

Golden Triangle & Goa 14 Days



The perfect holiday cocktail! Starting off with the sites of India's famous Golden Triangle, this tour concludes in the tropical climates of Goa. Sun, sea, sand and plenty of famed Goan cuisine! You can also try your hand at cooking up a curry or two!

TOUR DETAILS:

- Starts in: New Delhi / Ends in: Goa
- Departs: Every second Saturday - September through to April
- No local payment required
- Breakfast: 13, Lunch: 1, Dinner: 2
- Hotel Rating: 3 - 4 star & heritage hotels
- Tour Guide: Yes for all scheduled sightseeing

ONLINE RESOURCES:

- For a detailed GO GUIDE - [click here](#)
- To book this trip - [click here](#)
- To enquire about this trip - [click here](#)

TOUR MAP:



QUICK WEB LINKS

India Prices :: Why Us for India? :: India Reviews :: Our India Blog :: Golden Triangle Tours :: Kerala Tours :: Top Spots in India :: Festivals & Events :: Hotels in India :: Tiger Spotting :: India - Useful Info :: FAQs on India :: India Visas :: India Gallery

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Day 1: New Delhi

Saturday. Welcome to India and the start of your holiday! Arrive Delhi, included transfer to hotel. Remainder of the afternoon/evening at leisure. Overnight - [New Delhi](#)

Day 2: New Delhi

This morning, our welcome meeting takes place. We'll then enjoy a full day sightseeing tour of Delhi, taking in the impressive Red Fort, Jama Masjid - India's oldest and largest mosque, Raj Ghat - the site of Gandhi's cremation and more. New Delhi, in contrast to Old Delhi, is a city of wide tree-lined streets, parks, fountains and roundabouts. It was built as the imperial capital of India by the British. Sightseeing of New Delhi includes the Rajpath, an immensely broad boulevard flanked on either side by ornamental ponds from India Gate. India Gate, the 42m high stone "Arch of Triumph", was erected in memory of Indian soldiers who died in the First World War. Tonight, we enjoy a Namaste Dinner at a restaurant specialising in Indian cuisine. Overnight - [New Delhi](#)



Day 3: Taj Mahal

Delhi - Agra. Departing Delhi, we journey to Agra, once India's Mughal capital. Here we explore the legendary Taj Mahal. Built entirely of white marble, the Taj Mahal has no peers. Continuing, we visit Agra fort, which boasts some of India's finest Mughal buildings behind its fortified walls. Overnight - [Agra](#)

Day 4: Jaipur

Agra - Jaipur. En route to Jaipur, we visit the ghostly former Mughal city of Fatehpur Sikri, abandoned due to lack of water. We enjoy lunch at Udai Vilas Palace in Bharatpur, before taking a walk in the traditional rural village of Peharsar. Later, in Jaipur, we visit a cotton trading/tailor shop where you can get clothing tailored for delivery to your hotel before we leave Jaipur! Overnight - [Jaipur](#)



Day 5: The Amber Fort

Today, we tour the City Palace, which boasts an interesting museum of regal attire and Jantar Mantar, an ancient astronomical observatory. En route to the City Palace, we'll pass Hawa Mahal - the Palace of the Winds. Continuing, we travel to the 16th century Amber Fort.

An exotic elephant ride* transports us to the lofty fort, where we'll enjoy a tour of this Rajput extravaganza. Shop for jootis (traditional Rajasthani curled shoes) Jaipur's famous blue pottery, textiles and handicrafts around the City Palace or Hawa Mahal. Overnight - [Jaipur](#)

Day 6:

Jaipur - Shekhawati region. Today, we drive to the semi-desert Shekhawati region. The small towns in this region became important trading posts, a lasting legacy of which are the beautiful painted havelis (mansions) constructed by wealthy merchants in the 18th and 19th centuries. Afternoon village walk and time to relax. Overnight - [Surajgarh](#)



Day 7: New Delhi

Shekhawati region - Delhi. Returning to Delhi, the latter part of the afternoon is free for you to relax or independently explore more of Delhi. Overnight - [New Delhi](#)

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Day 8: Goa

Delhi - Goa. Hotel check out and included onward transfer to airport. Included flight to Goa and transfer to your accommodation at the 3 star Casa de Goa hotel. Overnight - [Goa](#)

Days 9 - 13: Sun, sea and relaxation

Free time for you to enjoy Goa your way. Thanks to its picturesque location on the Mandovi River, between the Western Ghats and the Arabian Sea, Goa is one of India's prime destinations. The Portuguese, who claimed Goa as the seat of the Catholic Church in the East in the 1500s, controlled the area until 1961, when India invaded to liberate it. The state's Portuguese past is most apparent in its plazas, cathedrals and architecture and a few Portuguese insist that Goa retains more old world heritage than most of Portugal.

A fun way to explore Goa is by renting a bike or scooter. They are easily available, but you must have an International Drivers License and provide passport details. Although best known for its massive stretch of magnificent, palm tree-lined beaches along the Arabian Sea coast, Goa offers other attractions, for example; the Portuguese Catholic Church of Old Goa, St. Anne's Church (an ornate marvel from the 1600s) and the Basilica of Bom Jesus. The surrounding countryside is dotted with luxurious old estates built by wealthy Indians (many of whom converted to Catholicism), including Braganza Palace, which is open to the public.

Why not try your hand at cooking? Bolt-on a cooking course in a relaxed atmosphere at our custom-built kitchen in the heart of sunny Goa, where our expert chefs will teach you Indian culinary skills. We offer a hands-on, small group course with a dynamic and fun, yet informative approach to learning.

1, 3 or 5 day courses are available. The 1 day bolt-on will be a cooking session, the 3-day bolt-on will incorporate 2 cooking sessions and a market trip and the 5 day bolt-on will incorporate 3 cooking sessions, a market trip and a spice market trip. Overnight - [Goa](#)



Day 14: Goa

Friday. Tour arrangements end after breakfast, with hotel check out and onward departure transfer to the airport. Unless, of course, you've booked another week in the sun!

WHAT YOU SEE AND WHAT YOU GET:

Below is a list of key highlights and what is included on this tour. Further, where appropriate, we have listed the items that are not included in the tour price.

Trip Highlights

- Delhi - Old Delhi - Red Fort, Jama Masjid and Raj Ghat.
- New Delhi - India Gate, Rajpath, Humayun's Tomb, Qutab Minar and a carpet emporium with demonstration
- Agra - Taj Mahal (entrance fee included), Agra Fort and visit to a marble craft shop
- Fatehpur Sikri - ancient Mughal city
- Jaipur - Amber Fort, Jantar Mantar and a visit to a cotton trader/tailor
- Shekhawati region - Rajasthani architecture, havalis & village walk
- Tropical Goa, palm fringed beaches and golden sand

What's Included

- 13 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 2 dinners
- 7 nights - 3-4 star and heritage hotels and 6 nights - 3 star hotel in Goa (hotel upgrade available in Delhi)
- Horse and cart/buggy ride to Taj Mahal - Agra
- Elephant ride to Amber Fort - Jaipur (*Subject to Government regulations and availability)
- Airport arrival and departure transfers on day 1 and day 14
- Touring of Delhi, Agra, Jaipur and Alsisar
- Economy class flight: Delhi - Goa and all relevant transfers
- Specialist local guides at some sights
- Taj Mahal, Jaipur City Palace and Jantar Mantar entrance fees.
- All relevant transfers and transportation
- English speaking Indian tour leader (for groups of 6 or more and not including time in Goa)

What's Not Included

- International flights and visas
- Tip for your tour leader. We suggest \$13-\$20 USD per person for this tour. Tipping your leader is an entirely personal gesture.
- Entrance Fees: \$45-55 USD
- Tipping Kitty: \$15-20 USD

BOLT-ONS:

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Make the most of your time away! Listed below are the optional activities that are available on this trip. Please note that you will need to book these prior to travel as we cannot always guarantee availability of these activities once you are on holiday.

Balloon over Jaipur - USD \$299

Sail within a breath of lofty hilltop forts and fine regal palaces. Look down upon sleepy villages waking to the early morning sun. Drift past expansive waterside manors and intricately stone carved temples with the Pink City of Jaipur in the distance on a magical hot air balloon adventure.

Shimla Calling - 4 days - USD \$579

Ride the narrow gauge railway aboard the Himalayan Queen Toy Train to Shimla. Nestled between lofty peaks and breathtaking scenery, the charming getaway was once the summer capital of British India. The natural beauty of Shimla will enchant you, being famous for its colourful bazaar, temples at soaring heights, stunning sunsets and verdant woods, contrasted with the quintessential English pomp and style.

Golden Amritsar - 3 days - USD \$469

Home to the world famous Golden Temple and the seat of the Sikh religion, Amritsar is one of the Punjab's principal cities. Built in 1803 and made of marble, copper and pure leaf gold, the temple is an amazing architectural feat. During your stay, enjoy a visit to Wagah - the only road border crossing between India and Pakistan where the fascinating sunset 'retreat' ceremony takes place with great pomp.

Learn to Cook Indian - 5 Days - USD \$599

Set in palm fringed Goa, this introduction to the art of cooking Indian food, is a 5 day course designed especially for the enthusiastic home cook. Let the tropical sun and our expert cooks ensure that you return home tanned and talented!

PRICES AND DATES: from USD \$2,489

Prices shown are per person travelling. 'Twin/Double' prices per person apply when there are 2 people travelling, sharing a room. The 'Single supplement' applies for single travellers who require their own room and needs to be added to the 'Twin/Double' price. If you are happy to be paired up with another single traveller of the same sex on your tour, this can be arranged, (if another solo traveller of the same sex is already booked upon the tour), thus avoiding the single person supplement. All our scheduled tour departures are guaranteed subject to a minimum of 2 travellers. To date we have not cancelled a single trip.

2012

| Date | Price/Person | Single Supp. |
|-----------------|--------------|--------------|
| 08 SEP - 21 SEP | USD \$2,489 | USD \$1,039 |
| 22 SEP - 05 OCT | USD \$2,489 | USD \$1,039 |
| 06 OCT - 19 OCT | USD \$2,489 | USD \$1,039 |
| 20 OCT - 02 NOV | USD \$2,489 | USD \$1,039 |
| 03 NOV - 16 NOV | USD \$2,489 | USD \$1,039 |
| 17 NOV - 30 NOV | USD \$2,789 | USD \$1,239 |
| 01 DEC - 14 DEC | USD \$2,789 | USD \$1,239 |

2013

| Date | Price/Person | Single Supp. |
|-----------------|--------------|--------------|
| 05 JAN - 18 JAN | USD \$2,789 | USD \$1,239 |
| 19 JAN - 01 FEB | USD \$2,789 | USD \$1,239 |
| 02 FEB - 15 FEB | USD \$2,789 | USD \$1,239 |
| 16 FEB - 01 MAR | USD \$2,789 | USD \$1,239 |
| 02 MAR - 15 MAR | USD \$2,789 | USD \$1,239 |
| 16 MAR - 29 MAR | USD \$2,789 | USD \$1,239 |
| 30 MAR - 12 APR | USD \$2,489 | USD \$1,039 |
| 13 APR - 26 APR | USD \$2,489 | USD \$1,039 |
| 27 APR - 10 MAY | USD \$2,489 | USD \$1,039 |
| 14 SEP - 27 SEP | USD \$2,489 | USD \$1,039 |
| 28 SEP - 11 OCT | USD \$2,489 | USD \$1,039 |
| 12 OCT - 25 OCT | USD \$2,489 | USD \$1,039 |
| 26 OCT - 08 NOV | USD \$2,489 | USD \$1,039 |
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Supplementary Prices

| | Price/Person | Single Supp. |
|------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Pre-Tour accom (Delhi) | USD \$89 | USD \$40 |

POSTCARDS:

Here's what some of our past travellers have written in to us and said about their experiences on this trip.

A thoroughly enjoyable tour that we will remember forever. Our tour guide was outstanding. He is a real asset to on the go. Thank you for a wonderful holiday.

Daphne James , Mar 2012

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Very well organized and arranged. Yusuf is an excellent guide and looked after us all brilliantly :)

Victoria Wolny , Feb 2012

Great way to experience India, we saw and did such a lot. Definitely would choose to do a tour rather than backpack as it's so much easier! Loved the relaxing time in Goa at the end, this is certainly a country I want to see more of. Thanks On the Go for a great holiday!

Isla Kempthorne, Apr 2010

I had an amazing 2 weeks in India. Perfect mixture of sightseeing and free time to relax on the golden beaches of GOA. I will definitely go back there!

Brian Newson, Dec 2009

I felt overwhelmed by the sights & information and the length of touring days at times. Although to get it all in was necessary. Amazing combination of experiences enhanced by the ability of Yousef to tell stories and answer all questions. Thank you for his patience and sense of humour.

G. Quinn, Oct 2009

Overall I found the tour to be superb. As specified the hotels in general were excellent, the trips and guides were as a rule knowledgeable, informative and enjoyable and the transport was comfortable, safe and efficient. I feel that I must give special attention to the tour leader - Satendra. From the outset of the tour he extended a warm welcome which continued throughout his time with us. He proved to be courteous, knowledgeable, warm, funny, understanding and extremely helpful to all those on the tour. I would highly recommend India as an interesting destination and On the Go as a well organized company. Thank you!

Sinead McGrath, Oct 2009

Hi Janet, I wanted to tell you that i had the best time in India! I did the Golden Triangle and Goa tour and it was a perfect choice for me. Yusuf is a brilliant guide. His in-depth knowledge of history, geography, religion, social affair... you name it - he knew all about it! Very impressive. Well done On the Go!

Cheryl Boyle, Apr 2009
