

# Golden Triangle Tour – 8 Nights - Delhi Jaipur Agra

**Day 01 MONDAY, OCTOBER 9**

LEAVE SAN FRANCISCO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (SFO) VIA SINGAPORE AIRLINES, FLIGHT #SQ1 AT 1:25 A.M (NIGHT OF OCTOBER 8<sup>TH</sup>). ARRIVE AT SINGAPORE AT 11:40A.M. DAY TOUR OF SINGAPORE 1:30 P.M.-4:30 P.M (TENTATIVE) DEPART SINGAPORE BY FLIGHT #SQ408 AT 6:55 P.M.

**Day 02 TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10**

ARRIVE IN DELHI BY INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT AT 9:55 P.M.

**WELCOME TO INDIA** - One nation, countless destinations. A land of rich heritage that's ancient. The mystique of India, its history of 5000 years, philosophy, religions, fabulous historical monuments all add to its bewildering diversity to create a unique and colorful mosaic. This is the wonder that is India, come, enjoy and experience it.

**Reception upon arrival at the international airport in Delhi - transfer to hotel.**

*DELHI* – Capital of modern India. Many dynasties and rulers have flourished on its regal soil over the last 3000 years. The legacy still survives in many monuments varying from the 13<sup>th</sup> century mausoleum of the Lodi Kings to the buildings of British India's imperial past like the Parliament House and the Presidential Estate.

Overnight.

**Day 03 WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11 DELHI**

Visit the ancient walled city, the Red Fort (Closed on Mondays), once the most opulent fort and palace of Mughal Empire. This fort at one time housed the Peacock Throne, the most precious throne in the world featuring Kohinoor Diamond, the largest diamond in the world. Then drive to Raj Ghat, a memorial to Mahatma Gandhi, set in a lovely garden. Also visit Jama Masjid, the largest mosque in India and ride a rickshaw through Chadni Chowk, the bustling and colorful market of the old walled City. Enjoy lunch at Karim's restaurant. Later, go shopping at Cottage Emporium. Evening at leisure. Overnight.

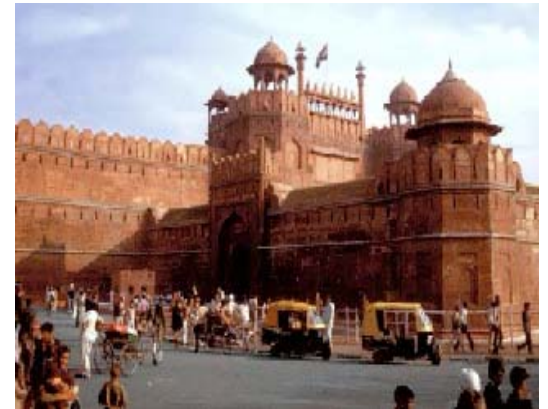
Hotel:  
The Claridges

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Breakfast

Lunch:  
Karim's  
Restaurant

Dinner:  
On your own



**Day 04 THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12 DELHI**

The drive through New Delhi includes the Embassy area (Diplomatic Enclave), Government buildings (1921-30 A.D.), Birla temple (Laxmi Narayan-1938 A.D.) and Connaught Place, New Delhi's main shopping centre. Here, enjoy shopping and lunch. In the afternoon, visit Bangla Sahib, a famous Sikh Temple. Take a sightseeing tour of New Delhi. Drive past Safdarjang's Tomb (1735 A.D.), visit Qutab Minar, 72 metres high and one of the most perfect towers of the Persian world. Nearby, amidst the ruins of the Quwut-ul-Islam Mosque stand the Iron pillar which has stood the vagaries of weather and not rusted over 1500 years. In the evening, enjoy a Punjabi cooking demonstration and dinner  
Overnight

**Day 05 FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13 DELHI-JAIPUR**

Transfer from hotel to the railway station in time for:  
Depart: Delhi at 0610 by SHATABDI EXP  
Arrive: Jaipur at 1040  
*(Train operates daily except for Wednesdays)*  
Breakfast on board.

**JAIPUR** - The capital of Rajasthan, this picturesque city is a symphony in pink, a color that signifies hospitality in Rajput culture. Built by Raja Jai Singh in the 18th century, it is surrounded by hills topped with rugged fortresses and dotted with fairy tale palaces. Ambling camels and brightly dressed locals reflect Jaipur's desert heritage while the teeming markets display a profusion of handlooms and crafts. Come visit the city of love, legends and lore. **Reception upon arrival at the railway station and transfer to hotel.** In the afternoon, take a tour of the City of Jaipur, known as the "Pink City of Rajasthan," since so many of its buildings are painted a lovely pink hue. Visit the palace of the Winds (Hawa Mahal), a distinctive example of architectural delicacy and beauty, the City Palace and its Museum and the unique Jantar Mantar Observatory which was built in the 1700s, yet even today still looks futuristic or almost surrealistic. In the evening, enjoy a Rajasthani cooking demonstration and dinner  
Overnight.

Hotel:  
The Claridges

Breakfast

Lunch:  
Sara Ban Villas  
(South Indian  
Restaurant)

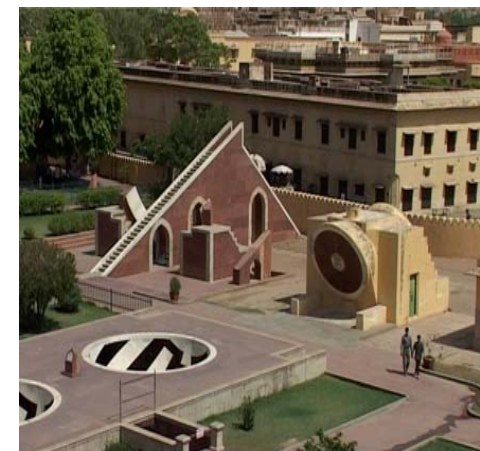
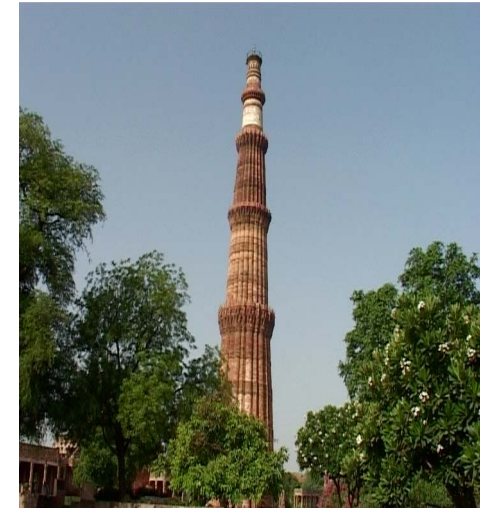
Punjabi cooking  
demo + dinner

Hotel:  
The Raj Palace

Breakfast

Lunch:  
Rajputana

Rajasthani  
cooking demo at  
hotel + dinner



**Day 06 SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14 JAIPUR**

In the morning, enjoy an excursion to the Amber Palace outside Jaipur, overlooking the desert plains of Rajasthan. Make an ascent to the palace on the back of a gaily-caparisoned elephant and tour the chambers and hallways of the palace that are famous for the excellence of their design and decoration. Continue on to Kripal Singh and enjoy a story about the revival of Blue Pottery. Visit Jahari Market and meet the Surana Family, the Royal Jewelers of the city, and their factory and showroom. Return to the hotel after shopping. In the evening, enjoy a lavish carnival organized by His Highness Raja Bhim Singh at his royal farmhouse, a huge sit down dinner Country Style complete with entertainment and mina bazaar. Overnight.

**Day 07 SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15 JAIPUR-AGRA**

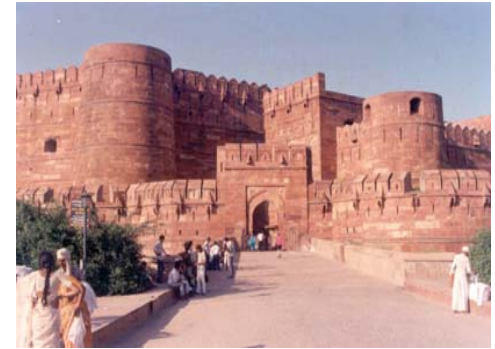
In the morning, drive to Agra (221 kms/6 hours). Enroute to Agra, visit Fatehpur Sikri, the deserted, red sandstone city that was built by Emperor Akbar as his capital and palace in the late 16<sup>th</sup> century. It was a veritable fairytale city and its "ruins" are still in pristine condition...it's not hard to imagine what the court life must have been like in the days of its grandeur. **AGRA** – The ancient city once the capital of the Mughal Empire in the 16th and 17th century, depicts a gorgeous panorama of majestic architectural creations and a rich tradition of art and culture. Agra houses one of Seven Wonders of the World, the marble symphony of Emperor Shaha Jehan - "The Taj Mahal". Discover the dazzling creations of their craftsmen in other architectural marvels in Agra, the quintessential Mughal City. **Reception upon arrival and transfer to the hotel.** Afternoon sightseeing - **AGRA FORT**: Built by Emperor Akbar, the maze of courtyards, mosque and private chambers of the fort echo the story of the Mughal Empire. The Moti Masjid and other magnificent buildings reflect the skill of the ancient Indian architects and artists. In the evening, delight in a Mughal style cooking demonstration. Overnight.

Hotel:  
The Raj  
Palace

Breakfast

Lunch:  
Coffee Shop at  
Trident Hilton

Rajasthani  
theme dinner  
at Bhim Singh



Hotel:  
Jaypee Palace

Breakfast

Lunch:  
Fateh Bagh

Mughalai  
cooking demo  
+ dinner



**Day 08 MONDAY, OCTOBER 16 AGRA**

In the morning proceed on a sightseeing tour of Agra.

*THE TAJ MAHAL:* One of the Seven Wonders of the World, built by Emperor Shaha Jehan in memory of his beloved consort Mumtaz, This beautiful mausoleum in pure white marble is an architectural marvel. The Taj by moonlight is a breathtaking sight. Visit marble inlay artists who continue the same technique used in building the Taj Mahal.

*SIKANSEA:* The tomb of Akbar the Great. Built in red sandstone inlaid with marble, it is a striking sight.

After enjoying lunch at a local restaurant, go shopping. End the evening, by participating in a themed Royal Mughal Styled Dinner circa 16<sup>th</sup> century.  
Overnight.

**Day 09 TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17 AGRA-BHARATPUR-DELHI**

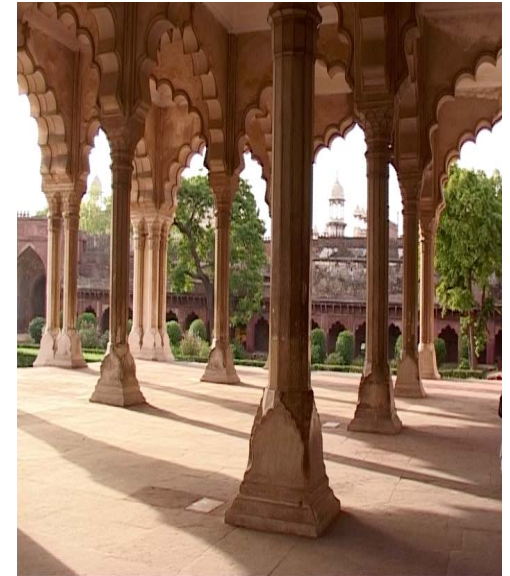
Early morning visit Bharatpur Bird Sanctuary (56 kms from Agra). Declared a national park in 1983, this 11 square mile reserve is one of the world's best for water birds, with over 350 bird species. Before converting it into a sanctuary in 1956, the local Maharaja used it as his hunting reserve. The shallow marsh water, lakes and partly submerged thorny babul trees are favored by nesting birds in July and August, and breeding continues until October and November. The most common species are the open-billed stork, painted stork, egret, pelican, ibis, cormorant, darter or snakebird, spoonbill, and grey heron. Exotic migrants also arrive from Afghanistan, Central Asia, and Tibet. Continue drive to Delhi (256 kms/6hrs). Have lunch at a rest stop. **On arrival check-in at the hotel.** Then in the evening, enjoy a Kashmiri style themed dinner along with entertainment.  
Overnight.

Hotel:  
Jaypee Palace

Breakfast

Lunch:  
Only Restaurant

Mughal theme  
dinner



Hotel:  
The Claridges

Breakfast

Lunch:  
Laxmi Vilas  
Palace

Kashmiri theme  
dinner



**Day 10 WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18 DEPART DELHI**

Spend the day at your leisure. Enjoy last minute shopping.  
Evening at leisure  
Transfer to New Delhi International airport for flight **#SQ407 AT 11:10 P.M.** departure

Hotel:  
The Claridges

Breakfast

Lunch:  
On your own

Dinner:  
On your own

**Day 11 THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19**

**ARRIVE IN SINGAPORE AT 7:15 A.M.  
DEPART SINGAPORE, FLIGHT # SQ16 AT 9:15 A.M.  
ARRIVE AT SAN FRANCISCO INTERNATIONAL  
AT 12:40 P.M. (AFTERNOON)**

**The tour cost includes:**

1. International airfare to and from India
2. Accommodations on double/twin sharing basis
3. All meals/demos as indicated in your program
4. Transportation by an air-conditioned large coach for all airport/railway station transfers, city tour, and excursions
5. Services of an English speaking local guide during city tour and excursions
6. Entrance fee to the monuments during visits
7. Executive Chair Car train fare for travel on Delhi/Jaipur sector on Shatabdi Express
8. Assistance on arrival/departure in each city
9. Elephant ÷ Jeep ride at Amber Fort
10. Rickshaw rides in Chadni Chowk
11. Mineral water and fresh fruits on coach during sight seeing
12. Cooking demonstration as per the program
13. Portage of 2 bags per person during tour

**Tour cost does not include:**

1. Item of personal nature such as laundry, telephone calls, etc
2. Any drinks, including mineral water and beverages at the hotel
3. Any airfare within India
4. Any other items not mentioned in "tour cost includes" action
5. Any unforeseen increase in hotel tax by the government
6. Airport taxes – Domestic and International flight segment

**Cost of Tour: \$3,500 per person (twin/double sharing)  
\$1,595 per person extra for single room supplement**

