

GOLDEN TRIANGLE TOUR

Enjoy a taste of India on this outstanding tour to the most famous sights of the Subcontinent. Our 7 days Golden Triangle Tour Itinerary guides you to the most magical cities of India including Delhi, Agra and Jaipur presents a rich pageantry and mystique that reaches out to even the most matter-of-fact visitor. The country's capital city, an archaeological extravaganza set in the soft sand dunes and a wonder of the world, do you need more to feel the aesthetic splendor of India?

JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

Free and easy tour * Comprehensive sightseeing tours * World heritage sights visits * A delightful and thrilling shopping experience * In-depth knowledge on Indian rich Culture, Traditions, Arts, Crafts, History, Heritage, Religions and much more * Visit to the awe-inspiring Taj Mahal * Adventure of Riding a decorated painted elephant to ascend the hilltop Amber Fort in the royal city of Jaipur * Explore the ancient, winding bazaars of old Jaipur and Delhi by rickshaw * Cultural evening in a famous ethnic village resort in Jaipur * Indian classical dance performance and farewell dinner in Delhi

Day 5 Agra – Jaipur

Morning a leisurely drive to Jaipur, the fabled « pink city » takes us through the images of rural India. En route we stop at **Fatehpur Sikri**, which has been described as « the world's most perfectly preserved ghost town » built by emperor Akbar in the late 16th century. Overnight Hotel



Day 6 In Jaipur

Visit the dramatic hilltop fortress at **Amber**, ascend the imposing fort on a painted elephant. We wander among glittering inlays and the Hall of Mirrors. Later we also visit the elegant **Hawa Mahal** or « Palace of the Winds », **Maharajah's City Palace, Jantar Mantar Observatory**. Cultural evening in a famous ethnic village resort. Overnight Hotel



Day 7 Jaipur – Samode – Delhi/Jaipur

This morning we drive to **Samode** – 50 Kms from Jaipur famous for the elegant **Samode Palace**, we explore the splendid Palace and also have the lunch in the Palace. Later we have option to drive back Delhi. In Delhi evening farewell dinner at restaurant followed by Indian Classical Dances program and later transfer to the airport to board your homebound flight or you can go back to Jaipur to enjoy **Post Tour Extension for Kerala**.

EXTEND YOUR STAY

Not quite ready to end your holiday, take our extension trip to « Kerala » in South India – the green magic.

OPTIONAL POST – TOUR EXTENSION

Kerala

Enjoy the warmth and color of exotic Kerala, one of India's most vibrant regions. Explore the tranquil tropical backwaters, lined with swaying palms and simple fishing villages. Our Kerala extension program includes the unforgettable experience of spending the night on a unique houseboat.

Day 8 Jaipur – Cochin – Periyar

Fly to Cochin and continue by road to Periyar. Overnight Hotel.

Day 9 Periyar – Kumarakom

After breakfast, we leave for 'safari cruise' on Lake Periyar, we slip slowly through the animals jungle environment. Afternoon we travel to Kumarakom. Overnight Hotel.

Day 10 In Kumarakom

Morning at leisure. Afternoon our houseboat will pick us up. There is the opportunity to spend an unforgettable afternoon and overnight cruising at a leisurely pace through Kerala's superb backwaters scenery in a private houseboat. Overnight Houseboat.

Day 11 Alleppey – Kovalam

Morning we disembark the houseboat at Alleppey and travel by road to Kovalam. Overnight Hotel.

Day 12 In Kovalam

Day at leisure to relax on the beach or enjoy massage at hotel. Overnight Hotel.

Day 13 Kovalam – Kanyakumari – Madurai- We drive Madurai, en route visit **Sree Padmanabhapuram Palace** in Kanyakumari. Overnight Hotel.

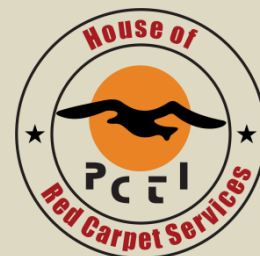
Day 14 In Madurai

Enjoy sightseeing including **Meenakshi Temple**, dedicated to consort of Lord Shiva with its towering Gopurams. Also visit **Tirumala Nayak Palace**, a gracious building in the Indo saracenic style, famous for Stuccowork on its domes & arches. There is also an extensive museum dedicated to the life and work of Mahatma Gandhi. Evening we enjoy **Sound and light show** at **Tirumala Nayak Palace** and later we leave to witness **Aarti ceremony** at **Meenakshi Temple**. Overnight Hotel.

Day 15 Madurai – Mumbai

Fly Mumbai and relax in the hotel till afternoon. Post lunch visit **Marine Drive, Albert museum** and the **Hanging gardens**. Evening « Tonga » ride (Horse drawn carriage) along the sea shore. Evening transfer to the airport to board your homebound flight.

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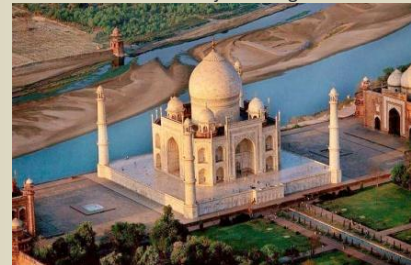


Day 1 Arrival Delhi

Warm welcome with fresh flower garlands, your room is available for immediate occupancy.

Day 2 In Delhi

Sightseeing tour of Old and New Delhi. We visit **Jama Masjid**, this immense mosque is the largest in India, **Red Fort citadel, Rickshaw Ride** in the local markets. Stop to see the **Qutab Minar Tower, the India Gate** and the **Grand Government Buildings, the President's House and Parliament House** all dating back to the time of British Raj. Overnight Hotel.



Day 3 Delhi – Agra

Our journey to the city of Taj, Agra takes us through the beautiful countryside. Evening visit to the magnificent **Taj Mahal at sunset** to watch the beautiful white marble turn slowly to soft, rosy pink - undoubtedly the highlight of the tour. Overnight Hotel.

Day 4 In Agra

The morning starts with the visit to imposing **Agra Fort**, built of red sandstone and marble is a cluster of mosques and palaces on the banks of the river. Afternoon visit to **Itmad-Ud-Daullah's tomb** or **Baby Taj**, less visited but much admired, it bears striking mosaics inlaid with sparkling stones. Evening explore on your own, shop or relax at your hotel's poolside. Overnight Hotel.