



TRAVELLING TO NEW PLACES WITH CONFIDENCE

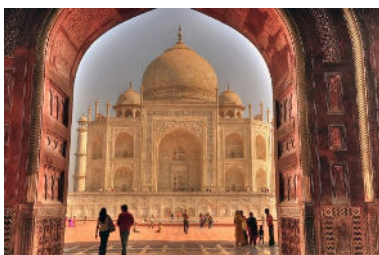
## Taj Mahal & Tiger's Nest

### 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]

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

## 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]

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

#### 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 its 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]

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

#### 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.

① **Add-on:** Arrival transfer from Paro Airport to the hotel.

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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]

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

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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.

