



# Golden Triangle Tour

Delhi \* Jaipur \* Agra \* Delhi

## Skeleton Itinerary

DAY 01	ARRIVE DELHI	BY: INT. FLIGHT
DAY 02	DELHI	
DAY 03	DELHI - JAIPUR	BY: SURFACE
DAY 04	JAIPUR	
DAY 05	JAIPUR- FATEHPUR SIKRI - AGRA	BY: SURFACE
DAY 06	AGRA	
DAY 07	AGRA- DELHI	BY INT. FLIGHT

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## DETAILED ITINERARY

### DAY - 01

Arrive Delhi

By: International Flight

Today you will arrive at Delhi's International Airport. Following customs, immigration formalities and baggage collection, a TWX representative will meet you as you EXIT the ARRIVALS TERMINAL building and transfer you to your hotel (**Standard check in time at Hotel is 1200 Hrs**).

India's capital and a major gateway to the country, contemporary **Delhi** is a bustling metropolis, which successfully combines in its folds - the ancient with the modern. Amidst the fast spiraling skyscrapers the remnants of a bygone time in the form of its many monuments stand as silent reminders to the region's ancient legacy. The first impressions for any visitor traveling in from the airport are of a spacious, garden city, tree-lined with a number of beautiful parks

Overnight stay at the Hotel

### DAY - 02

Delhi

After buffet breakfast in the hotel, Proceed for full day sightseeing tour of Delhi and Old Delhi

Tour starts with visit to Old Delhi - Old Delhi is a world all in its own. As you meander through the bustling streets of this Mughal nerve-centre of old, is difficult to imagine that way back in



1648, Emperor Shah Jahan's daughter Jahanara built up the area only to pander to her father's fetish for grandiose processions, Here you will see the **Jama Masjid**, built in 1650 AD, and one of the largest mosques in India. Drive through the fabled **Chandni Chowk** (literally, 'Silver Street'), once the most opulent perfume market of India, but now a bustling market, good for hunting down old and new silver and gold from jewellers



whose forefathers served the emperors. Tour the **Red Fort (closed on Mondays)**, dating back as far as 1639-48 AD, and built by Emperor Shah Jahan, who also built the Taj Mahal. Visit **Raj Ghat** where Mahatma Gandhi was cremated following his assassination in 1948. Continue visit to India Gate.

Later lunch on your own

Post Lunch continue tour of the New Delhi - New Delhi was planned and built by the British in the 1920s and is characterized by Sir Edwin Lutyen's monumental architecture. You will visit **Humayun's Tomb**, aptly called the predecessor



of the Taj Mahal because of its ornate Mughal style of architecture, later perfected in the Taj Mahal. Continue drive to 12th century **Qutab Minar**, considered one of the most perfect towers in the world, measuring 72 meters high. Nearby, amidst the ruins of the Quwwat ul Islam Mosque stands the iron pillar, which is over 1500 years old and seemingly immune to rust. Visit **India Gate** - a 42 meter high gateway, constructed as a memorial in honour of 90,000 soldiers



who sacrificed their lives during World War I. 'Amar Jawan Jyoti' or the flame of the immortal warrior is burning under it since 1971. The eternal flame reminds the sacrifice of these brave soldiers. These soldiers valiantly sacrificed their lives during the Indo-Pakistan War of December 1971. Finally drive past the **government buildings, President's House and Parliament House**.

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### **DAY - 03                      Delhi / Jaipur**

After buffet breakfast at the hotel, you will be driven to Jaipur (260 KM / 6 Hours). Upon arrival proceed to check-in to your hotel.

**Jaipur's** past is never too far from hand. The city of victory, Jaipur presides over the fascinating desert state and its people: surrounded by rugged hills, each crowned by a formidable fort; and beautiful palaces, mansions and gardens dotted throughout its precincts. The palaces and forts of yesteryear that were witness to royal processions and splendour are now living monuments, accepted quite naturally into the lifestyles of the people of the "pink city". Except for the busy traffic of bicycles, cars and buses, little seems to have changed. There is a timeless quality to Jaipur's bazaars and its people. With its historical past, Jaipur revives legends of the ancient Rajputs. The dresses of the women and the turbans of the men add colour to this fascinating city.

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### **DAY - 04                      Jaipur**

After buffet breakfast at the hotel, you will be driven just outside Jaipur to the **ancient capital of Amber** to see the fabulous Amber Fort. Maharaja Mansingh, Mughal Emperor Akbar's most successful General, started the construction of Amber Fort in the 17<sup>th</sup> century. Before the City Palace was constructed in Jaipur, Amber was the seat of power. **An elephant / Jeep** will spare you the trouble of reaching up to the fortress (*Elephant ride is subject to availability*). Once on top, stroll through the sprawling complex of courtyards and halls. Many of the rooms have



delightful wall paintings, with precious stones and mirrors inlaid in the walls.

Most fascinating, perhaps, is the Sheesh Mahal (hall of mirrors) where a single lamplight is reflected in the many mirrors, lighting up the room. Come back to your hotel after your excursion.

In the afternoon you will proceed for **city tour of Jaipur**.

Among the highlights to be seen while touring Jaipur include the **City Palace**, which is an overwhelming complex of exquisite palaces, gardens and courtyards, decorative art and carved doorways. The palace museum houses collections of rare manuscripts, armoury, costumes, carpets and miniature paintings. Walk to the adjacent **Jantar Mantar or Astronomical Observatory** made by the Maharaja of Jaipur, built in 1726 and is one of the five such astronomical wonders built by Sawai Jai Singh and makes accurate predictions even to this day.



You will stop and see the '**Palace of Winds**', otherwise known as Hawa Mahal. It is really an elaborate facade behind which the ladies of the court used to watch the daily goings on in the street below. It is extremely intricate in its pink sandstone carving. The cool wind blows through its facade of windows and latticed screens through which the queens of the court once viewed the streets of the city. You will also have the opportunity to wander about the local markets

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Return to your hotel after the sightseeing tour.

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#### **DAY - 05 Jaipur / Fatehpur Sikri / Agra**

After buffet breakfast in the hotel you will be driven from Jaipur to Agra (240 Kms / 06 Hrs). Enroute your drive to Agra, you will visit Fatehpur Sikri.



**Fatehpur Sikri** - the deserted red sandstone city, built by the Great Mughal Emperor Akbar as his

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capital and palace in the late 16th century. Fatehpur Sikri (the City of Victory) was the capital of the Mughal Empire for only some 10 years. 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.

After visit your will proceed to Agra and check-in at the hotel.

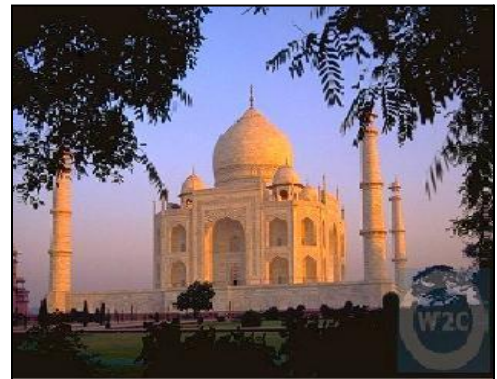
**Agra** in terms of ambiance is still associated with its Mughal period. The Mughals besides being great rulers were also great builders and they preserved their best architectural wonders for Agra & its neighborhood. It has many wonderful monuments and the Taj Mahal, the greatest of them all, is a masterpiece of Mughal architecture at its best. The massive but elegant Agra Fort, the delicate artistry of Itmad-ud-daulah's tomb, the magnificent Taj and Akbar's deserted capital, Fatehpur Sikri, are each unique and outstanding.

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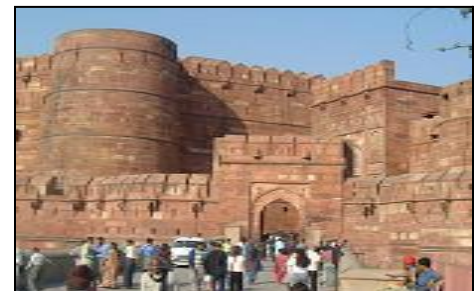
## **DAY - 06                      Agra**

Breakfast at the hotel.

You will first visit the **Taj Mahal (closed on Fridays)**. The Taj Mahal is everything that has been said about it and more. Taking 22 years and 20,000 men to build, the white marble was quarried 200 miles away and was transported to the site by a fleet of 1000 elephants. Built by the Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan as an expression of his love for his wife Mumtaz Mahal, in mid 17th century, the Taj Mahal is truly one of the wonders of the world. Though the Taj appears to be amazingly perfect from almost any angle, it is the close-up marble inlay work, which is really astounding. You will have ample time to view and be mesmerized by this outstanding piece of architecture.



Continue your drive to **Red Fort or Agra Fort** - the seat and the stronghold of the Mughal Empire under successive generations. This was the seat of Mughal rule and administration and the present structure owes its origins to Akbar who erected the walls and gates and the first buildings on the eastern banks of Yamuna River. Shah Jehan added the impressive quarters and the mosque while Aurangzeb added the outer ramparts. Visit its Hall of Public Audience and its Royal Pavilions.



After the tour time for shopping and free for independent activities



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**DAY - 07**                      **Agra / Delhi**

After buffet breakfast in the hotel you will be driven to Delhi and proceed to International Airport and connect flight for home.

**End of the Services**