

The Golden Triangle

Pre Tour: 22nd June 2015 - 25th June 2015; From and To New Delhi

Post Tour: 1st July 2015 - 4th July 2015; From and To New Delhi

Golden Triangle Tour is the most popular tourist circuit in India. This incredible Golden Triangle Tour Itinerary comprises of the three famous cities of India- Delhi, Agra and Jaipur representing the grandeur, glory & history of India.

DELHI

The capital of modern India has behind it centuries of history, which has enriched its culture. Nowhere has tradition blended with modernity on a scale as evident in Delhi. Age old monuments stand cheek by jowl with ultra-modern hi-rise buildings.

Delhi has been the seat of power for centuries. Today old and new city combine to present a harmonious whole, offering the traveller, elegant shops, broad labour lined avenues, sun warmed elegant forts and mosques that were once the stronghold of Mughal powers and colourful bazaars.

AGRA

Agra is a city on the banks of the Yamuna River in the northern state of Uttar Pradesh, India. It finds mention in the epic Mahabharata where it was called Agreva, or 'the border of the forest'. Legend ascribes the founding of the city to Raja Badal Singh (around 1475), whose fort, Badalgarh stood on or near the site of the present Fort. It achieved fame as the capital of the Mughal emperors from 1526 to 1658 and remains a major tourist destination because of its many splendid Mughal-era buildings, most notably the Taj Mahal, Agra Fort and Fatehpur Sikri, all three of which are UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

JAIPUR

Built by Sawai Jai Singh, the city of Jaipur is amongst the first of India's planned cities. The ancient heart of the Pink City still beats in its fairy tale palaces; rugged fortresses perched on barren hills and broad avenues. Jaipur has a timeless appeal in its colourful bazaars that delights with its handlooms and trinkets. Beautifully laid out gardens and parks, attractive monuments and marvellous heritage hotels, once the residence of Maharajas, are worth admiration that makes a trip to the pink city a memorable one.



Day 1 – DELHI/AGRA: By Road (203 Kms, 4 Hours)

0700 hrs: Pick up from respective hotel.

1200 hrs: Arrive in Agra and transfer to the hotel

1230 hrs: Lunch in the hotel

1400 hrs: Visit Taj Mahal

The Taj Mahal is synonymous with beauty, love and grandeur. This white marble mausoleum, built on the banks of river Yamuna, epitomizes Shah Jahan's love for his wife, Mumtaz Mahal.

Designed by a local architect, Ustad Ahmad Lahori, the entire complex, with gardens, gateway structures, and mosque, was completed in 1643. More than three centuries later, the monument retains its romantic aura. Set like a jewel within gardens whose four-fold design echoes the Islamic idea of paradise, its millions of visitors marvel at the play of light on its marble dome which seems to turn from rose to pearl with the passage of the sun. There is much to see - the exquisite calligraphy, the lyrical floral motifs of the pietra dura decorations which form a mosaic of colour; and the fountains and canals of the gardens which reflect the monument in a series of ethereal images.



1700 hrs: Visit Agra Fort



Agra Fort is located on the right bank of the river Yamuna in the city of Agra in Uttar Pradesh. It is one of the most important and robustly built strong hold of the Mughals, embellished with number of richly decorated buildings encompassing the imposing Mughal style of art and architecture. It was constructed by the third Mughal emperor Akbar on the remains of an ancient site known as Badalgarh.

2030 hrs: Diner in the hotel Overnight stay in Agra

Day 2 - AGRA/JAIPUR: By Road (245 Kms, 4 Hours)

0630 Hrs: Breakfast at hotel.

0730 hrs: Check-out and proceed to Fatehpur Sikri.

Fatehpur Sikri, Akbar's City of Victory, lies on a hill top almost 40 kms from Agra built over the ruins of hundreds of Jain temples. It has two different



complexes- the royal enclosure of the palaces with the harem and official buildings; and the dargah of the Sufi saint, Salim Chisti with a mosque and gateway. To wander around the red sandstone courtyards of this World Heritage Site is to travel back in time to an Imperial splendour. The buildings at Fatehpur Sikri belong to a composite style of architecture with predominating Islamic style cleverly blended with local Rajasthani and Gujarati styles. In its heyday, the city was a large and magnificent township; this is clearly visible even today, centuries after it was abandoned.



12:00 Hrs: Lunch in Lake Palace Udai Vilas.

1430 Hrs: Arrive at Jaipur and check in hotel



1500 hrs: visit City Palace & Jantar Mantar.



Maharaja Sawai Man Singh II Museum is housed in the City Palace, part of which is still the home of the Jaipur royal family. The museum has a collection of royal robes and precious textiles, Mughal carpets, an armoury of old weapons, miniature paintings portraying court scenes, battle scenes and processions and manuscripts. Also visit the awe-inspiring JantarMantar, an observatory built in the 18th century with a collection of giant masonry astronomical instruments that continues to provide accurate information even today.

1730 hrs: Visit Hawa Mahal (Palace of Winds) - a landmark of Jaipur and perhaps its signature monument, a five-storied wonder with a spectacular pyramidal facade and overhanging windows with latticed screens (there are 953 of them), domes and spires. Later visit the local market around or shopping etc.

2000 hrs: Diner in the hotel and overnight stay in Jaipur



Day 3 – SIGHTSEEING IN JAIPUR

0830 Hrs: Visit Amber Fort - (pronounced Amer) was the most formidable fortified palace in Amer, the former capital of the KachhwahaRajputs before it shifted to Jaipur. Its construction was started by Raja Man Singh I in 1592 and was completed by Mirza Raja Jai Singh and Sawai Jai Singh over a period of about two centuries. The fort, set atop rugged hills, rises above the waters of the Maatha Lake. Within its walls lies one of India's best-preserved medieval citadels, a stunning complex of gardens, temples, pavilions and courtyards. The Amber Fort is, in roughly equal proportions, a pleasure-palace, a former centre of administration and a military stronghold -- all worth seeing. It is a classic fusion of Mughal and Hindu architecture, built in red sandstone and white marble.



1230 Hrs: Lunch at a local restaurant

1400 Hrs: Visit Jaigarh Fort.

1530 Hrs: A visit to a local bazaar / shopping (optional).

1730 Hrs: Return to Hotel.

Overnight stay in Jaipur



Day 4 – JAIPUR / DELHI: By Road (265 kms, 5 hours)

0630 hrs: Early breakfast at the hotel

0700 hrs: Drive to Delhi

1200 hrs: Lunch in Delhi Restaurant (**Hotel Country Inn & Suites Gurgaon**)

1330 hrs: Visit Qutub Minar, the tallest stone tower in India.

Qutub Minar -Built in the early 13th century a few kilometres south of Delhi, the red sandstone tower of QutubMinar is 72.5 m high, tapering from 2.75 m in diameter at its peak to 14.32 m at its base, and alternating angular and rounded flutings. The surrounding archaeological area contains funerary buildings, notably the magnificent Alai-Darwaza Gate, the masterpiece of Indo-Muslim art (built in 1311), and two mosques, including the Quwwatu'l-Islam, the oldest in northern India, built of materials reused from 100s of Hindu and Jain temples.



Later visit Humayun's Tomb, built by the widow of the second Mughal Emperor, Humayun, it is an outstanding monument in the Indo-Persian style. This tomb, built in 1570, is of particular cultural significance as it was the first garden-tomb on the Indian subcontinent. It inspired several major architectural innovations, culminating in the construction of the Taj Mahal.



The tour also includes a drive past the imposing India Gate, Parliament building and Rashtrapati Bhawan (the President's Estate).

Later transfer to hotel or airport for flight.



| | Tour Cost in INR |
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| 01 Paying Pax Travelling on single occupancy | INR 57,250 Per Person |
| 01 Paying pax travelling on Twin sharing basis | INR 40,650 Per Person |

The tour cost includes:

- Arrival/Departure transfers, sightseeing, excursion as per programme by an air-conditioned Luxury Car/Coach with services of an English speaking guide for city tour.
- Hotel accommodation in a 5* category on twin sharing in standard room. Wherever, there is no 5* property available, accommodation will be provided at the highest category accommodation available there.
- All three meals included in the cost of the tour programme.
- Monument entrance fee wherever applicable.
- The rates/costs quoted above are inclusive of all taxes and Service Tax @ 2.58%. Any increase in the Service Tax is payable by the guest

The tour cost does NOT include:

- Any additional accommodation not specified in the itineraries.
- Personal expenses like camera/video/handycam fee, laundry, telephone calls, tips/gratuities, extra at the hotels etc. The cost also doesn't include room service, mini bar, any personal order of juice, tea, coffee, soft or hard drinks, etc.
- Any other services not specified above.

AIRFARES - if applicable will be additional at the time of booking. Airfares from destinations to Bangalore and Bangalore to destinations are not included in the above mentioned costs/rates.