

Taj Traveller

8 days | Starts/Ends: Delhi



Discover the spectacular sights of India's famed Golden Triangle including both old and new Delhi, the Pink City of Jaipur and Agra - home to the magnificent Taj Mahal as well as exploring the Chand Baori step well and sampling traditional rural Indian life in the quaint village of Bharatpur.

HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

Trip Highlights

- The Taj Mahal – explore the most famous site in India on a guided tour and marvel at this enduring symbol of love
- Delhi – ride on a rickshaw around Chandni Chowk bazaar and tour highlights of the city including Jama Masjid and the India Gate
- Jaipur – see the City Palace and the UNESCO-listed Jantar Mantar space observatory in the Pink City
- Amber Fort – visit the fantastically preserved lakeside fortress which is laid out over four striking levels
- Abhaneri – admire the famous Chand Baori step well and marvel at the 3,500 steps which descend to the waters edge
- Keoladeo Ghana National Park – look out for rare bird species from your cycle

rickshaw and explore this biodiverse wetland reserve

- Fatehpur Sikri – discover the ghostly former Mughal city which has laid abandoned for more than 400 years
- Agra - enjoy a guided tour of the lesser known but very impressive UNESCO-listed Agra Fort

What's Included

- 7 breakfasts, 2 dinners
- 7 nights 3-4 star and heritage hotels
- Touring of Delhi, Jaipur, Bharatpur and Agra
- Travel by jeep to the Amber Fort in Jaipur
- Airport arrival and departure transfers on day 1 and day 8
- Escorted by an English-speaking Indian tour guide
- Services of English-speaking Indian specialist guides at some sites
- All relevant transfers and transportation in private air-conditioned vehicles

What's Not Included

- Tipping Kitty: USD\$25-35pp, paid in local currency
- Entrance Fees: USD\$75-85pp, paid in local currency
- International flights and visas
- Tip for your tour guide. We recommend you allow \$3 - 7 USD per day per

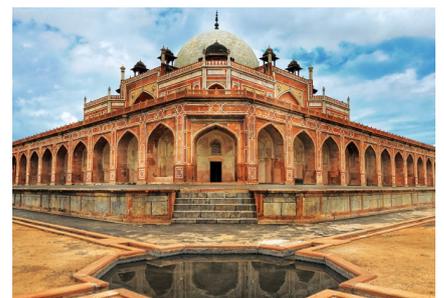
traveller. Tipping your tour guide is an entirely personal gesture

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Day 1 : Delhi

Saturday. Welcome to India! On arrival in Delhi you'll be transferred from the airport to our hotel. Enjoy the rest of your first day exploring independently in the city. Perhaps visit Akshardham - the world's largest Hindu temple. **Overnight - Delhi**

Day 2 : Old and New Delhi sightseeing



Join our Welcome Meeting this morning before we enjoy a full day of sightseeing in India's capital. In Old Delhi we see the UNESCO-listed Humayun's Tomb and visit Jama Masjid - the oldest and largest mosque in the whole of India. We also visit Raj Ghat, the site of Gandhi's cremation. An eternal flame now burns here in his honour. Continue to the bustling Chandni Chowk

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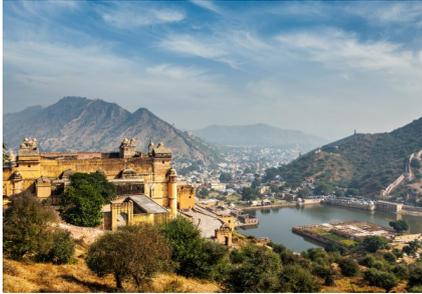
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bazaar for an exhilarating rickshaw ride. Later, explore New Delhi, including the Rajpath and the impressive India Gate monument. This evening we enjoy a group Namaste dinner. **Overnight - Delhi (B, D)**

Day 3 : Jaipur - the Pink City!



Delhi - Jaipur. We leave Delhi and travel to Jaipur today. In 1876 the Maharaja had the Old City painted pink to herald a visit by the Prince of Wales (soon to be King Edward VII), giving Jaipur its famous nickname. This afternoon we tour the City Palace in the centre of the Old City and the UNESCO-listed Jantar Mantar space observatory. **Overnight - Jaipur (B)**

Day 4 : Amber Fort



Enjoy an optional hot air balloon ride over Jaipur this morning, an unforgettable experience. Sail over the beautiful region with the Pink City below you and pass over palaces, villages and temples. We then take a jeep ride to visit the famous lakeside palace of Amber Fort. Walk down cobbled streets and explore courtyards laid out over four levels. We continue to a local cotton weaving house on our way back to Jaipur. **Overnight - Jaipur (B)**

Day 5 : Chand Baori & Keoladeo Ghana National Park



Jaipur - Abhaneri - Bharatpur. Say goodbye to Jaipur today as we travel to the village of Abhaneri to see the beautiful Chand Baori step well, where 3,500 steps climb down to the water's edge. The well famously featured in the blockbuster movie 'Batman: The Dark Knight Rises'.

We continue to a local school (if open), where we operate our Change for Children programme. Any donations you can give here will make a real difference to the lives of underprivileged children. You may also wish to bring some educational gifts with you from home to give to the pupils (see trip notes). Finally, we visit the UNESCO-listed Keoladeo Ghana National Park. Enjoy a rickshaw ride around this wetland reserve, home to hundreds of bird species. **Overnight - Bharatpur (B, D)**

Day 6 : The Taj Mahal



Bharatpur - Agra. We visit the former Mughal city of Fatehpur Sikri this morning, which has laid abandoned for more than 400 years. Continue to Agra where we see the imposing Agra Fort, before paying a visit to India's most iconic site - the Taj Mahal. This famous monument was built by Emperor Shah

Jahan in the 17th century, in memory of his beloved wife who died tragically in childbirth. It remains the most extravagant monument to love ever built and is the enduring symbol of India. Enjoy a tour of this famous site before we continue to our hotel. **Overnight - Agra (B)**

Day 7 : Return to Delhi



Agra - Delhi. After breakfast we return to Delhi, where the rest of the day is free for you to explore. Perhaps visit the impressive Red Fort and enjoy its Sound and Light Show after dark. **Overnight - Delhi (B)**

Day 8 : Delhi

Saturday. Our tour comes to an end today with an included departure transfer to the airport. (B)

HOTELS

The hotels listed below are ones which we frequently use on this tour. We reserve the right to substitute these hotels to ones of a similar standard when necessary.

Vivanta by Taj Dwarka

Vivanta by Taj Dwarka is a modern, luxury hotel located in Dwarka, on the outskirts of New Delhi, just a 15-minute drive from the airport. Spread over 7 acres, this striking hotel has a unique angular design and offers 250 luxurious rooms and suites. All tastes are catered for at the hotel's multi-cuisine restaurant, while the Indus Express restaurant serves mouth-watering Punjabi cuisine. Head to the popular Tipple bar for a delicious array of heady cocktails or relax by the poolside with a refreshing smoothie from the Celsius Pool Bar. The nearby Sector 21 Metro station provides direct access to the heart of the city and after a day of sightseeing you can cool off

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with a refreshing dip in the outdoor pool or relax in the sauna and massage parlour.



Crowne Plaza New Delhi Rohini

Located just footsteps from the nearest metro station, the Crowne Plaza New Delhi offers a beautiful blend of contemporary facilities and warm Indian hospitality. Each en-suite guestroom features traditional wood furnishings and a minibar, free WiFi and a flat screen TV. Guests can unwind in the Adya Spa which features a mix of Asian and European therapies or take a swim in the outdoor pool to escape the heat. The hotel prides itself on its range of dining options including the Spice Art restaurant, which serves delicious North Indian cuisine, and Moasic, where you'll find a range of international dishes.



Mandawa Haveli

Made of pink and red sandstone, the beautiful heritage-style Mandawa Haveli is a fine example of typical Rajasthani architecture. All rooms are well appointed with intricately carved wooden beds and king-size royal portraits, with modern amenities such as free WiFi and ensuite bathrooms. Spend an evening dining on continental, Indian or Rajasthani cuisine on the outdoor terrace or request a private, candlelit dinner on the rooftop under a star-studded sky. Well located in the heart of Jaipur city on Sansar Chandra Road, this hotel is just a few minute's drive from the Palace of the Winds.



Udai Vilas Palace

Set amongst 2 acres of landscaped gardens, the Udai Vilas Palace is a traditional hotel located right in the heart of Bharatpur city. Guest rooms are spacious and well equipped with comfortable beds and large windows. The hotel is famous for its barbecue nights and Rajasthani folklore evenings, where you will be enthralled by traditional music and dance performances. Keoladeo National Park, one of the most well-known bird sanctuaries in India, is also just a five-minute drive away.



Seven Hills Tower

The modern and stylish Seven Hills Tower hotel boasts a range of facilities and services designed to ensure the quality of each traveller's stay. The spacious guestrooms are elegantly decorated with neutral colours and fabrics covered with traditional patterns and all have excellent ensuite facilities. Guests can enjoy a dip in the rooftop pool or laze on the sun loungers before heading to the equally lofty restaurant for some mouth-watering Mughlai cuisine. The al fresco dining area offers beautiful views of the Taj Mahal, perfect for enjoying a sunset drink.



Hotel Jivitesh

The Jivitesh Hotel is centrally located in the heart of Karol Bagh, a popular

neighbourhood of Delhi renowned for its excellent shops and vibrant street markets. The Jivitesh offers comfortable and spacious guest rooms, with modern amenities such as free WiFi, and you can be assured of a warm welcome and excellent customer service from the hotel staff. Enjoy authentic Indian vegetarian cuisine at the hotel's restaurant and take a refreshing dip in the outdoor swimming pool after a day of sightseeing in the capital.



PRICES / DATES INFO

Departure dates noted with a 'G' are guaranteed to operate. All other departure dates are guaranteed with a minimum of 2 persons. 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 would like 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. Departure dates noted with a 'S' allow Solo travellers the comfort of a single room on this tour at no additional cost.

PRICES / DATES 2019

Date	Twin Share	Single
04 May	USD 1,095	USD 1,095
31 Aug	USD 1,095	USD 1,095
14 Sep	USD 1,195	USD 1,745
28 Sep	USD 1,195	USD 1,745
12 Oct	USD 1,195	USD 1,745
25 Oct	USD 1,295	USD 1,845
09 Nov	USD 1,195	USD 1,745

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23 Nov	USD 1,195	USD 1,745
07 Dec	USD 1,195	USD 1,195
21 Dec	USD 1,295	USD 1,845
28 Dec	USD 1,295	USD 1,845

PRICES / DATES 2020

Date	Twin Share	Single
11 Jan	USD 1,195	USD 1,745
25 Jan	USD 1,195	USD 1,195
08 Feb	USD 1,195	USD 1,745
22 Feb	USD 1,195	USD 1,745
06 Mar	USD 1,295	USD 1,845
14 Mar	USD 1,195	USD 1,745
28 Mar	USD 1,195	USD 1,745
11 Apr	USD 1,295	USD 1,845
18 Apr	USD 1,195	USD 1,745
02 May	USD 1,095	USD 1,645
16 May	USD 1,095	USD 1,095
29 Aug	USD 1,095	USD 1,095
12 Sep	USD 1,195	USD 1,195
26 Sep	USD 1,195	USD 1,745
10 Oct	USD 1,195	USD 1,745
24 Oct	USD 1,195	USD 1,745
07 Nov	USD 1,195	USD 1,745
12 Nov	USD 1,295	USD 1,845
21 Nov	USD 1,195	USD 1,745
05 Dec	USD 1,195	USD 1,195
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