



TRAVELLING TO NEW PLACES WITH CONFIDENCE

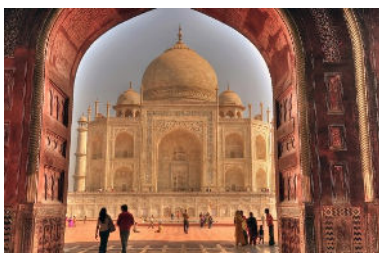
India Golden Triangle with Bhutan

10-Day, 9-Night Journey

Delhi, Agra, Jaipur, Thimphu, Paro

This 10-day trip is a perfect all-in-one introduction tour to India and Bhutan! Begin with a journey through India to witness the bustling and busy lifestyle. Explore the rich history of the Mughal empires and the British Raj through the kaleidoscope of India's Golden Triangle: Delhi, Agra and Jaipur. Walk the heritage journey through sacred Hindu and Islamic landmarks, ancient forts, beautiful palaces and the most magnificent shrine for a lost love, the Taj Mahal.

Continue to the eastern Himalaya mountains where Bhutan offers a life-renewing experience. Bhutan is the only country which measures progress by the happiness of its citizens rather than its wealth. This is one destination with a unique experience to remember. Its physical remoteness, cultural isolation and deep Buddhist traditions make any Bhutan tour an adventure for the mind, body, and spirit. Some may call it a refreshing insight away from modern-day society.



Taj Mahal



Amber Fort



Jama Masjid Mosque



Takin



Daily Life at Bhutan Monastery



Bhutan Rice Farms

Premium Tour

- ▶ Self-Guided Delhi Day Tour with driver
- ▶ Self-Guided Agra Tour & Fatehpur Sikri with driver
- ▶ Self-Guided Jaipur Tour with driver
- ▶ Special Dinner at Chowki Dhani (Rajasthani cultural village)
- ▶ Self-Guided Thimphu City Tour with driver
- ▶ Self-Guided Dochual Pass Tour with driver
- ▶ Self-Guided Tiger's Nest Excursion with driver

★★★★ Hotels

Add-Ons:

- ▶ Local Guide in Delhi, Agra, Jaipur, Thimphu & Tiger's Nest including Monument Fees
- ▶ Airport Transfer

Deluxe Private

- ▶ Guided Delhi Day Tour
- ▶ Guided Agra & Fatehpur Sikri Tour
- ▶ Guided Jaipur Tour
- ▶ Dinner at Chowki Dhani (Rajasthani cultural village)
- ▶ Guided Thimphu City Tour
- ▶ Guided Dochual Pass Tour
- ▶ Guided Tiger's Nest Excursion
- ▶ Airport Transfer

★★★★★ Hotels

Inclusions

- ▶ Hotel Accommodations
- ▶ Daily Breakfast & Selected Meals
(See tour plan for details)
- ▶ English-speaking driver

Deluxe Inclusions ★★★★★

- ▶ Airport Transfers
- ▶ Local guide per itinerary
- ▶ Entrance Fees to Monuments & Attractions per Itinerary

Exclusions

- ▶ International & Delhi - Paro Airfare
- ▶ Government Tourism Fee
- ▶ Travel Insurance
- ▶ Medical Expenses
- ▶ Sustainable Development Fee
- ▶ India & Bhutan Visa Fee
- ▶ Gratuities
- ▶ Personal Expenses

Nearby Airports

Delhi - Indira Gandhi International Airport (DEL)

Paro – Paro International Airport (PBH)

Premium ★★★★★ Itinerary

DAY 1: ARRIVE DELHI (DEL)

Arrive at **Delhi airport** and hotel check-in. The rest of the day is free.

[2 Nights in Delhi]

① **Add-on:** Arrival transfer to the hotel

DAY 2: DELHI | OLD AND NEW CAPITAL CITY

Delhi is the capital of modern India. It has also been the capital of at least seven previous civilizations as well as the British Raj, and each have left behind a trail of monuments.

Explore the beautiful chaos of both Old and New Delhi on your self-guided tour with your driver, including **Jama Masjid** - India's oldest and largest mosque. Experience a busy & bustling local bazaar on a cycle rickshaw through **Chandni Chowk**. Next is **Qutab Minar** - the world's tallest brick tower, **Humayun's Tomb** of the Mughal Emperor, **India Gate**, **Parliament Street** and **Rashtrapati Bhavan** (President's Residence). Visit the most prominent Sikh temple, **Bangla Saheb Gurudwara**.

[Meals: Breakfast]

① **Add-on:** Local Guide with monument entrance fees.

DAY 3: DELHI – AGRA | TAJ MAHAL & AGRA FORT

After breakfast we drive to **Agra**, the erstwhile capital of the Mughal Empire.

Visit the legendary **Taj Mahal** which was built by Emperor Shah Jahan in loving memory of his beloved wife Mumtaz who tragically died in childbirth in 1631.

Visit **Agra Fort** (Red Fort), a 16th-century Mughal fortress which also contains the imperial city of the Mughal rulers. It offers splendid views across the river towards the Taj Mahal.

[1 Night in Agra. Meals: Breakfast]

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DAY 4: AGRA - JAIPUR

After breakfast, drive to Jaipur.



En route we visit the ghostly historic Mughal capital of **Fatehpur Sikri** (City of Victory) which has been deserted for over four centuries. Thanks to the very durable red sandstone from which it was built, Fatehpur Sikri remains well-preserved and is a fascinating place to explore.

[2 Nights in Jaipur. Meals: Breakfast]

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DAY 5: JAIPUR | THE PINK CITY OF JAIPUR

Your driver will facilitate your self-guided tour. Visit the stunning 16th century **Amber Fort** perched on a hillside overlooking the dusty plains, regal palaces, sleepy villages, and stone carved temples below. Reaching its summit on a jeep (or request an elephant ride during reservation) you enjoy touring the fort's well-preserved interior grounds including **Sheesh Mahal** (Palace of Mirrors) with its interior embellished with reflective glass tiles.

Visit the **City Palace** in Jaipur, an imposing blend of traditional Rajput and Mughal architecture. **Jantar Mantar** is an ancient open-air astronomical observatory and UNESCO world heritage site. Photo op at **Hawa Mahal** (Palace of the Winds) where it's high screen walls allowed the women of the royal household to observe street life without being seen.

Special dinner at **Chownki Dhani**, a Rajasthani cultural village

[Meals: Breakfast, Dinner]

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DAY 6: JAIPUR - DELHI

After breakfast, hotel check-out and drive to Delhi.

[1 Nights in Delhi. Meals: Breakfast]

DAY 7: DELHI – PARO | THIMPHU TOUR

Depart from **Delhi (DEL) airport** for your flight to **Paro, Bhutan**. Upon arrival into Paro, continue to your hotel in Thimphu. **Thimphu** is a major town with busy shops, bazaars and photogenic citizens in national dress.

Your driver will facilitate your self-guided excursion today. Visit **Motithang Takin Preserve** to see the unusual looking Takin, the national animal of Bhutan. **National Institute for Zorig Chusum (artisans)**, **Simply Bhutan** (an interactive museum showcases traditional village life in Bhutan).

[3 Nights in Thimphu. Meals: Breakfast]

① **Add-on:** Transfer to Delhi Airport.

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DAY 8: EXCURSION

Today, drive to **Dochula pass** that heralds the most enchanting Himalayan views of Bhutan. Visit **Traditional Medicine Institute** (from physiotherapy, herbal medicines to spiritual healing). Visit a

farmer's market filled with local produce, pink cubes of camphor and saffron, and more. End the day with the **Flag Retreat Ceremony**.

[Meals: Breakfast]

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DAY 9: PARO | TAKTSHANG MONASTERY

We save the best for the last day as we hike to the world-famous **Tiger's Nest** (entrance fee included). This monastery is the most sacred place in Bhutan, visited by Buddhists at least once in their lifetime. A round trip hike takes approx. 5 hours. Alternatively, if you don't wish to hike, you may ride a pony part of the way.

[Meals: Breakfast]

① **Add-on:** Local Guide.

DAY 10: DEPART PARO (PBH)

After breakfast the tour ends. Hotel check-out and depart from **Paro International Airport** for your return flight home or onward journey.

[Meals: Breakfast]

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Hotels

We carefully handpick our hotels to ensure they provide you with the best comfort and experience. For Private Tours, you may request a specific hotel as one of the customizable options.

