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to India

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## Golden Triangle with Amritsar



**INDIA | 10 DAYS / 9 NIGHTS**

Routings: From Delhi to Delhi

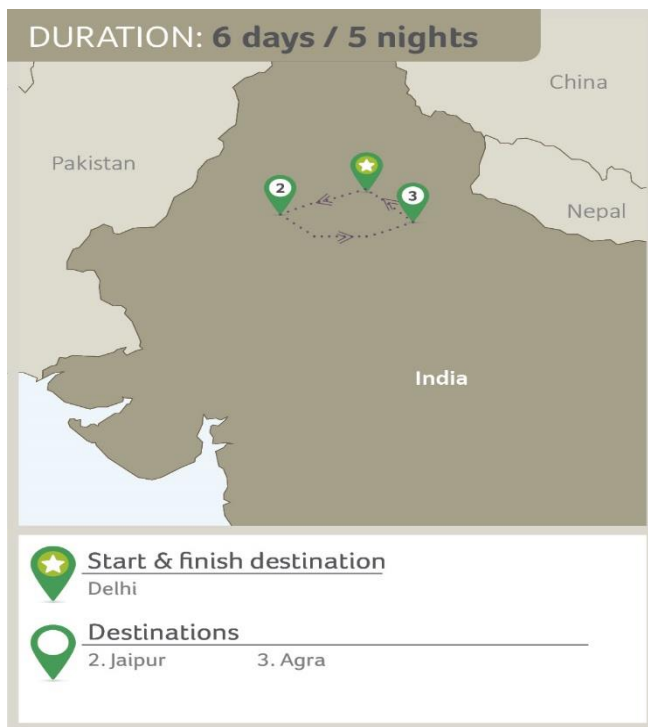
Type of tour: Culture

Departure day: Saturday

## TOUR OVERVIEW

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.

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS



**Delhi:** Delhi is a combination of the cities that were founded from 900 BC to 1930 AD. Naturally, this elegant capital city is rich in history

**Amritsar:** . Its name is a derivative of the Amrit Sarovar (pool of nectar) amidst which stands the Golden Temple, the most sacred of Sikh shrines

**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 this abandoned city

**Jaipur:** Jaipur, the capital city of Rajasthan, is famous for its pink sandstone buildings. Founded by King Sawai Jai Singh II, a great astronomer, it was built according to the Vastu Shastra

## DON'T MISS!

**Delhi:** Go to the Nizamuddin West area near the India Gate, and exploring the Sufi Nizamuddin Dargah, listen to some Quawwali music

**Amritsar:** Walk through the local bazaar (market) and visit Golden temple

**Agra:** Walk through the old colonial-era precincts of Agra and discover the social and cultural history of the city

**Jaipur:** Explore the colourful local market and taste some street food

## DAY BY DAY

### 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.**

### DAY 03: DELHI TO AMRITSAR BY TRAIN

Today morning, transfer to Delhi railway station to board train to Amritsar

Delhi / Amritsar Swarna Shatabdi'12029 07:20 / 13:45 hours.

Meeting and assistance on arrival and transfer to hotel.

Inextricably linked with the history of Sikhism, Amritsar is amongst the most revered Sikh sites in the world, especially due to the Golden Temple here. The city was founded as recently as the 16th century and its name is a derivative of the Amrit Sarovar (pool of nectar), which is situated in the Golden Temple.

After dinner, proceed to witness Palki Ceremony in Golden temple. To the accompaniment of drums and hymns that fill the air, a gold and silver gilded palanquin, decorated with silk brocades, is prepared by the devotees to carry the Guru Granth Sahib (the Holy Book) from the main shrine in Hari Mandir to Darshani Deorhi (gateway leading to the inner sanctum). Performed every evening, several devout followers and visitors participate in the ceremony, which offers each individual at least a few seconds to help carry the palanquin. The Holy Book rests for a few hours in the inner chambers until the commencement of the early morning Palki Sahib Ceremony for bringing the Guru Granth Sahib from the Akal Takht (inner chambers) to the main shrine in Hari Mandir.

**Overnight at the hotel.**



### DAY 04: IN AMRITSAR

This morning, after breakfast, start with a sightseeing tour of Amritsar, which takes you to the Golden Temple - the sacred Sikh sanctuary spread out in a vast complex around a huge water tank in the midst of which stands a marble sanctum where the holy book of the Sikhs, the Guru Granth is reverently placed. The roof of the sanctum is gold-leafed. The community kitchen provides free meals to up to 10,000 pilgrims or visitors in a day. Also, walk by the busy bazaars of the city; visit the historic Jallianwalah Bagh, where General Dyer's bullets killed hundreds of innocent Indians. Later, visit the Durgiana Hindu temple which looks like a replica of the golden temple.

Late afternoon, visit the border town of Wagah to see the change of guard ceremony. It is a spectacle comparable to 'Change of Guards' in London. The pomp and pageantry of the Beating Retreat and the Change of Guard within handshaking distance of the Indian and Pakistani forces makes for a most charming spectacle

**Overnight at the hotel.**

### DAY 05: TRAIN FROM AMRITSAR TO DELHI AND DRIVE FROM DELHI TO AGRA (204 KMS/04-HOUR DRIVE)

Today, early morning transfer to Amritsar railway station to board train to Delhi

Amritsar / Delhi Amritsar Shatabadi'12014 04:55 / 11:00 hours.

Meeting and assistance on arrival, followed by drive to Agra

On arrival, check in to the hotel

Explore the lives of the common people with city walks and cycling tours or learn of the struggles of some of the bravest women who have overcome life challenging obstacles at the Sheroes cafe. Enjoy the delightful performance showcasing the history of the city and its architectural heritage. Walk through the city bazaar to taste street food or buy exquisite marble and leather goods.

**Overnight at the hotel.**

## DAY 06: IN AGRA

Today morning, after breakfast, proceed for a sightseeing tour of Agra, visiting Agra Fort and Taj Mahal.

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.

Later, visit 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).

### Optional: Mohabbat E Taj Show

In the evening, watch the Mohabbat The Taj Show. This 90-minute show features a replica of Taj Mahal made in pure white Makrana marble like the original 17th century monument. The model, built upon a 12 x 12 ft. area, weighs 8,250 kg. The show is an exciting and innovative presentation of spectacular song and drama. The Taj will be presented in 10 different moods, representing varying seasons and hours of the day. The show narrates a love story set in the 17th century ambience and woven around the Taj.

Overnight at the hotel.

## DAY 07: DRIVE FROM AGRA TO JAIPUR (260 KMS – 6 HRS. APPROX)

Today morning, after breakfast, leave Agra by surface for Jaipur

### Optional:- Fatehpur Sikri

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 08: JAIPUR

Morning excursion to Amer 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 09: 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 10: LEAVE DELHI**

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

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