

Golden Triangle of India with Ranthambore



*Delhi (02 nights), Agra (01 night), Ranthambore (02 nights), Jaipur (02 nights),
Delhi (01 night)*

DAY 01:

ARRIVE DELHI

On arrival in Delhi: A representative will greet you with a paging board with your name on & transferred to your hotel. (Standard check in time at the hotel is 1400 Hrs. we will request for an early check-in however it cannot be guaranteed)

Delhi, a city with great culture and modernity, calls for every tourist to visit a new place and gain a new experience. Delhi is a cosmopolitan city that has a rich history stretching back thousands of years. It has been the capital of at least seven or eight great civilizations, and each of them has left monuments worth exploring.

Spend the rest of the day at leisure.

Overnight is at Hotel.

DAY 02:

IN DELHI

Post breakfast, You will be transported 400 years back and will ride on a cycle rickshaw through the narrow lanes of Chandni Chowk known as the Moonlit Square of India. Witness the architectural marvels, the multicolour facades, beautifully decorated shops, ethnically dressed men and women and be bombarded by the cries of hawkers and fragrances emanating from the potpourri of eateries that line these historical alleys, experience the sights, smells and people of Chandni Chowk Bazaar.

Old Delhi is synonymous with shopping and food. A perfect mixture of religion, food, chaos, history, modernity, tradition and commerce, this walking tour covers main Street of Chandni Chowk, Dariba Kalan [The Silver Market], Kinari Bazaar [Wedding Market], Parathe Wali Gali [Lane of stuffed breads], Nai Sadak, Naughara, Khari Baoli [Spice Market] and later visit the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Red Fort, once the heart of the mighty Mughal Empire and later the only extent of their greatly diminished power, is a fascinating monument that tells tales that represent both glory and the gory.

After enjoying the Old Delhi explore Lutyens designed New Delhi and learn first-hand about the city's British heritage.

New Delhi reflects the legacy the British left behind. Visit the 16th century Humayun's Tomb, the first garden-tomb on the Indian subcontinent, an outstanding monument in the Indo-Persian style and a precursor of the Taj Mahal. The tour to Imperial Delhi will also include a drive past of India Gate, the 42m high War Memorial Arch, the Parliament House, the Secretariat buildings and the Vice Regal Palace, now the official residence of the President of India.

In last but not the least you will visit Qutub Minar, along with the Quwwat-ul-Islam mosque represents the first Islamic monuments that marked a shift of power in the country. While the Qutub Minar is exclusively Islamic in conception, its execution was the work of Hindus. Festooned strips, bells, floral designs accompany arabesque verses of the Quran in an uneasy synthesis of two distinct styles meeting for the first time

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DAY 03:

DELHI - AGRA

Set off this morning for Agra (*a 4-5 hrs drive*), once the capital of the Mughal Empire and home to the inimitable Taj Mahal

On arrival in Agra, you will be met & assisted by a representative for your check-in at the hotel.

Afternoon set out for the visit of Agra Fort approachable by two imposing gates and constructed of red sandstone, the citadel was built by the Mughal Emperor Akbar between the years 1565 and 1573. Encircled by a moat, this dramatic city within a city was the palace of three emperors, Akbar, Shah Jehan and Aurangzeb, each of whom made significant contributions to the wonderful architecture of the inner buildings – a combination of Persian (Islamic) and local Hindu styles.

Optional Tour –

Kachhpura Walk - Our heritage trail brings you some amazing behind the scenes of life and times throbbing in the shadows of the Taj Mahal. Best part being, the trail is a community based enterprise where a youth from the local community will show you round. Whatever we charge for this trail goes directly to funding various welfare work such as upgrading schools, building toilets etc. in the area and in creating sustainable livelihoods.

(Please note, this optional visit carries an extra charge.)

Overnight is at Hotel.

DAY 04:

AGRA – RANTHAMBORE

Rise early to visit the **Taj Mahal at sunrise**. Built as a monument to eternal love and described by poet Rabindranath Tagore as "a teardrop on the cheek of time", this magnificent 17th century mausoleum made of milk-white makrana marble was created by Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan as a tribute to the memory of his beloved wife Mumtaz.

After breakfast, you will drive to Ranthambore en-route visiting Fatehpur Sikri (**280 Kms / approx. 06Hrs 30 minutes**).

Fatehpur Sikri- Once the seat of Mughal legacy and the other, an abandoned city glowing red under the sun, was built by the Great Mughal Emperor, Akbar, as his capital and palace in the late 16th century. It is just 37kms from Agra. It was abandoned soon after it was built when the local wells went dry and it remains today in much the same condition that it was over 300 years ago. It is complete with palaces and mosques and used to be a town larger than London when it was originally constructed. Now it is an extraordinary place to wander around with its buildings in near perfect condition.

On arrival in Ranthambore, you will be met by a representative in the hotel. He will assist you for all the check-in formalities.

Ranthambore National Park is one of the largest national parks in northern India. It is named after the historic Ranthambore fortress, which lies within the park. The park used to be the hunting ground of

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the Maharaja of Jaipur but later in 1972 the sanctuary came under the Project Tiger scheme. Ranthambore National Park is famous for its tigers and is one of the best places in the country to see

these majestic predators in the wild. The park has a variety of other mammals and birds including Langurs, spotted (Chital) and Sambar Deer, Nilgai (the largest of India's antelopes), barking Deer. Extensive bird life includes spur flown, Jungle Forwl, Partridge, Quails, Crested Serpent Eagle, Woodpeckers, Flycatchers etc.

Overnight at Hotel.

DAY 05: RANTHAMBORE

Early morning, enjoy a round of game drive in Ranthambore National Park by shared canter. After Safari, return to the hotel for breakfast & relax.

Post Lunch, enjoy an afternoon round of game drive in Ranthambore National Park by shared canter.

Overnight at Hotel.

DAY 06: RANTHAMBHORE - JAIPUR

This morning, check-out and proceed to Jaipur (170 Kms / approx. 4 Hrs).

Jaipur, the fascinating capital of the marvelous state of Rajasthan, is one of the well-planned cities of its time. The graceful architecture of the city that runs across in pink color has earned Jaipur the title of the "The Pink City". Jaipur is predominantly known for its musicians, artisans and craftsmen. Today, it is flocked by masses for its fine jewellery, varied textiles and sumptuous cuisine. There are innumerable sagas and stories of culture, traditions, practices and valour. This diverse land of rich cultural heritage is a royal treat for tourists all over the world.

Arrive Jaipur and you will be assisted for your check-in at the hotel. Spend the rest of the evening relaxing at the hotel.

Overnight at Hotel.

DAY 07: IN JAIPUR

Set off this morning to explore the yellow-hued Amer Fort that served as the medieval capital of the Kacchwaha Rajputs until the 18th century. One of Rajasthan's finest hill-top forts, Amer is particularly noted for the stunning Sheesh Mahal pavilion (Palace of Mirrors)

Next, visit Jaipur's City Palace, next where we have included privileged access to the royal quarters of Jaipur's royal family to see their private collections. Next, view the façade of the Hawa Mahal (Palace of the Winds), a high screen wall with nearly 900 jharokhas (latticed windows), then explore the Jantar Mantar astronomical observatory – a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Remainders of the day at leisure or you also have a chance to explore the colourful local markets of Jaipur.

Optional Activity

Scenes from Marigold Hotel (the movie and the TV series) - Visit scenes and hear the stories behind, the famous movie and subsequent TV series with Hi Tea

(Please note, this optional visit carries an extra charge.)

Overnight at Hotel.

DAY 08:	JAIPUR - DELHI
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After Breakfast at hotel and you will drive to Delhi (250 Kms / approx. 6 Hrs)

Arrive Delhi and check-in at the hotel.

Rest of the day is at leisure for own activities.

Overnight at Hotel.

DAY 09:	DEPART DELHI
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After Leisurely Breakfast at Hotel you will be assisted by a representative and transferred to Delhi International Airport to board the flight to onward destination.

****END OF OUR SERVICES****

General Information:

Best time to visit India is from October to March when the temperature starts getting milder. The temperature ranges from a minimum of 10°C to a maximum of 23°C. December and January are much cooler, with potential fog in the northern part of India. From April to September, the weather becomes hot and humid in most parts of India with temperature ranging from minimum of 25°C to a maximum of 47°C.

All foreign nationals entering India are required to possess a valid international travel document in the form of a national passport with a valid visa obtained from an Indian Mission or Post abroad. All Individual visa seekers are requested to apply for the Indian Visa through Online application in order to make an application for getting the Indian visa.

When packing for travel to India, select a wardrobe that is adaptable and allows for layering. In India, delicate fabrics do not stand up well to laundering facilities except at deluxe hotels. Plain cotton or cotton and synthetic blend clothing is the most practical and is the coolest in summer. It is best to avoid synthetic fabrics that do not "breathe". A hat with a wide brim will help protect you from the harsh sun. During the fall season, a collapsible umbrella comes in handy. During the winter months, sweaters and light jackets are necessary. We advise you not to dress in shorts, mini-skirts or tank tops unless you are on a beach. In small towns and cities, people may tend to stare if you expose too much skin. Most Indians dress in modest clothing.

HOTELS ENVISAGED – Hotel			
City	No of Nights	Hotels	Website
Delhi	02 Nights	Crown Plaza Okhla	Crowne Plaza
Agra	01 Night	Clarks Shiraz	Clarks Shiraz
Ranthambore	02 Nights	Abhyaran	Abhyaran Resort
Jaipur	02 Nights	Four Point by Sheraton	Four Points by Sheraton
Delhi	01 Night	Radisson Dwarka	Radisson Dwarka