

INDIA, The Golden Triangle

DELHI | JAIPUR | AGRA (7D/6N)

Valid from 01st of October till 31st of March 2024



Detailed Program:

DAY 1: BEIRUT – DELHI

Upon arrival in Delhi, meet and transfer to hotel
Check in at 14.00. Overnight stay at hotel in Delhi

DAY 2: DELHI – JAIPUR (265KMS/05-06HRS BY SURFACE)

Breakfast at hotel.

Proceed for guided sightseeing tour of Old Delhi.
Your tour starts in Old Delhi, the former Imperial capital. Here, you enjoy a walk through the crowded streets of the 300 years' old Chandni Chowk market. It is said that the moonlight reflecting on the canal, earned it its name, 'Chandni (Moonlit) Chowk (square)'. Today it is a busy market selling an extraordinary variety of items – silver, jewelry, aromatic spices, leather, fruit and vegetables. Apothecaries sell home grown medicinal items, and roadside dentists display their bizarre array of equipment and false teeth. It is a wonderful introduction into the world of organized chaos of India!

After your visit you board your waiting vehicle and drive to Raj Ghat. A simple square platform of black marble marks the spot where Mahatma Gandhi was cremated following his assassination in 1948. It is surrounded by a beautiful park with labelled trees planted by notables like Queen Elizabeth II, USA President Eisenhower, Ho Chi Minh and various others. Overnight stay at hotel in Jaipur.

DAY 4: JAIPUR – AGRA (240 KMS/05-06HRS)

Breakfast at hotel.

Check out and drive to the city of 07th wonder of the world.

Later drive and check-in to hotel.

Overnight stay at hotel in Agra.

DAY 5: AGRA

Breakfast at hotel.

Proceed for full day sightseeing tour of Agra city.

Two great Mughal monarchs, Akbar and Shah Jahan, transformed the little village of Agra in to a be fitting second capital of the Mughal Empire –giving it the name Dar-ul-Khilafat (seat of the emperor). Today, a visitor to Agra is caught up in a world of contrasting edifices of red sandstone and white marble, narrow gullies and quaint buggies, and that irresistible charm that this favorite city of the Mughals still retains.

You start the tour at the **Taj Mahal**. This stunning mausoleum immortalized the name of Shah Jahan's last wife Mumtaz Mahal, "light of the palace". **(Taj Mahal is closed on Friday)**

Built by Indian artisan sand artisans from neighboring Islamic countries, it is aptly described by the poet laureate Tagore as "A tear on the face of eternity". Decorated with a mosaic of semi-precious stone sand Persian calligraphy recreating verses from the Koran, the mausoleum is an important place of pilgrimages since the empress died in child birth making her a martyr. Prayers are said and passages from Koran are constantly recited in the mosque and cenotaph

DAY 3: JAIPUR

Breakfast at hotel.

This day engage yourself for full day of sightseeing of Pink City.

Morning Amber Fort with Elephant ride (optional, subject to availability) failing by jeeps. Amber is a classic, romantic Rajasthani fort Palace. The rugged, time-ravaged walls of the Fort may not look beautiful from the outside, but the interior is a virtual paradise. Miniatures painted on the walls depict hunting and war scenes, apart from festivals. Precious stones and mirrors are embedded into the plaster. Inside the Fort visit the Jag Mandir or the Hall of Victory. Inside the Jag Mandir is the famed Sheesh Mahal – a room with all the four walls and ceiling completely embedded with glittering mirror pieces, which were specially imported from Belgium during that period. Enroute to Amber Fort, you will have a brief photography stop at Hawa Mahal - the Palace of Winds.

Afternoon city tour begins with a visit to the Maharaja's City Palace, the former Royal residence, part of it converted into a museum. A small portion is still used by the Royal family of Jaipur. Built in the style of a fortified campus, the palace covers almost one-seventh in area of the city.

One of the major attractions in the museum is the portion known as Armory Museum housing an impressive array of weaponry-pistols, blunderbusses, flintlocks, swords, rifles and daggers. The royal families of Jaipur once used most of these weapons. Later visit the Jantar Mantar, which is the largest stone and marble crafted observatory in the world. Situated near the gate of the city palace, the observatory has 17 large instruments, many of them still in working condition. Later continue to visit Lakshmi Narayan temple which is also known as Birla Mandir. Overnight stay at hotel in Jaipur.

chamber. After the Taj Mahal you drive to the mighty **Agra fort**. When the Mughal Emperor Akbar established his supremacy in Northern India, he began his first architectural venture, rebuilding the fort as a beautiful fort palace.

The work was completed by his son and grandson, highlighting the Mughals' ability to blend defensive and decorative architecture. Richly decorated with marble and mosaic, it was in a part of this fort that Shah Jahan spent the last years of his life, imprisoned by his son Aurangzeb. His private quarters, where he was confined, have a magical view of the Taj Mahal across the river Yamuna. The afternoon is at leisure. Overnight stay at hotel.

DAY 6: AGRA - DELHI (210KMS /04-05 HRS)

Breakfast at hotel.

Leave in time for Delhi.

On arrival proceed for sightseeing tour of Delhi.

Visit Qutab Minar complex which has many historic monuments. The first mosque in India – The Quwwat-ul-Islam – built from the dressed and carved stones of demolished temples lies in this complex. It establishes the political victory of Islam in Northern India. The Qutab Minar itself began in 1199 by Qutab ud din Aibak and was completed by his successors. This fluted elegant tower is decorated with elegant balconies and carvings.

Later drive past through India Gate (war memorial dedicated to the lives of laid down by the Indian soldiers), the president's residence - formerly the Viceroy's Palace, parliament House and the Secretariat buildings - an interesting blend of the Victorian and 20th century architecture. Overnight stay at hotel in Delhi.

DAY 7: DELHI - DEPARTURE

Breakfast at hotel (depending flight schedule).
Checkout time – 1100hrs.

In time transfer to Delhi International airport to board onward flight for your home town/further destination.

Prices are per person in US Dollars: (minimum 2pax)

Hotel	Period	Triple	Double	Single
4-star dlx	01/10/23 – 31/03-24	\$995	\$1,045	\$1,290
5-star std	01/10/23 – 31/03-24	\$1,060	\$1,110	\$1,410

- **Rates are subject to change without prior notice**
- **Above rates are not applicable during Christmas and New Year Period**

Selected hotels: (or similar)

Nights.	Regions/Cities	5-star std	4-star dlx
2	DELHI	The Leela Shahdara	Mahagun Sarovar Portico / Golden Tulip Vasundhara
2	AGRA	Grand Mercure	Clarks Shiraz
2	JAIPUR	Holiday Inn City Centre	Royal Orchid

Above rates include:

- ✓ Round trip ticket to Delhi, (with Qatar Airways- economy class)
- ✓ Airport taxes \$320
- ✓ Round trip transfers: airport – hotel – airport
- ✓ 6-night accommodation at hotels on bed & breakfast basis
- ✓ Transfers & tours by air-conditioned vehicles
- ✓ Sightseeing with a local English-speaking guide
- ✓ Jeep ride in Jaipur (Amber Fort)
- ✓ Entrance fees at monuments visited
- ✓ Assistance of our representative in India

Above rates exclude:

- ✓ Visa charge
- ✓ Travel insurance \$ 15
- ✓ Early check in at hotel (day1) can be booked with extra charge
- ✓ Lunches & dinners not mentioned in the program
- ✓ Drinks during meals
- ✓ Optional tours:
 - Mohabbat The Taj Show
 - Akshardham Temple
- ✓ All other expenses

Flight Details: (With Qatar Airways via Doha)

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NB: Schedule & airport taxes are subject to change depending on airline instructions

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