

India's Golden Triangle



trip highlights

Explore Raj Ghat, Humayun's Tomb and Qutab Minar in Delhi

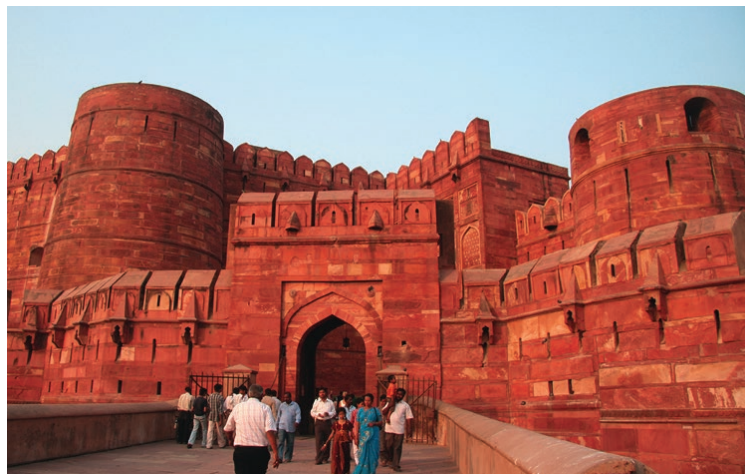
Revel in a sunrise at the spectacular Taj Mahal

Experience the Red Fort in Agra

Take in the splendour of the ancient Mughal city of Fatehpur Sikri

Discover the Amber Fort, Hawa Mahal, Jantar

Mantar and City Palace in Jaipur



Trip Duration	5 days	Trip Code: DJX
Grade	Discovery and Cruising	
Activities	Adventure Touring	
Summary	5 day trip, 4 nights hotels	

welcome to World Expeditions

For over 50 years, we've been creating high-quality, expedition-style adventures for active travellers with a curious spirit. From our very first trek in the mountains of Nepal to pioneering remote routes across all seven continents, our journeys are built for those who want to truly explore – not just visit.

At the heart of what we do is a simple philosophy: take the paths less travelled.

This means travelling with care, supporting local communities, minimising our impact, and unlocking experiences that most travellers will never have.

If you're ready to go further and dig deeper, we invite you to join us on the India's Golden Triangle, a journey that captures the essence of a unique adventure.

why travel with World Expeditions?

World Expeditions began in India back in 1978. Having gained invaluable experience over the years and having dealt with the same operator since the beginning, allows us to be sure of the quality of our trips. Our vehicles are well maintained, air conditioned and comfortable. Accommodation has been handpicked for its local character and charm whilst still maintaining a 3 star rating. Our itineraries are all inclusive, with most but not all meals included in the cost of your tour - we understand that there are times when you may want to explore the local markets and restaurants at your leisure. The knowledge and enthusiasm of our local guides ensures that we maintain the leading edge in adventure travel.



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These short extensions usually operate for a minimum of 2 passengers travelling together, however most can be done if you are travelling alone (Solo Traveller Surcharge). If there are two or more people travelling together who cannot or prefer not to share rooms a single supplement cost will be added to your invoice.

the trip

This trip is ideal if you are short on time but want to visit the icons of India. From the capital of Delhi, with its bustling markets, magnificent monuments and colonial past we head to Agra to view the well preserved Agra Fort and the stunning Taj Mahal. Truly one of the wonders of the world, see why it was described by Rabindranath Tagore as a 'teardrop on the face of eternity'. Then continue on to Jaipur, the capital of Rajasthan, discover why this is known as the Pink City and explore the incredible Amber Fort.

at a glance

DAY 1	ARRIVE DELHI
DAY 2	SIGHTSEEING IN DELHI, AFTERNOON DRIVE TO AGRA
DAY 3	SIGHTSEEING IN AGRA
DAY 4	FATEHPUR SIKRI, DRIVE TO JAIPUR
DAY 5	IN JAIPUR, DRIVE TO DELHI TRIP CONCLUDES

what's included

- 4 breakfasts
- English speaking local guide during all sightseeing tours
- comfortable accommodation based on twin share
- transfers on Day 1
- private vehicle
- sightseeing and entrance fees as listed in itinerary

Local cash payments are becoming increasingly popular with many operators in the adventure travel industry. The policy seems to benefit the tour operators, more than the local economies or travellers, as it avoids local taxes and transfers the cost and risk of cash handling to travellers. In accordance with our Responsible Travel practices we have chosen a policy not to ask for such payments.

what's not included

- International airfares
- Visas
- Travel Insurance (compulsory)
- Meals and beverages not mentioned in the itinerary
- Tips and gratuities
- Items of a personal nature such as laundry, phone calls, alcohol etc

detailed itinerary

DAY 1 Arrive Delhi

Upon arrival at Delhi airport (or train station) you will be met by our representative who will transfer you to your hotel. There are no activities planned for the rest of the day so you are free to explore this bustling capital city. Connaught Place. Commonly abbreviated as CP and also known as Rajiv Chowk, this is one of the main business, shopping, restaurants and markets areas of the city. It was developed as a showpiece of Lutyens' Delhi featuring a Central Business District. Named after the Duke of Connaught, the construction work was started in 1929 and completed in 1933.

India's capital is an exciting, busy, and often chaotic city but certainly one of the most interesting. Delhi comprises of conspicuously contrasting Old and New Delhi. Old Delhi was the capital of Muslim India between the 12th and 19th centuries and one can find mosques, monuments and forts related to this Muslim history.

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trip dates

Departs every day except Wednesday October to April.

important notes

Note: - Please note that departures can take place year-round. If you are considering a departure date between April and October, please consider that the weather will be hotter during this time. Please contact us for more details.

fast facts

Countries Visited:
India

Visas:
Yes*

Vaccinations:
Please consult a travel vaccination specialist for up to date information

Private Groups:
Private group options are available for this trip*

Singles:
Single travellers who are unable to be matched with another single traveller of the same gender, must pay a single supplement on this trip.

Leader:
Local sightseeing guide in each city

Advice for people with limited mobility
This trip is not suitable for people with limited mobility.

*Ask our staff for more information.

New Delhi is the imperial city created as India's capital by the British, intricately planned and comprises of imposing buildings displaying various modern styles of architecture.

For those arriving early, explore some of the many attractions on your own - explore the Janatar Mantar, wander the market of Janpath in CP, catch the metro anywhere, visit the Crafts Museum, Indira Gandhi Museum or Birla House (the site of Gandhi's assassination) or relax in the magical Lodi Gardens.

Overnight: The Metropolitan Hotel or similar
meals: NIL

DAY 2 Sightseeing in Delhi, afternoon drive to Agra

This morning, you will visit Raj Ghat, the cremation site of Mahatma Gandhi, revered as the father of the Nation. Next, you'll continue to Humayun's Tomb, believed to have been commissioned in 1565 AD by the widow of Mughal Emperor Humayun. The tomb's design is inspired by Islamic paradise gardens, and it famously influenced the Taj Mahal and later Mughal tombs. Afterwards, you'll explore the Qutab Minar, a stunning tower adorned with intricately carved quotations from the Koran, known as one of the finest towers in the Persian world. You'll also drive past the iconic Red Fort before embarking on a 200km (approximately 4-hour) journey to Agra in the early afternoon. *Please note some monuments and museums in Delhi are closed on Mondays.

Overnight: Clarks Shiraz or similar
Driving: 200km/124mi / approx. 2hrs
meals: B

DAY 3 Sightseeing in Agra

You depart the hotel early this morning and make your way to the Taj Mahal to watch as the sun rises over this extraordinary building. Built by Shah Jahan as a mausoleum for his wife Mumtaz Mahal, the beauty of this structure is unmatched. On the death of his beloved wife, in wild extravagance, Shah Jahan built her this memorial. 20,000 men laboured for over 17 years to build this wealth of white marble and precious stone. You will have time to walk the corridors and gardens before continuing on to the Agra Fort.

With its grand courtyards, royal pavilions, and palaces, the Agra Fort is a fitting testimony to the Great Moghuls - Akbar, Jahangir, and Shah Jahan - during the era when Agra was the capital of the Moghul Empire. The most impressive part of the Fort is the Dewan-e-Am, where the Emperor sat on his throne to dispense to his subjects, and the Dewan-e-Khas where he received foreign dignitaries.

A brief visit is also made to the marble inlay workshop, where you can see the art that went into the inlay work at the Taj Mahal. This workshop has revived this almost forgotten art style in India. You will also visit the tomb of Itmad-ud-Daula, father of Queen Nur Jahan - a two-storied tomb bearing mosaics in inlaid semi-precious stones.

You will then return to your hotel where you will have free time. If time permits, you should visit Itmad-ud-Daula, known as the 'Baby Taj'; it was built before the Taj

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thoughtful travel

The environments we travel through are fragile. It is our responsibility as visitors to minimise the impact of our presence. World Expeditions were the proud recipients of the inaugural Australian National Travel Industry's Environmental Achievement award for our Responsible Travel Guidebook. This detailed guide to responsible and sustainable travel is provided to all World Expeditions clients before they travel. Please ask your consultant if you have not received your copy of our award winning book. Alternatively, you may like to download a copy from our website www.worldexpeditions.com

Elephant Welfare

For centuries throughout Asia the elephant has been revered, as well as utilised for the purpose of logging. However in the late 80s the use of elephants in the logging industry was banned because of over-logging, and so mahouts turned to the tourism industry for income. As a result elephant tourism experiences have popped up throughout Asia and it can be difficult for travellers to resist the temptation to ride these beautiful and incredibly intelligent creatures. In recent years there has been much research into the impact of tourism activities on elephants' well-being. From the brutal taming of baby elephants called 'the crush' to ongoing confinement and the mere fact that the elephants spine is not meant to carry heavy weights there are many instances where incorrect management results in a negative impact for the elephants. Because of this World Expeditions discourages travellers from riding on the back of elephants and we do not include elephant rides in our itineraries throughout our global program and across all World Expeditions brands. There are a few carefully selected elephant orphanages and sanctuaries in South East Asia and India that we include in some of our itineraries because we believe their operations put the elephants' well-being before the tourist experience.

trip grading

Mahal by Nur Jahan, queen of Jehangir, for her parents. The first Mughal building to be faced with white marble, it is also where 'pietra dura' (precious stones inlaid into marble) was first used.

Agra is a great place to try barbecue meats (kebabs) mixed with Indian spices. Petha, pieces of white pumpkin dipped in sugar syrup, and Gajak, a crumbly sweet made with sesame and jaggery, are delicious local sweets you should try. They are sold everywhere.

Overnight: Clarks Shiraz or similar

*Please note the Taj Mahal is closed on Fridays

meals: B

DAY 4 Fatehpur Sikri, drive to Jaipur

After breakfast, you set off for Jaipur by road, covering a distance of 240km (approximately 5 hours). Along the way, you visit the hauntingly beautiful ghost city of Fatehpur Sikri.

Built from red sandstone by Emperor Akbar in 1569, the city was abandoned just 14 years later due to a failed water supply. Its grand courtyards and majestic palaces evoke the splendour of a bygone era. You will explore the impressive Jami Masjid, the tomb of Shaik Salim Chisti, who foretold the birth of Akbar's son Jehangir, and the unique Panch Mahal, a five-storey structure that resembles a Buddhist temple. You'll also visit the cloistered courtyard, once the Hall of Public Audience, and the Pachchisi courtyard, paved in black and white, where the Emperor played chess using slave girls as living pieces.

Overnight: Alsisar Haveli or similar

Driving: 240km/150mi / approx. 5hrs

meals: B

DAY 5 In Jaipur, drive to Delhi trip concludes

Early this morning, after breakfast, you set off for a full day of sightseeing in Jaipur. Your first stop is the Amber Fort, a stunning honey-coloured fortress-palace nestled in the Aravalli Hills, just north of the city. Its imposing exterior conceals the splendour of the royal apartments, which offer breathtaking views of the surrounding gorge. The Hall of Victory showcases a dazzling array of decorative art, with alabaster panels finely inlaid in delicate hues, and the mesmerising Chamber of Mirrors.

Next, you return to the city to visit the Hawa Mahal (Palace of Winds), a remarkable structure adorned with intricate honeycomb screens and carved balconies. From these, the royal ladies, secluded in their chambers, once observed the bustling streets below. You will then explore Jai Singh's Observatory, built in the 17th century by the city's founder, who was not only a prince but also a soldier, astronomer, and architect.

The tour concludes at the City Palace, now a museum housing an impressive collection of Rajput and Mughal paintings, rare manuscripts, an armoury, antique carpets, and intricately embroidered garments worn by the Maharajas and Maharanis.

After your sightseeing, you will drive to Delhi, where the trip concludes. If you require additional accommodation in Delhi, please contact World Expeditions.

Driving: 300km/186mi / approx. 4hrs

meals: B

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Discovery and Cruising

These are our least demanding trips and involve little or no extended activity. They are suitable for people with a basic level of fitness and good health. The itinerary involves long travel days on various types of transport.

adventure travel

By its very nature adventure travel involves an element of the unexpected. In remote and developing countries do not expect standards you are used to at home. Remote areas are sometimes unpredictable and itineraries may be altered. To get the most out of your adventure it is important that you are flexible, positive and eager to take on all the challenges that arise. If you are uncertain about your suitability for this trip we recommend that you speak with your consultant or travel agent.

important note

These trip notes represent the most current information for this itinerary, and may supersede any information on our website, including but not limited to the itinerary and price. The itinerary should be seen as a guide only. This itinerary may change at any time due to inclement weather, forces of nature and other circumstances beyond our control.

country information

It's hard to imagine a more enticing destination in anyone's books. India is exciting, exhilarating, romantic and exotic. A vast subcontinent, India has an incredible rich history and culture, a diversity of people, scenery, religions and architecture to rival any place on earth and for the inquisitive traveller, it is simply unmissable. The land is geographically diverse, from Himalayan mountains and far ranging deserts in the north, to lush coconut palms and white sandy beaches in the south. Ancient influences and the modern world constantly blend and evolve in a way that can only be described as natural. India is a wonderful country with a heart and soul that will inspire and intrigue! Love it or hate it, India has continued to fascinate travellers for thousands of years.

India is the largest country in the subcontinent and shares borders with Pakistan to the west, China and Nepal to the north, Bhutan to the north-east and Bangladesh and Myanmar to the east. Sri Lanka, the Maldives lie to the south in the Indian Ocean. It is the seventh largest country in the world by area and prides itself on being the largest democracy on earth.

India's people are colourful and inspiring and it is home to three of the world's greatest religions - Hindu, Sikh and Buddhist. Though predominantly Hindu, in which many people still live their lives according to the complicated caste structure, the Muslim community, who came to India in the twelfth century also form an integral part of the Indian community. The population of India now exceeds one billion, and although more than a thousand languages are spoken, English is the second language and is widely taught in Indian schools.

climate

Climate in India varies greatly, from the arid deserts of Rajasthan, to the snow covered mountains in Uttarakhand, to the humid and tropical south and the lush green and wet highlands of the North East.

Basically India has three-seasons - the hot, the humid wet monsoon and the cool. The heat starts to build up on the northern plains, including Delhi and Rajasthan, around mid March and by late April it becomes extremely hot - expect 35-45°C (95-113°F) days in most places. The first signs of the main monsoon, from the southwest, appear in May with high humidity, short rainstorms and violent electrical storms. The monsoon rains begin in the extreme south and slowly move north to cover the whole country by early July and generally ends by late September. The monsoon doesn't really cool things off, but it's a great relief - especially to farmers.

A second monsoon, the short and surprisingly wet northeastern monsoon, brings rain from mid-October to the end of December. This affects generally affects the eastern and southern coast including Orissa, Tamil Nadu and Kerala.

India's northern states become cooler during November to February each year. Expect daytime temperatures to be between 15-25°C (59-77°F). In late December and January it can be very cold at night in Uttar Pradesh and the desert regions of Rajasthan, between 0-5°C (32-41°F). In south, basically anywhere below Mumbai, during this time, it never really gets cool, the temperatures are comfortably warm rather than hot.

dietary requirements

Provided we are advised in advance of your departure we are able to cater for vegetarian diets and can assist with medically recommended diets (allergies and intolerances). Please ensure you discuss your requirements with us well in advance (at least 1 month prior to your trip) to determine whether we can cater to such dietary requirements on your chosen adventure. Please note that options are likely to be limited in very remote locations or alternatives may be more expensive or unavailable. There may be times when those with special requirements may need to provide their own food. We are unable to guarantee a peanut-free or allergen-free trip, and therefore, we strongly encourage that travellers with life-threatening or severe allergies

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take all necessary medical precautions to prepare for the possibility of exposure. Passengers must travel with all necessary medications for food allergies and be capable of self-administering these medications.

equipment required

There is no specialised equipment required for this trip however a suggested gear list is supplied in the pre-departure information provided on booking.

vehicles & safety

During the course of your trip, we will use a variety of vehicles, all of which are fit for purpose and the conditions encountered. It should be noted that laws governing transportation safety may differ from those in your home country and whilst wherever possible, vehicles with seatbelts are provided, on occasion some vehicles may not have seat belts fitted.

visas

India Entry Requirements – e-Visa and e-Arrival Card

1. Mandatory: e-Visa (Electronic Travel Authorisation)

All travellers must obtain an electronic visa (e-Visa), officially known as an Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA), before arriving in India.

Visas are not available on arrival.

This applies to citizens of eligible countries, including Australia, New Zealand, the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom.

When to Apply

- e-Visas can be submitted from 120 days before arrival
- Early application is strongly recommended.

Apply only via the official government site:

<https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/evisa/tvoa.html>

What You Need to Know

- Print a hard copy of your approved e-Visa – required at airport check-in
- Your passport must be machine-readable – handwritten or damaged passports may be refused
- Your visa will be stamped into your passport on arrival
- Immigration queues can be lengthy, regardless of visa type
- Not all Indian airports accept e-Visa entry – confirm your arrival airport is eligible

e-Visa Types

- Tourist e-Visas are available for 30 days or one year, check with your reservations consultant to confirm the appropriate option.
- Avoid third-party providers – only apply through the official website

2. Mandatory: e-Arrival Card (Within 72 Hours of Travel)

In addition to the e-Visa, all travellers must complete an e-Arrival Card online within 72 hours prior to arrival in India.

This applies to:

- All foreign passport holders, including Australian citizens
- Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) cardholders

Apply here:

<https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/earrival/>

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How to Complete the e-Arrival Card

1. Gather your details – passport, visa (if applicable), flight itinerary and accommodation
2. Visit the official site – linked above
3. Complete the form – enter your personal, passport, travel and stay information
4. Submit online – must be completed before departure

We recommend completing this as early as possible within the 72-hour window to avoid delays at immigration.

Please bear in mind that visas may be required for countries you are visiting en route or transiting through on the way to your destination. It is important that you check the requirements of all countries you will visit. Visa costs and requirements do change regularly so we suggest you check with your travel agent or World Expeditions reservations consultant. It is your responsibility to obtain all necessary visas.

webinars & events

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private groups

The adventures that you see on our website are just a starting point. We operate many of our trips, which means we can be flexible and create an itinerary to suit your interests and dates. Talk to our team, you'll be surprised how much more affordable it can be when you get a group of friends, colleagues, a club – you name it, to travel with you!

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trip availability

We operate small group adventures, which means availability is always worth checking early. Check trip availability online or call our team who might be able to dig a little deeper for you to find what you want, when you want.

Many adventures require services that, if not available at the time you book (like an internal flight or permit) could mean the trip is unavailable. So, book early to avoid missing out on your dream adventure.



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how to book

Check trip availability and book your tour online, or call or visit one of our offices. To book a trip, you will need to complete a Booking Form (online or request a PDF) and pay a non-refundable deposit. Please note that when booking our tours to not confirm any additional arrangements until all services related to your tour are confirmed by your dedicated Reservations Consultant.