

TRAVELLING TO NEW PLACES WITH CONFIDENCE

India Golden Triangle with Varanasi

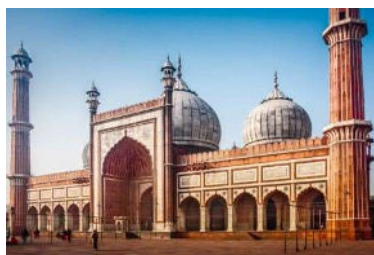
8-Day, 7-Night Journey

Delhi, Jaipur, Agra, Jaipur, Varanasi

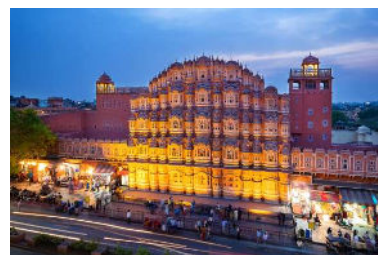
The journey visits four major cities that highlight northern India. The capital city of Delhi serves up magnificent monuments, a rich colonial past and bustling markets that hum with activity. The city of Agra has the most magnificent shrine for a lost love, the Taj Mahal, which is a world renowned architectural masterpiece. It is also dubbed one of the Seven Wonders of the World. Discover why Jaipur is called the Pink City and visit its amazing forts which are rich with history. You will also enjoy observing daily desert life in this former Mughal capital. Continue to Varanasi for its profound spiritual ambiance, sacred temples, and the mesmerizing Ganga Aarti ceremony.



Taj Mahal, an iconic symbol of love and architecture



Jama Masjid Mosque



Hawa Mahal



The majestic Amber Fort with large ramparts and palace



Boat Ride at Ganges river is a quintessential Varanasi experience



Evening Aarti Ceremony is a mesmerizing spectacle and a spiritual experience

Inclusions

- ▶ Hotel Accommodations
- ▶ Daily Breakfast & Selected Meals
(See tour plan for details)
- ▶ Private Airport Transfers
- ▶ Guided excursions
- ▶ Entrance Fees to Monuments and Attractions per itinerary

Exclusions

- ▶ International and Domestic 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 JAIPUR

DAY 3: DELHI – JAIPUR | NEEMRANA



After breakfast we drive to **Jaipur** (@9am). En route we visit **Neemrana** (3 hours @11am) which is an ancient historic town in Rajasthan.

Continue with your transfer to Jaipur (3 hours @3pm).

[Meals: Breakfast]

DAY 4: JAIPUR | THE PINK CITY OF JAIPUR

Jaipur City tour (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** 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.

OPTIONAL ADD-ON: Jaigarh Fort.

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[Meals: Breakfast, Dinner]

1 NIGHT IN AGRA

DAY 3: JAIPUR – AGRA | TAJ MAHAL AND AGRA FORT

After breakfast we drive to **Agra**, the historic capital of the Mughal Empire (5 hours @8am).

Afternoon excursion (4 hours @2pm). Visit the legendary **Taj Mahal** with your 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.

[Meals: Breakfast]

2 NIGHTS IN VARANASI

DAY 6 AGRA – DELHI - VARANASI

Hotel check-out and transfer to Delhi airport by car for your flight to **Varanasi** (8am) (transit in Delhi airport). Upon arriving at **Varanasi airport**, you'll be transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is free.

Note: This airfare is not included in the tour.

[Meals: Breakfast]

DAY 7: VARANASI CITY TOUR

A full day guided tour of **Varanasi** (8 hours @7am, admission included)

Boat Ride at **Ganges river** and visit **Kashi Vishwanath Temple**, **Sarnath Temple**, **Alamgir Mosque**, **Evening Aarti Ceremony**.

Boat Ride at Ganges river: is a quintessential Varanasi experience. The boat ride offers stunning views of the river landing stairs and temples along the river.

Kashi Vishwanath Temple: is one of the most famous Hindu temples dedicated to Lord Shiva and is a sacred shrine.

Sarnath: where the Buddha gave his first sermon after attaining enlightenment, about 6 miles from Varanasi.

Alamgir Mosque was built on the site of a demolished Hindu temple. The mosque's architecture is a blend of Islamic and Hindu styles, and it offers a panoramic view of the Ganges.

Evening Aarti Ceremony: this is a daily ritual performed at the Dashashwamedh shrine in the evening. The ceremony involves chanting, music, and the lighting of lamps to honor the Ganges river. A mesmerizing spectacle and a spiritual experience that reflects the deep cultural and religious significance of the Ganges river

[Meals: Breakfast]

DAY 8: VARANASI - DELHI & DEPART DELHI

After breakfast, hotel check-out. Leave Varanasi and transfer to the airport for your flight back to Delhi and then onwards to fly home.

[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.