

Golden Triangle 7 days Discover the best-known Indian cities from Delhi to Agra and Jaipur and its famous monuments

We will help you to discover the mysteries of some of India's best-known cities – Delhi, the capital; Agra, with its famous Taj Mahal the symbol of eternal love; and Jaipur, Pink city, the capital of Rajasthan. It's a simple itinerary, much appreciated by travelers as it gives them the chance to appreciate the beauty of India's heritage, without involving too much of long-distance travel.

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Delhi:** Delhi is a combination of the cities that were founded from 900 BC to 1930 AD. Afterall it is an elegant capital city rich in history
- Agra: The ancient capital of the Mughal dynasty, one of the most visited cities in India and an important stop on the "Golden Triangle" tour of northern India
- Fatehpur Sikri: Admire the beautiful palaces of red sandstone of the abandoned city
- Jaipur: Jaipur, the capital city of **Rajasthan**, is famous for its pink sandstone buildings. It was founded by King Sawai Jai Singh II, a great astronomer, and was built according to the Vastu Shastra

ITINERARY

DAY 01: ARRIVE IN DELHI

Meet and assist on arrival to **Delhi** and transfer to hotel. Welcome to Delhi, the capital city of India, for an unforgettable journey to some of the most fascinating historical landmarks of **North India**. These places still offer glimpses of how the character of the city underwent massive changes in the last decades. In the lands fabled to have seen seven cities, signs of the old are continuously jostling with the new, presenting an ever-fascinating panorama. Overnight at the hotel.

DAY 02: IN DELHI

Today morning, after breakfast proceed for a sightseeing tour of **Delhi**. Visit the beautiful historical **Jama Masjid – The Masjid-i Jahān-Numā**, commonly known as the **Friday Mosque**. At the end of the day, enjoy a cycle rickshaw ride through the narrow streets of **Old Delhi**. Drive past the **India Gate** (war memorial dedicated to the lives of laid down by the Indian soldiers), the President's Residence–formerly the **Viceroy's Palace**, the Parliament House and the Secretariat Buildings—an interesting blend of the Victorian and 20th century architecture. Also visit, **Humayun's Tomb**, one of the earliest examples of **Mughal architecture** in India. Recently renovated with the gardens restored to their former splendor, complete with beautiful fountains, it is a



very attractive site. Architecturally, the mausoleum drew its inspiration from the styles prevalent in **Samarkand**, and the design of the **Taj Mahal** is based on this tomb. Overnight at the hotel.

Optional visit to **Qutab Minar** (not included): the Qutab Minar complex has many historical monuments. One of the oldest mosques in India – **The Quwwat-Ul-Islam** – built from the dressed and carved stones of demolished temples, is situated in this complex. It establishes the political victory of Islam in northern India. The construction of the Qutab Minar is believed to have been started in 1199 by **Qutab ud din Aibak** and later completed by his successors. This stunning old tower is decorated with elegant balconies and carvings.

DAY 03: DRIVE FROM DELHI TO AGRA (204 KMS/4-HOUR DRIVE APPROX)

Today morning, after breakfast, leave **Delhi** by surface for **Agra**, On arrival, check in to the hotel. Later, proceed for sightseeing of **Agra**, visiting **Agra Fort** and **Taj Mahal** at sunset. Agra Fort – built in red sand stone and the same marble of **Makrana**, the place in **Rajasthan**, from where the marble was sourced for the **Taj Mahal**. The lofty battlements of the **Agra Fort** cast its protective shadow over the far stretching mansions of nobles and princes built along the riverfront. During sunset, visit the world-famous **Taj Mahal**. Taj Mahal – in white non porous marble that narrates the true love of the emperor **Shah Jahan** for his beloved begum, **Mumtaz Mahal**, to enshrine her mortal remains. It has been described as a **'Love Poem in Marble'** (Remains closed on Friday). Overnight at the hotel.

DAY 04: DRIVE FROM AGRA TO JAIPUR (260 KMS/6-HOUR DRIVE APPROX.)

Today morning, after breakfast, leave **Agra** by surface for **Jaipur**, visiting **Fatehpur Sikri** en route. **Fatehpur Sikri**, the deserted capital city, was built by **Emperor Akbar** in 1569 AD and abandoned 15 years later due to severe water shortage. It is now a World Heritage Monument. Later, continue drive to **Jaipur**. On arrival, check in to the hotel. Jaipur, the capital of **Rajasthan** is popularly known as the **Pink City**. With broad avenues, ancient forts and magnificent royal palaces, it presents a striking spectacle. Here, the past comes alive in magnificent Forts and Palaces, blushed pink, where Maharajas once lived. Overnight at the hotel.

DAY 05: IN JAIPUR

Morning excursion to **Amper Fort** –The fort is one of the most beautiful forts of **Rajasthan**. A perfect example of Rajasthani architecture and is home to the unique **Sheesh Mahal** - a room with all the four walls and ceiling completely embedded with glittering mirror pieces, which were specially imported from Belgium during that period. En route to **Amber Fort**, you will have a brief photography stop at **Hawa Mahal**—the **Palace of Winds**.

Afternoon visit to Maharaja's City Palace, the former Royal Residence, part of it is converted into a museum. A private portion is still used by the **Royal Family of Jaipur**.



Also, visit **Jantar Mantar**, the world-famous stone and marble crafted observatory is still in working condition. Overnight at the hotel.

DAY 06: DRIVE FROM JAIPUR TO DELHI (260 KMS/5-HOUR DRIVE APPROX.)

Today morning, after breakfast, leave **Jaipur** by surface for **Delhi**. On arrival, check in to the hotel.

Optional Akshardham Temple tour:

Discover the essence of **Hinduism** at **Akshardham Temple**, one of the largest and most intricate places of worship in the country. This religious complex offers a look into Delhi's rich cultural past and the best of **Hindu culture**. Combining several different and contrasting architectural styles of **Hindu temple architecture** of northern India, this monument is a fusion of pink sandstone and pure white Italian Carrara marble. Overnight at the hotel.

DAY 07: LEAVE DELHI

After breakfast at the hotel, in time transfer to **the international airport of Delhi** to board flight for onward destination.

RATES

Prices p/p in Euros

Travel Period	Dbl share p/p	Sgl suppl	Hotels	Type of travel
01/11/20 - 31/03/21	530	265	Standard	Shared services
01/11/20 – 31/03/21	595	355	Superior	Shared services
01/04/21 – 31/09/21	440	195	Standard	Shared services
01/04/21 - 31/09/21	480	230	Superior	Shared services

 Special conditions may apply during Easter Week (from March 26 to April 3 2021) Please ask us.

Notes

<u>Travel Period</u>: Range of time price are valid. Should your desired trip dates cover 2 different travel periods, rates should be recalculated and proposed to you by mail.

Type of Travel: vforvacation offers two types of travel

- a) **Shared services** which means "seat in coach" basis tours with multinational fellow travelers' groups.
- b) **Private services** which means that all arrangements and land services are on individual basis.



<u>Single supplement</u>: Cost of Single supplement is only valid on a basis of minimum 3 paying passengers travelling together

For Solo travelers on private service tours, rates should be recalculated and proposed to you by mail.

TRAVEL DATES

2020 November:	7, 14, 21, 28
2020 December:	5, 12
2021 January:	8, 15, 22, 29
20121 February:	6, 13, 20, 27
2021 March:	6, 13, 20, 27
2021 April:	3, 10, 17, 24
2021 May:	1, 8, 15, 22, 29
2021 June:	5, 12, 19, 26
2021 July:	3, 10, 17, 24, 31
2021 August:	7, 14, 21, 28
2021 September:	4, 11, 18

INCLUSIONS

Accommodation

HOTELS

Day	Destination	Hotel/resort	Room Type	Category
1-2	Delhi	Hotel Jaypee Siddharth or Similar	Standard	4*
		Radisson Blu Dwarka or Similar	Superior	5*
03	Agra	Radisson or Similar	Standard	4*
		Taj Hotel & Convention Centre or Similar	Superior	5*
04 – 05	Jaipur	Park Regis or Similar	Standard	4*
		Holiday Inn City Centre or Similar	Superior	5*
06	Delhi	Hotel Jaypee Siddharth or Similar	Standard	4*
		The Suryaa or Similar	Superior	5*

Meals

Breakfast daily

• Transportation

- Meeting and assistance upon arrival/ departure by company representative (Enlgish speaking)
- Transfer from airport to the hotel and vice-versa
- Visits, excursions and transfers as per the program
- Cost based on the vehicle with air conditioned



• Guides

English speaking accompanying tour guide staying in different hotels

• Entrance Fees

Entrance to the site as per the itinerary (subject to change without prior notice)

NOT INCLUDED

- Object of personal nature like laundry, drinks, telefone calls, Tip to porter, driver, guide etc.
- Air tickets
- Indian tourist visa fees
- Travel insurance
- Eventual hike of the airport taxes or fuel surcharge, that may be varry without any prior notice
- Any meal not manitoned in the program
- Any thing that not mentioned in the section 'INCLUSION'

REMARKS

- In case of more travelers or groups pls request ad hoc and we'll send you our proposal by mail.
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