

# A Taj Showcase

9 days | Starts/Ends: Delhi



*PREMIUM TOUR: Explore the famous Golden Triangle while staying in the lap of luxury at some of the world's most luxurious hotels. From the lavish Gateway Hotel in Agra, to the majestic Jai Mahal Palace in Jaipur and exquisite Lake Palace Hotel in Udaipur, this itinerary is the definition of luxury and India at its absolute finest*

## HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

### Trip Highlights

- Delhi - Explore Old and New Delhi on a guided city tour, visiting sites such as Humayun's Tomb, Jama Masjid Mosque and Raj Ghat - the site of Gandhi's crematorium
- The spectacular Taj Mahal - India's most famous monument in all its glory at sunset
- The Pink City of Jaipur - The lofty Amber Fort, regal City Palace and ancient observatory of Jantar Mantar
- Fatehpur Sikri - An ancient abandoned Mughal city
- Staying in some of the world's finest hotels ranging from palace, luxury and superior rooms
- Agra - The beautiful Agra Fort

### What's Included

- 8 breakfasts
- 8 nights - 5 star palace, superior and luxury rooms at Taj group and Gateway hotels
- Airport arrival and departure transfers on day 1 and day 9
- Touring of Delhi, Jaipur, Agra and Udaipur region
- Travel by jeep to the Amber Fort in Jaipur
- Rickshaw ride in Delhi
- Escorted by an English-speaking Indian tour guide (for groups of 6 or more)
- Services of English-speaking Indian specialist guides at some sights
- Taj Mahal, Jaipur City Palace & Jantar Mantar entrance fees
- All relevant transfers and transportation

### What's Not Included

- Tipping Kitty: USD\$30-35pp, paid in local currency
- Entrance Fees: USD\$55-60pp, paid in local currency
- International flights and visas
- Laundry, drinks, items of a personal nature
- Tip for your tour guide. We suggest \$4 - 7 USD per person per day. Tipping your guide is an entirely personal gesture

## ITINERARY

### Day 1 : Delhi

Saturday. Upon arrival into Delhi, you'll be met at the airport and transferred to your Taj Hotel - either staying in the magnificent Taj Mahal Hotel or the extravagant Taj Palace Hotel, both a fine example of luxurious accommodation. The remainder of the day is yours to relax or independently explore this bustling capital. **Overnight - Taj Palace**

### Day 2 : Old Delhi



This morning we enjoy a full day sightseeing tour of Delhi, taking in the magnificent tomb of the Mughal Emperor Humayun, Jama Masjid - India's oldest and largest mosque, Raj Ghat - the site of Gandhi's cremation and more. This evening is free to enjoy the luxury of your Taj Hotel. **Overnight - Taj Palace (B)**

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## Day 3 : Taj Mahal



Delhi - Agra. Departing Delhi, we journey to Agra, once India's Mughal capital, upon arrival we check into the Gateway Hotel where you will have a Taj Mahal facing room, all you have to do is glance out your window to see one of the world's most iconic monuments built in the name of love.

In Agra, we visit the impressive Agra Fort, which boasts some of India's finest Mughal buildings behind its fortified walls. Later, we take a motorised buggy to the legendary Taj Mahal and witness a magical sunset. **Overnight - Gateway Hotel (B)**

## 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. As we get closer to UNESCO-listed Jaipur we stop for a tasty lunch and visit Chandra Haveli, a charming haveli (mansion house) with small courtyard, lawned gardens and rustic appeal carefully being restored to the splendour of better farming years (if open, currently under renovation). Once in Jaipur, we visit a cotton trading/tailor shop where you can get clothing tailored for delivery to your hotel before we leave!

In Jaipur, you will stay in the majestic Jai Mahal Palace where you have 2 nights to

enjoy the luxury of this decadent property set upon 18 acres of manicured lawns and Moghul designed gardens. **Overnight - Jai Mahal Palace (B)**

## Day 5 : Jaipur



Today take a guided tour of the Pink City. Look out for the snake charmers that dot our route, as we travel to the 16th century Amber Fort. A jeep 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.

The evening is at leisure for you to soak up the luxury of your palace room as much as you can. Or visit the local markets and pick up some bargains. Just wandering the busy streets is an experience in itself. **Overnight - Jai Mahal Palace (B)**

## Days 6-7 : Udaipur



Today involves a day of driving as Udaipur beckons, upon arrival check in to your luxurious palace room at the Lake Palace Hotel. Located in the middle of Lake Pichola the white marble hotel sits on a four acre island and is only accessible by boat. Built as a palace in 1746 and now refurbished as a hotel Lake Palace Hotel is an icon of Udaipur. The

beautiful building almost seems to burst out of the surrounding waters.

This evening is free for you to unwind and enjoy the luxurious amenities. On day 7 we take a morning city tour of this walled city renowned for its palaces - the white marble Maharajah's Palace, the Winter Palace (with its inlaid tile, mirrors and mosaics of peacocks), the Jag Mandir (an eighteenth-century yellow-sandstone palace) and Jag Niwas (an eighteenth-century granite and marble palace). Also see the Victoria Hall Museum (local historical displays and antiques), Sahelion-ki-Bari garden and the Jagdish Temple. This evening we enjoy a boat ride on Lake Pichola. **Overnight - The Taj Lake Palace (B:2)**

## Day 8 : Udaipur to Delhi

Today you will be transferred to Udaipur airport for your flight to Delhi. Upon arrival in Delhi you will be met and transferred to yet another luxurious Taj Hotel - you will be accommodated in either the Taj Mahal Hotel or the Taj Palace. The evening is free for you to enjoy your final night of luxury. **Overnight - The Taj Mahal Hotel (B)**

## Day 9 : Delhi

Sunday. Today after breakfast and your onward transfer to the airport tour arrangements come to an end. (B)

### HOTELS

Highlighted below are some of the hotels which we frequently use on this tour, though we reserve the right to substitute these hotels to ones of a similar standard.

**Please refer to your Tour Voucher for your confirmed arrival hotel and further arrival information.**

### Taj Palace

Built in 1983 and renovated in 2011, the Taj Palace hotel is a perfect example of first class service in a luxurious setting. All guest rooms are perfectly appointed with expansive views of the city. The hotel offers guests some of the best dining experiences in the city with top chefs and fine cuisine. Start the day with a refreshing dip in the

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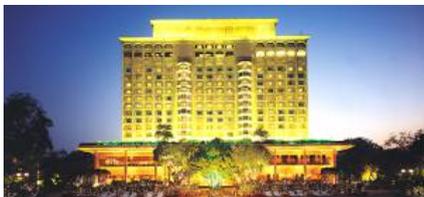
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outdoor pool before setting out to explore Delhi. Perfectly positioned between the city centre and the airport in the diplomatic enclave part of Delhi.



## The Taj Mahal Hotel

A popular choice for visiting dignitaries and heads of state, the luxury Taj Mahal Hotel displays beautiful Mughal architecture alongside contemporary facilities. These include a Wellness spa featuring Indian treatments and the luxurious Taj Club Floor and Lounge offering stunning panoramic views of the city. Opt for a pool view room to be greeted with superior vistas of the surrounding area. Without doubt the Taj Mahal in Delhi has one of the most prestigious addresses in India, Number One Mansingh Road. Surrounded by beautiful broad boulevards and leafy grounds with India Gate just a short walk away.



## Gateway Hotel

Set amidst six acres of manicured gardens, the Gateway hotel is a beautiful oasis in the chaos of the city. Carefully blending modern day necessities with traditional designs - all rooms have both Wi-Fi connectivity and classic marble flooring. A refreshing outdoor pool offers guest some cool in the heat of Agra and our recommendation here is to upgrade to a Taj View room. This accommodation is located on the popular Fatehabad Road in Agra, close to all of the major attractions.



## Jai Mahal Palace

Surrounded by 18 acres of perfectly manicured Moghul gardens, the Jai Mahal Palace luxury heritage breathes opulence and comfort. Rooms are designed in a colonial style with gold hued silks, marble floorings and Rajsthani wooden furniture. Sipping a cup of Indian tea before dinner at the Terrace is a must. Very well located in central Jaipur. Major attractions like the Amber Fort and Palace of the Winds are both easily accessed from here.



## The Lake Palace by Taj

Built for a young prince in 1743, the Lake Palace by Taj is one of Udaipur's most iconic sites. Guest rooms are grand with high reaching ceilings, luxury amenities, rich marble flooring and beautiful lake views. A number of restaurants all with master chefs offer guests a great range of dining options from the rooftop to the poolside. The hotel's 1 hour heritage walk is a great way to learn about the magnificent grounds whilst sipping a delicious glass of champagne. Perfectly located in the middle of Lake Pichola in the beautiful city of Udaipur.



### 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 when there are 2 persons sharing a room. The 'Single supplement' applies for single travellers who require their own room and needs to be added to the per person price. If you are happy to be paired up with another single traveller of the same gender on your tour, this can be arranged provided there is another single traveller booked on the tour date of your choosing. If a roommate cannot be found the single room supplement will apply.

### PRICES / DATES 2019

Date	Twin Share	Single
31 Aug	USD 4,395	USD 6,795
07 Sep	USD 4,395	USD 6,795
14 Sep	USD 4,395	USD 6,795
21 Sep	USD 4,395	USD 6,795
28 Sep	USD 4,395	USD 6,795

### PRICES / DATES 2020

Date	Twin Share	Single
29 Feb	USD 6,595	USD 8,995
07 Mar	USD 6,595	USD 8,995
14 Mar	USD 6,595	USD 8,995
21 Mar	USD 6,595	USD 8,995
28 Mar	USD 6,595	USD 8,995
04 Apr	USD 6,595	USD 8,995
11 Apr	USD 6,595	USD 8,995
18 Apr	USD 4,395	USD 6,795
25 Apr	USD 4,395	USD 6,795
02 May	USD 4,395	USD 6,795
16 May	USD 4,395	USD 6,795
30 May	USD 4,395	USD 6,795
13 Jun	USD 4,395	USD 6,795
27 Jun	USD 4,395	USD 6,795
11 Jul	USD 4,395	USD 6,795
25 Jul	USD 4,395	USD 6,795
08 Aug	USD 4,395	USD 6,795
15 Aug	USD 4,395	USD 6,795
22 Aug	USD 4,395	USD 6,795
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05 Sep	USD 4,395	USD 6,795
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