



INDIA'S LUXURY GOLDEN TRIANGLE WITH VARANASI TOUR

10 days India's Luxury golden triangle with Varanasi tour two internal flights Delhi-Varanasi-Delhi is an exclusive package offered by Himalayan Social Journey. In this tour, you will visit major places of India within a short period of time. You will visit the capital city of India, Delhi. And then traverse to the holy pilgrimage site, Varanasi. Before making your way into city of temples, veranas, you will visit ancient traditional vity of Jaipur. In Delhi, you will visit Red Fort, Jamia Masjid & Chandni Chowk , Humayun's Tomb , Qutub Minar Lotus Temple and India Gate. Likewise, you will visit City Palace, Jantar-Mantar (Observatory), Hawa Mahal, Albert Hall Museum ,Amer Fort and Jal Mahal. Furthermore, you will visit Agra, the home of the Taj Mahal and the historic Agra fort.

Outline Itinerary (10 Days)

Day 1 : Arrival Day

On arrival at Delhi airport meet and greet by our representative later transfer to your hotel. Stay overnight at Hotel.

Day 2 : Old Delhi City Tour with Delhi Metro and Rickshaw Ride in Old Town

After breakfast Sightseeing tour of Old Delhi

Start By visiting the

Jama Masjid:- Jama Masjid is another marvelous treasure of the Old City, and is the largest mosque in India. Its courtyard can hold an incredible 25,000 devotees. The mosque took 13 years to build, and was completed in 1650. A strenuous climb to the top of its southern tower will reward you with a stunning view across the rooftops of Delhi. Be sure to dress appropriately when visiting the mosque or you won't be allowed in. This means covering your head, legs and shoulders. Attire is available there.

Chandni Chowk:- The Chandni Chowk (Moonlight Square) is one of the oldest and busiest markets in Old Delhi, India. Chandni Chowk is located close to Old Delhi Railway Station. The Red Fort monument is located within the market. It was built in the 17th century by Mughal Emperor of India Shah Jahan and designed by his daughter Jahanara. The market was once divided by canals (now closed) to reflect moonlight and remains one of India's largest wholesale markets.

Spice Market :- A bit west of Chandni Market you will find yourself on Khari Baoli Road in the heart of Asia's largest wholesale spice market. Here we found hundreds of shops dealing in refined, local and exotic spices. This large market area is rich in color and photographic opportunities, and is well worth seeking out. Before heading to Red fort we will stop for lunch after lunch we will visit

Red Fort:- Delhi's most famous monument, the Red Fort, stands as a powerful reminder of the Mughal emperors who ruled India. Its walls, which stretch for over two kilometers (1.2 miles), were built in 1638 to keep out invaders. However, they failed to stop the fort being captured by the Sikhs and the British. Stay overnight at Hotel in Delhi.

Day 3 : Delhi / Jaipur

After breakfast proceed to Jaipur.

We will have First coffee Break for 15-20 min after crossing the Delhi. After Reaching Jaipur we will have lunch and then start a sightseeing tour of few places of Jaipur visit:-

City Palace:- situated in the heart of the old City, it occupies about one seventh of the old city area. The palace is a blend of Rajput and Mughal architecture, it houses a Seven storeyed Chandra Mahal in the centre, which affords a fine view of the gardens and the city. Diwan-E-Am (Hall of public audience) has intricate decorations and collection of manuscripts, Diwan-E-Khas (Hall of private audience) has a marble paved gallery Mubarak Mahal has a rich collection of costumes and textiles. There is a Clock Tower near Mubarak Mahal. SilehKhana has a collection of armory and weapons.

JantarMantar:- built in 18th century by Maharaja Sawai Jai Singh II, the huge masonry instruments were used to study the movement of constellations and stars in the sky. Enormous sun-dial still provides accurate time, which is subject to daily corrections.

Albert Hall Museum:- situated in the Ram Niwas Garden. This graceful building was founded in 1876 by Prince Albert (also known as Albert Hall). It has a rare collection of archaeological and handicraft pieces. Later back to Hotel, Stay overnight at Hotel in Jaipur.

Day 4 : Jaipur

Early morning after breakfast proceed to sightseeing tour of Jaipur, Direct sunlight on the Hawa Mahal is most amazing sights to see from outside and will stop there for photo shoot

HawaMahal:- built in 1799, by Maharaja Sawai Pratap Singh, is the most recognizable monument of Jaipur. The 5 storied stunning semi-octagonal monument having 152 windows with over hanging latticed balconies is a fine piece of Rajput architecture. Originally designed for the royal ladies to watch and enjoy the processions and other activities, on the street below. Now it houses a well laid out museum. The display “Jaipur past and present” is the special feature of this newly setup museum.

Later drive to Amer Fort there experience the Jeep Ride/Elephant ride from old town to reach the Courtyard of Amer fort , Back days king army used same route.

Amer Fort:- The old capital of the Kachhwahas stands atop a range of craggy hills. The fort is remarkable as much for the majestic grandeur of its surroundings as for its sturdy battlements and beautiful palaces. It is a fine blend of Hindu and Muslim architecture. The solemn dignity of its red sandstone and white marble pavilions, when reflected in the lake at the foot hill, is a sight to behold. The original palace was built by Raja Man Singh.

JalMahal:- On the way Back From Amber Fort , this small palace is set in the middle of Man Sagar Lake. Renovation around the lake is in progress.

After Sightseeing we will stop for lunch after visit most Unique Art of Jaipur which is Block printing. Evening free visit Local Markets Later back to Hotel, Stay overnight at hotel in Jaipur.

Day 5 : Jaipur / Agra

After breakfast proceed to Agra and visit en-route to:

FatehpurSikri:- Built by Akbar, the Mughal emperor in 1570, the city was a tribute to Sufi Saint. FatehpurSikri is a perfect blend of Indian, Islamic and Persian architecture and it was built using red sandstone. For around 10 years, the city remained the capital of Mughal Empire. The city has a 6-kilometer long wall on three sides and there are towers and gates. It houses some of the city's important buildings namely BulandDarwaza, Birbal's House, PanchMahal and Jama Masjid. The entire city along with all the important constructions including royal palaces, Jama Masjid and courts were declared as World.

Or optional

Abhaneri is a village in the Dausa district of Rajasthan state in India. It is situated at a distance of 95 km from Jaipur, on the Jaipur-Agra road. The place is popular for the Chand Baori step well and Harshat Mata Temple.

Later proceed to Agra. On arrival check in Hotel. Stay overnight at Hotel in Agra.

Day 6 : Agra / Delhi

Early Morning Sunrise visit to Taj Mahal

TajMahal:- You cannot think of Agra without thinking of TajMahal. Or, you might not have thought of Agra were it not for the monument of love. TajMahal, the white marble beauty was constructed by Shah Jahan in memory of his beloved wife, MumtazMahal. The monument stands proof for the brilliance of Mughal architecture. Named as one of the wonders of the world, TajMahal stands the test of time. It has been declared as World Heritage Site in the year 1983. It is a feast to your eyes and senses to watch the unmatched beauty on the night of full moon day. (*Taj Mahal Closed on every Friday)

Later Back to Hotel for Breakfast , after breakfast we will checkout and Visit:

Agra Fort :- You would regret if you miss Agra Fort during your visit to Agra. The 16th

century monument is yet another proof of the architectural brilliance of Mughals. This is situated near the gardens of the world famous TajMahal. Called the Red Fort of Agra, you will be awe inspired by the powerful fortress. The fortress comprises many palaces namely, Jahangir Palace, KhasMahal and so on. There are audience halls and two mosques. The entire fortress is a symbol of Mughal's grandeur. It was in Agra Fort Shah Jahan was held prisoner by Aurangzeb, his son. Shah Jahan, the emperor, spent his last days here viewing the monument of love he had built for his wife.

Afternoon proceed to Delhi, Check-in to the hotel, Stay overnight at hotel in Delhi.

Day 7 : Delhi / Varanasi

Morning after breakfast transfer to the airport to board the flight for Varanasi. Upon arrival in Varanasi, meet and greet with tour representative later transfer to the hotel.

Afternoon start a sightseeing tour of Varanasi By Experiencing the Old Town With Rickshaw Ride and visit:

Annapoorna Devi Temple:- Annapurna or Annapoorna is the Hindu Goddess of nourishment. Anna means food and grains. Purna means full, complete and perfect. She is form of Parvati, the consort of Shiva. The most well-known temple dedicated to Goddess Annapurna is in Varanasi, U.P., India. Adjacent to the Sanctum of the Goddess is the KasiViswanath temple. The two are separated by only a few yards. Annapurna is regarded as the queen of Varanasi alongside her husband Vishweshwar (Shiva), the King of Varanasi. In the temple, at noon time, food offerings to the

AssiGhat:- AsiGhat, the Ghat located at the confluence of Assi River and the holy Ganges, is the southernmost Ghat in Kashi. The Ghat is renowned for a spectacular and large Shiva Lingam placed under a Peepal Tree. This is a favorite spot for Hindu devotees to offer their prayers to Lord Shiva after taking holy dip in the river.

Bharat Mata Temple:- Bharat Mata Temple, a fairly new temple built in 1936 and located at KashiVidyapeeth Campus, is a shrine dedicated to Mother India. This temple was built by a Gandhian follower Babu Shiv Prasad Gupt and was inaugurated by Mahatma Gandhi.

Dashaswamedh Ghat:- Dashaswamedh Ghat, a much acclaimed religious spot, is a very favorite among the Hindu devotees and is considered as the main Ghat. It is believed that Lord Brahma performed his victorious Dasa_Ashwamedha (ten-horses) sacrifice in this spot. Legends claim that a similar kind of ten horse sacrifice was done here in the second century by Bhara Shiva Naga rulers.

Evening visit Ganges Aarti Ceremony:- Varanasi is a sacred and oldest city of the world located at the banks of the holy River Gange. Where, Gange aarti is performed daily in the evening by a group of priests at the Dashashwamedh ghat. Through the aarti, Agni Pooja is performed in which a commitment is made to the Lord Shiva, Mata Gange.

Stay overnight at hotel in Varanasi.

Day 8 : Varanasi (Boat ride Sunrise on Ganges) & Buddhist Temple Sarnath excursion Evening Flight Varanasi to Delhi

Sunrise at Ganges with Boat Ride, Later Back to Hotel for breakfast.

After breakfast relaxation at hotel afternoon visit to:

Banaras Hindu University: University formerly Central Hindu College, is a public central university located in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh. It was established in 1916 by Madan Mohan Malaviya. With over 30,000 students residing in campus, it claims the title of largest residential university in Asia.

Sarnath is the main place to visit while on tour around Varanasi. A much sacred pilgrimage and tourist spot in country. Sarnath is only 10 km away from Varanasi. It is one of the four most significant Buddhist pilgrimage places in India; Sarnath is the place where Lord Buddha first convey his lecture after attaining "nirvana".

Sarnath Buddhist Temple:- There are a number of twentieth century Buddhist temples in Sarnath. Many of these Buddhist temples at Sarnath are built and maintained by monks from Tibet, China and Japan but the main Buddhist temple is the MulagandhakutiVihar. The main shrine (vihara), called the Mulagandakuti, is said to be located at the place where Buddha used to stay during his visits to Sarnath.

Sarnath Museum:- Sarnath has yielded a rich collection of sculptures, artifacts and edifices comprising numerous Buddha and Bodhisattva images and other ancient remains. To house all the findings and excavations at Sarnath, the Archaeological Survey of India established a site Museum at Sarnath. Finest specimens of Buddhist art and other important remains have been housed at the museum.

Pillars of Ashoka:- The pillars of Ashoka are a series of columns dispersed throughout the northern Indian subcontinent, erected or at least inscribed by the Mauryan king Ashoka during his reign in the 3rd century BCE. Originally, there must have been many pillars but only nineteen survive with inscriptions. Many are preserved in a fragmentary state. Averaging between forty and fifty feet in height, and weighing up to fifty tons each, all the pillars were quarried at Chunar, just south of Varanasi and dragged, sometimes hundreds of miles, to where they were erected. Later afternoon

You will be transfer to Airport for flight to Delhi. On arrival Delhi Airport meets and greets our representative later transfer to Hotel. Stay overnight at Hotel in Delhi.

Day 9 : New Delhi City Tour

After breakfast start sightseeing tour of New Delhi visit

QutubMinar:- QutabMinar, the tallest brick minaret in the world, is an incredible example of early Indo-Islamic architecture. It was built in 1206, but the reason remains a mystery. Some believe that it was made to signify victory and the beginning of Muslim

rule in India, while others say it was used to call the faithful to prayer. The tower has five distinct stories, and is covered with intricate carvings and verses from the holy Quran. There are also a number of other historic monuments on the site.

Humayun's Tomb:- If you think Humayun's Tomb looks a bit like the TajMahal in Agra, that's because it was the inspiration for the TajMahal's creation. The tomb was built in 1570, and houses the body of the second Mughal emperor, Humayun. It was the first of this type of Mughal architecture to be built in India, and the Mughal rulers followed it up with an extensive period of construction all over the country. The tomb is part of a greater complex that's set amongst beautiful gardens.

Lotus Temple:- The Bahai Temple is commonly referred to as the Lotus Temple, as it's shaped like a lotus flower. It's particularly pretty at night, when it's attractively lit up. Made out of white marble, the temple belongs to the Bahai Faith, which proclaims the unity of all people and religions. Everybody is welcome to worship there. The tranquil gardens and ponds surrounding the temple are also a great place for a relaxing picnic.

India Gate:- The towering archway of India Gate at the center of New Delhi is a war memorial, built in memory of the Indian soldiers who lost their lives fighting for the British Army in World War I. At night it glows warmly under floodlights, and the gardens that line its boulevard are a popular place to enjoy a warm summer's evening.

Laxmi Narayan Temple:- Built in 1938 by the Industrialist G.D. Birla, it is one of the major temples in Delhi and is located near Connought Place. The temple is dedicated to Goddess Laxmi and her consort Narayana. The temple was inaugurated by Mahatma Gandhi on the stipulation that people of all castes shall be allowed to enter the temple.

Later back to Hotel for Farewell Dinner for all Group Members. One company Memento with group picture which will be given to each member of Group. Stay overnight at Hotel in Delhi.

Day 10 : Delhi Airport Drop

In this Day transfer to Airport for flight to your onward destination.



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- Domestic Flights Ticket Delhi/Varanasi/Delhi
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- Jeep/Elephant Ride in Jaipur
- 1 farewell Dinner
- 1 Indian SIM Card for local use with 1 GB data everyday
- All Applicable Taxes inclusive GST
- 1 Company Escort if more than 06 Pax
- Local Registered English speaking tour guide in each city
- Free visit to Jaipur's famous block painting work shop
- Free visit to TajMahal Inlay Marble (Work Shop)
- Tips, laundry, telephone bills, luggage handling and Beverages
- Gala Dinner on X-Mass eve & New Year eve is mandatory and it is payable directly at hotels at time of check-in
- Monuments Entrance Ticket wherever applicable. Approx Aud 100 per person
- Any meals (Lunch or Dinner which is not specified above)
- Luggage handling and Beverages.
- Personal Expenses



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