

Taj Traveller 8 days



An alternative to our Taj Express, on this tour of the famous Golden Triangle we also get to sample the traditional Indian way of life in the quaint village of Perharsar near Bharatpur.

TOUR DETAILS:

- Starts in: New Delhi / Ends in: New Delhi
- Departs: Saturdays - Sep to Apr
- No local payment required
- Breakfast: 7, Lunch: 0, 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

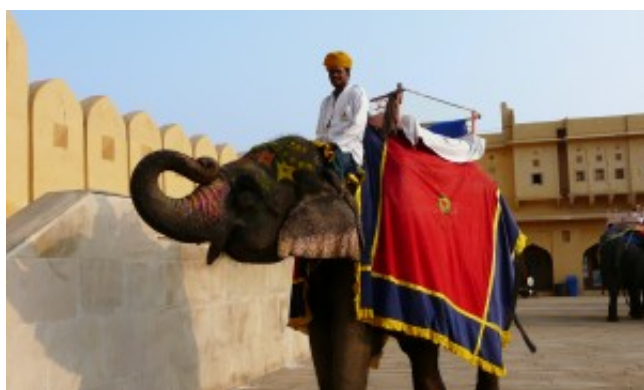
Saturday. Welcome to India and the start of your holiday! Arrive Delhi, included transfer to hotel. Free afternoon and evening. Overnight - [New Delhi](#)

Day 2: Old Delhi & New

This morning, our welcome meeting takes place. We'll then enjoy a full day sightseeing tour of Delhi. Tonight, we enjoy a Namaste Dinner at an Indian restaurant. Overnight - [New Delhi](#)

Day 3: Jaipur - the Pink City!

Delhi - Jaipur. Today, we drive to Jaipur. Affectionately known as the Pink City as Maharaja Ram Singh had all of the Old City painted a welcoming pink in 1876 to herald a visit by the Prince of Wales (later King Edward VII), it is also the bustling capital of the state of Rajasthan. We enjoy a tour of the City Palace, (watch out for snake charmers that dot our route) and Jantar Mantar - an old yet cleverly designed space observatory. Overnight - [Jaipur](#)



Day 4: Amber Fort, Elephants

Very early this morning there is the opportunity to sail over the lofty hilltop forts and regal palaces of Jaipur in a hot air balloon, on our Balloon Over Jaipur Bolt-on. Then we travel beyond Jaipur to the stunning 16th century Amber Fort - a sprawling Rajput concoction which hugs the hill on which it was built and overlooks the hot plains below. We'll ascend the road leading to the palace in princely style, aboard Indian elephants, - subject to regulations/availability as the elephants are limited to the number of trips that can make up the fort each day. Arriving at the top we'll tour the fort's well-preserved interior and grounds. Back in Jaipur, enjoy the remains of the day your way. Overnight - [Jaipur](#)



Day 5: Discover Village Life

Jaipur - Bharatpur via Abhaneri and Peharsar. Our first stop is Chand Baori, a famous 9th century stepwell in the village of Abhaneri. Then we travel to the small rural village of Peharsar, where we walk the backstreets discovering local life, traditions and (if open) visit the village school where we operate our 'Change for Children' programme. Here, we'll also visit a charming haveli with small courtyard, lawned gardens and rustic 'shabby chic' appeal carefully being restored to glory of better farming years. After hotel check in at Bharatpur and time to freshen up we visit Keoladeo Ghana National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, where we'll enjoy a leisurely bicycle rickshaw ride through the park. Overnight - [Bharatpur](#)



Day 6: Taj Mahal

Bharatpur - Agra. En route to Agra, we visit Fatehpur Sikri, former imperial capital of the great Mughal emperor Akbar. Built between 1569 and 1585, it has been deserted for more than four centuries, by all accounts abandoned in 1600 due to a meagre supply of water. In Agra, we visit the impressive Agra Fort before touring the legendary Taj Mahal and witnessing a glorious golden sunset. Built by Emperor Shah Jahan in loving memory of his beloved wife Mumtaz, who tragically died in childbirth in 1631, the Taj Mahal in Agra is described as the most extravagant monument ever built for love and remains one of India's most enduring symbols. Overnight - [Agra](#)

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Day 7: Onward to Delhi

Agra - Delhi. After breakfast we return to Delhi, the latter part of the afternoon is free for you to relax or independently explore more of Delhi. Overnight - [New Delhi](#)



Day 8: New Delhi

Saturday. Our tour concludes after breakfast. Goodbye India! Included departure transfer to the airport for your flight back home.

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
- Jaipur - Amber Fort and Jantar Mantar. Visit to a cotton trader for tailored garments
- Abhaneri - Chand Baori 9th century step well
- Bharatpur and Perharsar Village
- Keoladeo Ghana National Park - UNESCO site
- Fatehpur Sikri - ancient Mughal city
- Agra - Taj Mahal (entrance fee included) and Agra Fort

What's Included

- 7 breakfasts and 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, Bharatpur, Agra and Perharsar village
- 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

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: \$50-60 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.

Diwali - Festival of Lights Supplement - USD \$100

The Festival of Light is the happiest festival of the Hindu calendar. At night, countless oil lamps are lit to show Rama the way home from his period of exile. In all the festival lasts five days.

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

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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!

Gateway to the Gods - USD \$509

Experience Eastern spirituality on this 4 day/3 night bolt-on to Haridwar and Rishikesh - two of the holiest cities in India. Haridwar - the 'Gateway to the Gods', attracts millions of pilgrims from around the world who come to cleanse their sins by bathing in the Holy Ganges River and Rishikesh - the 'Yoga Capital of the World', is an area of outstanding natural beauty.

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.

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. NOTE: If departing on 23 March 2013 we will be attending the Elephant Festival in Jaipur and Holi celebrations in Bharatpur. Head to our Unique Adventures section and see our 'Holi & the Elephant Parade' tour for more info.

2012

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

2013

Date	Price/Person	Single Supp.
12 JAN - 19 JAN	USD \$1,269	USD \$469
26 JAN - 02 FEB	USD \$1,269	USD \$469
09 FEB - 16 FEB	USD \$1,269	USD \$469
23 FEB - 02 MAR	USD \$1,269	USD \$469
09 MAR - 16 MAR	USD \$1,269	USD \$469
23 MAR - 30 MAR	USD \$1,369	USD \$469
06 APR - 13 APR	USD \$1,269	USD \$469
20 APR - 27 APR	USD \$1,269	USD \$469
07 SEP - 14 SEP	USD \$1,269	USD \$469
21 SEP - 28 SEP	USD \$1,269	USD \$469
05 OCT - 12 OCT	USD \$1,269	USD \$469
19 OCT - 26 OCT	USD \$1,269	USD \$469
02 NOV - 09 NOV	USD \$1,269	USD \$469
16 NOV - 23 NOV	USD \$1,269	USD \$469
30 NOV - 07 DEC	USD \$1,269	USD \$469
14 DEC - 21 DEC	USD \$1,269	USD \$469
28 DEC - 04 JAN	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.

I really enjoyed this trip the small group (5) got along very well. Samir did a great job, very knowledgeable about all sorts of topics regarding Indian customs, rituals, practical information for us. Samir is very friendly and has a great relationship with local guides giving us the best experience and enjoyable times, meeting the needs of all in the group.

Anita Rubin , May 2012

Thank you so much for the experience. It was definitely an INCREDIBLE INDIA!

Cyril Nhleko , May 2012

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Hi Charlie, We had a great trip! Divendra, our guide, made sure of that! He was very good and very kind as were all the city guides. The drivers were excellent and the hotels all good. We especially liked the Pugmark, the staff and food were so good. AND we saw a tiger, up close and personal- about 8 metres away. Best wishes

Lesley, Apr 2012

Overall the experience was amazing. Atul was wonderful from day 1 and it was a pleasure to have him as the guide.

Mark Byrne , Feb 2012

It was my 1st experience with On The Go tours, and 1st trip in India. Really enjoyed my experience. The group I traveled with had shared interest which helped. Atul, our tour guide made the trip more adventurous. I would like to come back and would like Atul as a tour guide.

Susanna Roig , Jan 2012

A very well organized and enjoyable tour. The tour leader was outstanding and could not have done more to have the holiday such a success.

John Martin Smith, Feb 2010

Our guide was exceptional. Highly knowledgeable, wonderful manner & personal skills and the ability to solve problems quickly and easily - even those things beyond his duties as a guide. Vey enjoyable tour, I have learnt loads about India, it's people and culture. Thank you.

S. Cannon, Jan 2010

Really enjoyed the tour and would happily do it all over again!

C Glasgow, Jan 2010
