

Golden Triangle With Khajuraho & Varanasi Tour

10 Days

Delhi • Jaipur • Agra • Orchha • Khajuraho • Varanasi



Our 10-day Golden Triangle with Khajuraho & Varanasi itinerary takes you through the great northern plains of India, traversed by the Ganges and Yamuna rivers, have been the cradle of the mighty empires of the last two millennia, from the Mauryan dynasty that reached its zenith under Ashoka in the 3rd century BC to the powerful Mughals whose glorious architectural legacy is evident in the many forts, palaces and temples that remain. An introduction to the varied splendors of the subcontinent.

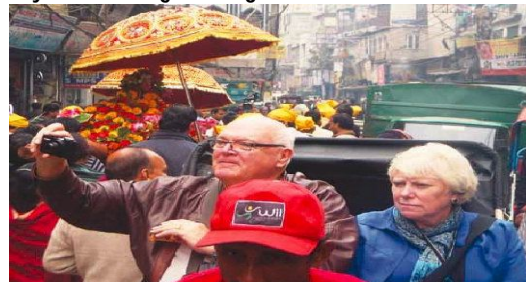
TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Free and easy tour * Comprehensive sightseeing tours * UNESCO World Heritage Sites Visit * English speaking guided sightseeing's * Historic Delhi, India's capital city * Agra known for the Taj Mahal * The royal city of Jaipur * Travel to Khajuraho, the "city of the gods, with its incredible temples * Varanasi - the religious capital of India * Explore the ancient, winding bazaars of old Delhi by rickshaw * Adventure of Riding a decorated painted elephant to ascend the hilltop Amber Fort in the royal city of Jaipur * Visit to magnificent forts & palaces of Jaipur * Visit to the awe-inspiring Taj Mahal * Cultural evening in a famous ethnic village resort in Jaipur * Sound and Light show in Khajuraho depicts the great history of Bundelkhand and the glorious insight of the famous temples of Khajuraho * Unique experience of a sunset and sunrise boat cruise on the Ganges River to witness religious and cultural rituals * Visit to the finest museums of the country * In-depth knowledge on Indian rich Culture, Traditions, Arts, Crafts, History, Heritage, Religions and much more * Visit to the finest museums of the country * Russian speaking guided sightseeing's * A delightful and thrilling shopping experience * Indian classical dance performance and farewell dinner in Delhi.

Day 01: Arrive Delhi

Arrive Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport this evening. You will be met at the airport by PCTI representative who give you a warm welcome by fresh flower garlands and transfer to your hotel by your deluxe air-conditioned Car/Coach. On arrival check in & evening free for relax. Overnight at hotel.

Day 02: Delhi Sightseeing



Morning after leisurely breakfast we leave for a sightseeing tour of **Old & New Delhi**. In **Old Delhi** where we visit **Jama Masjid**, this immense mosque is both the largest in India and the final architectural extravaganza of Shah Jahan with a courtyard capable of holding 25,000 devotees. The highlight of the tour is an exhilarating **bicycle rickshaw ride** through the bustling and colourful streets of the fabled shopping bazaar, Chandni Chowk (Silver Street). We drive past **Red Fort citadel** and reach **Raj Ghat**, a memorial to Mahatma Gandhi is a simple black marble platform that marks the spot of his cremation on 31 January, 1948. Two museums dedicated to Gandhi are located nearby. In **New Delhi** we visit the 11th century **Qutab Minar Tower**, a **UNESCO World Heritage Site** built by Qutub-ud-din Aibek of the Slave Dynasty, who took possession of Delhi in 1206. It is a red sandstone tower, standing tall at a height of 72.5 metres and is covered with intricate carvings and verses from the holy Qur'an. **The India Gate**, a memorial raised in honour of the Indian soldiers martyred during the Afghan war and drive past the grand government buildings **the President's House** and **Parliament House** all dating back to the time of British Raj. Overnight at hotel.

Day 03: Delhi / Jaipur (250 Km / 5 Hrs)

Morning we travel to the **royal city of Jaipur**, also known as 'The Pink City' due to the predominant colour of its buildings. Throbbing, vibrant capital city of the colourful state of Rajasthan where the regal ambience of yesteryear is still felt throughout the city's numerous carved arches and once-bejewelled fortress walls. On arrival we check inn to our hotel. Evening we visit **Birla Temple** also known as Laxmi Narayan Mandir. Built in a contemporary manner, covers the vast lands of the city of Jaipur. The temple stands erect on a raised platform, at the footsteps of the Moti Dungri Hill. This temple is constructed in the finest quality of white marble. The three huge domes of the temple represent three different approaches to the religion. The beautiful white marble temple mesmerizes the onlookers, when it glows at night. We witness **Arti ceremony** at Birla Temple. Later at the time of dinner visit unique 5 star ethnic resort **Chokhi Dhani** in village ambience with **puppet shows, folk dances astrology, camel ride**. Return to the hotel for overnight stay. Overnight at hotel.

city tour of Jaipur visiting Maharaja's **City Palace**, the former Royal residence, part of it converted into a museum. A small portion is still used by the Royal family of Jaipur. One of the major attractions in the museum is the portion known as armoury museum, housing an impressive array of weaponry-pistols, blunderbusses, flintlocks, swords, rifles and daggers. Later we visit **Jantar Mantar (Observatory)**, a **UNESCO World Heritage Site** which is the largest stone and marble crafted observatory in the world, having 17 large instruments, many of them still in working condition. During the tour we will also have a brief photography stop at **Hawa Mahal** - the Palace of Winds. Later in the evening we explore the city on our own and indulge in shopping for gemstones, silver jewellery, Paintings, blue pottery and hand printed textiles that Jaipur is renowned for. Overnight at hotel.

Day 05 : Jaipur/Fatehpur Sikri/Agra (250 Km / 5 Hrs)

After breakfast we drive leisurely to the home of the breathtaking white-marble **Taj Mahal - Agra**, takes us through the images of rural India. Agra was established as the Mughal capital in 1526 and is known for its chaotic and vibrant marketplace (chowk), endless auto rickshaw touts, plentiful souvenir vendors, historic temples and many grand, ancient monuments and tombs. Enroute visit **Fatehpur Sikri - a UNESCO World Heritage Site** which has been described as "the world's most perfectly preserved ghost town". Built by Akbar in the late 16th century, it was abandoned after only 14 years, and the elegant buildings of this superb walled city remain intact to this day. Overnight at hotel.



Day 06 : Agra

After enjoying a hearty breakfast at the hotel we leave to explore the monumental heritage of the Great Mughals, including the magnificent **Taj Mahal** (Closed on Fridays), a **UNESCO World Heritage Site** one of the Seven Wonders of the World and surely the most extravagant expression of love ever created. 20,000 men laboured for over 17 years to build this memorial to Shah Jahan's beloved wife. It's a wealth of white marble and semi-precious stone - « **undoubtedly the highlight of the tour** » Post lunch tour of the imposing **Agra Fort**, a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**, this powerful fortress of red sandstone encompasses, within its 2.5-km-long enclosure walls, the imperial city of the Mughal rulers. It comprises many fairy-tale palaces, such as the Jahangir Palace and the Khas Mahal, built by Shah Jahan; audience halls, such as the Diwan-i-Khas; and two very beautiful mosques. Later we have some free time to explore the local handicrafts and shopping centers of the city where one can look for marble inlay work, fine quality carpets, Zari and embroidery, leather goods etc. Overnight at hotel.

fort, three are especially worth visiting. **The Ram Raja Mandir** was originally a palace and became a temple more by accident than design. An image of Ram was installed while the temple, **The Chaturbhuj** was being built for it. For some reason the image could not be moved from the palace and despite its spires and ornate decoration became a sacred place. Linked to the Ram Raja is the **Lakshminarayan temple**, the interiors of which have some of the best preserved murals and wall paintings in Orchha. Overnight at hotel.



Day 08: Orchha / Khajuraho (200 Km / 04 Hrs)

After breakfast our drive takes us to **Khajuraho**, the legendary temples of Khajuraho built in the 9th and the 10th century are an incomparable experience. Acknowledged as one of the world's artistic wonders. Khajuraho has achieved fame for the sensual appeal of its erotic sculptures. On arrival we check inn to our Hotel. Post lunch we visit the exquisite **10th century temples of Khajuraho**, a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**. Evening we witness the fascinating **Son-et-Lumière** spectacle evokes the life and times of the great Chandela Kings and traces the story of the unique temples from the 10th Century to the present day. Mounted in the complex of the Western Group of temples. Overnight at hotel.

Day 09: Khajuraho - Varanasi (9W 724, 1325/1415)

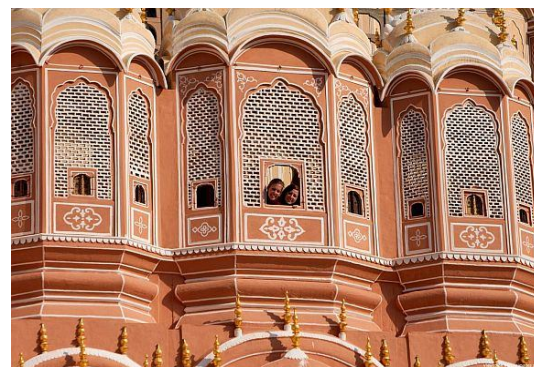
After leisurely breakfast, Transfer to Khajuraho airport for flight to **Varanasi**. Meeting at airport and transfers to the hotel. On the way visit to **Sarnath**, where Buddha in deer park, having received his divine enlightenment, held his first sermon in 528 BC, called Dharamachakra (wheel of law), the basic principles of his teaching. In the park is sacred Bo tree under which Buddha stood and a temple (stupa) in which stored urn with relics of the Buddha. Evening visiting and enjoying **Ganga Arti** - sacred Hindu ritual on the banks of the Ganges River, where a beating of drums, chanting of mantras, throwing on flowers in the water, incense and lighted torches express worship before deities and sacred river. Overnight at hotel.

Day 10: Fly Varanasi / Delhi & Depart Home (SG 119, 1615/1740)

Morning **Boat Trip** on the waters of the sacred Ganges River - welcome the sunrise with the believers, washing and bathing in the sacred river. Breakfast at hotel. Overview tour of **Varanasi** - the religious capital of India, one of the oldest continuously inhabited cities in the

Day 04: Jaipur

After breakfast we leave for sightseeing in **Jaipur** and visit **Amber Fort**, here we will enjoy the **Elephant Ride** to reach a top of the palace. This journey on embellished elephants is bound to enrich your memories with the Royal lifestyle of the Maharajas and leave you with a truly unforgettable experience. Inside the Fort visit the Hall of Victory or Jag Mandir and Sheesh Mahal - a room with all the four walls and ceiling completely embedded with glittering mirror pieces, which were specially imported from Belgium during that period. Afternoon continue your journey: - with the



IMPORTANT POINTS TO NOTE :

- In case of non-availability of accommodation in any of the above mentioned hotels during the required dates similar category of hotels will be provided.
- In case of group the domestic flights for accompanied Indian tour guide will be charged extra.
- We suggest that the passengers should be covered by Travel, medical, health and other types of insurance. These cannot be obtained in India.
- The mentioned prices are nett and non-commissionable.
- The prices are valid as per the validity period mentioned in price table.
- 01 Tour Leader FOC with minimum 15 paying pax group. If group size is less than 15 paying pax than there will be no TL discount possible.
- As per the hotels policy there will be a supplement charge for compulsory X-Mas & New Year Evening gala dinner at respective hotels of stay which will be advised when required.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Booking Procedure

Booking will be confirmed on receipt of advance deposit only.

- We require 25% advance deposit to hold the booking.
- Balance 75% must reach us 30 days prior to tour departure date.

LIABILITY

The prices are subject to amendment should the Transporters/ Hoteliers amend their rates prior to commencement of the tour **PACIFIC CLASSIC TOURS (INDIA)**, while undertaking tours, transportation, hotel accommodation and other services only act as an agent on the clear understanding that they shall not be, in any way responsible or liable for any accident, damage, loss, delay or inconvenience caused in connection with the travel facilities arranged by the Company, its employees or agents. All bookings are accepted and executed with utmost care, yet no responsibility is undertaken for any change or deviation on account of factors beyond our control.

REFUND

After commencement of Travel, no refund in full or in part will be given for services includes in the program, which are not utilized.

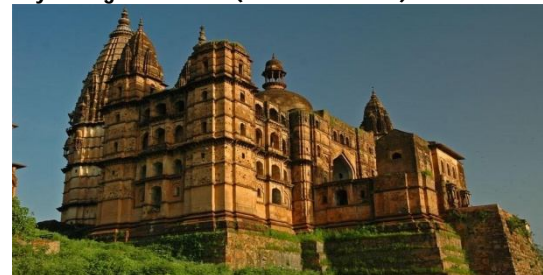
HOTEL CHECK IN – CHECK OUT TIME

Hotel Check in - Check out time is 12 noon. Extended check in - check out time may be granted subject to availability and agreement by the participating hotels.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

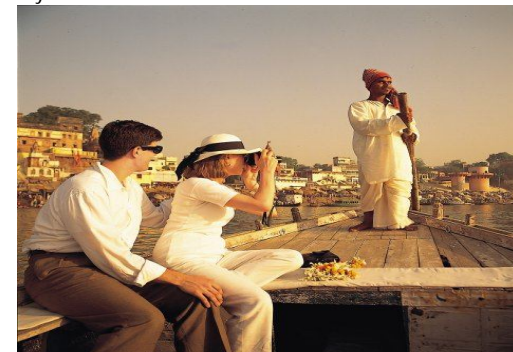
It is the Tour member responsibility to ensure that they have valid passports and visas, where necessary.

Day 07: Agra / Orchha (225 Km / 04 Hrs)



This morning we drive towards **Orchha**, The town was established by Maharaja Rudra Pratap Singh in 1501, as the seat of an eponymous former princely state of central India, in the Bundelkhand region. Orchha lies on the Betwa River set amongst a complex of well-preserved palaces and temples. Post lunch sightseeing of Orchha including visit to the **Fort**, The fort is reached by an arched bridge and the three palaces set in an open courtyard within the fort are the first buildings to explore. The tiered **Jahangir Mahal** was built in 1606 to commemorate the visit of Emperor Jahangir. **The Raj Mahal**, to the right of the courtyard, was built by Madhukar Shah and has bold colorful murals inside. The third palace, **Rai Praveen Mahal**, which is a two storey brick structure set in the gardens of Anand Mahal. Of the many temples within the

world. Of authentic Hindi, the city is called "Baranas." Legend has it that the city was founded by Lord Shiva, who became a major religious center of India. Here are some of the most prominent Hindu temples - **Kashi Vishvanat, St. Mochan, Durga** and many others. Varanasi was the capital of the Indian silk fabrics and saris. During the tour, visit the **Durga temple, Bharat Mata** and other tourist sites of the town. After lunch transfer to airport for flight to Delhi. Meeting at the airport. Transfer to the city. **Dinner at a popular restaurant with classical Indian dance program.** Transfer to international airport for flight to your onward destination.



HOTELS TO BE USED OR SIMILAR

CITY	3 STAR	4 STAR	5 STAR	NIGHTS
Delhi	Peppermint	Golden Tulip	Crown Plaza	02
Jaipur	Libra	Ramada	Trident	02
Agra	Taj Vilas	Howard Plaza	Trident	02
Orchha	Amar Mahal	Amar Mahal	Amar Mahal	01
Khajuraho	Usha Bundela	Ramada	Clarks Khajuraho	01
Varanasi	Meraden Grand	HHI	Radisson	01

PRICE GIVEN FOR HIGH SEASON - 01 OCTOBER TILL 31 MARCH

PRICE FOR LOW SEASON – ON REQUEST

PRICE PRIVATE & GROUP - GOLDEN TRIANGLE TOUR WITH KHAJURAHOO & VARANASI

PARTICULAR	3 STAR	4 STAR	5 STAR	FLIGHTS
02 – 06 Pax	USD 699	USD 799	USD 997	USD 200
Single Supplement	USD 262	USD 298	USD 374	HJR-VNS-DEL
07 – 15 Pax	USD 652	USD 756	USD 949	USD 200
Single Supplement	USD 244	USD 284	USD 355	HJR-VNS-DEL
16 -25 Pax	USD 581	USD 685	USD 878	USD 200
Single Supplement	USD 218	USD 257	USD 329	HJR-VNS-DEL
26 -35 Pax	USD 543	USD 648	USD 840	USD 200
Single Supplement	USD 203	USD 243	USD 315	HJR-VNS-DEL

PRICE INCLUDES FOLLOWING FEATURES

- Accommodation on twin sharing basis including all applicable hotel taxes.
- Daily American breakfast in the hotel of stay.
- Transfers and sightseeing's by air-conditioned vehicle as per tour itinerary.
- Upto 06 Pax all sightseeing's with English speaking local Guides.
- For 07 & above pax accompanied English speaking guide/escort throughout.
- Entrance Fees of all monuments/museums mentioned in the itinerary.
- Elephant ride to ascend the hilltop Amber Fort in the royal city of Jaipur.
- Jeeps at Amber Fort in Jaipur to drive down from hilltop fort.
- Battery bus ride at Taj Mahal & Fatehpur Sikri from parking till monument.
- Cultural evening in a famous ethnic village resort in Jaipur.
- A rickshaw (Tricycle) ride through the busy streets and bazaars of Delhi.
- A rickshaw (Tricycle) ride through the busy streets and bazaars of Varanasi.
- Sound & Light show in the famous temples of Khajuraho.
- Sunset and Sunrise boat cruise on the Ganges River in Varanasi.
- Farewell dinner & Indian Classical Dances program in Delhi. (Dance program is subject to availability).
- 01 Tour Leader FOC with minimum 15 paying pax group.
- All government taxes and service charges.
- Our Personal care and attention.

Policy Regarding Cancellation / NO SHOW / EARLY DEPARTURE

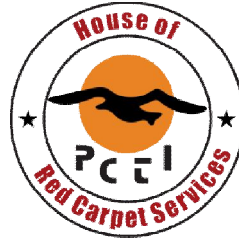
In the event of cancellation of tour / travel services - due to any avoidable / unavoidable reason, we must be informed in writing. Cancellation charges would be effective from the date we receive advice in writing and cancellation charges would be as follow-

- Before 60 days – No cancellation charge.
- From 60 days to 45 days - 10% of the total tour / service cost
- From 45 days to 15 days - 15% of the total tour / service cost
- From 15 days to 07 days - 25% of the total tour / service cost
- From 07 days to 02 days (48 hrs) - 50% of the total tour / service cost
- From 48 hours to arrival or NO SHOW - NO REFUND

In case of Special Train Journey and peak season hotel bookings a separate cancellation policy is applicable (which would be advised as and when required). In case you cancel the trip after commencement, refund would be restricted to a limited amount, which too would depend on the amount that we would be able to recover from the hoteliers/contractors we patronize. For unused hotel accommodation, chartered transportation & missed meals etc. we do not bear any responsibility to refund.

PRICE EXCLUDES FOLLOWING FEATURES

- Any Visa Charges.
- Any Int'l flights.
- Portorage
- Any camera fees at monuments.
- Any airport Tax
- Any meals except those mentioned.
- Tips to Drivers, Guides, at restaurants etc.
- Items of personal nature telephone calls, telegrams, table drinks, laundry etc.
- Anything not mentioned in the 'Price Include' head.



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