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Essential Triangle Itinerary

7nights/ 8days

Highlights: Delhi, Agra, Bharatpur, Jaipur.

Style: Independent

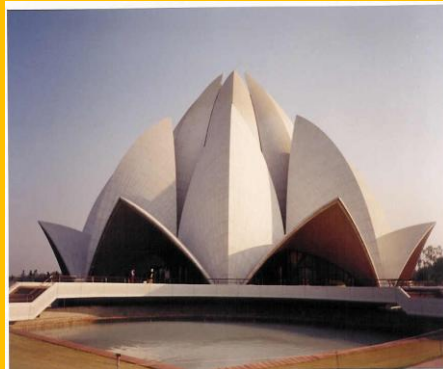
Facilitator: Assistance throughout tour.

Accommodation: 7 night's hotels.

Transport: Airport Transfers, private car.

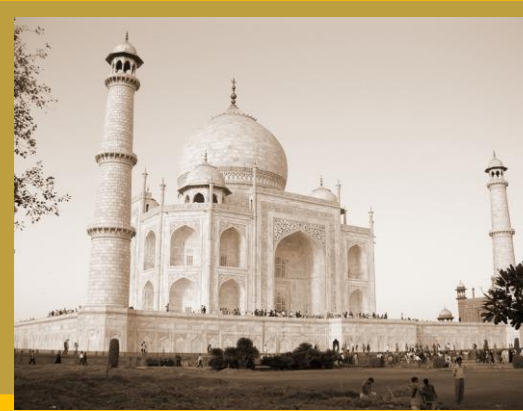
Meals: No meals are included

Entrance Fees: No entrance fees included.



Day 1 Delhi

On arrival at Delhi international airport you will be greeted by one of our tour facilitators. Your private car will transfer you to your accommodation in the heart of the city. India's capital is an exciting, busy, sometimes chaotic city and one of the world's most interesting. With historical sites from different eras, museums and galleries, shops and endless bazaars, there is more to see and do than you can possibly fit in during your short time here. If you have enough time and energy in your first afternoon discover - the ruins of Qutb Minar, Indira Gandhi Museum and the centre of Imperial British India at Rajpath are all recommended.



Days 2-3 Jaipur

An early morning finds you driving to the capital of Rajasthan - the 'Pink City' of Jaipur (approximately 5 hours). Via the old capital of Amber, where you can explore the hilltop palace complex. A new audio tour will get you up to speed with all the 27 Maharajas who have ruled here. This friendly and busy town with its palaces and bazaars full of jewellery, textiles and folk-based arts is a firm favourite with travellers. Catch a glimpse of India's 2nd most photographed building the Hawa Mahal, or 'Palace of the Winds', in the evening how about trying a Rajastani thali for dinner in the middle of the old city.

On day 3 Take time out to learn about some of the arts of the colourful state famous for block printing and blue glazed pottery or to visit the Jantar Mantar (Observatory).



Just around the corner is the City palace, which is still the home of the Maharaja. There are rooms with textiles, paintings and carpet and an armoury. In a little café here a dubious fortune teller can predict you will be eating Indian tonight. Make sure you save some time to check out the latest Bollywood action with a movie at the art deco splendor of the Raj Mandir Cinema.

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Day 4 Bharatpur

Leaving Jaipur behind you continue travelling on to our unique Heritage property (4-5 hours). After you have settled in, take a walk around the village where you can interact and learn about rural Indian life. This is a fascinating insight into a world off the normal tourist trail. Later if there are plenty of guests you will be entertained by local village, folk musicians and dancers while dining under the stars (weather permitting).

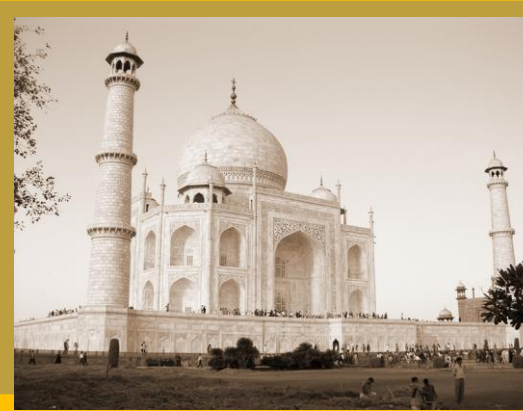


Day 5-6 Agra

After an early breakfast, you move on to the Keoladeo Bird Sanctuary (approx one hour) where you can spend the morning relaxing in the peace and quiet of the Bird Sanctuary being peddled by faithful cycle rickshaw wallahs, who also double as ornithologists!

Don't miss a stop at the deserted Mughal kingdom of Fatehpur Sikri (approx one hour). The 16th century palaces and pavilions of this fortified ghost city are perfectly preserved, while an impressive Victory Gate leads to the tomb of a Sufi saint.

On to Agra (one ½ hours) in the evening take time to enjoy a splendid Mughlai dinner.



Day 6, The Mughal emperors collected together artisans from all over the world whose descendants

still live in Agra. Making it a melting pot of amazing architecture, beautiful arts and crafts and carpets with designs all inspired by the monuments - beginning with the majestic Taj Mahal, built by Emperor Shah Jahan as a memorial to his wife Mumtaz, described as a 'teardrop on the face of eternity' and never fails to impress. Don't miss the Agra's Red Fort, built by Akbar and dominating the city.



On Day 7, you depart Agra at your leisure taking the last few moments for some shopping and sightseeing before travelling back to Delhi (approx 4-5 hours) where you spend a last night in the bustling city before finishing your trip on **day 8**, You are free today check out is 12pm. We will wish you bon voyage with a transfer to the Airport 3 hours before your flight.