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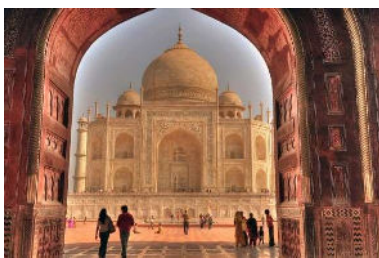
India Golden Triangle with Tiger Safari

9-Day, 8-Night Journey

Delhi, Agra, Ranthambore, Jaipur

Cross paths with some of India's most majestic creatures when you embark on this highly anticipated introduction tour to India. You'll experience India's deep cultural heritage and its most popular attractions together with the best wildlife sightings on this perfectly paced tour.

Witness firsthand the ancient culture of Indian and Mughal empires, and the British Raj via heritage journeys through Hindu and Islamic temples, ancient forts, grand palaces and the magnificent Taj Mahal – a grand monument which took over 22 years to complete. Then enjoy scenic wildlife adventures and spot a rich diversity of native animals including the Bengal tiger, sambar, chital, nilgai, wild boar, leopard, sloth bear and an abundance of birdlife in their natural habitat.



Taj Mahal



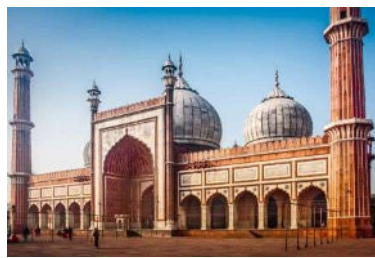
Tiger Jeep Safari



Tigers in Ranthambore Park



Gurudwara (Sikh Temple)



Jama Masjid Mosque



Amber Fort

Inclusions

- ▶ Hotel Accommodations
- ▶ Daily Breakfast & Selected Meals
(See tour plan for details)
- ▶ Private Airport Transfers
- ▶ Local guide per itinerary (Premium tour: group excursions. Deluxe tour: private guide.)
- ▶ Entrance Fees to Monuments and Attractions per itinerary

Exclusions

- ▶ International Air Fare
- ▶ Government Tourism Fee
- ▶ Travel Insurance
- ▶ Medical Expenses
- ▶ Visa Fee
- ▶ Gratuities
- ▶ Personal Expenses

Nearby Airport

Delhi - Indira Gandhi International Airport (DEL)

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 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). (4 hours @ 3pm)

[Meals: Breakfast]

DAY 4: AGRA | TAJ MAHAL & AGRA FORT TOUR

With your local guide to visit the legendary **Taj Mahal** after breakfast. Built by Emperor Shah Jahan in loving memory of his beloved wife Mumtaz who tragically died in childbirth in 1631. Then breakfast.

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**, taste mouthwatering and authentic delicacies.

[Meals: Breakfast, Lunch]

2 NIGHTS IN RANTHAMBHORE

DAY 5: AGRA - RANTHAMBHORE | FATEHPUR SIKRI (CITY OF VICTORY)

After breakfast, drive to **Ranthambhore**. (6 hours @9am).

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 hours @10am).

Arrive at **Ranthambhore Park** which sprawls over an estimated 400 sq. km (150 sq. miles). Steep crags embrace a network of lakes and rivers, and on top of one of these hills is the impressive Ranthambhore Fort built in the 8th century. The tigers here can be spotted quite often, even during the day. With the strict measures that have been taken for their conservation, the tigers seem quite accustomed to human activity and take the visitors in stride. For its relatively small area, the park has a rich diversity of fauna and flora.

[Meals: Breakfast, Dinner]

DAY 6 RANTHAMBHORE | MORNING & AFTERNOON SAFARI

Enjoy morning and afternoon wildlife safaris with a park naturalist and an exclusive jeep.(4 hours each @5am & @3pm)

[Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner]

2 NIGHTS IN JAIPUR

DAY 7 RANTHAMBHORE - JAIPUR | MORNING SAFARI

Enjoy a morning wildlife safari with a park naturalist and an exclusive jeep (4 hours @5am).

Depart to Jaipur this afternoon (4 hours @3pm).

[Meals: Breakfast, Lunch]

DAY 8: JAIPUR | THE PINK CITY OF JAIPUR

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** in Jaipur, 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. (8 hours @9am).

Enjoy an authentic Rajasthan dinner with live entertainment at **Chokhi Dhani**, a Rajasthani cultural village.

[Meals: Breakfast, Dinner]

DAY 9: JAIPUR - DELHI & DEPART DELHI

After breakfast, hotel check-out.

En route we visit **Neemrana** (3 hours @9am). Neemrana is an ancient historical town in Rajasthan (3 hours @1pm).

Continue with your transfer from Jaipur to Delhi airport (DEL) for your flight home. (2.5 hours @3pm).

[Meals: Breakfast, Lunch]

*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.