

GOLDEN TRIANGLE TOUR INDIA

(6 Nights hotel stay)

Delhi – Agra – Jaipur – Delhi - Departure

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India, country of many contrasts, contradictions, spiritual and intense experiences.

It is not its culture, nor its monumental beauties, but its art: it is its philosophy, it is its way of seeing life. India is a separate universe within our world. Your time in India will enrich your soul and help you better understand the meaning of life.

We invite you to enjoy it and feel it.

DETAILED PROGRAM



DAY 01 ARRIVE DELHI

Welcome to India – A country of countless destinations. A land of rich and ancient heritage. The charm of India is its 5000-year history, its philosophy, its religions, its fabulous monuments that increase its diversity to create the unique and colourful mosaic. This is the wonder of India.

Upon arrival at Delhi Airport, you will be met by your car with chauffeur for the short transfer to your hotel. Rest of the day free. Night in Delhi.

IMP. NOTE >

- As we do not know the exact flights, therefore, Early check-in is not included on this day. (the official check-in time at the hotel is 15:00 p.m.) **Consult Early check-in cost.**
- For the same reason, on this day breakfast, lunch and dinner is not included.

NOTE ON TRANSFER

• The price is based on the group/clients arriving on the same flight and transferring them together to the hotel in the same vehicle. In case the clients arriving on different flights, and they need transfers, these will be additional charges applicable that will be charged to each client. The same policy will apply for the return flight.

DAY 02 IN DELHI

Breakfast in the hotel. Full day sightseeing of Delhi with an English speaking guide. You could include some of the following: Old Delhi, <u>visiting Red Fort from outside</u>, the Jama Masjid Mosque, Rickshaw ride through the Chandni Chowk passing through the Spice, Wedding and Silver Markets and then drive through to Parliament Buildings of Sir Edwin Lutyens, India Gate and Humayun's Tomb.

In the morning, panoramic visit of the Red Fort, (closed on Mondays) Declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 2007 and which we will see from the outside, a huge octagon of colossal proportions.

We will continue with the Jama Masjid Mosque (the largest in India), which we will reach by Rickshaw. On the way we will cross the spice market, a local market (closed on Sundays) where we will recognize the dreamed India, the traditional and eternal India, full of color and truth.

Return to your vehicle and head towards the Gandhi Memorial, where the father of Indian independence was cremated.

• Lunch at your own expense.

In the afternoon drive towards south Delhi designed by British architect Sir Edwin Lutyens in a combination of western and eastern styles. We will visit the Gateway of India, one of the most famous monuments in India, very similar to the Arc de Triomphe in Paris. It was built in colonial style in memory of the Indian soldiers who died in the First World War. Continue to the panoramic visit of Parliament of India and the President house, once the Viceroy's abode but now the official residence of the President of India.

Continue to visit the architectural jewel Qutub Minar, a minaret built of bricks and marble, which is 72 m high, built by the first Muslim ruler of India, Qutub-ud-din Aibak.

• Lunch at your own expense.

We will end the day with a visit to the Gurudwara, the Sikh Temple, an architectural beauty. The Sikhs for their religion perform Seva, abbreviation of the word refers to "selfless service", work or service performed without any thought of personal reward or benefit. The volunteers who participate in Seva are known as Sevadars. During the visit to the kitchen, if you wish, you will have the opportunity to become like a sevadar and participate in the kitchen making chapatis (Indian Bread), lend a hand in preparing lentils, vegetables and serving the numerous people sitting waiting for the food. It is a very enriching experience in that in some way they are giving something back to the community/people. Return to hotel for night stay. Night in Delhi. Dinner at your own expense.

DAY 03 DELHI - AGRA

Breakfast in the hotel. After breakfast, transfer by road to Agra, the home to the Taj Mahal, it was once the capital of the Mughal empire, and today it seems a piece of history. The Mughal emperors, with their passion for architecture, built some of the most impressive buildings in the world.

Upon arrival, check in at the hotel and rest day at leisure. Night in Agra. Lunch & Dinner at your own expense.

DAY 04 In AGRA

After breakfast, we will visit the Red Fort, built of red sandstone stone (hence its name), containing within it an impressive set of palaces and stately buildings with different architectural styles. The Great Mughals of the Mughal Empire lived and ruled from here.

Later we will proceed to visit to **the Taj Mahal*****. Closed on Fridays. It is one of the most beautiful, suggestive, and fascinating architectural works in the world, and it never disappoints, no matter how many expectations one has. It combines elements of Islamic, Persian, Indian and even Turkish architecture. We will have time to enjoy the entire atmosphere of this monument dedicated to love. A love poem made in marble. The Taj Mahal, 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, while the white marble reflects every change in light allowing the Taj to appear to change its hue according to the light & time of day. ***Visitors will now have just three hours to complete their Taj Mahal tour, from the time of entry to departure. The time limit starts after passing the ticket barrier and the security check. If a tourist stays inside the premises of Taj Mahal for more than three hours, he or she will have to pay a fine of INR 600 per person, which is approximately USD 10 per person. Rules and regulations are subject to change at any time.

• Lunch at your own expense.

In the afternoon visit the tomb of **Itmad-ud-Daula**, one of the most beautiful existing Mughal Tombs, built entirely built in white marble in the region. 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.

Return to hotel for night stay. Night in Agra. Dinner at your own expense.

DAY 05 AGRA – FATEHPUR SIKRI – JAIPUR

Breakfast in the hotel. After breakfast, transfer by road to the pink city of 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!

En route we will visit Fatehpur Sikri, the deserted city founded by Emperor Akbar. Fatehpur Sikri was the winter capital of the Rajput Sikarwar which was first occupied by the Lodhi and finally passed into the hands of the Mughals. Akbar, the fifth Mughal king made it his capital which was soon abandoned supposedly due to lack of water.

• Lunch on the way at your own expense.

Continue to Jaipur. Upon arrival, check in at the hotel and rest of the day free. Night in Jaipur. Dinner at your own expense.

Optional. If you wish you can witness the evening ritual religious Arti at the Birla Temple, also known as the Laxmi Narayan temple. Dedicated to the god Vishnu (Narayan) and his consort Laxmi, the goddess of wealth. Among them is the god Ganesha (protector of the home). The figures of God Vishnu and his consort Laxmi are carved from a single piece of marble. In addition, you can find portraits of important figures in history such as Socrates, Christ, Zarathustra, Buddha, or Confucius.

DAY 06 JAIPUR - AMER FORT - JAIPUR

Breakfast at the hotel. We will start the day taking photos of an incomparable work of art, the famous Palace of the Winds or Hawa Mahal. It has a majestic pink and white facade; The ladies of the palace, for whom it was built, could observe the outside without being seen through its numerous viewing points filled with almost a thousand windows and lattices.

Next, we will visit the Amber Fort, one of the greatest jewels in all of Rajasthan, with a succession of walls, access gates and palaces that rise on a rocky hill located next to a lake. Climb to Amber Fort on foot or by Jeep. (NOT BY ELEPHANT**) ** Due to animal rights and out of respect towards animals, we **DO NOT** use the elephant to climb the fort. Note > if anyone wants to ride an elephant, please inform us in advance and we will provide it as per request, but sometimes the Elephants are NOT available at the last moments, so you have to book in advance. (NOT INCLUDED AND PAYMENT WILL BE DIRECT) - Anglo Indiago Travels does not advise any activities with animals and does not assume any responsibility.

We will then pass by the beautifully restored Jal Mahal Palace, a former royal pavilion.

• Lunch at your own expense.

In the afternoon you will visit 18th century Jantar Mantar Astronomical Observatory with 18 giant precision instruments. It has the world's largest science observatory and a heritage site with most important stone Sundial in the world. The monument contains important huge antique tools of distance observation of the earth from different planets, Stars, and Satellites.

Next door, we will visit to the City Palace, or Maharaja's Palace, which is an immense enclosure with numerous patios surrounded by various buildings, considered one of the most extraordinary palaces in India. It covers almost one-seventh of the city's area, so it is actually a city in itself. Built between 1729 and 1732 by order of Sawai Jai Singht II. The Palace has been the residence of the rulers of Jaipur since its construction and even today a large part of its buildings is occupied by the family of the current Maharaja. In 1959 the royal family decided to open some areas to the public.

Return to hotel. Night in Jaipur. Dinner at your own expense.

OPTIONAL:

- If time allows you can visit the Patrika Gate to take photos of the interior. Patrika Gate, one of the most beautiful places in Jaipur, this is a big gate with beautiful architecture. Images and elements of Rajasthan come to life at Patrika Gate through its hand-painted walls and ceilings. Each pillar and column depict scenes from various regions of Rajasthan. The rich architectural and cultural legacy of the state is glimpsed. The wall and ceiling panels are beautifully painted with intricate patterns and colors.
- Enjoy a walk to explore the exotic 'bazaars' of Jaipur to discover the artistic wealth of the region. Visit 'Bapu Bazar' (for textiles), and 'Johari Bazar' (for jewellery). We will walk through the fruit, vegetable, spice markets and visit small temples and interact with local people.
- Visit the Block printing, the traditional process of hand block printing on textiles, with rich natural colors, has been practiced in Rajasthan for around 500 years, which was introduced to the Jaipur region by the Chhipa community. This community was originally located in Bagru Village, an area now famous for its vegetable dye and mud resist (dabu) block prints. The art of block printing has been passed down for generations within families and communities. Timing from Monday to Saturday from 0900-1700 hrs except 1300-1400 hrs (Lunch time). No charges for visit. Clients can look in to the process. Please note, this is a commercial activity, and you can buy the same without any obligation. However, an interaction workshop can be possible only for 08 Pax onward as they need to allot 02 workers and stop their production. It will be a 2-3 hrs workshop where guest can try their hand on printing as well.

DAY 07 JAIPUR – DELHI – FINAL DEPARUTE

Breakfast in the hotel. After breakfast, at the indicated time you will be transferred by road to Delhi international airport for onward journey...

• Lunch & Dinner at your own expense.

IMP NOTE:

- For economy class you must reach at the airport at least 3 hours before your flight departure.
- The tour operator/DMC reserves the right to alter the order of visits if required.

WE HOPE YOU HAVE ENJOYED THIS MAGICAL EXPERIENCE! NAMASTE

OPTIONAL – NOT INCLUDED

(All extra activities are subject to change due to availability, weather conditions & govt rules + if time allows then only below activities can be included)

- Hot Air Balloon Ride in Jaipur
- Ele fantastic (elephant) tour in Jaipur.
- Tuk Tuk ride in Jaipur.
- Rickshaw ride in Jaipur.
- Dinner and cooking demo with local family in Jaipur.
- Dinner at Dharampura Haveli in Old Delhi.
- Lunch at 1135AD restaurant en Jaipur.
- Lunch at Samode Palace.
- Taj Mahal full moon visit in Agra. (subject to tickets availability, Govt. Rules & Full Moon) 52 USD
 Per Person* *Taj Mahal full moon visit only possible for 05 days in a month during Full moon.
 (02 days prior to Full moon night + Full moon night + 02 days after Full moon night)..

Night Viewing Timing: 20:30 hrs. to 00.30 hrs. in 8 batches of max. 50 people each. Time duration for each batch is half an hour (30 minutes). Tourists have to report half an hour before the viewing time mentioned on their ticket at Shilpgram for security checks. Please note everyone has to have ones ID during visit. <u>https://www.tajmahal.gov.in/night-view.aspx</u>

Dharampura Haveli in Delhi.

 The Dharampura Haveli, being on the verge of abandonment, this beautiful Haveli was restored and received the UNESCO Asia-Pacific Award for the Conservation of Cultural Heritage. As you walk through the cusp-arched gateway to a serene hideaway in the heart of Old Delhi. Step into a time capsule from the Mughal era through the architectural beauty and grandeur of Haveli Dharampura. <u>https://www.havelidharampura.com/</u>

Hot Air Ballon, Jaipur

• Hot air balloon ride is the best way to EXPERIENCE Jaipur from a very exclusive perspective as you drift over traditional Rajasthani villages, spectacular forts, breathtaking landscapes, and hidden palaces.

Ele fantastic (elephant) tour in Jaipur:

 Ele fantastic tour includes Lunch and Bathing, Feeding, Painting, walk with Elephant in Village (Elephant Ride NOT ALLOWED) – Total 2h programme.

Tuk Tuk & Rickshaw Ride in Jaipur.

Rickshaw: The Rickshaw has 3 wheels and pulled by a man. Tuk Tuk: A simple vehicle with an engine and three wheels.

Dinner with Local Family:

• Join a local family in Jaipur for a traditional vegetarian dinner to experience the authentic cuisine of Rajasthan and family life in India. Learn how the food is cooked and chat with the family as you share the meal together.

Dinner / Lunch at 1135AD restaurant en Jaipur.

 One of the best places to eat in Jaipur, 425-year-old Amer Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. On a crisp winter evening, with lamps lighting up the palace walls, this is easily the most romantic place in town. The palace is impeccably maintained, and the restaurant is no exception. Frescoes on the walls, candelabras and silverware, and elegant chandeliers may trick you into thinking you were royalty. And then you eat the food, which incorporates recipes from the several royal households from the region.

For more information & Price please email at: <u>info@angloindiago.com</u>

Important Note:

- The above tour can be combined with Nepal, Sri Lanka, Bhutan, Maldives etc. etc.
- If you wish you can modify the tour as per your requirements.
- The tour can be extended to any other city in India.
- You can experience Yoga & meditation during this itinerary.
- A mock wedding can be arranged. (NO legal value)