



**Cultural tour of India- Golden Triangle**

**Duration:** 8 Days

**Departure date:** Jun 07; Jul 06; Aug 10; Sep 07 & 14; Oct 04, 18 & 28; Nov 08, 15 & 22; Dec 06 & 13

**Price:** From \$ 1,199

<p><b>DAY 1:</b> ARRIVE DELHI (FLIGHT)</p>	<p>Namaste! We are warmly welcomed at the airport with hands clapped together in the traditional Indian way and transferred to our hotel. The remainder of the day is free to relax or enjoy the many cultural attractions of bustling Delhi.</p>
<p><b>DAY 2:</b> DELHI</p>	<p>The capital of India is a true reflection of old and new. We explore Old Delhi, starting with the Red Fort Complex*. Named for its massive walls of red sandstone, this fort represents the zenith of Moghul creativity. It sits next to the Salimgarh Fort, built by Islam Shah Suri in 1546. Afterwards enjoy an exciting journey by traditional rickshaw, passing through the narrow lanes of the Chandni Chowk Bazaar. Built by Moghul emperor Shah Jehan in the 17th century, this bazaar remains one of Delhi's oldest and busiest markets. Our ride ends at India's largest mosque, the 350-year-old Jama Masjid. We finish our tour at Raj Ghat, the cremation site of Mahatma Gandhi. In the evening, we enjoy a welcome dinner at a well-known local restaurant. (B, D)</p>
<p><b>DAY 3:</b> DELHI/AGRA (DRIVE)</p>	<p>Our exciting morning tour through New Delhi starts with a visit to Birla House, the Former Residence of Mahatma Gandhi before he was assassinated by Nathu Ram Godse in 1948. Next we explore the famous India Gate, followed by the Houses of Parliament, Connaught Place and Humayun's Tomb*, built in 1570 as the first garden-tomb on the Indian subcontinent. The tomb inspired several major architectural innovations, culminating in the construction of the Taj Mahal. Our next stop is Qutb Minar and its Monuments*. Built in the early 13th century, the magnificent red sandstone tower of Qutb Minar is 72.5 meters high. The surrounding archaeological area contains funerary buildings, notably the magnificent Alai-Darwaza Gate, a masterpiece of Indo-Muslim art and two mosques. After the tour of New Delhi, we drive to Agra. On arrival in Agra, we check in to our hotel.</p>
<p><b>DAY 4:</b> AGRA</p>	<p>We start our day with a sunrise visit to one of the most well-known wonders of the world, the Taj Mahal*. An immense mausoleum of white marble, built in Agra between 1631 and 1648 by order of the Moghul emperor Shah Jahan in memory of his favourite wife, the Taj Mahal is the jewel of Muslim art in India and a universally admired masterpiece of world heritage. Situated on the right bank of the Yamuna in a vast Moghul garden, this funerary monument combines elements and styles of Persian, Central Asian and Islamic architecture. After visiting the Taj Mahal, we return</p>

	<p>back to our hotel for breakfast. Following our morning meal, we visit Agra Fort*. This powerful fortress of red sandstone encompasses the spectacular imperial city of the Moghul rulers. Explore fairy-tale palaces, audience halls and two very beautiful mosques. In the afternoon, we visit Fatehpur Sikri*. Built during the second half of the 16th century by the Emperor Akbar, this stunning complex was once capital of the Moghul empire. After just 10 years, its temples, mosques and monuments were abandoned due to lack of water. The remains include one of the largest mosques in India and the artistically designed mausoleum of the revered Sufi saint, Salim Chisty. Evening is free to explore this small town home to three UNESCO World Heritage Sites. (B, D)</p>
<p><b>Day 5:</b> AGRA/RANTHAMBORE (DRIVE)</p>	<p>Our adventure continues as we set off for Ranthambore, the former hunting ground of the Maharajas of Jaipur. Ranthambore National Park boasts one of the largest and most diverse collections of wildlife species in India. It's rugged terrain and dense deciduous forests also offer stunning panoramas. After lunch at our lodge in Ranthambore, we take an exciting safari through the park, spotting tiger, nilgai, chausingha, chital, chinkara, wild boar, jungle cat, ratel, hyena, porcupine, rhesus macaque and the black-faced langur. About 150 bird species can also be found here, including migratory birds that arrive in winter.</p>
<p><b>Day 6:</b> RANTHAMBORE/JAIPUR (DRIVE)</p>	<p>Ranthambore was established as a game sanctuary in 1955 and declared a Project Tiger reserve in 1973. Spotting Ranthambore's famous Royal Bengal tigers in their natural habitat is an awe-inspiring experience. Early morning, we take another safari through the park with our eye out for these majestic animals. After our morning safari, we drive to Jaipur, the capital of Rajasthan. Jaipur is also called the Pink City, since most of the buildings in the old city are made of pink sandstone. In the evening, we enjoy dinner followed by a unique Rajasthani cultural dance show.</p>
<p><b>Day 7:</b> JAIPUR</p>	<p>This morning, we are treated like the royalty of yesteryear with a journey to Amber Fort*, located in a picturesque valley among the Kalikho Hills. Known as the gem of Jaipur, this imposing fort dating from the late 16th century was never attacked or invaded. Built from a combination of yellow and pink sandstone and white marble, the fort includes distinguished halls, intricate carvings and ornate gardens. Next we return to Jaipur to visit the majestic City Palace, which houses a rare collection of Indian art. We also stop at the stunning Hawa Mahal, or Palace of Winds, where the ladies of the royal harem used to watch the city from behind the intricately carved façade, and the Jantar Mantar*, a historic astronomical observation site boasting instruments used to star-gaze with the naked eye. The evening is free to enjoy the one-of-a-kind shopping of the bazaars. Jaipur is noted for its craftsmen, skilled in brass inlay, lacquer work and stone setting. (B, D)</p>
<p><b>Day 8:</b> JAIPUR/DELHI (DRIVE)</p>	<p>After an amazing tour of the Golden Triangle with Ranthambore, we are driven to Delhi. Here we check in at hotel Vivanta By Taj Dwarka New Delhi for day rooms until 8:30 PM. After a farewell dinner, we are transferred to the international terminal for our flight home. We bid farewell after a memorable journey into the history, culture, art and architecture of incredible India. Or extend our adventure with India holiday tour packages to other regions of the country.</p>

**Included:**

- Accommodation as mentioned or similar, including hotel taxes
- 15 Meals as mentioned (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner)
- All sightseeing and transfers by private transportation
- Services of local English speaking guides
- Entrances fees to museums and sites included in the itinerary
- 2 Safaris through Ranthambore National Park (October to June Departures). (Subject to availability)

• **Rickshaw Ride in Delhi**

**Not Included**

- International Airfare
- Insurance/visas
- Tips/gratuities

**Meals**

8 Breakfast , 8 Dinner , 1 Lunch

**PARTICIPANTS**

This tour operates on a minimum of 02 participant.

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