



TRAVELLING TO NEW PLACES WITH CONFIDENCE

India Golden Triangle with Bhutan

11-Day, 10-Night Journey

Delhi, Agra, Jaipur, Thimphu, Paro

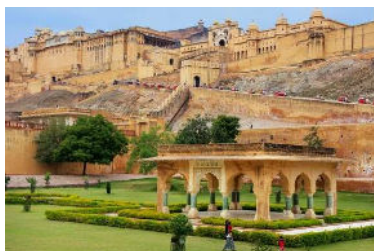
Experience the vibrant chaos of India: Explore the Golden Triangle – Delhi, Agra (home to the Taj Mahal), and Jaipur – and delve into Mughal history and its rich culture.

Then, escape to Bhutan: Immerse yourself in the "Happiest Country on Earth." Discover stunning landscapes, serene monasteries, and a unique culture focused on happiness.

This trip is for you if you crave authentic experiences, are fascinated by ancient cultures and seek an adventure that nourishes your soul.



Taj Mahal, an iconic symbol of love and architecture



The majestic Amber Fort and palace with large ramparts



Jama Masjid Mosque



Rinpung Dzong a 15th-century fortress and monastery



Stop by the prayer wheel at Paro. Send a wish while spinning the giant prayer wheel on your way to the Tiger's Nest



Tiger's Nest Monastery perches spectacularly on the side of a mountain overlooking Paro Valley

Inclusions

- ▶ Hotel Accommodations
- ▶ Daily Breakfast & Selected Meals
(See tour plan for details)
- ▶ English-speaking driver
- ▶ Airport Transfers
- ▶ Local guide per itinerary
- ▶ Entrance Fees to Monuments & Attractions per Itinerary

Exclusions

- ▶ International Airfare & Delhi - Paro Airfare
- ▶ Government Tourism Fee
- ▶ Travel Insurance
- ▶ Medical Expenses
- ▶ Bhutan Sustainable Development Fee
- ▶ India Visa Fee
- ▶ Bhutan Visa Fee (\$40 per person)
- ▶ Bhutan Sustainable Development Fee (\$100 Per Person / Per Night)
- ▶ Gratuities
- ▶ Personal Expenses

Nearby Airports

Delhi - Indira Gandhi International Airport (DEL)

Paro – Paro International Airport (PBH)

Itinerary

2 NIGHTS IN DELHI

DAY 1: ARRIVE DELHI (DEL)

Upon arriving at **Delhi airport**, you'll be met and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is free.

[Meals: None]

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.

With your local guide, explore the beautiful chaos of both Old Delhi and New Delhi (8 hours @9am), including **Jama Masjid** - India's oldest and largest mosque. Experience a busy and 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** and **lunch at the temple**.

[Meals: Breakfast, Lunch]

2 NIGHTS IN AGRA

DAY 3: DELHI – AGRA | TAJ MAHAL SUNSET VIEW

After breakfast we drive to **Agra**, the historic capital of the Mughal Empire (4 hours @9am). Watch a breathtaking fully symmetrical **sunset view of the Taj Mahal** from across the river at **Mehtab Bagh** (Moonlight Garden). (3 hours @3pm).

[Meals: Breakfast]

DAY 4: AGRA | TAJ MAHAL & AGRA FORT TOUR

After breakfast, visit the legendary **Taj Mahal with your local guide**. 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.

Visit **Itmad-ud-daulah**, nicknamed the Baby Taj. Light penetrates to the interior of this a Mughal mausoleum through delicate jali screens of intricately carved white marble. (8 hours @8am).

Enjoy an **Agra Food Trail lunch** and taste mouthwatering and authentic delicacies.

[Meals: Breakfast, Lunch]

2 NIGHTS IN JAIPUR

DAY 5: AGRA – JAIPUR | FATEHPUR SIKRI (CITY OF VICTORY)

After breakfast, drive to Jaipur (4 hours @9am).

En route, a guided tour (4 hours @1pm) of 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. Continue to Jaipur.

[Meals: Breakfast]

DAY 6: JAIPUR | THE PINK CITY OF JAIPUR

With your local guide, tour this pink city of Jaipur (8 hours @9am). 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) we enjoy a tour of the fort's well-preserved interior grounds including **Sheesh Mahal** (Palace of Mirrors) with its interior embellished of reflective glass tiles.

Visit the **City Palace** which has an imposing blend of traditional Rajput and Mughal architecture. **Jantar Mantar** is an ancient open-air astronomical observatory and a UNESCO world heritage site. Photo op at **Hawa Mahal** (Palace of the Winds) where its high screen walls allowed women of the royal household to observe street life without being seen. Enjoy an authentic Rajasthan dinner with live entertainment at **Chokhi Dhani**, a Rajasthani cultural village.

[Meals: Breakfast, Dinner]

2 NIGHTS IN THIMPHU, BHUTAN

DAY 7: DELHI – PARO | THIMPHU TOUR

Transfer to **Delhi (DEL) airport** for your flight to **Paro, Bhutan**. Upon arrival into Paro, you'll be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel in Thimphu. **Thimphu** is a major town with busy shops, bazaars and photogenic citizens in national dress.

Afternoon Thimphu Tour (4 hours @3pm).

Buddha Point/ Kuensel Phodrang: Home to the massive Buddha Dordenma statue, this site offers panoramic views of Thimphu and is a significant spiritual landmark

Memorial Chorten: this stupa is a prominent religious landmark in Thimphu, known for its golden spires and daily rituals

Tashichho Dzong: This impressive fortress and monastery in Thimphu serves as the seat of Bhutan's government and the summer residence of the monastic body.

[Meals: Breakfast, Dinner]

DAY 8: THIMPHU TOUR

After breakfast, a full day excursion (8 hours @9am).

Changangkha Lhakhang: A 13th century ancient temple in Thimphu

Motithang Takin Preserve: A wildlife reserve in Thimphu dedicated to the takin, Bhutan's national animal
Traditional Medicine Institute: preserves and promotes Bhutanese traditional herbal medicine through research, training, and healthcare services

National Institute for Zorig Chusum: also known as the "Painting School," this institute teaches Bhutan's traditional arts and crafts

Simply Bhutan Museum: offers an immersive experience of Bhutanese culture, traditions, and lifestyle

[Meals: Breakfast, Dinner]

2 NIGHTS IN PARO

DAY 9: THIMPHU - PARO | PARO EXCURSION

Early this morning, a guided tour to **Dochula Pass** that heralds the most enchanting Himalayan views of Bhutan. (4 hours @5am).

Check-out and transfer from Thimphu to Paro. (4 hours @3pm).

Kyichu Lhakhang: A 7th century temple showcases ancient architecture

Ta Dzong: a 17 century watch tower converted to National Museum

Rinpung Dzong (Paro Dzong): a 15th-century fortress and monastery

[Meals: Breakfast, Dinner]

DAY 10: PARO | TAKTSHANG MONASTERY

We save the best for the last day as we hike to the world-famous **Tiger's Nest** (entrance fee included) with your guide (4 hours @8am).

Tiger's Nest is also known as Paro Taktsang. This monastery is the most sacred place in Bhutan, visited by Buddhists at least once in their lifetime. Alternatively, if you don't wish to hike, you may ride a pony part of the way.

If time permits, Castle of the Victorious Drukpa.

[Meals: Breakfast, Dinner]

DAY 11: DEPART PARO (PBH)

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

[Meals: Breakfast]

*Hotel check-out time is generally around 11 am. If your flight departs in the evening or past midnight, we suggest you consider adding a post-tour hotel night during booking, to be comfortable and well rested before your flight home.

*The duration and start time of excursions are subject to change without prior notice.