



TOUR OVERVIEW – GOLDEN TRIANGLE

When it comes to experience India's history, culture, architecture and attractions in a nutshell, the Golden Triangle Tour is matchless. The journey across the three most popular tourist destinations of India- Delhi, Agra and Jaipur, is incredible in every way. While Delhi lures with attractions of both Mughal as well as British era, Agra represents the glory of Mughals and Jaipur stands as the grandeur of Rajputana.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

India Golden Triangle Map



DELHI: Delhi is the capital city of India and is regarded as the heart of the nation. The city is popular for its enriched culture and heritage. The city hosts some famous historical monuments and is developing with the passing of time. The influence of religious diversity can be seen in the city along with the cultural impact of the Mughal, the ancient Indian and the British.

AGRA: It was once the capital of Mughal Empire. Since Shah Jahan could not stay in the land after the death of his beloved wife, he shifted the capital to Delhi. People think Agra is just for Taj Mahal. But, it is an enthusiast place that would put you in awe. Agra was the capital of the great Akbar.

JAIPUR: Rajasthan's beautiful Pink City Jaipur, was the stronghold of a clan of rulers whose three hill forts and series of palaces in the city are important attractions.

DAY BY DAY

03 NOV: SUN ARLANDA – DELHI OR STOCKHOLM – DELHI

Report at Arlanda airport at 1800 hours, Check- in at the Kiosk and drop your bags at the SAS counters.

The pax after security check can proceed to the SAS lounge. AI168 to Delhi is a dream-liner B787 that departs from Stockholm at 19:45 hours and reaches Delhi at 06:55 hours.

04 NOV: MON ARRIVE IN DELHI AT 0655 HRS

Arrive at Delhi airport, an ORANGE representative will be waiting for the guest outside the EXIT gate of arrival terminal, holding an ORANGE Placard mentioning guest name.

Meeting & assistance upon arrival at **0655 hrs** and transfer to the hotel. **Breakfast at hotel.**

Afternoon proceed to visit Old & New Delhi. The tour will begin with a visit to Raj Ghat, a simple memorial to Mahatma Gandhi; drive past the Red Fort continuing to the Jama Masjid, one of Asia's largest mosques. The magnificent Red Fort, overlooking the river Jamuna was built during the years 1638 - 48 when the Mughal Empire was at its peak.

Visit of Spice Market at Old Delhi: Khari Baoli is a street in Old Delhi, India known for its wholesale grocery and Asia's largest wholesale spice market selling all kinds of spices, nuts, herbs and food products like rice and tea. Operating since the 17th century, the market is situated near the historic Delhi Red Fort, on the Khari Baoli Road adjacent to Fatehpuri Masjid at the western end of the Chandni Chowk, and over the years has remained a tourist attraction, especially those in the heritage circuit of Old Delhi.

During your rickshaw ride you will get to ride around: CHANDNI CHOWK: Chandni Chowk or "Silver Square" is the most famous and historic street of Delhi, built around 300 years ago when the walled city of Shahjahanabad was established in the 17th century. Don't let the word "old" mislead you. The energy of vibrant streets of Chandni Chowk is simply irresistible. This part of Delhi includes street food, vibrant bazaars where you can shop for some ancient artifacts and Jewellery.



Later proceed to visit New Delhi

Visit Qutub Minar, which is the tallest stone tower in India. The Qutub Minar was started in 1199 AD by Qutub-ud-Din Aibak and completed by the sultan's successor and son-in-law, Iltutmish. The building is 72.5 m high and has 379 steps from the bottom to the top. The Minar is tapering with the diameter of the base is 14.3 m while at the top floor it is 2.7 m. The Qutub Minar is still the highest stone tower.

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

Dinner & overnight stay at the hotel at Vivnata by Taj Dwarka. https://www.vivantahotels.com/en-in/vivanta-new-delhidwarka/?utm_source=Google&utm_campaign=dwarka-new-delhi&utm_medium=Local

05 NOV: TUE DELHI – AGRA (210 Kms/03-04 Hrs drive Approx)

After breakfast drive to Agra

On arrival, check into your hotel and Proceed visit of Taj Mahal. 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. **(Note: Taj Mahal is closed on Fridays for public visit.)**

Evening explore the massive red sandstone Agra Fort, an outstanding example of Mughal architecture and the seat and stronghold of the Mughal Empire under successive generations.

Dinner & overnight stay at the hotel https://www.selectionshotels.com/en-in/taj-view-agra/?utm_source=Google&utm_campaign=taj-viewagra&utm_medium=Local



06 NOV: WED AGRA – JAIPUR (235 Kms/ 04-05 Hrs drive Approx)

Breakfast is at the hotel.

Drive to Jaipur, en route visiting the ancient town of Abhaneri. On arrival in Jaipur, check into the hotel.

Continue drive to Jaipur - Rajasthan's beautiful Pink City Jaipur, was the stronghold of a clan of rulers whose three hill forts and series of palaces in the city are important attractions. Known as the Pink City because of the colour of the stone used exclusively in the walled city, Jaipur's bazaars sell embroidered leather shoes, blue pottery, tie and dye scarves and other exotic wares. Western Rajasthan itself forms a convenient circuit, in the heart of the Thar desert which has shaped its history, lifestyles and architecture.

Arrive Jaipur for sightseeing tour of Jaipur city visit the city 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.

Dinner & overnight stay at the hotel <http://jaipur.indanahotels.com/>

07 NOV: THU JAIPUR – DELHI (BY SURFACE 210 KMS / 5 HRS)

Morning proceed to visit 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 17th century.

An jeep will spare you the trouble of reaching up to the fortress. 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.

En-route to Amber 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.

Afternoon drive back to Delhi & check in at hotel.

Dinner & overnight stay at the hotel at Vivanta by Taj Dwarka. https://www.vivantahotels.com/en-in/vivanta-new-delhidwarka/?utm_source=Google&utm_campaign=dwarka-new-delhi&utm_medium=Local

08 NOV: FRI DELHI DEPART

Flight from Delhi to Stockholm on the 08th Nov departs from DEL at 14:20, so all participants should reach Indira Gandhi Intl Airport by 1130 hours hence pick from hotel at 1100 hrs.

CHECK IN TIMW IS 1400 NOON / CHECK OUT TIME AT ALL HOTELS IS 12 NOON.

PLEASE NOTE: All the travel timings as mentioned above are subject to change depending upon the local traffic & weather conditions.

COMING TO INDIA

As a responsible organization with a high focus on quality, we feel there are some things a traveler should know and be prepared for, whilst visiting our destinations!

Arrival & Departure - India

Arrivals

There have been significant changes in the International Airports in India, not only in the major cities but also in the smaller ones. On arrival at the International Airport in India, you will of course have to go through immigration where you have to submit your debarkation form; this has a stub at the bottom that the customs officers collect.

Once the baggage is collected, one may be asked to X-ray the hand and checked luggage. Generally, travelers using the Green Channel are not stopped by Customs officials.

Walking out towards the exit into the public area one would find our guest relationship executives with clients name on a placard to assist them till the hotel.

Meet & Greet

Our executive will be waiting as you exit gate after you cross the green channel in the cordoned area— He will be holding a placard with the clients name and the paging board will have the easily recognizable by a OrangeLogo.

DURING SIGHTSEEING, IT IS GOOD TO CARRY YOUR OWN:

- Hand sanitizer
- Wet Tissues
- Bottled Water-Our transport will have sufficient supply of bottled water.
- Toilet Paper

DO NOT drink water from the tap or carafe, despite being told that it has been boiled and filtered. We suggest one to stick to bottled drinks or carefully iodized carafe water. Almost all hotels offer a complimentary bottle of mineral water per day – please use these. Ensure that the caps are sealed. All Orange Tours vehicles carry bottled water and you can buy more at most grocery stores.

India produces a wide variety of carbonated drinks including international brands such as Coke and Pepsi. Bottled mineral water, which is inexpensive, is also available in all cities and towns. Check that the seal is intact while buying bottled water, especially at railway stations and in small towns.

Attire

Indians are conservative by nature. Many of the places one will be visiting have religious significance and we request you to respect this by being appropriately attired.

Ladies are advised not to wear scanty clothes such as halter necks and shorts, especially while sightseeing in old parts of any city. Trousers, Bermudas and capris are very acceptable. Ladies should carry a headscarf, especially while visiting places of worship.

Carry comfortable casual clothes, with perhaps one smart outfit for a special evening. Unless specified, you can wear open sandals just about everywhere.



Special Dietary Requirements

Most hotels in India cater to almost any dietary requirements that one may have. For any special requirements, please provide the information in advance so that the hotels of stay can be informed.

Power and Plugs

Most Indian hotels cater for all electrical plug types; they also have adapters to lend to guests. Deluxe hotels provide for all kinds of chargers.

Shopping

You will have many shopping opportunities during the trip. India is great value; the exchange rates are very favorable and act as an advantage, but more importantly, India produces a large number of handicraft and craft items. One can easily have things shipped to one's house anywhere in the world, as most of the large stores, work with good carriers. It is advisable though to take a quick picture of your purchase so that you can match it with the goods you receive.

Medical Considerations

Like it or not certain areas of the world have mosquitoes that carry all sorts of unwanted things such as Malaria and Dengue Fever, parts of India are included in those areas of the world. Please check with the doctor or travel clinic regarding vaccinations for any vaccinations you need to take prior to coming to India.

Should you be taking any prescription medication, it is recommended to carry along the amount required for the duration of this trip (and a bit more).