

# **Itinerary**

# 8 Day India Golden Triangle Small Group Tour

\*IMPORTANT NOTE: Any extra nights, optional tours or other amendments, will not be visible on this itinerary.

#### **DAY 1: Arrive Delhi (Tuesday)**

Your holiday to Incredible India begins with a group transfer at Delhi International Airport (DEL). Be prepared for a culture shock of sights, sounds and smells as you are transferred through this bustling city to your hotel. After check in, the rest of the day is free at leisure.

**MEALS:** None

**OVERNIGHT:** Standard or Deluxe, Delhi

## **DAY 2: Delhi City Tour**

Today your driving will take you on a city tour of Delhi to see all the major sights. Visit the historic Red Fort and the Jama Masjid (Friday Mosque), India's largest mosque. Visit popular Chandni Chowk area and take an optional rickshaw ride, then visit Raj Ghat- the memorial of Mahatma Gandhi. Back to the hotel in the afternoon and spend the evening at leisure.

**MEALS:** Breakfast

**OVERNIGHT:** Standard or Deluxe, Delhi

#### DAY 3: Delhi ~ Agra

Today you will visit one of the 7 wonders of the world; the Taj Mahal, a highlight of any holiday to India! The Taj Mahal was built over a period of 22 years by the Mughal Emperor Shahjahan in memory of his wife Mumtaz Mahal (Taj Mahal is closed on Fridays).

After breakfast we leave Delhi behind for a long 4 hour drive to Agra. On arrival you will check-in and freshen up before a visit to the impressive Agra Fort, built by three Mughal Emperors starting from Akbar the Great. In the evening you will visit Taj Mahal during sunset, a perfect time of day to experience this incredible monument and all it's majesty. Take your time to wonder around the grounds, exploring all sides of the Taj and soak up the atmosphere as the warm hazy sun sets.

**MEALS:**Breakfast

**OVERNIGHT:** Standard or Deluxe Hotel, Agra

DAY 4: Agra ~ Fatehpur Sikri ~ Jaipur

Today we have another long drive (5 hours) to Jaipur, the Pink City. Just out of Agra we stop to visit Fatehpur Sikri, a town built in the 17th Century by Emperor Akbar with Red Sand Stone but immediately abandoned after 15 years of occupancy due to water shortage and political issues.

Continue your drive to Jaipur. Jaipur is the capital of Rajasthan and famous for Palaces and bazaars of textiles, pottery, jewellers and folk based arts & handicrafts ~ a paradise for shoppers. Spending the afternoon wondering around the bazaars, haggling for the lowest prices and mingling with the locals is the best way to see Jaipur!

**MEALS:** Breakfast

**OVERNIGHT:** Standard or Deluxe Hotel, Jaipur

#### **DAY 5: Jaipur City Tour**

A full day in Jaipur sightseeing in this wonderful city. This morning we visit the magnificent Amber Fort and palace complex, built with stunning white marble and yellow and pink sandstone. Inside the palace visit the Jag Mandir (The Hall of Victory), Sheesh Mahal – a room with four walls and the ceiling completely embedded with glittering mirrors, imported from Belgium. The City Palace is the royal residence. Now part of this residence is converted into museum and a part of the portion is still now occupied by the royal family of Jaipur. An impressive array of pistols, blunderbusses, swords, rifles and daggers are found in the Armoury museum.

**MEALS:** Breakfast

**OVERNIGHT:** Standard or Deluxe Hotel, Jaipur

#### **DAY 6: Jaipur Free Day**

Spend a full day at leisure exploring Jaipur at your own pace. Explore the markets and haggle for some amazing souvenirs to take home. Jaipur is also fantastic for gem stones and jewels so pick up yourself some beautiful pieces of jewellery to make your friends at home jealous. Our MyHoliday2 director got her engagement ring made in Jaipur.

Every evening the Amber fort puts on a spectacular light and sound show, a fantastic production that lights up the exterior of the fort, and tells legends of the Rajput Kings. Ask your driver for details. This show is not included but we highly recommend it!

**MEALS:** Breakfast

**OVERNIGHT:** Standard or Deluxe Hotel, Jaipur

### DAY 7: Jaipur ~ Delhi

After a relaxed breakfast and check out we drive back to Delhi. Once back in Delhi, check in to your hotel for the final night of the tour. The remainder of the day is free at leisure to relax or do some last minute shopping/sightseeing.

**MEALS:** Breakfast

**OVERNIGHT:**Standard or Deluxe Hotel, Delhi

**DAY 8: End of Tour ~ Departure** 

Your holiday to India is now over. You can choose to take our group transfer back to the airport or make your own way.

Want to stay longer? Perhaps take our 4 Day extension package to Varanasi on the River Ganges and experience the holiest place in India.

**MEALS:** Breakfast