Jaipur, founded in 1727 by Maharaja Jai Singh II, is a colourful capital characterized by fine bazaars, intricately carved palaces and havelis as well as powerful forts. Inheriting the kingdom in a period of instability Maharaja Jai Singh II defeated the Maratha armies of Gujarat and Maharashtra and successfully forged diplomatic ties with the Mughal Emperor Aurangzeb thus achieving the political stability he needed to pursue his scientific and cultural interests.



Jaipur is very much the product of his intellectual talent and with the Brahmin scholar Vidyadhar Bhattacharya he was able to utilize his love of mathematics, science, and astrology to design his city on a distinctive grid based on Hindu representations of the universe which lasts to this day.

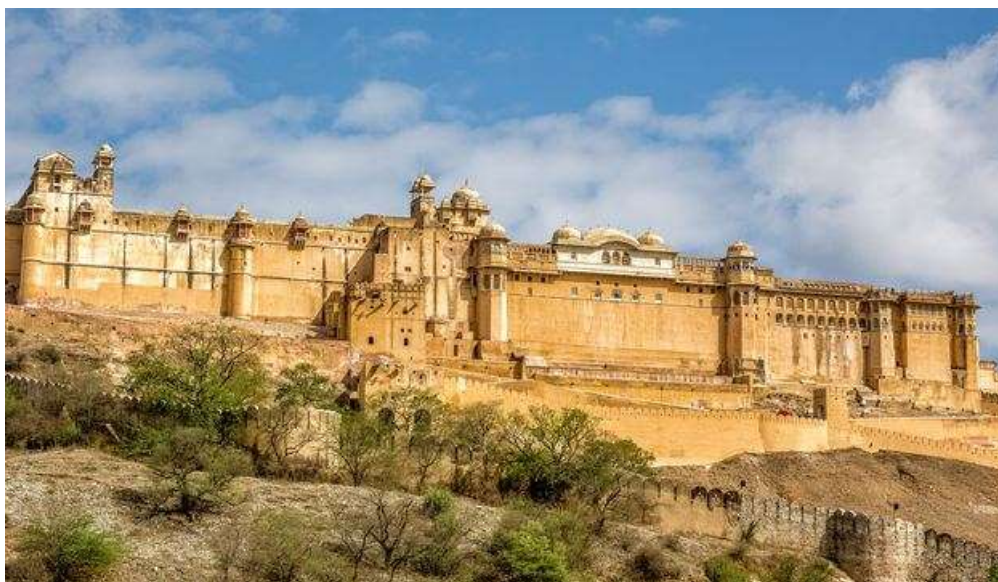
Check in at your hotel at rest of the day free. **Note.** If you wish you can enjoy Bollywood Movie at Raj Mandir (Optional and not included) . Cost approx. 5\$ per person.

Night stay in Jaipur.

Day 04: in Jaipur

Half Board. Breakfast in the hotel. We will start the day by taking photos of an incomparable work of art, the famous **Palace of the Winds or Hawa Mahal**, was built in 19th century. (only photo stop) It has a majestic pink and white facade. It was built for the ladies of the palace that they could observe the exterior without being seen through. It has many viewpoints filled with almost a thousand of windows and lattices. Then we will approach the **Amber Fort**, one of the greatest jewels of all Rajasthan, with a succession of ramparts, gates and palaces towering over a hill rocky next to a lake. Like the Rajputas, we will arrive at the palace on the back of an elephant to view the beautiful palace with its ornate mosaics, coloured stone inlays, intricately painted murals, palaces, temples & cooling courtyard watercourses.

Note> you will go only uphill by elephant but downhill will be by Jeep or walking.



In the afternoon continuing onto the **City Palace** complex that occupies the centre of Jaipur. Painted pink as a mark of welcome, the City Palace was completed in 1732 & houses the intriguing Armory Museum. Further along is the **Jantar Mantar (Observatory)** the largest stone observatory in world.

✚ If time allows enjoy walking tour through the old city to explore the colourful markets & bazaars before. Jaipur is famous as a centre for carpet weaving – silk and wool – and for Jaipur blue pottery, but probably best known for its exquisite gems and jewellery, as well as local art of block printing.

♥ Enjoy dinner with typical Rajasthani dance show at Narayan Niwas Palace or similar.

Hotel Narain Niwas Palace is one of the finest heritage hotels in Jaipur. The show includes different dance performances by talented artists. The dance forms demonstrate the richness of Indian art and culture. It is a simple way to learn Indian classical dance forms but also amuses them with beautiful dance postures. IT IS A MUST!

Night stay in Jaipur.

Day 05: Jaipur – Abhaneri - Fatehpur Sikri – Agra (By surface, approx. 06h)

Breakfast in the hotel. Leave Jaipur after an early breakfast for the drive to Agra, stopping on the way to visit the hidden secrets of India, the most fascinating and largest stepwell built by King Chanda somewhere in the 9th century. It has 3,500 narrow steps arranged in perfect symmetry, which descend 20m to the bottom of the well. About 64 feet deep, it is India's largest and deepest stepwells with 13 floors.

Before reaching Agra, we will visit Fatehpur Sikri, the deserted capital city of Emperor Akbar. Visit the beautiful Dargah Mosque, the Buland Darwaza and the tomb of Shaikh Salim Chishti. Also, the palaces of Akbar's women; Jodh Bal Palace for his Hindu mother, Birbal Bhawan for his favourite courtier and Golden House for his Christian wife. Also make a visit to the Karawan Serai which is a courtyard surrounded by hostels used for visiting merchants, the Paanch Mahal, the Treasury, the Diwan-I-Khas and the Diwan-I-Am.

Continue the short drive to Agra for overnight stay. Rest of the day free. Night in Agra.

♥ For shopping lover Agra is famous for marble items inlaid the semi-precious stones and gems.



Day 06: In Agra

Breakfast in the hotel. Morning sightseeing with your guide. We would suggest to begin your day visiting Taj Mahal (closed on Fridays), the Tomb of Mumtaz, beloved wife of the emperor Shah Jahan and arguably the greatest monument to love, built by Shah Jahan as a memorial to his wife Mumtaz & a building world renowned for its power and beauty. The craftsmanship is outstanding with semi-precious stones inlaid into the marble in beautiful patterns, a process known as pietra dura, whilst the white marble reflects every change in light allowing the Taj to appear to change its hue according to the light & time of day.

Continue to visit the imposing **Agra Fort** on the banks of the River Yamuna which was established by the Mughal Emperor Akbar in 1565. This powerful imperial fortress dominates the centre of the city & the red sandstone walls enclose a vast area which comprises of palaces, impressive reception rooms and two very beautiful mosques.



In the afternoon visit the tomb of **Itmad-ud-Daula**, one of the most beautiful existing Mughal Tombs, built entirely in white marble. The tomb is also quite famous for the glorious pietra dura (stone inlay) decoration which depicts cypresses, wine glasses and an amazing variety of geometrical arabesque. It stands across Yamuna River and approx. one and a half kilometers away from the Taj. This magnificent tomb belongs to the era of Jahangir and it contains cenotaphs of Mirza Ghivas and Asmat Begum, the parents of the powerful Mughal Empress Nurjahan, queen of Jahangir who was an exceptional beauty and an astute administrator. The tomb is significantly built quite departed and aloof from the other Mughal Tombs.

Rest of the time free. Night in Agra.

Day 07: Back to Delhi airport. (surface. Aprox 4h)

Breakfast in the hotel. Drive back to Delhi airport for onward journey...

Note: Today, NO hotel booked in Delhi neither at any other city.

End of the tour.....