

GOLDEN TRIANGLE

3 nights / 4 days

Golden Triangle Tour is the most popular tourist circuit in India. This incredible Golden Triangle Tour Itinerary comprising the three famous cities of India-Delhi, Agra and Jaipur having grandeur, glory & history.

Day 01 MUMBAI-JAIPUR

- **Flight to Jaipur**
- **Tour of City Palace & Hawa Mahal followed by shopping at local bazaar**
- **Overnight in Jaipur**

: Morning transfer to airport to connect flight for Jaipur

: Arrive Jaipur & Check-in at the hotel.

1500 hrs

: The city tour takes in a visit to the Maharaja Sawai Man Singh II Museum housed in the **City Palace**, part of which is still the home of the Jaipur royal family. The museum has a collection of royal robes and precious textiles, Mughal carpets, an armoury of old weapons, miniature paintings portraying court scenes, battle scenes and processions and manuscripts. Also visit the awe-inspiring **Jantar Mantar**, an observatory built in the 18th century with a collection of giant masonry astronomical instruments that continues to provide accurate information even today. Also included is a photo visit at the **Hawa Mahal** (Palace of Winds) - a landmark of Jaipur and perhaps its signature monument, a five-storied wonder with a spectacular pyramidal facade and overhanging windows with latticed screens (there are 953 of them), domes and spires. Thereafter explore the local bazaars for souvenirs.



1930 hrs

: Return to Hotel.

: Overnight stay at Jaipur

Day 02 JAIPUR-AGRA

- **Visit Amber fort**
- **Visit Fatehpur Sikri**
- **Overnight in Agra**

0730 hrs

: Breakfast at hotel.

0800 hrs

: After check-out, proceed to Amber Fort, 11 kms from Jaipur.

Amber Fort - (pronounced Amer) was the former capital of the Kachhwaha Rajputs before it shifted to Jaipur. Its construction was



started by Raja Man Singh I in 1592 and was completed by Mirza Raja Jai Singh and Sawai Jai Singh over a period of about two centuries. The fort, set atop rugged hills, rises above the waters of the Maatha Lake. Within its walls lies one of India's best-preserved medieval citadels, a stunning complex of gardens, temples, pavilions and courtyards. The Amber Fort is, in roughly equal proportions, a pleasure-palace, a former centre of administration and a military stronghold -- all worth seeing. It is a classic fusion of Mughal and Hindu architecture, built in red sandstone and white marble.

1130 hrs : Drive to Agra *en-route* visit Fatehpur Sikri.

Fatehpur Sikri, Akbar's City of Victory, lies on a hill top almost 40 kms from Agra. It has two different complexes- the royal enclosure of the palaces with the harem and official buildings; and the dargah of the Sufi saint, Salim Chisti with a mosque and gateway. To wander around the red sandstone courtyards of this World Heritage Site is to travel back in time to an Imperial splendour. The buildings at Fatehpur Sikri belong to a composite style of architecture with the predominating Islamic style cleverly blended with local Rajasthani and Gujarati styles, a melting pot of cultures. In its heyday, the city was a large and magnificent township; this is clearly visible even today, centuries after it was abandoned.



1900 hrs : Arrive Agra & check-in at hotel
Rest of the evening at leisure

: Overnight at the hotel

Day 03 AGRA-DELHI

- Visit Agra fort & Taj Mahal.
- Overnight in Delhi

0800 hrs : After breakfast check-out of the hotel & proceed directly for Sightseeing of Agra fort & Taj Mahal

: **Agra Fort** is a treasure trove of the Mughal architectural tradition that represents the assimilation of different cultures. Emperor Akbar began the construction of this massive red sandstone fort on the banks of River Yamuna in 1565, and it was ready by 1571 though additions were made until the rule of Shahjahan, Akbar's grandson.



The Fort contains splendid palaces both in red sandstone and white marble; an outstanding example is the Jehangiri Palace, a blend of Islamic (Persian), Central Asian and different local Hindu styles, which speaks of an adventurous and eclectic approach to architecture. Irregularly triangular in plan, it is enclosed by a double battlemented massive wall of red sandstone replete with graceful curves and lofty bastions.

Visit the Taj Mahal - The **Taj Mahal** is synonymous with beauty, love and grandeur. This white marble mausoleum, built on the banks of river Yamuna, epitomizes Shah Jahan's love for his wife, Mumtaz Mahal. Designed by a local architect, Ustad Ahmad Lahori, the entire complex, with gardens, gateway structures, and mosque, was completed in 1643. More than three centuries later, the monument retains its romantic aura. Set like a jewel within gardens whose four-fold design echoes the Islamic idea of paradise, its millions of visitors marvel at the play of light on its marble dome which seems to turn from rose to pearl with the passage of the sun. There is much to see – the exquisite calligraphy, the lyrical floral motifs of the pietra dura decorations which form a mosaic of colour; and the fountains and canals of the gardens which reflect the monument in a series of ethereal images



1200 hrs : Thereafter drive to Delhi

1400 hrs : *en-route* break at Hodal / Kosi. Light snacks served

1700 hrs : Arrive Delhi & check-in at hotel

: Overnight stay in Delhi

Day 04 DELHI-MUMBAI

- **Time free to relax and pack-up for return journey.**
- **Visit Red fort & Raj Ghat.**
- **Visit Humayun's Tomb, Qutub Minar**
- **Drive Past President's House, Parliament House & India Gate.**
- **Transfer to airport for departure.**

1000 hrs

: Check-out of the hotel.

1045 hrs

: In Old Delhi visit the historic **RED FORT** (closed on Mondays) - Shah Jehan's elegant citadel in red sandstone, which was built as an octagon measuring 900m by 550m and surrounded by a 9-meter deep moat which was at its inception fed by the waters of the Yamuna river. Very near the Fort is the **JAMA**

MASJID (Friday Mosque), India's largest mosque, also built by Shah Jahan. Drive pass the famous bazaars of **CHANDNI CHOWK**, which is adjacent to both the Fort and the Mosque. Also **visit RAJ GHAT** - the memorial to Mahatma Gandhi.



The tour of New Delhi starts with a visit to the **Qutab Minar**, the tallest stone tower in India. Built in the early 13th century a few kilometres south of Delhi, the red sandstone tower of Qutub Minar is 72.5 m high, tapering from 2.75 m in diameter at its peak to 14.32 m at its base, and alternating angular and rounded flutings. The surrounding archaeological area contains funerary buildings, notably the magnificent Alai-Darwaza Gate, the masterpiece of Indo-Muslim art (built in 1311), and two mosques, including the Quwwatu'l-Islam, the oldest in northern India, built of materials reused from some 20 Brahman temples.

Then visit **Humayun's Tomb**, built by the widow of the second Mughal Emperor, Humayun, it is an outstanding monument in the Indo-Persian style. This tomb, built in 1570, is of particular cultural significance as it was the first garden-tomb on the Indian subcontinent. It inspired several major architectural innovations, culminating in the construction of the Taj Mahal.



The tour also includes: drive past the imposing India Gate, the Parliament building and the Rashtrapati Bhawan (the President's residence).

: In time Transfer to airport .

: Board flight for Mumbai.

Tour Ends