

9 Days Golden Triangle with Khajuraho/Varanasi

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A Perfect blend of the more popular and the lesser-known but equally magical places in North and Central India. The tour unfolds a land steeped in history, religion, culture and architecture. From the grand Taj Mahal and the huge fort in Agra to the exquisitely carved erotic temples of the 10th century Chandela Kings and the memorable bathing ghats of Varanasi, on the banks of the holy Ganga. A must for anyone wishing to experience the real heart of India.

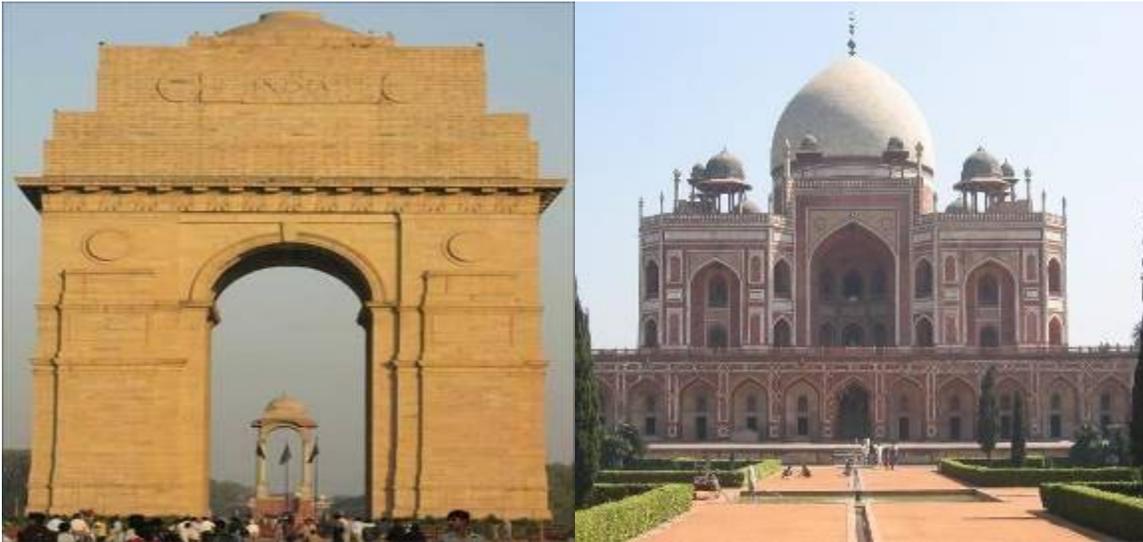
Day 01 Arrival Delhi

Meet and transfer to hotel. Overnight in hotel.

Day 02 Delhi-Jaipur

(Breakfast/Dinner)

Breakfast. Half day tour of *New Delhi*: India's capital and an important gateway into the country. Visit Lutyen's Delhi-drive past **President's palace** and also known as Rashtrapati Bhawan, **India gate**, a World War I memorial. Lutyen's city is characterized by wide, tree-lined avenues, parks and palaces built for important Indian Princes.



Visit **Humayuns Tomb**; built in the mid-16th century by Haji Begum, the Persian born senior wife of Humayun, this is wonderful early example of Mughal architecture.

Drive to Jaipur (approx. 5-6 Hrs.). Arrive & check-in to hotel.

Dinner and overnight in hotel.

Day 03 Jaipur

(Breakfast/Dinner)

Breakfast. Visit **Amber fort** built in the 17th Century; the palace is a distinguished



specimen of Rajput architecture. Take a joy ride on an elephant back at Amber Fort. Set in a picturesque location, Amer is fascinating blend of Hindu and Muslim architecture.

Thereafter, Explore the city starting from the Pink **City Palace** which now houses a museum containing rare manuscript, painting and an armory; visit the **Palace of Winds**-a Landmark of Jaipur made of pink sandstone and of unique design.

Evening is free for own personal activities. Dinner and overnight in hotel.

Day 04 Jaipur-Agra

(Breakfast/Dinner)

Breakfast. Drive to Delhi (approx. 5 Hrs.) visiting en-route **Fatehpur Sikri**: Once the



capital city of Akbar after the childless Mughal was blessed with a son with the blessings of the Sufi saint, Sheikh Salim Chisti, who lived here. It is a perfect example of a Mughal city at the height of the Empire's splendor.

Arrive & check-in to hotel. Dinner and overnight.

Day 05 Agra

(Breakfast/Dinner)

Breakfast. Visit **Taj Mahal**: - Described as the most extravagant monument ever built for love, this poignant Mughal mausoleum has become the de facto tourist emblem of India. It was constructed by Emperor Shah Jehan in memory of his second wife Mumtaz Mahal.



Later visit **Agra Fort**: - Constructed of the massive red sandstone Agra Fort on the bank of River Yamuna, was begun by Emperor Akbar in 1565.

Dinner and overnight in hotel.

Day 06 Agra-Jhansi-Orchha-Khajuraho

(Breakfast/Dinner)

Breakfast. Transfer to railway station for train to Jhansi 0800/1040 Hrs.- 12002- Shatabdi Exp.

Arrive Jhansi and drive short distance to visit Orchha. Orcha's grandeur has been captured in stone, frozen in time & a rich legacy to the ages. For, on this medieval city, the hand of time has rested lightly: the places and the temples built by its Bundela rulers in the 16th and 17th century retain much of their pristine glory. Jahangir Mahal, a tiered palace crowned by graceful chhatris has a spectacular view of soaring temple spring & cenotaphs.

Drive to Khajuraho (approx. 4-5 Hrs.). Arrive & check-in to the hotel.

Dinner and overnight in hotel.

Day 07 Khajuraho-Varanasi

(Breakfast/Dinner)

Breakfast. Visit the world famous Khajuraho temple were built by the Chandela Kings



between 950 AD and 1050 AD. The most important are the Chaunset Yogni Temple dedicated to Goddess Kali, The Mahadev Temple, Chitragupta or Bharatji Temple with a lovely image of 11 headed Vishnu, Vishvanath and Nandi Temple, Lakshmana Temple, Visha Temple of Shiva, which is largest & most typical of temples. Visit the Eastern group of temples that consist of the Parasvanath Temple – the only Jain Temple Surviving at Khajuraho and has excellent sculptures on the outer walls of the Sanctum, the Javeri Temple dedicated to Vishnu. The other temples in this group are

those dedicated to Brahma, Yamuna and Adinath.

On time transfer to the airport for flight to Varanasi.

Arrive Varanasi and transfer hotel.

Evening visit the Ghats (steps) to witness evening prayer on the banks of the river Ganges.

Dinner and overnight in hotel.

Day 08 Varanasi

(Breakfast/Dinner)

Early morning transfer to the riverfront for a dawn boat ride along the Ghats River



Ganges when devotees offer their Morning Prayer venerating holy water. Return to the hotel for breakfast. Later, walk through the narrow alleyways of Old Varanasi exploring some important temples.

Excursion to Sarnath- visit **Sarnath**: where Buddha preached his first sermon middle way to final Nirvana in the Deer park. The Dhamek Stupa marks the spot. The four headed iron pillar (20 meter high) also known as the Ashoka Pillars in the archeological museum. The Vihara built by the Mahabodhi society enshrines the sacred Buddhist relics found at the other sites and houses frescoes depicting scenes from Buddha's life.

Rest of the day is free at leisure. Dinner and overnight in hotel.

Day 09 Varanasi-Delhi-Further Destination

(Breakfast)

Breakfast. Morning is free at leisure.

On time transfer to airport to board flight for Delhi. Arrive Delhi and connect flight for further destination.

Days	Night's	City Name	<u>Cat "A" (3 Star)</u>	<u>Cat "B" (4 Star)</u>	<u>Cat "C" (5 Star)</u>
01/02	1	Delhi	Africa Avenue	The Royal Plaza	The Metropolitan
02/04	2	Jaipur	Regenta Hotel	Park Regis	Trident Jaipur
04/06	2	Agra	Taj Vilas	Mansingh Palace	Trident Agra
06/07	1	Khajuraho	Ramada Khajuraho	Radisson	The Lalit
07/09	2	Varanasi	Ganjes View	The Amayaa	Radisson
2/3pax	8	Twin Sharing	USD 959 PP	USD 1030 PP	USD 1312 PP
		In single room	USD 1240 PP	USD 1379 PP	USD 1869 PP

Cost inclusions:

- 8 Night's accommodation at hotel mentioned, twin/double sharing.
- Meals as per the Itinerary.
- All transfers, sightseeing, excursions and drives using excellent AC vehicle.
- Service of English speaking local guides.
- All payable monument entrance fees. (As per the itinerary). Subject to Change.
- Elephant/Jeep ride at Amber Fort (Jaipur).
- Train fare Agra/Jhansi on aircon chair car.
- Boat ride in Varanasi.
- Evening rickshaw ride in Varanasi.
- All **PRESENT** applicable government taxes. **(SUBJECT TO CHANGE)**.

Above cost valid from 01 Oct 17 to 31 Mar '18 (Not valid from 20 Dec-10 Jan '18)

Cost exclusions:

- Any expenses of personal nature such as telephone calls, laundry, aerated drinks or bottled water used in room, items ordered on room service, mini bar etc.
- Meals apart from those indicated in the itinerary
- Camera fees are not included in the cost
- Cost incurred in obtaining visa or insurance
- Cost incurred in case of hospitalization or evacuation
- Tips/ gratuities paid to drives, guides, room boy, bellboys etc.
- Airport departure tax.
- Domestic airfare extra.

Above cost DO NOT include any surcharge for X'mas and New Year Eve hotel might have for Gala Dinner.

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