



GOLDEN TRIANGLE ITINERARY 5 Nights / 6 Days

Day	Place	Time	Details
1	Delhi		Arrive Delhi and Transfer to the hotel. Overnight : Hotel.

2 AM

Half day city tour of Old Delhi.
You begin your tour of **Old Delhi** previously called Shahjehanabad, the 300 year old walled city built by Shah Jehan as his capital. Begin with a visit to Raj Ghat, where Mahatma Gandhi the Father of the nation was cremated in 1948. Thereafter you proceed to the magnificent **Red Fort (closed on Mondays)** built of red sandstone dating from the very peak of the Mughal power. Opposite the fort are the black and white onion dome and minarets of



Red Fort

the Jama Masjid, the most elegant mosque in India. Drive past Feroz Shah Kotla, ruins of an old fort of the 14th century with the 13 metre high Ashoka Pillar of 3rd BC.

PM Half day city tour of New Delhi.

In contrast, **New Delhi** was the capital built during the British Raj & designed by Sir Edward Lutyens. Drive past **Rashtrapati Bhavan** (the Presidential Palace) and the Secretariat buildings - the centre of Government activity, down the impressive **Rajpath** (the main avenue), to the World War I memorial arch, India Gate, the High Court Building and the Old Fort. Visit **Humayun's Tomb** built in 1565 AD by his grieving widow Haji Begum, the **Qutub Minar**, 72 metres high and the ruins of Quwat-ul-Eslam (Light of Islam) Mosque. See Delhi's most curious antique, the uncorroded Iron Pillar, which dates back to the 4th century AD.



Qutub Minar

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Day	Place	Time	Details
3	Delhi Jaipur	PM	Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to Jaipur (258 Kms 6 1/2 hrs) Arrive, proceed to the hotel. At leisure. Overnight : Hotel
4	Jaipur	AM	Breakfast at the hotel. Half day excursion of Amber fort and climb the fortress ramparts on an elephant back.

AMBER - Just 7 miles north of Jaipur is **Amber** with its a honey-coloured fortress-palace in the Aravalli Hills. Enjoy an elephant ride along the fortress ramparts while an "*ektara*" musician accompanies you along the way. The sombre exterior belies the richness of the royal apartments which open on to striking views of the gorge. Walk into the Sheesh Mahal and admire the amazing interior décor thought of over 200 years ago. The Hall of Victory presents a galaxy of decorative art panels of alabaster with fine inlay work.



Amber Fort

PM

Half day city tour of Jaipur.



Hawa Mahal

JAIPUR - Jaipur is the city, which has the "tones of an autumn sunset". Drive past the **Hawa Mahal** an elaborate building encrusted with delicate honeycomb screens and carved balconies from behind which the royal Zanana, could view the world outside. **Jai Singh's Observatory** built in the 17th century by the founder of Jaipur who, besides being a prince was also soldier, astronomer and builder. This is an architectural feat. Visit the **City Palace** now a museum exhibiting fine Rajput and

Moghul paintings, rare manuscripts and an armoury.

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5	Jaipur		Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to Agra enroute visit Fatehpur sikri (232 Kms 6 hrs)

40 kms. west of Agra and is the ghost city of **Fatehpur Sikri**. An epic poem in red sandstone, it was built by Emperor Akbar in 1569 and deserted 14 years later due to lack of water. Legend has it that Akbar who was without a male heir, made a pilgrimage to this spot to visit the saint Sheikh Salim Chisti. The saint predicted the birth of a male heir and in gratitude, after his son Jehangir was born, he built Fatehpur Sikri to commemorate the birth. The **Diwan-e- Khas**, Hall of Private Audiences has a unique interior design. The **Diwan-e-Am** or Hall of Public Audience is an open courtyard surrounded by cloisters and adjoining it is the **Pachisi courtyard** arranged like a gigantic game board, where the Emperor played chess using slave girls as pawns.



Fatehpur Sikri

Agra

PM

Arrive, proceed to the hotel.

Visit marble inlay factory (if time permits).

Visit to the marble inlay factory to view the ancient art of 'pietra dura'. This is semi precious stone delicately shaped & polished & inlaid into marble forming exquisite designs which are replicaed from those on the Taj Mahal & the tomb of itmad-ud-daulah. Today numerous Italian designs, from Florence, are also reproduced on tabletops. This art is practised for over 3 century's and passed on from one generation to another.

Beautiful artifacts & table tops can be seen & admired.

Overnight : Hotel

6

Agra

AM

Breakfast at the hotel.

Half day City tour of Agra.



On entering the gateway which is remarkable in itself, you get your 1st glimpse of the **Taj Mahal**, (**closed to visitors on Fridays.**) the most extravagant monument ever built for love. On the death of his beloved wife Mumtaz Mahal, Moghul Emperor Shah Jehan built her this memorial over which 20,000 men laboured for 22 years to create a masterpiece in white marble inlaid with

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semi precious stones; the art is called *pietra dura*. Stroll down the ornamental gardens laid out along the classical Mughal charbagh lines. This garden is separated by a long watercourse, which reflects the monument in perfect symmetry.

A short drive away is the **Agra Fort** where Shah Jehan spent the last years of his life, imprisoned by his son Aurangzeb. The most impressive part of the Fort are the **Dewan-e-Am**, Hall of Public Audience where the Emperor met officials and listened to petitioners, and the **Dewan-e-Khas** Hall of Private Audience where he received foreign dignitaries. The Peacock throne (now in Iran) was in this fort, before being moved to Delhi by Emperor Aurangzeb.

Time permitting, visit the exquisite tomb of **Itmad-ud-daulah**, the father of Queen Nur Jehan. This was the 1st Mughal structure entirely built in marble with extensive use of *pietra dura*, the style of inlay work on marble.

	Noon	Transfer to Delhi (203 kms 5 hrs.)
Delhi	PM	Arrive & proceed to the International airport for onward destination.



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HOTELS USED:

CITY	HOTELS	CATEGORY	NO OF NTS
DELHI	Intercontinental	5 star	2
JAIPUR	Trident Hilton	4 Star	2
AGRA	Trident Hilton	4 Star	1

Total no. of nights: 5

Check-in/Check-out 12 noon unless otherwise specified

QUOTATIONS (All rates are in US Dollars NETT PER PERSON unless otherwise specified)

Minimum 2 pax USD 757 PER PERSON

Airfare Supplement per person:

- BOM / DEL / BOM ECONOMY CLASS **USD 441**

QUOTATIONS INCLUDE:

1. 5 nights accommodation on twin sharing basis in standard category of rooms unless otherwise specified in hotels mentioned or similar.
2. Meal plan on Bed & breakfast basis
3. All transport by an **air-conditioned vehicle**.
4. A **local English-speaking** guide will be provided.
5. **Entrance fees & ASI fees** at all monuments as on date which is subject to change
6. **All government taxes** at hotels as on date. Any future levies will be charged extra
7. Services of a TCI English speaking representative to assist at airports and hotels.

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QUOTATIONS EXCLUDE:

- Items of a personal nature -i.e. drinks, laundry, tips & gratuities, still/video camera fees at monuments or any items not specified above.
- Visa charges for India & neighbouring countries.
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