

The Golden Triangle with Kajuraho and Varanasi

History, Architecture, Exotic Temples and The Ganges River

Duration:
9 Nights 10 Days
Cities: Delhi,
Jaipur, Agra,
Kajuraho and
Varanasi



Day 01 - Delhi

Arrive in Delhi, the capital city of the Republic of India. You will be met and assisted at the airport, by a representative, and transferred to your hotel. Overnight in Delhi.

Day 02 - Delhi

This morning after breakfast, proceed on a half day combined city tour of old and new Delhi. Old Delhi has been continuously inhabited from the 6th century BC and was the capital of many kings and emperors. Visit Jama Masjid (17th century Mosque), enjoy a cycle rickshaw ride in Chandni Chowk (Delhi's oldest market), drive past Red Fort, President House, India Gate and several other government buildings in Edwin Lutyens' modern Delhi, before you head to Raj Ghat (memorial to Mahatma Gandhi). Later, visit the Moghul Emperor, Humayun's Tomb. Also visit the Qutab Minar, which is the tallest brick minaret in the world. Overnight in Delhi.

Day 03 - Delhi - Jaipur

After breakfast, drive to Jaipur (252 kms or 6 hours' drive approx.). Arrive in Jaipur, check in to your hotel and relax. Overnight in Jaipur.

Day 04 - Jaipur

Today, enjoy a full-day sightseeing tour of Jaipur. Visit the historic 16th century Amber Fort. The best way to access the fort, is to ride up to it on Elephant back. Later, stop to photograph the beautiful Hawa Mahal, also known as the 'Palace of the Winds.' Afterwards, visit the City Palace; Albert Hall and the Jantar Mantar, the 18th century Observatory. Overnight in Jaipur.

Day 05 - Jaipur - Agra

Drive to Agra (232 kms or 5 hours and 30 minutes drive approx.). En route, visit Fatehpur Sikri; the capital of the Mughal Emperor Akbar, for 14 years (1571-1585). Overnight in Agra.

Day 06 - Agra

This morning after breakfast, proceed for city tour of Agra, visit the Agra Fort, which was commissioned in 1565 by the Emperor Akbar, and subsequently embellished by other Mughal Emperors.

Day 06 - Agra (Contd.)

Later, visit the timeless Taj Mahal, a mausoleum, built by the Emperor Shah Jahan as a symbol of love and devotion to his beloved queen Mumtaz Mahal. Afterwards, visit Itmad-Ud-Daula, known locally as the "Baby Taj"; this mausoleum rests in a walled garden close to the Yamuna River. Rest of the day at leisure. Overnight in Agra.

Day 07 - Agra - Khajuraho

Early morning, board a train to Jhansi. On arrival, drive to Khajuraho (220 kms or 5 hours' drive approx.). Enroute visit the Orchha Fort complex. Arrive at Khajuraho and check in to your hotel. Overnight in Khajuraho.

Day 08 - Khajuraho - Varanasi

Today, proceed for a half-day tour of Khajuraho. Visit the Western Group of Temples - the Kandariya Mahadeva and temple of Devi Jagdamba. Later, visit the Eastern Group of Temples - The temple of Parsvanath. Then proceed to the airport to connect the flight to Varanasi. Arrive in Varanasi, and later in the evening, witness the Aarti ceremony at the Ghats. Overnight in Varanasi.

Day 09 - Varanasi

Early morning, enjoy an interesting boat ride on the Ganges River. Visit the Benares Hindu University, Bharat Mata Temple and Kashi Vishwanath Temple (from the outside only, as foreigners are not allowed inside the premises). Later, proceed to Sarnath, located 8 kms from Varanasi. Overnight in Varanasi.

Day 10 - Varanasi Onwards

On time transfer to Varanasi Airport to connect flights to Delhi or Mumbai as per your itinerary.



Hotels - The Golden Triangle with Kajuraho and Varanasi

Category A - 5 Star Luxury Hotels

Delhi - Le Meridien - Located in the heart of the city, the hotel is an iconic glass building. It towers over the historic landscape of Lutyens' Delhi. Designer interiors coupled with state-of-the-art technology, ensure an experience par excellence for every guest. The 358 luxurious guest rooms offer grand views of this historic, yet modern city.

Jaipur - ITC Rajputana - The hotel offers comforts and services in settings that reflect the spirit of Rajasthan and its royalty. Located 15 kilometres from the airport and half a kilometre from the city centre, the hotel's design and gardens echo the city's history. The 218 guest rooms and suites are equipped with modern amenities.

Agra - ITC Mughal - Sprawled over 35 acres of luxurious gardens, and in close proximity to the Taj Mahal, ITC Mughal, a luxury hotel in Agra, is a fitting tribute to the great Mughal builders of the past. This hotel comprises 233 rooms and suites.

Kajuraho - Radisson - Ideally located just minutes from the Airport, railway station, market place and the UNESCO World Heritage temple complex. Facilities include multi cuisine restaurant, full service bar, outdoor swimming pool, spa and high speed Internet access. 86 deluxe rooms and 4 suites.

Varanasi - Radisson - Located in the heart of the city's business district, the hotel is less than 45 minutes from Varanasi Airport. Facilities include multiple dining outlets, outdoor swimming pool, spa and high speed Internet access. 116 rooms.

Category B

Delhi Oberoi Maidens (4 Star) - With a history of over a century, the Hotel offers a journey back in time. Established in 1903 as one of the first hotels of Delhi and recognised as a Heritage Hotel in 1994, Maidens Hotel is a stately survivor of the golden age: when the rich, the famous and the titled used the hotel as their stage. Fully air-conditioned; 55 rooms and suites with all modern amenities.

Jaipur - Hilton Jaipur (5 Star) - With a superb city centre location, the hotel is 15 minutes from popular tourist attractions including Hawa Mahal, City Palace, Albert Hall Museum and the Birla Temple. It is also near several shopping hubs.

Agra - Radisson Blu Agra Taj East Gate (5 Star) - Nestled in 4.5 acres of land in the heart of the city, the Radisson Blu Agra Taj East Gate is within walking distance of the Taj Mahal. 142 rooms and suites; facilities include a spa and a health club.

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The package price includes	The package price does not include
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Accommodation in well appointed rooms as per hotel categories mentioned above, or equivalent including buffet breakfast.• Transportation services as per itinerary in air conditioned vehicle.• Services of English speaking guides during specified sightseeing tours• Entry fees to monuments as per itinerary.• Elephant ride at Amber Fort.• Cycle Rickshaw ride in Chandni Chowk.• Boat ride (regular, non exclusive) in Varanasi.• Train ticket for travel Agra to Jhansi by air conditioned Chair Car.• Assistance, toll, interstate taxes, Govt. Service Tax.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Air tickets, Airport Taxes and Visa.• Items of personal nature, like: Laundry, telephone calls, minibar consumption in hotels, tips to guides, drivers, porters etc.• Camera or Video Camera fees applicable at monuments.• Travel Insurance. <div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"><p>NOTES:</p><ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Check in: 1400 hours; Check-out 1200 hours.◆ Extra bed or mattress (as applicable) will be provided for third person in cases of requested Triple Occupancy</div>

Monuments Closure:

New Delhi: Red Fort - Every Monday.

Agra: Taj Mahal - Every Friday.

Price: Available on request.