



India - Golden Triangle Tour (Daily Departures) 6N / 7D – (CODE – AT IND 01)
FROM R7,950 Per person sharing – LAND ARRANGEMENTS ONLY

Experience the essence of India's Golden Triangle with this 7-day itinerary, featuring must-do activities for first-time visitors. Explore the renowned cities of Jaipur, Agra, and Delhi, each unveiling a unique blend of history and modernity.

Begin your journey in Delhi, where the city's prosperous past harmonizes with its bright future. Witness the grandeur of a revered Queen's monument and anticipate the highlight of your trip as you stroll towards the Taj Mahal. Immerse yourself in the history of Agra with a tour of the magnificent Agra Fort and the ancient city of Fatehpur Sikri.

Engage in a captivating elephant or jeep ride at Amber Fort, reaching its entrance. Conclude your adventure by touring the Pink City, Jaipur, where vibrant markets invite exploration.

This itinerary promises a seamless introduction to India's Golden Triangle, ensuring a rich and diverse experience for every traveler.

Delhi

Delhi is an ancient city and also India's Capital, best known for its big Shopping Malls. Laxmi Narayan Temple, Qutub Minar, Akshardham Temple, Bahai Temple, Gandhi Smriti, Jama Masjid and India Gate are some of the city's attractions you will see.

Agra

Agra is a beautiful city in Uttar Pradesh. Located near the banks of the Yamuna River. Undoubtedly, The "Taj Mahal" is one of the Seven Wonders of the World. When in Agra visit the majestic Agra Fort and Baby Taj (Itmad-Ud-Daulah). Time permitting, shop at the Kinari Bazaar. Best time to shop is around 4 pm.

Jaipur

We offer an unbelievable Top Class tour In Jaipur best known as the "Pink City". The Amber Fort, Anokhi Museum, Chokhi Dhani, City Palace and Jantar Mantar are Jaipur's highlights. India remains an unresolved enigma. A mystifying land that blends emotions, colors, passion, and spirituality at equal measures. If you want to explore this incredible realm and soak in the intense senses and sensuality of its vibrant culture, then book this spellbinding Golden Triangle Tour of North India journey.

Northern India offers a mixture of countless historical, social, and cultural influences. After all, it presents a splendid picture of a kaleidoscopic nation. The renowned “Golden Triangle Tour” is an outstanding and informative stepping stone in your passage to India.

At a glance

Day 1 Welcome to Delhi. Transfer to your hotel

Day 2 Combined Old and New Delhi tour

Day 3 Depart for Agra. Afternoon at leisure in Agra

Day 4 Morning tour to the Taj Mahal

Day 5 Stop at Fatehpur Sikri before arriving in Jaipur

Day 6 Tour of Jaipur with Elephant/Jeep ride to the Amber Fort

Day 7 Return to Delhi Airport for onward/return flight

Highlights

- > Visit Purana Quilla, one of Delhi's oldest Forts
- > Attend the Sound and Light Show at the Red Fort, reenacting Delhi's tumultuous 5000 history
- > Stop in Fatehpur Sikri, a ruined Moghul City on the way to Jaipur
- > Morning tour to the beautiful Taj Mahal
- > Ascend Amber Fort on elephant back

Inclusions

- Meet and assist on arrival and departure by our local representative
- Sightseeing tours and intercity transfers as per itinerary in AC vehicle
- 6 Nights' Accommodation at selected hotels in a double room sharing
- Meals: as mentioned
- Local English Speaking Guide
- Jaipur offers sightseeing tour with an elephant ride/jeep ride

Exclusions

- International/Domestic flights – Departure & Fuel taxes (Contact us for best airfares)
- Personal expenses, meals and drinks unless otherwise specified
- Travel insurance
- India visa fee
- Tips
- Entrance fees
- Services not stated in the itinerary

Validity

- Rate valid for travel between 16 APR to 30 SEP 24

Contact us for any other date of travel required

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Day City	Day to Day Itinerary
Day 1 Arrive Delhi	Welcome to India. Clear customs and proceed to the Arrival Hall Our representative will meet you for transfer to your hotel and check-in The remainder of the day will be at leisure
Day 2 Delhi (B)	Depart the hotel in the morning on a tour combining Old and New Delhi. Visit the Qutab Minar; India Gate (War Memorial); the Lakshmi Narayan Temple – a modern Hindu Temple; drive past the Presidents House; Parliament House and Secretariat buildings. Also, visit Raj Ghat the cremations sites of Mahatma Gandhi and drive past Jama Masjid; Red Fort and Chandni Chowk. Attend the Sound & Light show at the Red Fort Return to your hotel for overnight.
Day 3 Delhi – Agra (B)	Depart in the morning for Agra and on arrival check-in at Hotel. The remainder of the day is at your leisure.
Day 4 Agra (B)	Morning tour of the Taj Mahal and Fort. Visit the world famous Taj Mahal built by Shah Jahan in 1560 in memory of his queen Mumtaz Mahal to enshrine her mortal remains. This architectural marvel is a perfectly proportioned masterpiece fashioned from white marble that stands testimony to the skill of 20,000 craftsmen brought together from Persia; Turkey; France and Italy. It took 17 years to complete this 'Love Poem in Marble'. (Please note: The Taj Mahal is closed on Fridays). Later visit the Agra Fort containing the halls of private and public audiences and other palaces. Shah Jahan spent years of confinement at the hands of his son Aurangzeb; looking wistfully at the Taj Mahal from the Fort. After the tour return to your hotel for overnight.

<p>Day 5 Agra – Jaipur (B)</p>	<p>Depart Agra for Jaipur by car. Visit Fatehpur Sikri; built by Emperor Akbar in 1569 and abandoned after 15 years due to a scarcity of water. The Fatehpur Sikri complex houses the tomb of Salim Chisti; Panch Mahal and other palaces; which surprisingly have withstood the ravages of time and are still in good condition. On arrival check-in at your hotel and the remainder of the day is at your leisure.</p>
<p>Day 6 Jaipur (B)</p>	<p>Morning excursion to the Amber Fort. Standing tall over a small hillock overlooking the Pink city; Amber is a classic; romantic Rajasthani Fort-Palace. Miniatures painted on the walls depict hunting and war scenes; apart from festivals. Precious stones and mirrors are embedded in the plaster. A major attraction at the Amber Fort is the Elephant Ride; all the way up to the Fort entrance. The afternoon tour begins with a visit to the Maharaja’s City Palace;- the former Royal residence;- part of it converted into a museum. 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. Return to your hotel for overnight.</p>
<p>Day 7 Jaipur – Delhi (B)</p>	<p>Transfer to Delhi airport and board the flight for your final destination. Services end at Delhi airport.</p>
<p>Day 8 Depart from the Resort to the Airport (B)</p>	<p>Check-out of your room and meet with our preventative for transfer to the Airport and return flight to Johannesburg</p>

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We value your patronage & look forward to serving you again in the near future.

Country information

India's Different Seasons

India climate is considered hot; however, the weather varies a lot depending on which part of the country you visit. The South has Monsoons whereas the North may be covered in snow. The best time to travel is between October and March (except for the Far North, where you will encounter winter conditions from November onwards)

Overview of food & drink

India's food is tantalizing and spicy and comes in so many varieties. Rice is the foundation of each dish. This does not exclude a number for breads from light to roasted. Northern Indian food mostly consists of meaty stews and kebabs. Southern India is known for its spiced vegetarian curries and dosas. Goa and Kerala will serve you the best seafood dishes.

Drink only bottled water during your stay in India. Nimbu Pani (Lemonade) is a traditional and most common Indian drink, made of lemon and ginger juice. Coconut water is preferred by many locals across India. Toddy is a famous alcoholic drink in Madhya Pradesh that is made from various palm plants. Jal Jeera, the magical drink to survive the hot Indian Summers

Tipping

Usually, add 10 to 15% when eating out. Restaurants in Delhi and Mumbai often charge a 'service charge', not to be confused with 'service tax' (which is a government-levied tax). When a 'service charge' is levied no tip is expected. When you have a driver over multiple days you should tip him between 150 – 300 INR per day. Again, base this on how happy you were with his service and local knowledge

Culture and Language

It is traditional to greet people using 'Namaste'; place both hands together and bow slightly. In urban areas this is often overlooked. Indian culture is based on a hierarchical system, so elders and superior are greeted first. Avoid standing too close to others. Use your right hand to touch, accept or give something. Do not use public displays of affection

Getting around in India

Air carriers serve all major cities and large towns. There are several domestic "low Budget" options. Taxis and auto rickshaws are a very popular way in getting around the major cities. These rides are charged by the kilometer. Insist that your vehicle has a meter before going on your journey. Kolkata, Delhi, Mumbai and Chennai have metro systems. Rail in India is widely available. Shatabdi Express connects major and secondary cities. Advanced reservations are essential

Here are some traditional dishes

Alu Gobi: a dish made with potatoes (aloo), cauliflower (gobi) and Indian spices

Butter Chicken: traditionally cooked in a tandoor; but may be grilled, roasted or pan-fried with a special gravy

Rogan Josh: consists of braised lamb chunks cooked with a gravy based on browned onions or shallots, yogurt, garlic, ginger and aromatic spices

Malai Kofta: cooked in a creamy gravy made of tomatoes and cashew nuts

Naan: leavened, oven-baked flatbread normally served with all meals