

Golden Triangle with Khajuraho & Varanasi

9 Nights / 10 Days

2N Delhi - 2N Jaipur - 2N Agra - 1N Khajuraho- 2N Varanasi

PACKAGE HIGHLIGHTS:

- Visit in Delhi – Jama Masjid & Humayun Tomb
- Drive past in Delhi - Red Fort, Rajghat, President House & India Gate
- Rickshaw ride in Chandni Chowk
- Visit in Agra – Taj Mahal, Agra Fort & Fateh-pur Sikri
- Visit in Jaipur – Amber Fort, City Palace, Jantar Mantar Observatory & Hawa Mahal
- Elephant ride at Amber Fort
- Fort & temples in Orchha & Khajuraho Temple Complex
- Ganges and Ghats in Varanasi & Sarnath city
- Boat ride on river Ganges
- Services of English-speaking guide during sightseeing tours
- Assistance at airport and sightseeing tours by private air-conditioned vehicle
- Start From Delhi and End in Varanasi

ITINERARY:

Day 1 Arrival in Delhi

Arrive in New Delhi, you will be met and assisted by our representative and transfer to your hotel. India's capital & a major gateway to the country, Delhi is contemporary and a bustling metropolis which successfully combines in its fold the ancient and the modern. Its strategic location was one of the prime reasons why successive dynasties chose it as their seat of power. New Delhi also reflects the legacy the British left behind. Rest of the day at leisure. Overnight in Delhi.

Day 2 Sightseeing in Delhi

This morning after breakfast proceed for a half day combined city tour of Old and New Delhi. This fascinating city has been in existence since the 6th century BC and has seen ups and downs from the rule of the Pandavas right up to the British Raj. Visit Jama Masjid, which is the largest mosque in India, commissioned by Emperor Shah Jahan. The courtyard of the mosque can hold about 25,000 worshippers. Enjoy a rickshaw ride in Chandni Chowk, the busiest market in Old Delhi...noisy, chaotic and uniquely Indian. Drive past Red Fort, President House, India Gate and several other government buildings in Edwin Lutyen's modern Delhi before you head to Rajghat, the memorial to Mahatma Gandhi that marks the spot where Mahatma Gandhi was cremated in 1948. Later visit Humayun's Tomb, commissioned by Humayun's wife Hamida Banu Begum in 1562. It was the first garden tomb built in the Indian sub-continent where the Persian architect used red sandstone on a large scale. Rest of the day at leisure. Overnight in Delhi.

Day 3 Delhi – Jaipur (250 km/approx. 5 hours)

This morning after breakfast proceed to Jaipur. Arrive and check-in at your hotel. Spend rest of the day at leisure. Overnight in Jaipur.

Day 4 Sightseeing in Jaipur

This morning after breakfast proceed for full-day sightseeing trip of Jaipur, also known as the 'Pink City'... it is famous for its colorful culture, forts, palaces, and lakes. The old city of Jaipur is painted pink, which gives it a magical glow. Visit the Amber Fort... a fascinating blend of Hindu and Mughal architecture. The best way to explore the fort is to ride up to it on elephant back. Later, stop to photograph the beautiful Hawa Mahal, also known as the "Palace of the Winds." This beautiful façade with its ornately carved latticework windows is made of pink sandstone. Post lunch, visit the City Palace... again, a synthesis of Rajasthani and Mughal styles. Later, visit the Jantar Mantar Observatory, comprising geometric devices for measuring time. You will also visit the Albert Hall, which was modeled on the Victoria and Albert Museum in

London and is a fine example of Indo-Saracenic style of architecture. Rest of the day at leisure. Overnight in Jaipur.

Day 5 Jaipur – Agra (230 km/approx. 5 hours)

This morning after breakfast proceed to Agra, enroute visit Fatehpur Sikri, which was built by Emperor Akbar and is home to many historical buildings. Akbar wanted to make Fatehpur Sikri his headquarters; however, he had to abandon it due to shortage of water. The Tomb of Sheikh Salim Chishti enshrines the burial place of the Sufi saint who lived a religious life here. Today, Fatehpur Sikri is a UNESCO World heritage site. Arrive Agra and check in at hotel. Rest of the day at leisure. Overnight in Agra.

Day 6 Agra

This morning after breakfast proceed for city of Agra, Visit the Red Fort, which was commissioned in 1565 by Akbar, and subsequently embellished by other Mughal Emperors. The beautiful yet forbidding structure is a handsome example of Mughal architecture. Later, visit the Taj Mahal ... a mausoleum built as a symbol Emperor Shah Jahan's devotion to his beloved queen Mumtaz Mahal. Considered an architectural marvel, its construction took thousands of workers over 21 years to complete. This edifice is replete with decorative inlays, carvings and calligraphy. Thereafter, visit Itmad- Ud - Daula, known as the "Baby Taj"; this mausoleum rests in a walled garden close to the Yamuna River. You will then visit Sikandra, which is also a mausoleum... of the great Emperor Akbar. Akbar designed his own mausoleum as a perfect blend of Hindu, Christian, Islamic, Buddhist and Jain designs and motifs, in keeping with his religious tolerance and secular views. Rest of the day at leisure. Overnight in Agra.

Day 7 Agra – Jhansi – Orchha – Khajuraho

This morning after breakfast proceed to Railway Station to board the train for Jhansi. Arrive Jhansi and drive to Khajuraho by road (220 kms / approx. 5 hour), enroute visiting Orchha. Visit the Orchha fort complex. The Jahangir Mahal in the fort is known for its delicate work balanced with strong masonry. Raj Mahal, the second palace in this fort complex is well known for its murals, depicting religious themes. Later, visit the Raja Ram Temple. Lord Ram is worshipped here as a king. Also visit the Laxmi Narayan temple, a unique blend of temple and fort architecture. Arrive Khajuraho and check in to your hotel. Rest of the day at leisure. Overnight in Khajuraho.

Day 8 Varanasi

This morning after breakfast proceed for a half -day tour of Khajuraho. Visit the Western Group of Temples -the Kandariya Mahadeo is dedicated to Lord Shiva, and the largest of Khajuraho's temples. The temple of Devi Jagdamba is considered to be one of the most erotic temples of Khajuraho. Later, visit the Eastern Group of Temples- The temple of Parsvanath is the largest of the Jain temples in Khajuraho India and the finest...without any sexual motifs. Later proceed to the airport to board the flight for Varanasi. Arrive in Varanasi, you will be met and assisted by our representative and transfer to your hotel. Rest of the day at leisure. Overnight in Varanasi.

Day 9 Varanasi

Early morning, enjoy a sublime boat ride on the Ganges River. View the numerous ghats along the bank of the Ganges, presenting a varied scene from dawn to dusk. Later back to hotel for breakfast. Visit the Benares Hindu University, the largest residential university in Asia, a center of Sanskrit, Indian art, culture, and music. Later, proceed to Sarnath, located eight km from Varanasi. It is famous as the place where the Buddha first preached his message after attaining nirvana. Visit the Dhamek Stupa... it marks the spot where the Buddha proclaimed his faith in front of his first five followers. The earliest and most important relic is found here is the Ashoka pillar, erected in 250 BC. Rest of the day at leisure. Overnight in Varanasi.

Day 10 Departure from Varanasi

After breakfast, proceed to the Varanasi airport to board the flight for your onward destination.

End of services.

HOTELS OFFERED:

City	Nights	Category A	Category B	Category C	Meal Plan
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Delhi	2	Holiday inn Mayur Vihar	Park inn By Radisson	Surya International	CP
Jaipur	2	Four Points by Sheraton	Park Regis	Libra	CP
Agra	2	Double tree by Hilton	Four Points by Sheraton	Taj Vilas	CP
Khajuraho	1	Radisson Hotel	Ramada Hotel	Clarks Khajuraho	CP
Varanasi	2	Radisson	Hindusthan International	Surya	CP

PACKAGE COST	Category A	Category B	Category C
Cost Per Person when 2 Pax Travelling	INR 47870	INR 44065	INR 40030
Cost Per Person when 4 Pax Travelling	INR 39205	INR 35405	INR 28040
Cost for Extra Adult / Child with Bed	INR 23100	INR 18950	INR 16220

PACKAGE INCLUSIONS:

- 9 night accommodation in well-appointed rooms as mentioned above hotels or equivalent
- Assistance at the airport, railway station & Hotel check-in / check-out
- Services of English-speaking guide during sightseeing tours
- Entry Fee at the Monuments
- Sightseeing as per itinerary by private tourist vehicle
- Rickshaw ride in Chandni Chowk
- Elephant ride at Amber Fort
- Boat Ride in river Ganges
- Train ticket for travel between Agra to Jhansi in A/C chair car
- Drivers allowances, toll taxes and Govt. Service Tax

PACAKAGE EXCLUSIONS:

- Air tickets and airport taxes
- Items of personal nature like laundry, phone calls, tips to guides / drivers etc.
- Camera / Video camera fees applicable at monuments

NOTE:

- Monuments closed on
- Agra - Taj Mahal on every Friday
- Jaipur – Elephant ride at Amber Fort will not be operational during Eid /Navrataras Festivals
- Varanasi - Sarnath Museum will closed on Friday
- Hotel Check in 1400hrs and check out 1200hrs

Rooms are subject to availability

Package Valid from 1st April to 30th September