



# India's Golden Triangle

8 days / 7 nights private tour with driver and local guides

India - an evocative land offering a canvas of spectacle and colour. Ruled by a succession of kingdoms, and invaded by armies of Central Asian origin, followed by the Mughals and finally the British, India's turbulent history is visibly etched in today's milieu.

Dive into the chaotic delights of Old Delhi, take time to enjoy the shimmering changes of light over the Taj Mahal and marvel at the spectacular facade of the Palace of Winds in Jaipur.

## Itinerary

### Day 1 Arrive Delhi

On arrival you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Delhi, the capital of kingdoms and empires, is now a sprawling metropolis with a fascinating blend of the past and the present. It is a perfect introduction to the composite culture of an ancient land.

\* Delhi hotels: 5-star The Claridges / 4-star Clarion Collection.

### Day 2 Delhi

Delhi sightseeing today includes: Raj Ghat, Jama Masjid the Red Fort - once the most opulent fort and palace of the Mughal Empire. Enjoy a rickshaw ride in one of Delhi's busiest markets - Chandni Chowk. Also visit Qutub Minar, Rajpath and India Gate.

**Optional Experience** - the ancient tradition of pigeon flying - Kabootarbazi (available Oct to Mar).

### Day 3 Delhi > Agra

Drive to Agra, en route visiting Sikandra, final resting place of the Mughal Emperor Akbar the Great. The Emperor Shah Jahan felt the best view of the Taj Mahal was from a grassy, floodplain across the Yamuna River - Mehtab Bagh. As the sun sets we will do just that.

\* Agra hotels: 5-star ITC Mughal / 4-star The Radisson.

### Day 4 Agra

Visit the Taj Mahal at day break today. After returning to your hotel for breakfast, visit the Red Fort and Itmad-Ud -Daullah. (Taj Mahal is closed on Fridays)

### Day 5 Agra > Fatehpur Sikri > Jaipur

Drive to Jaipur via the ancient deserted city of Fatehpur Sikri. Besides cultural sightseeing Jaipur is also known for shopping and is famous for fabric, gems, jewellery and handicrafts.

\* Jaipur hotels: 5-star Samode Haveli / 4-star Narain Niwas.

### Day 6 Jaipur

Visit Amber Fort on the back of a brightly painted elephant. Also visit Jantar Mantar; an open air astronomical observatory, Hawa Mahal 'Palace of the Winds' and the City Palace.

**Optional Experience** - market visit and cooking demonstration.

### Day 7 Jaipur > Delhi

**Optional Experience** - early morning Hot Air Ballooning Safari. After breakfast we drive to Delhi for overnight.

\* Delhi hotels: 5-star Radisson Blu Plaza / 4-star Ashok Country Resort.

### Day 8 Depart Delhi

Transfer to the airport for your onward journey.

Price (per person)	Twin
1 July - 15 Sep 2013	
★★★★★	\$1,368
★★★★★★	\$1,672
16 Sep 2013 - 30 Apr 2014	
★★★★★	\$1,734
★★★★★★	\$2,306
<b>Optional Services</b>	
Train option from Delhi to Agra	\$74
Pigeon flying	\$188
Ballooning	\$335
Cooking Demonstration	\$82

#### Includes

Accommodation in hotel category of your choice including breakfast daily, transfers and transport by road, sightseeing with English speaking local guides, and entrance fees.

#### Excludes

Airfares, taxes and surcharges, visas, insurance, gratuities, drinks, items of a personal nature.

**NB** Supplements will apply over Christmas and New Year

\* Specific hotels used may vary according to availability at the time of booking.

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