



India - Holy Himalayas with Golden Triangle – 13N / 14D – (CODE – AT IND 03)
FROM R20,950 Per person sharing – LAND ARRANGEMENTS ONLY

Join us on a transformative 14-day journey to the Holy Himalayas and Golden Triangle. See the breathtaking landscapes of the Himalayas. Combined with the cultural wonders of Delhi, Agra, and Jaipur will create an unforgettable experience. Discover the enchanting beauty of the pristine snow-capped mountains and verdant valleys, offering a glimpse into the majesty that may momentarily transport you to the scenic landscapes of Switzerland. Immerse yourself in the spiritual ambiance of one of the most revered sites, Amritsar, where history and devotion come together in a unique blend. Explore Tibetan monasteries, delving into their serene surroundings and discovering the rich cultural tapestry they offer. This tour is not just about sightseeing; it's an invitation to seek adventure, find romance in the diverse landscapes, and connect with your spiritual self. Whether you're surrounded by the holy tranquility of the Himalayas or exploring the iconic landmarks of the Golden Triangle, every moment of this 14-day journey is infused with a sense of awe and discovery. Allow the blend of adventure, romance, and spirituality to shape your experience, making it a truly transformative exploration of the diverse facets of India

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More on India

It is one of the oldest civilizations in the world with a kaleidoscopic variety and rich cultural heritage. It has achieved multifaceted socio-economic progress during the last 59 years of its Independence. Accordingly, the country has become self-sufficient in agricultural production and is now the tenth industrialized country in the world. What's more, it is the sixth nation to have gone into outer space to conquer nature for the benefit of its people.

The Himalayas discovered

The Region consists of 109 mountains, all of them over 7200 m (23,622 feet). As a result, eight of the ten tallest, including the highest of all, Mount Everest at 8848 m are in the Himalayas region of Nepal.

First and foremost, people have been fascinated by the Indian Himalayas and its Hindu pilgrim routes; the low valleys that abruptly rise up in high mountain ranges. Its lovely trekking hikes, densely forested areas laying just a mountain range away from barren cold deserts. The inhabitants of the Himalayas are amongst the most friendly one can find in India. Their unique hospitality and lifestyle really fascinate every visitor.

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At a glance

- Day 1 Welcome to Delhi. Transfer to your hotel
- Day 2 Delhi to Amritsar (flight) and tour the Golden Temple
- Day 3 Travel from Amritsar to Dharamsala
- Day 4 Sightseeing tour of McLeodganj.
- Day 5 Dharamsala to Manali
- Day 6 Full day tour of Manali and surroundings
- Day 7 After breakfast leave for Shimla
- Day 8 Tour to Kufri
- Day 9 Leave for Chandigarh & flight to Delhi
- Day 10 Delhi morning tour and onwards to Agra
- Day 11 Taj Mahal and Agra Fort tour
- Day 12 Depart for Jaipur via Fatehpur Sikri
- Day 13 Full day Amber Fort & City tour
- Day 14 Return to Delhi Airport

Highlights

- > See the Golden Temple in Amritsar
- > Whilst in Dharamsala, explore Dal Lake, a Tibetan Monastery
- > Experience the view of glaciers and snow-capped Mountains in Manali
- > Morning tour to Kufri and see its spectacular views surrounded by a peaceful ambiance
- > Explore the amazing cities of the Golden Triangle, Delhi - Agra - Jaipur

Inclusions

- Meet and assist on arrival and departure by our local representative
- Sightseeing tours and intercity transfers as per itinerary in AC vehicle
- 13 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 and 30 SEP 2024

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 – Amritsar (B)	After breakfast, you will be transferred to Delhi airport to board your flight to Amritsar. You will be met and assisted; through the airport upon your arrival and then transferred to your hotel. In the afternoon, tour of the Golden Temple – Har Mandir Saheb; popularly known; as the Golden Temple is the holiest shrine for the Sikhs; so called because the entire upper half was inlaid with copper covered over by gold plate. The architecture of the Golden Temple; is a blend of Hindu and Muslim styles. Also visit Jallianwal Bagh – Nearby is the Jallianwala Bagh (a memorial); where during the British rule in India; General Dyer opened fire on innocent people causing a massacre on 13th April 1919. The place is now a national monument. Its walls bear the bullet marks of this tragedy. After the tour return to your hotel. Overnight at your hotel in Amritsar.
Day 3 Amritsar – Dharamsala (B)	After breakfast check out from your hotel & we drive to Mcleodganj; a suburb of Dharamsala. On arrival check into your hotel. The rest of the day is free at your leisure to enjoy Dharamsala. Overnight at your hotel in Dharamsala.
Day 4 Dharamsala (B)	Morning sightseeing tour of Mcleodganj. Explore Dal Lake; Naddi; Bhagsu Nag Temple; Tibetan Monastery and The Holiness “Dalai Lama Temple” There are large idols of Buddha and the charming church of St. John in the wilderness. Dharamsala was the final resting place of Lord Elgin; a British Viceroy of India during the 19th century. Ancient temples like Chamunda; Jwalamukhi; Brijeshwari lie on the plains below Dharamsala. After the tour return to your hotel. Overnight at your hotel in Dharamsala.
Day 5 Dharamsala – Manali (B)	After breakfast check out from your hotel and we drive to Manali. On arrival in Manali; check in to your hotel. Overnight at your hotel in Manali.

<p>Day 6 Manali (B)</p>	<p>Solang Valley in Manali is located at a distance of 13 kms in a side valley at the top of the Kullu valley is a splendid valley between Solang village and Beas Kund. Solang valley offers the view of glaciers and snow capped mountains and peaks. Solang Valley has fine ski slopes. The Mountaineering Institute of Manali has installed a ski lift for training purpose. Located here is a hut and guest house of the Mountaineering and Allied Sports Institute; Manali. The winter skiing festival is organized in Solang Valley. Sking and Paragliding are two main activities. Apart from this many other adventure sports are available like Zorbing; Horse riding & Snow Motor Bikes riding etc. Rohtang Pass is 51 kms from Manali. Located at a height of 3980 Mtrs; on a highway to Keylong/Leh. The Pass offers a panorama and spectacular mountain view. once served as a crucial trade route, and still remains the gateway to the districts of Lahaul and Spiti. The Pass is open from mid-April to November each year; and provides wonderful views of the entire surroundings. Just beyond the Pass is the Sonapani Glacier and the twin peak of Gaypan. The Beas Kund; the source of the Beas river; a holy site for Hindus; as the sage Vyasa is said to have meditated at this spot; is also accessible from the Rohtang Pass. Overnight at your hotel in Manali.</p>
<p>Day 7 Manali – Shimla (B)</p>	<p>In the morning we depart to Shimla by road. On arrival in Shimla; check in to your hotel. The remainder of the day is at leisure</p>
<p>Day 8 Shimla (B)</p>	<p>After breakfast leave on a tour taking you to Kufri. We return to the hotel and in the afternoon visit the Sankat Mochan Temple and Jakhu Temple. The evening is free for you to stroll around the famous shopping place of Shimla town – The Mall & The Ridge. Overnight at your hotel in Shimla.</p>
<p>Day 9 Shimla – Chandigarh – Delhi (B)</p>	<p>After breakfast, we depart by road for Chandigarh. In Chandigarh you will be transferred to the airport for your flight to Delhi. You will be met and assisted; through the airport upon your arrival and then transferred to your hotel. Overnight at your hotel in Delhi.</p>
<p>Day 10 Delhi – Agra (B)</p>	<p>In the morning we have a half day combined sightseeing tour of Old and New Delhi. Visit Qutab Minar; India Gate (War Memorial) Lakshmi Narayan Temple- Modern Hindu Temple; drive past President's House; Parliament House and Secretariat buildings. Also visit Raj Ghat– the cremation site of Mahatma Gandhi and drive past Jama Masjid; Red Fort and Chandni Chowk. Later we proceed to Agra and on arrival check-in at your hotel. Overnight at your hotel in Agra.</p>

<p>Day 11 Agra (B)</p>	<p>We enjoy a morning sightseeing tour of the Taj Mahal & 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 and who took 17 years to complete this 'Love Poem in Marble'. (Friday closed). Later visit the Agra Fort containing the halls of private & public audiences & other palaces. Shah Jahan spent years of confinement here at the hands of his son Aurangzeb; looking wistfully at the Taj Mahal from the Fort. Overnight at your hotel in Agra.</p>
<p>Day 12 Agra – Jaipur (B)</p>	<p>We depart Agra for Jaipur by car. En route visit Fatehpur Sikri; built by Emperor Akbar in 1569 and abandoned after 15 years due to scarcity of water. The Fatehpur Sikri complex houses 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 in Jaipur; check-in to your hotel. The rest of the day is at your leisure to explore Jaipur. Overnight at your hotel in Jaipur.</p>
<p>Day 13 Jaipur (B)</p>	<p>We enjoy a morning excursion to 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 into the plaster. A major attraction at Amber is the Elephant Ride; all the way up to the Fort entrance. In the afternoon we have a half day sightseeing tour. The 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. Also see the miniature items and old carpets at the Textile Museum. 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. After the tour return to your hotel. Overnight at your hotel in Jaipur.</p>
<p>Day 14 Jaipur-Delhi (B)</p>	<p>After breakfast we depart Jaipur for Delhi. On arrival in Delhi you will be transferred to the airport to board your flight for your onward destination. Services end at Delhi airport</p>

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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's 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. Hindi is the official language, but English is widely spoken throughout the country

- **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 of getting around the major cities. These rides are charged by the kilometre. 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