

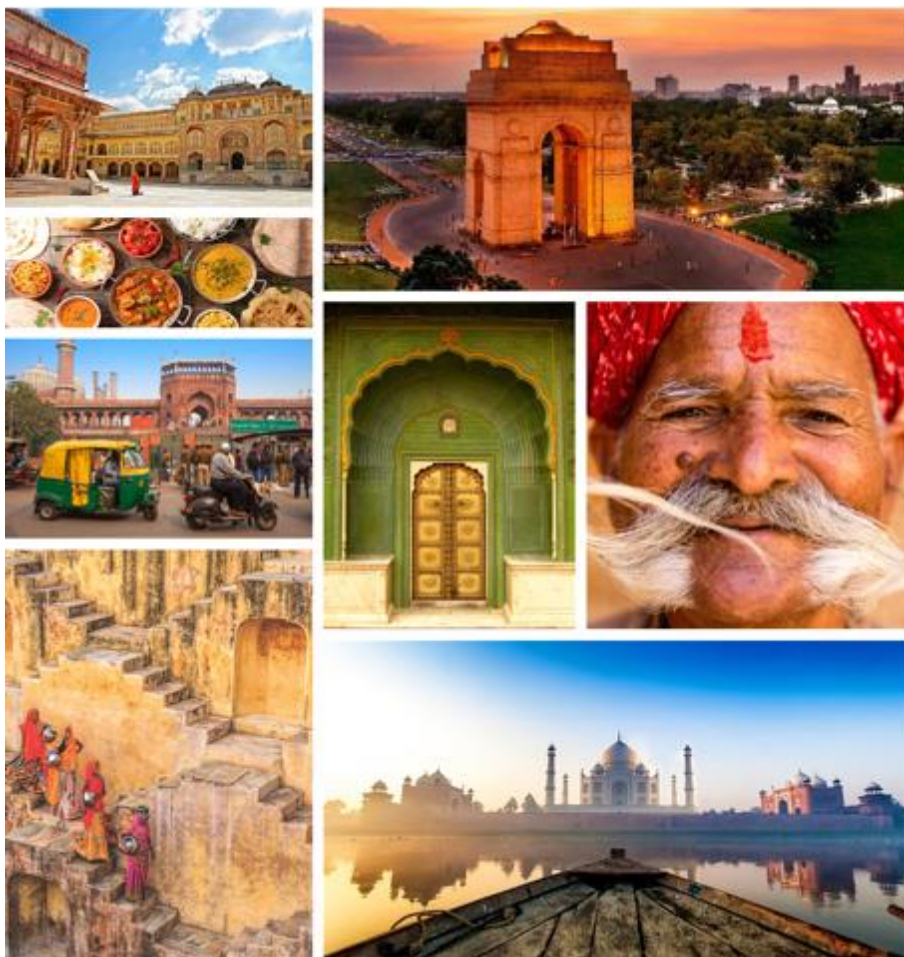


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## **THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE OF INDIA**

**07 Days / 06 Nights**

Arrival Delhi 02 Nights – Agra 02 Nights – Jaipur 02 Nights – Delhi 00 Night



*Tailor made Journey*

Travel Period: **All around the year**



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### Day 01 Arrive Delhi

Upon your arrival at Delhi Airport, our team will be holding your name signage by “Adventure World” in the arrival hall.

You will be met and transferred to your Hotel for Check-in with welcome briefing

Our travel manager will then outline your wonderful itinerary ahead.

Enjoy rest day at leisure (perhaps by the poolside or hotel spa treatments on your own).

*In 1911 the British Imperial Government moved capital of British India from Calcutta to Delhi. And accordingly construction in that year began. There are at least eight historical Delhi's, each constructed on, or near, the ruins of its predecessor, leaving a modern-day citadel that's dotted with ancient monuments. It offers a glimpse of both ancient and modern day India. The city of Delhi is a blend of two different yet perfectly balanced parts, the Old and the New Delhi. Old Delhi, founded as Shahjahanabad in 1639 as the capital of the great Mughal Empire, and New Delhi, designed by british architect Sir Edwin Lutyens and set-up in 1931 by viceroy of india Lord Irwin.*

### Overnight : at your Hotel in Delhi

*Accommodation of Double / Twin room for 2 nights including Breakfast*



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### Day 02 Delhi Old & New Delhi city tour / *Breakfast*

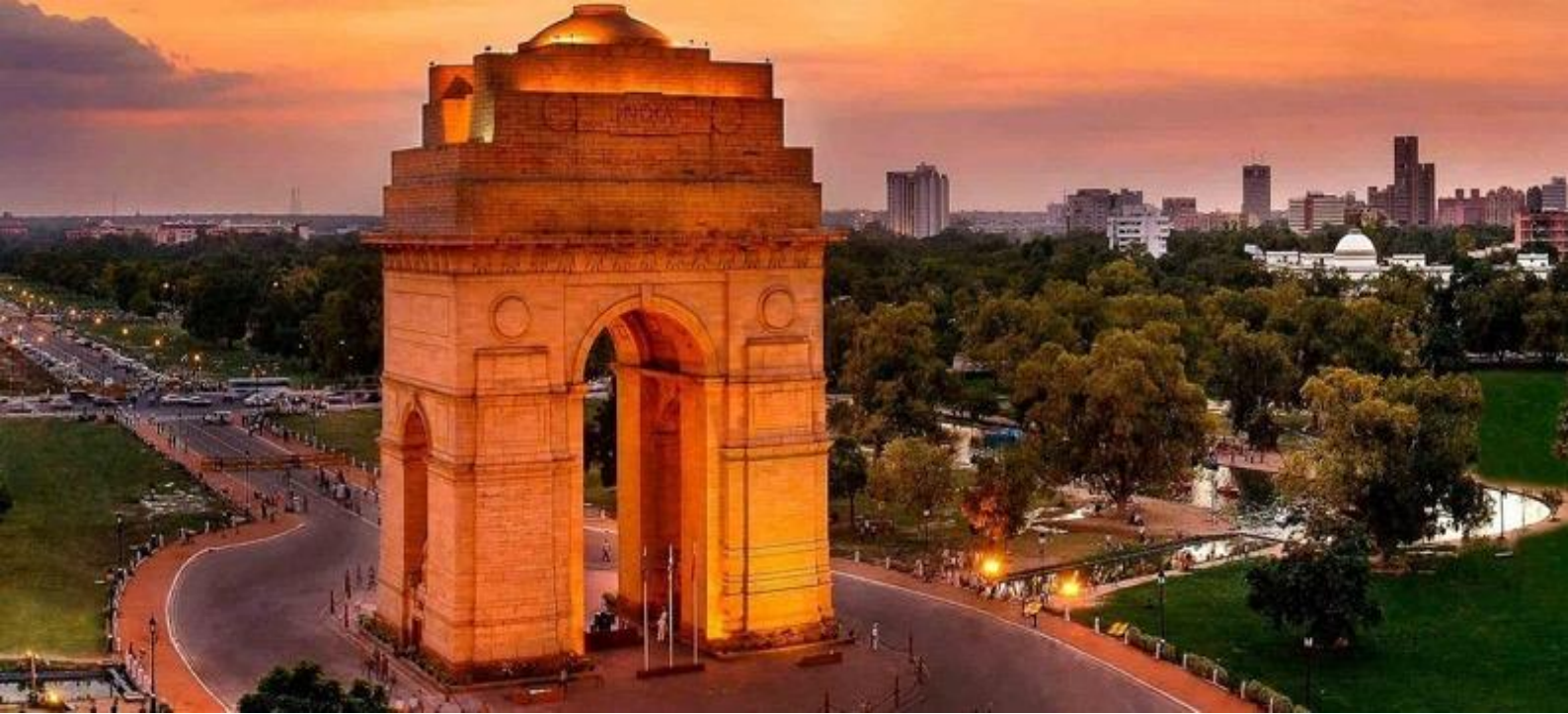
Step-back in time and discover the glory of the great Mughal empire and British raj of India. Your own private guide will ensure you get an in-depth experience of these emblematic structures & traditions of the local culture. After Breakfast you will be met by our expert Delhi Guide and our company Chauffeur, who will take you on a journey thru **Old Delhi**, founded as Shahjahanabad in 1639 as the capital of the great Mughal Empire, and Lutyens City - **New Delhi**, designed by British architect Sir Edwin Lutyens and set-up in 1931 by viceroy of India Lord Irwin.

Our first stop will be old walled-city of Delhi. We will visit the marvellous red-sandstoned **Jama Masjid Mosque** built by Mughal emperor and maker of taj mahal – Shah Jahan in 1644 AD showcasing finest indo-islamic architectures. Afterwards, we hop-on a traditional **Rickshaw Ride** tour exploring real life, tangy flavours and buzz of old city thru maze-like streets of the iconic wholesale bazaar **Chandni Chowk** and asia’s largest spice trading markets **Khari Baoli**. Our ride ends with a photo-stop outside the imperial residence of Mughal empire and unesco heritage site **The Red Fort**, built in 1638 and rumoured to have the decapitated bodies of prisoners built into its foundations for luck. Next stop is at **Raj Ghat**, the memorial dedicated to father of India - Mahatma Gandhi.



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Afterwards we will arrive at the infamous **Lutyens Delhi** aka the New Delhi City, known for its innovative architecture from the 1930's British raj, and now the political heart of independent India. This colonial city with its European influences was a power symbol of the British Empire. We will explore fine works of Sir Edwin Lutyen, that later became the fabric and features of modern India. We cover New Delhi's most imposing sites such as **Gandhi Smriti**, the remembrance home - museum of Mahatma Gandhi; here on 30<sup>th</sup> Jan 1948 the father of India was assassinated. Ceremonial boulevard **Raj Path** designed by Lutyens in 1921 taking similarities from the "Champs Elysee of France". Here we explore princely **State Houses** and architectures of **North - South Block** incl **India Gate**, a 42m-high stone memorial arch pays tribute to 70,000 soldiers of British Indian Army who died in the first world war. Presidents estate **Rashtrapati Bhawan**, former home to the British viceroy and today the largest residence of any head of state in the world. **The House of Parliament**, designed by Sir Herbert Baker in 1912 to construct a new administrative capital of British India. Afterwards, we journey to central parks of Delhi surrounded with downtown markets **Connaught Place** named after the duke of Connaught. This horse-shoe shaped market was built in the spirit of British colonial rule, as a grand shopping place where the new imperial city and the older native settlement would participate in trading. Later in evening you will drop back at your hotel.



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### Day 03 Delhi - Agra / Breakfast

Today morning after breakfast / check out you will be picked up at 0830 hrs from your hotel and driven to the legacy city of Mughal-Empire - **Agra** (250 Kms), home of Taj Mahal. Drive will include enroute stop for clean restrooms.

Upon arrival in Agra our representative will meet you for Check-In at Hotel.

Enjoy rest day at leisure (perhaps by the poolside or hotel spa treatments on your own).

Later, at the break of dusk special arrangements will be made for to visit the sacred Yamuna riverside – **Mehtab Bagh Gardens** for a picturesque **Sunset Viewing** of the **Taj Mahal**. *Emperor Babur originally built it as the last in a series of 11 parks designed to protect the Taj from the erosive effects of the sand blown across the river and offers majestic sunset views of the great mausoleum as the gardens surrounding the Taj are perfectly aligned with the ones here.*

### Overnight : at your Hotel in Agra

Accommodation of Double / Twin room for 2 nights including Breakfast



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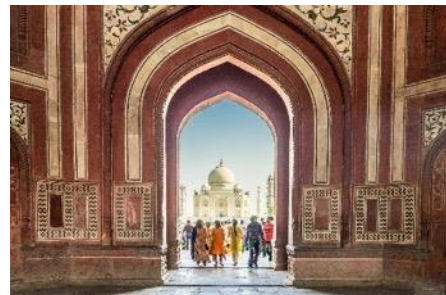
#### Day 04 Agra Taj Mahal at sunrise and sightseeing / *Breakfast*

At the break of dawn we will experience a sunrise grand tour of **The Taj Mahal**. You will be met by our expert Taj Mahal guide who will arrange eco-friendly pollution free vehicles for you to journey to the main gates of the Taj. Spanning an area of about 1,000 acres (400 hectares), this majestic architectural wonder offers incredible sights. Built by the Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan in memory of his beloved third wife, Mumtaz Mahal, and combines Persian, Turkish and Indian architectural styles. On your guided tour, admire the structure's magnificent construction, the intricate exterior and interior decor, the beautiful garden and the outlying red-sandstone buildings. Capture the changing faces of the Taj in different light conditions. Our expert guides will also help you find special vantage points for perfect photography moments of Taj. Afterward Taj tour we return back to hotel for Breakfast.

*Agra is famous as being home to one of the Seven Wonders of the world - the Taj Mahal. The architectural splendour of the mansoleums, the fort and the palaces is vivid reminder of the opulence of the legendary Mughal empire, of which Agra was the capital in the 16th century.*

Later in the morning, we will journey through the old-cities traditional houses, British raj colonies and Mughal architectures to arrive at India's finest Mughal fortress - **The Red Fort of Agra**. A UNESCO world heritage site and the imperial residence of 16<sup>th</sup> century rulers of 'Mughal Dynasty'. This 34-hectare red sandstone fortress dates back to 1080 AD and has seen many battles and dynasties. Explore fusion of Hindu - Islamic influences on its construction as you walk inside the fort with your guide and learn about the different functions of the buildings including the Moti Masjid (Pearl Fort), Diwan-i-Khas (Hall of Private Audience), Diwan-i-Am (Hall of Public Audience), Sheesh Mahal (Mirror Palace) and much more. After tour return to hotel to relax

Enjoy rest day at leisure.



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### Day 05 Agra – Jaipur / Breakfast

Today morning after breakfast / check out you will be picked up from your hotel and driven to **Jaipur** (240 kms), a historic pink washed city and gateway to India's most flamboyant state - Rajasthan. (drive includes enroute stop for clean restrooms).

Upon arrival, you will be check in at your hotels.

Enjoy rest day at leisure.

*the picturesque capital of Rajasthan, Jaipur is awash in pink - the colour associated with hospitality in Rajput culture. Built in 1727 A.D. by Maharaja Sawai Jai Singh II, Jaipur displays a remarkable harmony and architectural splendour, most notably the renowned Palace of the Winds. The ancient heart of the Pink City still beats in its fairytale palaces, rugged fortresses perched on barren hills and broad avenues that dot the entire city.*

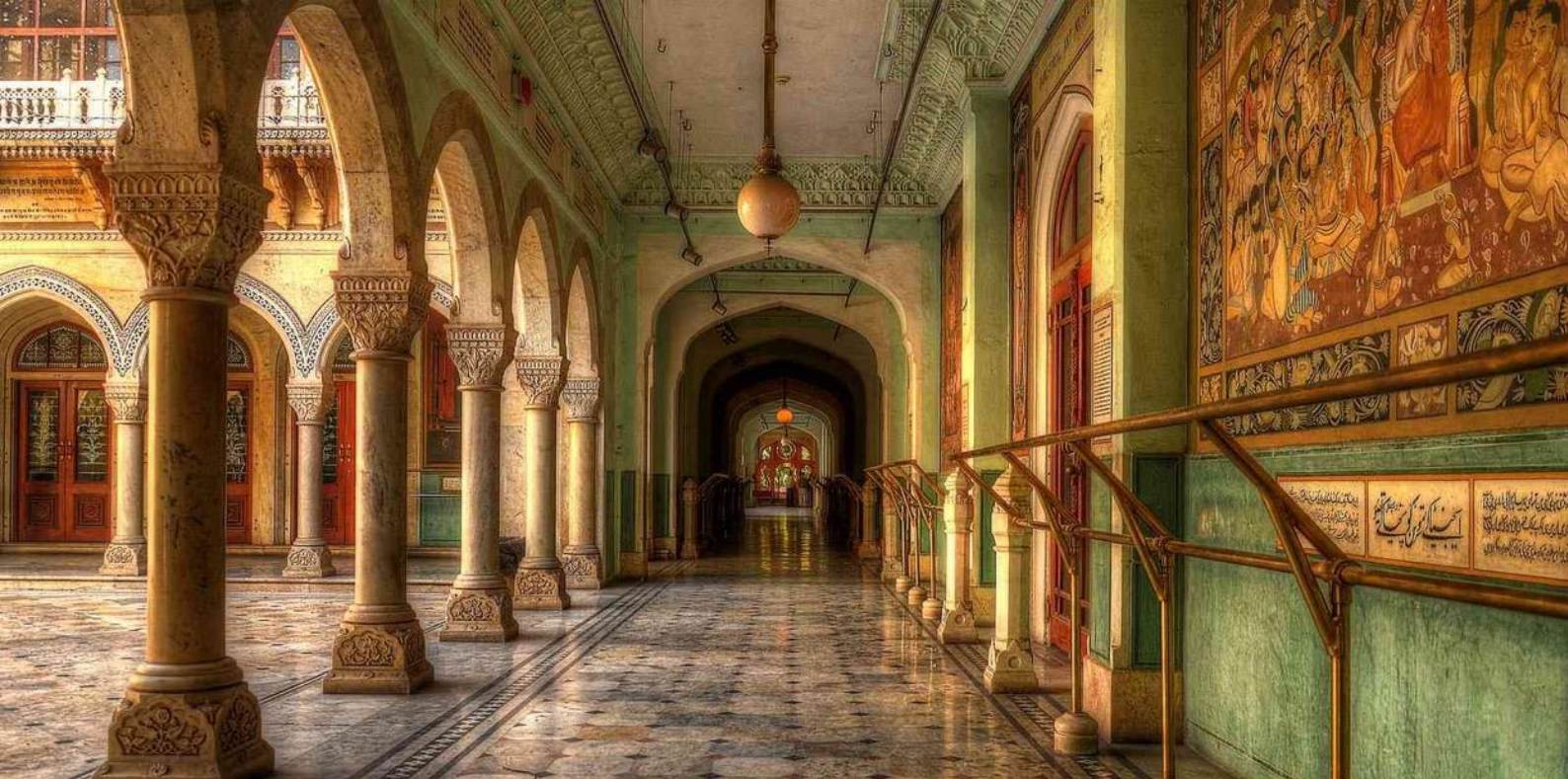
### Overnight : at your Hotel in Jaipur

Accommodation of Double / Twin room for 2 nights including Breakfast



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### Day 06 Jaipur jeep safari, tuk-tuk ride, and sightseeing / Breakfast

Step-back in time and enjoy many spellbinding sights to discover the chivalrous Rajput era and its battle-scarred heritage. After Breakfast our expert Jaipur guide will meet you for briefing on your heritage program for the day. We will proceed towards the city outskirts (10 Km drive) and enter the ancient town of **Amer** that offers remarkable Rajput-Mughal architectures. The picturesque situation of Amer at the mouth of a rocky mountain, in which nestles a lake, has attracted travellers including renowned French botanist Victor Jacque Mont. We will explore UNESCO world heritage site and a must see of Jaipur! **The Amber Fortress**. Our **Jeep Safari** begins to climb the uphill located fort passing thru the vibrant local life residing inside the fort walls. Following ethical tourism we discourage elephant rides. Built in 16th century by Rajput commander Raja Man Singh I, the fortress offers magnificent hilltop views with an intricate mirror palace and fine blends of Hindu-Rajasthani architecture. Inside we will visit Jai Mandir, a chamber of glittering mirrors, and Shila Devi Temple. Stop by Diwan-e-Aam, an 18th-century monument known as the Hall of Public Audience, and its counterpart, Diwan-e-Khas, a Mughal- and Rajasthan-style monument known as the Hall of Private Audience.

Afterwards we will drive you to the heart of Jaipur's city-centre. Enroute we will take a photo-stop outside Water Palace - **Jal Mahal** located in the centre of Man Sagar Lake housing various migratory birds and surrounded by Aravalli Ranges. We will arrive at the **Patrika Gates**, which are hand-painted in a traditional style showcasing vibrant characteristics of Rajasthan. Each pillar has intricate details and uses a variety of colours which makes it seem like a rainbow walkway. The gate is the entrance to Jawahar Circle Garden and it's perfect symmetry makes for a beautiful photograph. Our tour continues as we will arrive at Astronomical Observatory - **Jantar Mantar**, begun by Jai Singh II in 1728 that is a collection of bizarre giant architectural astronomical instruments built for measuring the heavens and features the world's largest stone sundial. The name is derived from the Sanskrit *yanta mantr*, meaning 'instrument of calculation'. Here our expert Guide will teach you how these bizarre instruments work to measure celestial objects.



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Next we will reach at the iconic **City Palace & Museum of Jaipur**. A complex of courtyards, gardens and buildings, the impressive City Palace is right in the centre of the Old City. Built in 1700 AD by King - Raja Jai Singh II, this Palace is a paradise of royal heritage history housing rare galleries from British Raj to the Rajput Era. Its architecture is a fusion of Indian, Mughal, Rajput to European styles, and you can see such grandeurs in every nook and corner. Inside the complex we will explore the Pitam Niwas Chowk, where four glorious gates represent the seasons, from Peacock Gate of autumn, to Lotus Gate of summer. Beyond this *chowk* (square) is a private palace, the Chandra Mahal, which is still the residence of descendants of the royal family. The Mubarak Mahal, built as a reception centre for visiting dignitaries showcases multi-arched and colonnaded construction by renowned architect Sir Swinton Jacob. Finally The Armoury Room, housing the country's best collection of weapons and ceremonial items elegantly engraved.

Our heritage tour concludes with a **Bazaar Walk** and **Tuk-Tuk Tour** thru the ancient street markets of downtown Jaipur Bazaar. Chaos and amusement goes hand-in-hand in these maze-like streets, so feel free to take a photo-stop anywhere or if you fancy shopping for local arts & crafts. These bazaars are known for bangle street - Maniharon ka Rasta, to the 'Chandpol Bazaar' and 'Khazanewalon Ka Rasta' meaning a treasure trove, offering antiques and intricately carved handicrafts out of marble, stone, wood, and other handlooms. Inside bazaar we will arrive at Jaipur's most distinctive landmark, **The Palace of Winds - Hawa Mahal**. Built in a unique pink-coloured beehive design that is certainly hard to miss. We will witness its 958 intricately designed windows that were built for the Maharanis to witness processions and exploring the city life from a high-rise without being seen.

Before sunset we will return back to Hotel enroute taking a photostop outside the **Albert Hall Museum**, full of artwork and curios unique to this region. Centrally located in the midst of lush Ram Niwas Gardens of Jaipur, Albert Hall Museum with its intricate interiors is a treat to eyes especially when lit up during the evening with its exterior, passages and corridors illuminated with glorious colourful lighting.



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### **Day 07 Jaipur – Delhi , Depart Delhi Breakfast**

Today morning after breakfast / check out you will be picked up from your hotel and driven to Delhi (260 kms, 5 hours drive) and dropped at Delhi Airport or Place to be advised in Delhi .

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#### *Travel Notes:*

- *International flight pick up transfer timing ranges from 3-4 Hours prior to flight departure timing.*
  - *Domestic flight pick up transfer timing ranges from 2-3 Hours prior to flight departure timing.*
    - *India Hotel Check-in time at 1400 hrs / Checkout time 1100 hrs at hotels.*
    - *Taj Mahal closed on Fridays over maintenance.*
- \*\* Namaste, Bon Voyage and see you again \*\**  
*\*\* End of our services \*\**



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### Option A : 3 Star Standard Hotels considered :

City	Hotel	Room Category	Nights
Delhi	Regent Grand <a href="http://www.hotelregentindia.com/">http://www.hotelregentindia.com/</a>	Normal Room	02
Agra	Golden Tulip <a href="https://agra.goldentulip.com/en-us/">https://agra.goldentulip.com/en-us/</a>	Normal Room	02
Jaipur	Nirwana Hometel by Sarovar <a href="https://www.sarovarhotels.com/">https://www.sarovarhotels.com/</a>	Normal Room	02

PER PERSON PACKAGE BASED in USD (US DOLLARS) based on **OPTION A**

#### (3 Star Standard Hotels)

Travel Occupancy	<b>Validity</b> <b>01 APRIL'2026 TILL 30 SEPTEMBER'2026</b>	<b>Validity</b> <b>01 OCTOBER'2026 TILL 31 MARCH 2027</b>
Minimum 02 Persons travelling together on Twin sharing basis.	Land Cost @ USD 1240 Per Person	Land Cost @ USD 1330 Per Person

### Option B: 4 Star Superior Hotels considered :

City	Hotel	Room Category	Nights
Delhi	The Zone by The Park Saket <a href="https://www.zonebythepark.com/delhi-hotels/zone-connect-by-the-park-saket-delhi">https://www.zonebythepark.com/delhi-hotels/zone-connect-by-the-park-saket-delhi</a>	Normal Room	02
Agra	Clarks Shiraz <a href="https://www.hotelclarksshiraz.com/">https://www.hotelclarksshiraz.com/</a>	Normal Room	02
Jaipur	Alsisar Haveli <a href="https://www.alsisarhaveli.com/">https://www.alsisarhaveli.com/</a>	Normal Room	02

PER PERSON PACKAGE BASED in USD (US DOLLARS) based on **OPTION B**

#### (4 Star Superior Hotels)

Travel Occupancy	<b>Validity</b> <b>01 APRIL'2026 TILL 30 SEPTEMBER'2026</b>	<b>Validity</b> <b>01 OCTOBER'2026 TILL 31 MARCH 2027</b>
Minimum 02 Persons travelling together on Twin sharing basis.	Land Cost @ USD 1370 Per Person	Land Cost @ USD 1440 Per Person



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## Option C : 5 Star Deluxe Hotels considered :

City	Hotel	Room Category	Nights
Delhi	The Claridges <a href="https://www.claridges.com/the-claridges-new-delhi/">https://www.claridges.com/the-claridges-new-delhi/</a>	Cabana Room	02
Agra	Grand Mercure <a href="https://all.accor.com/hotel/C0W7/index.en.shtml">https://all.accor.com/hotel/C0W7/index.en.shtml</a>	Normal Room	02
Jaipur	Hilton Jaipur <a href="https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/jaighi-hilton-jaipur">https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/jaighi-hilton-jaipur</a>	Normal Room	02

PER PERSON PACKAGE BASED in USD (US DOLLARS) based on **OPTION C**

### (5 Star Deluxe Hotels)

Travel Occupancy	<b>Validity</b> <b>01 APRIL'2026 TILL 30 SEPTEMBER'2026</b>	<b>Validity</b> <b>01 OCTOBER'2026 TILL 31 MARCH 2027</b>
Minimum 02 Persons travelling together on Twin sharing basis.	Land Cost @ USD 1480 Per Person	Land Cost @ USD 1660 Per Person

## Option D : 5 Star Super Luxury "Top of the line" Hotels considered :

City	Hotel	Room Category	Nights
Delhi	The Imperial <a href="https://theimperialindia.com/">https://theimperialindia.com/</a>	Heritage Room	02
Agra	Oberoi Amar Vilas <a href="https://www.oberoihotels.com/hotels-in-agra-amarvilas-resort/">https://www.oberoihotels.com/hotels-in-agra-amarvilas-resort/</a>	Premier Room	02
Jaipur	Taj Rambagh Palace <a href="https://www.tajhotels.com/en-in/hotels/rambagh-palace-jaipur">https://www.tajhotels.com/en-in/hotels/rambagh-palace-jaipur</a>	Premier Room	02

PER PERSON PACKAGE BASED in USD (US DOLLARS) based on **OPTION D**

### (5 Star Super Luxury "Top of the line" Hotels)

Travel Occupancy	<b>Validity</b> <b>01 APRIL'2026 TILL 30 SEPTEMBER'2026</b>	<b>Validity</b> <b>01 OCTOBER'2026 TILL 31 MARCH 2027</b>
Minimum 02 Persons travelling together on Twin sharing basis.	Land Cost @ USD 3100 Per Person	Land Cost @ USD 5050 Per Person



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#### **Package Inclusions:**

- Personalised Meet & Greet at Airports & Hotels
- 06 Night's Above mentioned Accommodation “or similar category” inclusive of daily breakfast
- Approved English Speaking local Guides for All Tours
- Transfers, Tours, Excursion by Chauffeur driven Airconditioned Toyota Innova Crysta Large MUV car.
- 2 Bottles of Mineral Water during the trip in Vehicle
- All Entrance fees/tickets/permits at monuments as per itinerary
- Current Government of India Goods & Service Tax (GST)

#### **Package Exclusions:**

- International / Domestic Air tickets
- India Tourist Visa
- Travel Insurance (if any)
- Lunches & Dinners throughout
- Elephant ride at Amber Fort Jaipur (*if desired, can be opted on direct payment basis*)
- An additional supplement may be charged during Christmas / New Year Period / Fair / Festival period
- Gratuities/Tipping (this is not mandatory and a prerogative of the guest)
- Items of personal nature use such as laundry, phone bills, drinks etc.
- Video camera fees at monuments and parks
- Early check-in and Late check-out at hotels, if not mentioned in inclusions
- Any other item not mentioned in cost includes column

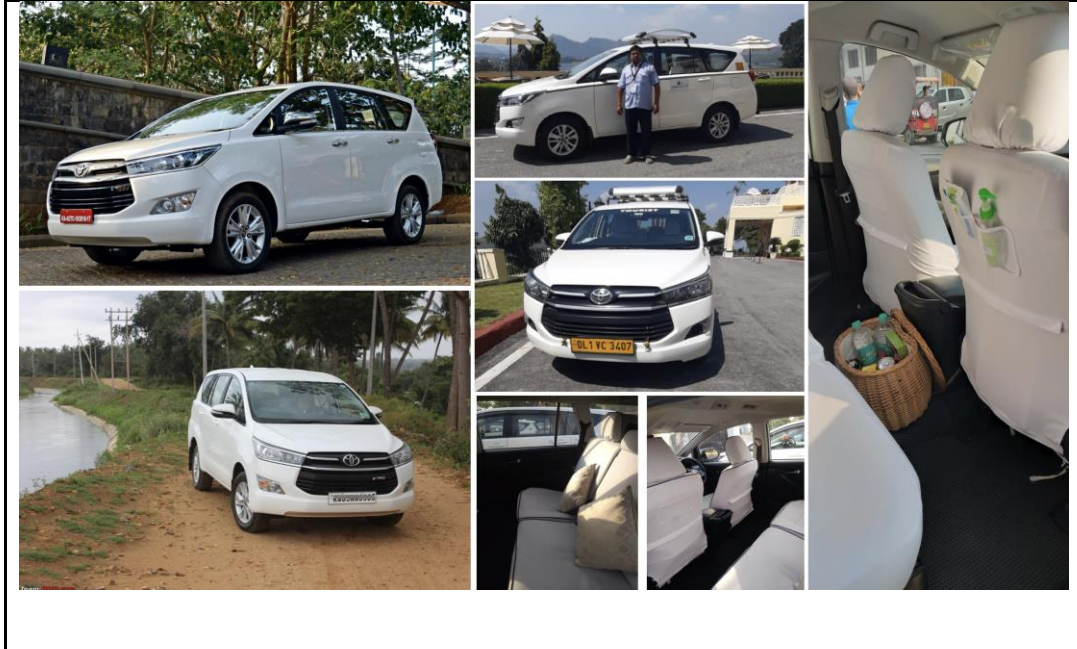


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**CHAUFFEURED TRANSPORTATION CONSIDERED**

**AC. Toyota Large Car (sits upto 3) incl private chauffeur from arrival to departure**



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## TRAVEL PRE DEPARTURE

### BEST TIME TO VISIT:

The season between September to March is the best time to visit India. As India is such a large country you'll find the best time to visit varies from region to region with mild winters and roasting summers occurring thanks, in part, to the natural barrier of the great Himalayas. In general, India succumbs to a summer season, winter season and monsoon season so here our guide that will help;



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<p><b>Best Time to Visit <b>North India</b></b></p> <p>The best time to visit North India is from <u>September to March</u>. The temperatures vary widely between the plains of the north and the deserts of Rajasthan. Generally, the temperatures in the main season are consistently pleasant, it is dry and often up to 34°C hot. In the winter, however, it can cool down to around 0°C, especially in the evening. Rajasthan, on the other hand, is one of the country's hottest regions so if you are planning a Jaipur tour or a Udaipur visit, the cool season from November to March is best, although rather warm.</p> <p>Main season: September to March Peak Season / Winter: December and January Rainy Season: July to September</p>	<p><b>Best Time to Visit <b>South India</b></b></p> <p>The weather in South India is heavily influenced by the monsoon. In Kerala, it is rather sultry and hot throughout the year, with temperatures up to 33°C. In summer, temperatures of up to 45°C can be unpleasantly hot in southern India. During the winter months, on the other hand, the weather is most pleasant. In the higher regions, it becomes relatively fresh in the evening with 15-20°C.</p> <p>Main season: September – March Summer: April – June Rainy Season: June / July – September</p>
<p><b>Best Time to Visit <b>Central &amp; West India</b></b></p> <p>For Central &amp; West India tours, prepare for warm to very hot weather in summer and a pleasant climate in the winter months of <u>September to March</u>. Ideal for a wildlife safari, the region is typically rather hot and humid near the coast and dry in the interiors between April to June, until the monsoon rains arrive in July. The weather in Central and West India can be very hot and sultry, especially along the coast. In the interior of the country, however, the heat is rather dry. February and March are the best months to go on an Indian safari.</p> <p>Main season: October – March Summer (Not recommended): April – June Rainy Season: July – September</p>	<p><b>Best Time to Visit <b>East India</b></b></p> <p>The best travel time for East India travel is during the months of <u>September to March</u>. The entire region shines after the rain in June-August turning lush green.</p> <p><b>Best Time to Visit <b>the Himalayas</b></b></p> <p>The temperatures, and therefore the best time to visit the Himalayas, <u>vary according to altitude</u> and latitude. During the day it is pleasantly warm – up to 22°C – while it can be cold in the evening and at night. During the monsoon, the chances of landslides are very high. In winter temperatures can drop to -14°C. The Himalayas at this time is a paradise for skiers and snowboarders.</p> <p>High season: March – June, October – November Winter: December – February Rainy Season: July – September</p>



## TRAVEL NOTES:

### : AIRPORTS :

Always ready your passport id and air-ticket (in smartphone or as hardcopy) prior to entering the airport. Security official will check at entry gate of every airport. In case you cannot find your ticket, in emergency you can retrieve the same thru check-in counter team. But you will need to take special permission from security official to enter the airport without a ticket.

Domestic Airports: Will close flight check-in counter 45 Min before departure time. Considering traffic, distance, peak hour rush/ques, we suggest to reach airport apx. 2 Hr prior to departure time. If you have already online checked-in then reach 1 1/2 Hr prior.

International Airport: Will close flight check-in counter 60 Min before departure time. Considering traffic, distance, peak hour rush/queues, we suggest to reach airport apx. 3 Hr prior to departure time. If you have already done online check-in then reach 2 Hr prior.

Departure Tax: All India Airport departure taxes are usually included in your international flight ticket.

### : BAGGAGE :

At Domestic Airport: ECONOMY class baggage is usually 15Kg check-in (may vary as per your airlines). One 7Kg carry-on allowed. Extra baggage can be purchased only upon check-in at airport. Usually INR 400-500 is charged per Kg (may vary as per airline policy) (for our cruise groups baggage may vary).

At International Airport: ECONOMY class baggage is usually between 20-30Kg check-in (may vary as per your airlines) with One 7Kg carry-on allowed.

BUSINESS class baggage is usually between 30-40 Kg check-in (may vary as per your airlines) with Two 7 Kg carry-on is allowed.

### : LANGUAGE :

The ethnologies lists 415 living languages for India. India has 23 constitutionally recognized official languages. English and Hindi are the official languages of India also used by the Central Government. State governments use respective official languages. To help you get the most out of your contact with local people in the northern states where Hindi is widely used, try learning how to say these key phrases:

Hindi	English
Namaste	Hello (or hi)
Aap kaise hain?	How are you?
Dhanyavad	Thank you
Aapka naam kya hai?	What is your name?
Mera naam... hai	My name is ...
Kahan se aate hain?	Where do you come from?
Main ... se aa rahaa/rahii hun	I come from ... (male/female)
Iskaa daam kyaa hai?	How much is this?
Mehngaa!	Expensive!
Nahin	No
Haan	Yes
Mujhe maaf kijiiye	I'm sorry

### : CLOTHING :

India is a diverse country. Not only it has diverse culture but also diverse style of traditional dressing. For instance, South Indians look and dress different from North Indians. So feel free to dress informally while on tour; carry lightweight clothes that can be laundered easily. (We suggest nothing above knee length or sleeveless)

During winter, you will need light woollens, sweaters, a light jacket or wool wrap. In summer, light cotton clothes will do everywhere except in the mountain regions, where it will be cold at night. In South India, It is advisable to wear light cotton clothes throughout the year, as the climate is hot and humid. In North India prepare for hot, sunny days and cool nights. Along with slippers or sandals you can pack a good walking shoes with grip, and preferable ankle support for trekking.

Also to remember, if you are going to the Ganges or any holy river for bathing. Women have to be fully clothed when they bathe in the Ganges. They will not be allowed to wear swimsuits.

Going inside religious places will require you to cover your hair and no shoes or socks.

Laundry services: are available throughout the country, although hotel laundry costs can be expensive.



### : CUISINE :

Hinduism is believed to have multi Gods & Goddesses. And Hindus believe different animals represent different gods and carry their messages. Hence Indians being majority Hindu's believe killing animal is sin. Thus India is a perfect place for Vegetarians. Even though majority of population is vegetarian still there are various dishes that are a non-vegetarians delight. Traditional Indian cuisine has been widely appreciated for its fabulous use of herbs and spices. Indian cuisine is known for its large assortment of dishes. The cooking style varies from region to region and is largely divided into South, East, West & North Indian. The staple food in India includes wheat, rice and pulses being the most important one. India is quite famous for its diverse multi cuisine as under;

- Bengali Food : is the perfect blend of sweet and spicy flavours.
- Gujarati Food : is primarily vegetarian and has a high nutritional value.
- Kashmiri Food : influenced by the food of local pundits, also adopted in Central Asia & Persia.
- Mughlai Cuisine : is one of the most popular Indian cuisines (eg. Butter Chicken, Naan, Kebabs, Mutton or Fish Curry etc). Its origin trace back to Mughal Empire times.
- Punjabi Food : The cuisine of Punjab state is renowned for high spice level.
- Rajasthani Food : is primarily vegetarian. Spice content is quite high in comparison to others.
- South Indian Cuisine : is known for its light, low calorie appetizing dishes. Mainly rice and coconut based, hence S. India is best for gluten free diet. Famed for freshwater seafood and rice.
- Goan Cuisine : High in spice level and famed for its fish curry dishes.

### : MAJOR FESTIVALS :

Every festival is unique in its way. Celebrating them while you pay a visit to the country is a great chance to explore the prosperity of Indian culture and heritage (dates may vary as per lunar calendar).

- January 26<sup>th</sup> - Republic Day / *Nationally*
- January mid - Makar Sankranti Kite festival / *Gujarat*, and Lohri bon-fire rituals / *Punjab*
- January mid – Pongal Harvest festival / *South India*
- January end - Basant Panchami / *Bihar, Bengal, Odisha, Assam*
- January mid-end - Kumbh Mela pilgrim festival / *Uttar Pradesh*
- February end - Losar- Tibetan New Year / *Ladakh*
- February end - Maha Shivratri / *Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh*
- February end – The Goa carnival / *Goa*
- March beginning – Holi festival of colors / *Nationally*
- May beginning – Buddha Jayanti / *East India*
- May mid – Mango season & festival / *Nationally*
- June end – Rath Yatra Chariot festival / *Odisha*
- August beginning – Rakshabandhan siblings festival / *Nationally*
- August mid – Janmashtami birth of Krishna / *Nationally*
- August 15<sup>th</sup>– Independence Day / *Nationally*
- August mid – Nowruz-Parsi New Year / *Maharashtra*
- August mid – Ganesh Chaturthi birth of Ganesh / *Maharashtra*
- September beginning – Onam harvest festival / *Kerala*
- October early - Gandhi Jayanti / *Nationally*
- October end –Durga Puja rituals / *West & North India*
- October end – Navratri cultural dances / *West & North India*
- October end – Dussehra carnival / *Nationally*
- November beginning – Diwali festival of lights / *Nationally*
- November mid – Gurupurab sikh festival / *Punjab*
- November mid – Dev Deepawali festival of lights / *North India*
- November & December –Pushkar & Camel Desert Fairs / *Rajasthan*
- December – Marriage Season for big fat weddings / *Nationally*
- November to February – Rann Utsav Kutch Festival / *Gujarat*
- December beginning –Hornbill Festival / *Nagaland*

*\*\* Namaste, Bon Voyage and see you again \*\**



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