

# Taj Express 8 days



Experience the richness of Indian culture and colour on this classic short tour that takes in Delhi, both old and new, the famous Taj Mahal and the stunning Pink City of Jaipur.

## TOUR DETAILS:

- Starts in: New Delhi / Ends in: New Delhi
- Departs: Every second Saturday - September through to April
- No local payment required
- Breakfast: 7, Lunch: 1, Dinner: 2
- Hotel Rating: 3 - 4 star & heritage hotels
- Tour Guide: Yes (for groups of 6 or more)

## 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. The remainder of the day offers free time. Overnight - [New Delhi](#)

## Day 2: Old 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. Tonight, we enjoy a group Namaste Dinner at a restaurant specialising in classic Indian cuisine. Overnight - [New Delhi](#)

## Day 3: Taj Mahal

Delhi - Agra. Departing Delhi, we journey to Agra, once India's Mughal capital. Here, we take a motorised buggy to 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: Agra

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 through the nearby rural village Peharsar. In Jaipur, we visit a cotton trading/tailor shop where you can get clothing tailored for delivery to your hotel before we leave! Overnight - [Jaipur](#)



## Day 5: Jaipur

Maybe opt for an early morning balloon flight over the pink city of Jaipur. Look out for the snake charmers that dot our route, as 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. Later in the afternoon we tour the City Palace, which boasts an interesting museum of regal attire and Jantar Mantar, an ancient astronomical observatory. Overnight - [Jaipur](#)



## Day 6:

Jaipur - Surajgarh/ 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: Surajgarh to 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: New Delhi

Saturday. Hotel check out and included onward departure transfer to airport.

### 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 visit a carpet emporium with demonstration
- Agra - Taj Mahal (entrance fee included) and Agra Fort
- Fatehpur Sikri - ancient Mughal city
- Jaipur - Amber Fort, city palace, Jantar Mantar and visit to a cotton tailor for tailored garments
- Shekhawati region - Rajasthani architecture, havalis and village walk

### What's Included

- 7 breakfasts, 1 lunches, 2 dinners (including Namaste Dinner in Delhi)
- 7 nights - 3-4 star and heritage hotels
- 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 8
- Touring of Delhi, Jaipur, Agra and Shekhawati region
- English speaking Indian tour leader for groups of 6 or more
- Specialist local guides at some sights
- Taj Mahal, Jaipur City Palace & Jantar Mantar entrance fees.
- All relevant transfers and transportation

### 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:

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.

### Bollywood Dancing - USD \$79

For some lighthearted fun, join in the energy of a Bollywood dance class in Delhi! Bollywood dance has transformed over the years from a traditional, classical style into a modern, pop culture which is taking the world by storm! We have teamed up with the Delhi Dance Academy to offer you a simple and entertaining introduction to this wonderful dance form! Whilst we cannot guarantee you'll leave the class ready to star in the next big Bollywood Blockbuster, you're sure to learn a few sharp moves to impress your friends on the dance floor!

### 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.

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## Mumbai Breakaway - USD \$569

Formally known as Bombay, exhilarating and charismatic Mumbai is the most populated city in the world, home of Bollywood and the setting of the hit film 'Slum Dog Millionaire'. Discover this city of contrasts where gleaming sky scrapers stand side by side with run down slums. Explore this bustling city and immerse yourself in the madness of Mumbai!

### PRICES AND DATES: from USD \$1,269

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, thus avoiding the single person supplement. All our scheduled tour departures are guaranteed subject to a minimum of 2 travellers.

#### 2012

Date	Price/Person	Single Supp.
08 SEP - 15 SEP	USD \$1,269	USD \$469
22 SEP - 29 SEP	USD \$1,269	USD \$469
06 OCT - 13 OCT	USD \$1,269	USD \$469
20 OCT - 27 OCT	USD \$1,269	USD \$469
03 NOV - 10 NOV	USD \$1,269	USD \$469
17 NOV - 24 NOV	USD \$1,269	USD \$469
01 DEC - 08 DEC	USD \$1,269	USD \$469
15 DEC - 22 DEC	USD \$1,269	USD \$469
29 DEC - 05 JAN	USD \$1,369	USD \$469

#### 2013

Date	Price/Person	Single Supp.
05 JAN - 12 JAN	USD \$1,269	USD \$469
19 JAN - 26 JAN	USD \$1,269	USD \$469
02 FEB - 09 FEB	USD \$1,269	USD \$469
16 FEB - 23 FEB	USD \$1,269	USD \$469
02 MAR - 09 MAR	USD \$1,269	USD \$469
16 MAR - 23 MAR	USD \$1,269	USD \$469
30 MAR - 06 APR	USD \$1,269	USD \$469
13 APR - 20 APR	USD \$1,269	USD \$469
27 APR - 04 MAY	USD \$1,269	USD \$469
14 SEP - 21 SEP	USD \$1,269	USD \$469
28 SEP - 05 OCT	USD \$1,269	USD \$469
12 OCT - 19 OCT	USD \$1,269	USD \$469

26 OCT - 02 NOV	USD \$1,269	USD \$469
09 NOV - 16 NOV	USD \$1,269	USD \$469
23 NOV - 30 NOV	USD \$1,269	USD \$469
07 DEC - 14 DEC	USD \$1,269	USD \$469
21 DEC - 28 DEC	USD \$1,269	USD \$469

#### 2014

Date	Price/Person	Single Supp.
04 JAN - 11 JAN	USD \$1,269	USD \$469
18 JAN - 25 JAN	USD \$1,269	USD \$469
01 FEB - 08 FEB	USD \$1,269	USD \$469
15 FEB - 22 FEB	USD \$1,269	USD \$469
01 MAR - 08 MAR	USD \$1,269	USD \$469
15 MAR - 22 MAR	USD \$1,269	USD \$469
29 MAR - 05 APR	USD \$1,269	USD \$469
12 APR - 19 APR	USD \$1,269	USD \$469
26 APR - 03 MAY	USD \$1,269	USD \$469
03 MAY - 10 MAY	USD \$1,269	USD \$469
24 MAY - 31 MAY	USD \$1,269	USD \$469
26 JUL - 02 AUG	USD \$1,269	USD \$469
09 AUG - 16 AUG	USD \$1,269	USD \$469
13 SEP - 20 SEP	USD \$1,269	USD \$469
27 SEP - 04 OCT	USD \$1,269	USD \$469
11 OCT - 18 OCT	USD \$1,269	USD \$469
25 OCT - 01 NOV	USD \$1,269	USD \$469
08 NOV - 15 NOV	USD \$1,269	USD \$469
22 NOV - 29 NOV	USD \$1,269	USD \$469
06 DEC - 13 DEC	USD \$1,269	USD \$469
20 DEC - 27 DEC	USD \$1,269	USD \$469

#### Supplementary Prices

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

*First time I have traveled using a tour and will def do it again. I saw so much more and experienced more. I liked the small group and our*

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guide made all the difference, Thank you!

Gregg Abell , May 2012

I thoroughly enjoyed the tour and our guide Yusuf Khan exceeded all expectations. He was very knowledgeable and was informative and courteous at all times, outstanding!

Jennifer Hammerson , May 2012

Yusuf, our guide, did an outstanding job! We appreciated his amazing knowledge, professionalism and fantastic service. We loved the hotel Surajgarh fort. Overall the holiday was fantastic- we leave with some amazing memories! Many Many thanks to Yusef and the On the Go Tour Staff!

Michael Limbert , Mar 2012

Yousaf was outstanding and a credit to your organization. India is an exciting destination and to see it with 'on the go' is the only way to go. I look forward to our next trip with you next year.

Peter Barton , Mar 2012

Yousaf has been calm, friendly and approachable throughout the tour - nothing was too much trouble for him. He demonstrated excellent national and local knowledge at all venues. He was always engaged with our tour partly which contributed to making the tour a thoroughly enjoyable experience for us. Those in our group were an amazing bunch too! Yousaf is a credit to on the go tours. Thank you for a truly wonderful holiday!

Kenneth Probert , Mar 2012

I have been on many tours with many companies. This was the best of all. Special thanks to our guide - Yousaf for everything, especially for anticipating all our needs.

Joan Kiernan , Feb 2012

Hello Mark, Thanks so much for helping me book the Taj Express, I had a blast in India! On The Go Tours is truly top of the line! The tour guide Yusef was incredibly friendly and knowledgeable about each location, the group of 26 I toured with were so much fun and it truly felt like family! Thanks for making my dream trip to India come true! India is like a constant parade of amazing architecture, smiling faces, bright colors, incredible energy and delicious food! The memories will last forever as well as over 1,000 photos I took! Wishing you a beautiful day...keep up the great work!:)

Chantelle Stanley, Mar 2011

A very well balanced mixture of sites, cultural experience and also free time.

Lydia, May 2010