

# 11 day Tour to Golden Triangle (Delhi, Agra & Jaipur) with Varanasi

The tour offers an exciting journey combining Delhi, Agra, Jaipur, Varanasi and Lucknow's rich heritage and amazing gastronomical experience. Exploring the rich history with the tour uncovering decorative temples, amazing Islamic architecture and marbled palaces. Explore the highlights of Old and New Delhi: visit wonder monument of love, the Taj Mahal in Agra, visit the spiritual capital of India also the oldest living city in the world – Varanasi to experience the spiritual aspect of India's age-old beliefs and conclude the tour with a delicious culinary experience that will tingle your taste buds in the metropolis of Nawab known as Lucknow.



### Day 1 Australia ★ Delhi

Fly from Australia to Delhi, capital of India. Upon arrival at Indira Gandhi International Airport you are met and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure. Stay in Delhi for 2 nights.

#### Day 2 Delhi Meal: B/D

After breakfast meet your tour manager at the hotel lobby for a short briefing, followed by guided sightseeing tour of Old & New Delhi. Visit Jama Masjid the largest mosque in India built of red sandstone. Explore Chandni Chowk one of the oldest markets in Asia on a cycle rickshaw. An afternoon drive past New Delhi, which will include photo opportunities of the Parliament House, India Gate and the President of India's residence. Lastly visit the Qutub Minar, an UNESCO Site with 234-step red sand stone and marble minaret.

### Day 3 Delhi 🖪 Agra (4 hrs) Meal: B/D

After breakfast travel to Agra, the city that thrived under Mughals, home to the world famous Taj Mahal. Upon arrival check into your hotel for one night. We visit the UNESCO Site of Agra Fort, a mixture of the Islamic and Hindu styles of architecture, then go to Itmad-ud-Daula Tomb nicknamed baby Taj.

### Day 4 Agra Ranthambhore (6 hrs) Meal: B/D

An early morning visit to the famous Taj Mahal, built of white Marble, precious and semi-precious stones. This magnificent monument reflects the influence of Persian architectural style. Return to the hotel for breakfast. Later checkout and travel to Ranthambhore, visiting Fatehpur Sikri a UNESCO Site.

Upon arrival check into your hotel for two nights.

# Day 5 Ranthambhore (Morning & Afternoon Jeep Safari)

Meal: B/L/D

Today enjoy morning and afternoon game drives in the Ranthambhore National Park famous for its tigers and is one of the best locations in India to see the majestic predators in their natural habitat amongst many other reptiles, birds and wild animals. An overnight stay in Ranthambhore.

### Day 6 Ranthambhore ☐ Jaipur (3 hrs) Meal: B/D

After breakfast drive to Jaipur. Upon arrival check-in for two nights. The remainder of the day is at leisure for you to explore the Jaipur Bazaar. Besides shopping you can also watch the skilful artisans at work and witness the cultural heritage of the city unfolding a legacy of the royal past.

#### Day 7 Jaipur Meal: B/D

After breakfast enjoy the guided city tour of Jaipur with a photo stop at Hawa Mahal (Wind Palace). Later continue with Amber Fort excursion, the ancient capital of Rajasthan and the majestic palace complex built in 17th century. Later visit the City Palace Museum and Jantar Mantar, one of the famed observatories complex of astronomical instruments. Overnight at Jaipur.

### Day 8 Jaipur ☐ Delhi ✓ Varanasi Meal: B/D

After breakfast, transfer to Delhi airport to board your flight to Varanasi, the oldest living and practicing city in the world,





the origins of Varanasi are yet unknown. It is here life delves on the banks of the Ganges River. Varanasi is known as the city that liberates soul from human body to ultimate. Varanasi also flourishes in the art of silk weaving, an exotic work of art which manifests itself in precious Banarasi silk saris and silk brocades which are cherished as collector's items across the world, even today. The city is also renowned for its rich tapestry of music, arts, crafts and education. Upon arrival transfer to your hotel to check-in. Rest of the day at leisure to explore the local markets. Later this evening you will witness a grand prayer ceremony on the ghats of river Ganges. An overnight stay in Varanasi.

#### Day 9 Varanasi Meal: B/D

Wake up early this morning and proceed to enjoy the guided heritage walk and sunrise boat ride on river Ganges. The river will be thronged with early morning bathers, raising their faces to the rising sun and reciting the sacred mantra. Varanasi is associated with promotion of spiritualism, mysticism and Sanskrit, yoga and the Hindi language. Visit the Banaras ghat, Assi ghat & various other ghats. Return back to your hotel for a buffet breakfast. We the proceed for a guided city tour of Varanasi and visit various temples including Kashi Vishwanath Temple & Bharat Mata Temple. An afternoon excursion to Sarnath where Lord Buddha preached his first sermon at the deer park after his enlightenment. Return back to your hotel.

#### Day 10 Varanasi ★ Delhi ★ Australia Meal: B

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast before flying back to Delhi then take your connecting flight bound for Australia via Singapore.

#### Day 11 Australia

Arrive in Australia this morning.



### **India Explorer Tour Dates & Prices**

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Tour code	Start Delhi Tuesday	End Delhi Thursday	Full package with international air departing from Sydney / Melbourne / Brisbane / Adelaide / Perth
			Singapore Airlines
IE180213	13-Feb-18	22-Feb-18	\$3,780
IE180306	06-Mar-18	15-Mar-18	\$3,780
IE180327	27-Mar-18	05-Apr-18	\$3,780
IE180424	24-Apr-18	03-May-18	\$3,680
IE180515	15-May-18	24-May-18	\$3,680
IE180626	26-Jun-18	05-Jul-18	\$3,680
IE180904	04-Sep-18	13-Sep-18	\$3,680
IE181016	16-Oct-18	25-Oct-18	\$3,780
IE181113	13-Nov-18	22-Nov-18	\$3,780
IE181225	25-Dec-18	03-Jan-19	\$4,280
IE190122	22-Jan-19	31-Jan-19	\$3,880
IE190212	12-Feb-19	21-Feb-19	\$3,880
Land Only: \$2880 Single Supplement: \$750			

- \* This tour is a guaranteed departure based on a minimum of 2 people. Full package prices above include airport taxes and fuel surcharges.
- \* Please refer to Page 7 for <u>Tour Inclusions</u> and <u>Extending Your Holiday</u> details.
- \* Land only price: Tour starts from <u>Arrival transfer in Delhi</u> to <u>Departure transfer</u> in Delhi; including Delhi - Varanasi - Delhi domestic air travel but excluding any international air tickets.
- \* Camera / video fees may apply in some sightseeing places (at your own expenses).
- \* India visa extra see page 8 for details.
- # Package prices of Singapore Airlines are for departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth. Any cost including hotel or meals incurred due to the connecting flight in Singapore will be at your own expenses.

Stopover in Singapore permitted if flying with Singapore Airlines; extra airport taxes apply. Land arrangement in Singapore can be arranged at additional cost.

Hotels used for this tour: 4\* Delhi Holiday Inn Mayur Vihar; 4\* Agra Man Singh Palace; 4\* Ranthambhore Shergarh Resort; 4\* Jaipur Hotel Man Singh Tower; 4\* Varanasi Meraden Grand Hotel or similar.

Pre / Post Stay: \$158(Delhi) / \$195 (Mumbai) per room per night with breakfast