



## Golden Triangle with Ranthambore

- Visit Delhi, Agra, Ranthambore and Jaipur
- 8 days/7 nights
- Small group, guaranteed departures

### Itinerary

#### **Day 01: Delhi**

Arrival. Namaste! We are warmly welcomed the traditional Indian way with hands clapped together at the airport and transferred to our hotel. The remainder of the day is free to relax.

**Overnight: Vivanta By Taj Dwarka New Delhi (2 Nights)**

#### **Day 02: Delhi**

The capital of India is a true reflection of the old and new of India. We explore Old Delhi, starting with the Red Fort Complex\*. Named for its massive enclosing walls of red sandstone, it is adjacent to an older fort, the Salimgarh, built by Islam Shah Suri in 1546, with which it forms the Red Fort Complex. The Red Fort is considered to represent the zenith of Mughal creativity which, under the Shah Jahan, was brought to a new level of refinement and each pavilion reveals architectural

elements typical of Mughal building, reflecting a fusion of Persian, Timurid and Hindu traditions. After visiting the Red fort, we embark on a captivating journey on a Rickshaw passing through the narrow lanes of the famous Chandni Chowk Bazaar, it was originally built by Mughal Emperor Shah Jehan for his daughter Jahan Ara in 17th Century since then many changes have taken place however it still remains Old Delhi's one of the Oldest and busiest markets in Delhi. Finally end our rickshaw ride at Jama Masjid, Mughal majesty and India's largest mosque. After visiting the mosque, we proceed to Raj Ghat, the cremation site of Mahatma Gandhi.

In the evening we enjoy a welcome dinner at hotel. **(B, D)**

**Please Note: Red fort is closed on Monday and Chandni Chowk is closed on Sunday**

### **Day 03: Delhi / Agra (Drive: 220 Km/ 4 Hours)**

We start our morning tour with New Delhi and visit Birla House, the Former Residence of Mahatma Gandhi before he was assassinated by Nathu Ram Godse on January 30, 1948. Later we visit the famous India Gate followed by the Houses of Parliament, Connaught Place and Humayun's Tomb\*, the first garden-tomb on the Indian subcontinent, built in 1570. We continue to Qutb Minar and its Monuments\* Built in the early 13th century the red sandstone tower of Qutb Minar is 72.5 m 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 our Hotel.

**Overnight: Trident Hotel/ The Gateway Hotel (2 Nights) (B, D)**

**Please Note: Birla House is closed on Monday**

### **Day 04: Agra**

We start our day with a 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 Mughal emperor Shah Jahan in memory of his favourite wife, the Taj Mahal is the jewel of Muslim art in India and one of the universally admired masterpieces of the world's heritage. Situated on the right bank of the Yamuna in a vast Mogul garden, this funerary monument combines elements and styles of Persian, Central Asian and Islamic architecture. We then visit Agra Fort\*. This powerful fortress of red sandstone encompasses, within its 2.5-km-long enclosure walls, the imperial city of the Mughal rulers. It comprises many fairy-tale palaces, such as the Jahangir Palace and the Khas Mahal, built by Shah Jahan; audience halls, such as the Diwan-i-Khas; and two very beautiful mosques. We also visit Fatehpur Sikri\*. Built during the second half of the 16th century by the Emperor Akbar, the City of Victory was the capital of the Mughal Empire for only some 10 years. The complex of monuments and temples, all in a uniform architectural style, includes one of the largest mosques in India, the Jama Masjid and the artistically designed mausoleum of the revered Sufi saint, Salim Chisty. We end our tour with a visit to some of the local factories famous for inlay work on marbles and witness the complex art inlaying precious and semiprecious stones on the world-famous Marbles for the mines of Makrana. **(B, D) Please Note: Taj Mahal is closed on Fridays.**

**Day 05: Agra / Ranthambore (Drive: 290 Km/ 6 Hours)**

After breakfast we drive to Ranthambore, the former hunting ground of the Maharajas of Jaipur. Ranthambore National Park lies at the edge of a plateau, and is bounded to the north by the Banas River and to the south by the Chambal River. There are several lakes in the park. It is named for the historic Ranthambore fortress, which lies within the national park. The rugged terrain and the dense deciduous forests are major features of this national park, which has among the largest and most diverse collection of wildlife species in India. On arrival in Ranthambore, we check in our hotel. In the afternoon we take a safari through the National Park. On our journey we might see various indigenous animals, such as tiger, nilgai, chausingha, chital, chinkara, wild boar, jungle cat, ratel, hyena, porcupine, the Rhesus Macaque and the black-faced Langur. About 150 bird species can be found here including migratory birds that arrive in winter. **Overnight: Tiger Den Resort (01 Night) (B, L, D)**

**\*\* Ranthambore National Park remains closed from 01 July to 30 September. Departures during this period an additional night will be provided in New Delhi instead of Ranthambore.**

**Day 06: Ranthambore / Jaipur (Drive: 180 Km/ 4 Hours)**

Ranthambore was established as the Sawai Madhopur Game Sanctuary in 1955 by the Government of India, and was declared one of the Project Tiger reserves in 1973. Ranthambore is famous for the famous Royal Bengal Tigers and spotting the big cat in its natural habitat can be an experience. In the morning we take another safari through the park. If we are lucky enough, we may be able to spot tigers in their natural environment. After our morning safari, we drive to Jaipur, the rose-pink capital of Rajasthan, since most of the buildings in the old city are made of pink sandstone.

In the evening we enjoy our dinner with a Rajasthani Cultural Dance performance. **Overnight: Trident Jaipur (2 Nights) (B, D)**

**Day 07: Jaipur**

This morning we are treated like the royalty of yesteryear with an elephant ride to Amber Fort\*, located in a valley formed by a range of Aravallis known as Kalikho hills. The Palace and Fort are located on top of the hill with the city on slopes, and the valley protected by fort walls with four gates in the four cardinal directions. The construction of the fort began in 1592. It shows the evolution from the purely defensive fort settlements of the early medieval period to the palace fortress type of architecture typified in the 16th century. This palace fortress was never attacked or invaded. The fort comprises of number of gardens, courtyards and palatial spaces derived from Mughal architecture and are a distinguished example of 17th Century Rajput architecture. We return to Jaipur and experience the art of carpet weaving & block printing. Later we visit the majestic City Palace, which houses a rare collection of Indian art and the beautiful Hawa Mahal, the Palace of Winds, where the ladies of the royal harem used to watch the city from behind the

intricately carved facade. We also visit the Jantar Mantar\*, an astronomical observation site built in the early 18th century that includes a set of some 20 main fixed instruments designed for the observation of astronomical positions with the naked eye. It is an expression of the astronomical skills and cosmological concepts of the court of a scholarly prince at the end of the Mughal period. The evening is free to enjoy both shopping and the cultural experience in the bazaars. Jaipur is noted for its craftsmen, skilled in brass inlay, lacquer work and stone setting. **(B, D)**

**Day 08: Jaipur / Delhi (Drive: 260 Km/ 6 Hours)**

Today we drive to Delhi. On arrival we are transferred to hotel for Wash & Change. Later we enjoy our farewell dinner. After a memorable journey through incredible India, we are transferred to the airport for our departure home or to our next exciting destination. **(B, D)**

## Dates and prices

Our small group tour prices are based on per person, twin share. Guaranteed departures.

If the dates are not suitable for you, please contact us as we may operate a private tour just for you, surcharges will apply.

Tour Start Date (DD-MM-YYYY)	Tour End Date (DD-MM-YYYY)	Twin Share	Single supplement
14-Dec-2018	21-Dec-2018	\$1,490	\$585
11-Jan-2019	18-Jan-2019	\$1,490	\$585
18-Jan-2019	25-Jan-2019	\$1,490	\$585
25-Jan-2019	01-Feb-2019	\$1,490	\$585
08-Feb-2019	15-Feb-2019	\$1,490	\$585
15-Feb-2019	22-Feb-2019	\$1,490	\$585
22-Feb-2019	01-Mar-2019	\$1,490	\$585
08-Mar-2019	15-Mar-2019	\$1,490	\$585
15-Mar-2019	22-Mar-2019	\$1,490	\$585
22-Mar-2019	29-Mar-2019	\$1,490	\$585
12-Apr-2019	19-Apr-2019	\$1,360	\$425
03-May-2019	10-May-2019	\$1,360	\$425
07-Jun-2019	14-Jun-2019	\$1,360	\$425
06-Jul-2019	13-Jul-2019	\$1,160	\$425
10-Aug-2019	17-Aug-2019	\$1,160	\$425
07-Sep-2019	14-Sep-2019	\$1,160	\$425
14-Sep-2019	21-Sep-2019	\$1,160	\$425
04-Oct-2019	11-Oct-2019	\$1,540	\$610
18-Oct-2019	25-Oct-2019	\$1,540	\$610
28-Oct-2019	04-Nov-2019	\$1,540	\$610
08-Nov-2019	15-Nov-2019	\$1,540	\$610
15-Nov-2019	22-Nov-2019	\$1,540	\$610
22-Nov-2019	29-Nov-2019	\$1,540	\$610
06-Dec-2019	13-Dec-2019	\$1,540	\$610
13-Dec-2019	20-Dec-2019	\$1,540	\$610

10-Jan-2020	17-Jan-2020	\$1,540	\$610
17-Jan-2020	24-Jan-2020	\$1,540	\$610
31-Jan-2020	07-Feb-2020	\$1,540	\$610
07-Feb-2020	14-Feb-2020	\$1,540	\$610
14-Feb-2020	21-Feb-2020	\$1,540	\$610
28-Feb-2020	06-Mar-2020	\$1,540	\$610
06-Mar-2020	13-Mar-2020	\$1,540	\$610
13-Mar-2020	20-Mar-2020	\$1,540	\$610
27-Mar-2020	03-Apr-2020	\$1,540	\$610
10-Apr-2020	17-Apr-2020	\$1,540	\$610
08-May-2020	15-May-2020	\$1,515	\$440
05-Jun-2020	12-Jun-2020	\$1,515	\$440
11-Jul-2020	18-Jul-2020	\$1,195	\$440
08-Aug-2020	15-Aug-2020	\$1,195	\$440
05-Sep-2020	12-Sep-2020	\$1,195	\$440

**Inclusions:**

- Accommodation on twin share basis in the mentioned hotels for 07 Nights (Total 15 Meals) 07 Breakfast, 07 Dinners & 1 Lunch as per the itinerary
- All sightseeing and transfers by Air- conditioned transportation
- Entrance fee at the monuments of visit
- 2 Safaris through Ranthambore National Park (October to June Departures)
- Elephant Ride at Amber Fort (Subject to availability)
- Services of English Speaking guide for sightseeing (Local guide at each city for 1-5 Pax and tour escort throughout the tour for 6 pax and above)
- Rickshaw Ride in Old Delhi
- All presently applicable taxes.

**Hotels:**

Delhi: Vivanta By Taj Dwarka New Delhi (5 Star)

Agra: Trident Agra/ The Gateway Hotel (5 Star)

Ranthambore: Tiger Den Resort (Jungle Resort)

Jaipur: Trident Jaipur (5 Star)

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