



# The Women's Travel Group India's Golden Triangle *Budget Busting Price*Delhi – Agra – Jaipur

# Book by May 5 & Thrill at a Complimentary Sunrise Visit to Taj Mahal

India's Golden Triangle includes the three most visited cities in the country's northwest corner: Delhi, Agra, and Jaipur. This area has been dubbed "golden" because of the vast wealth of cultural and historic treasures to be found in these three cities. From the majestic Taj Mahal in Agra to the fascinating abandoned city of Fatehpur Sikri, this golden land beckons with the mystery and complex cultural drama of India. Jaipur looks like an old Raj film and offers the best gems.

Delhi at the beginning and end of our journey makes it easy to add other cities to your trip. Our suggestion is the Southern India Post-trip, an adventure to the tropics and mysterious wonders of India's exotic south. We know some women prefer to fly with other travelers; therefore ask about the group flight we recommend from JFK. Ask about a hotel at JFK so you have company with others flying to India. Flight schedules for 2022 are not yet available.

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#### Day 1 – Saturday, November 5– Arrive in Delhi

Welcome to India's capital city! Upon arrival, we are welcomed with a traditional Indian greeting before being escorted to our hotel. Flights generally arrive late at night.

#### Marriott Bonvoy ITC Maurya Delhi (Executive Chamber)

A landmark in itself, ITC Maurya has been acknowledged as the preferred residence of visiting heads of state and global icons for over 40 years and epitomizes the luxury hotel experience in New Delhi. This luxury hotel welcomes guests to 412 rooms and 25 suites each of which is a triumph of stunning aesthetics. With the iconic Bukhara and celebrated Dum Pukht, the hotel has





an enviable collection of culinary destinations, alongside magnificent conference and banquet venues and unmatched wellness facilities

# Day 2 – Sunday, November 6 – Delhi Sightseeing (BD)

We embark on a guided tour of Old and New Delhi. The morning begins with the historic Red Fort (Drive-By), Raj Ghat, and the mile-long Chandni Chowk bazaar of Old Delhi. The afternoon is dedicated to New Delhi and the Humayun's Tomb, Qutab Minar, Birla Temple, and a drive along Rajpath. Return to the hotel by 4 pm. There is a tour briefing before the welcome dinner at the internationally famous restaurant, Bukhara, with our guide. The rugged Northwest Frontier of India comes alive at this authentic, award-winning restaurant, making it a dining destination in New Delhi.

#### Day 3 – Monday, November 7 – Delhi / Agra (BL)

After breakfast, we drive on highways to Agra. Upon arrival, check-in at our chosen hotel. We visit the incredible Taj Mahal, this flawless monument bathed in the warm glow of the setting sun, the incredible lacy white grandeur built by Emperor Shah Jehan in memory of his wife Mumtaz Mahal, the "lady of the Taj". It is described as the most extravagant monument ever built for love. Lunch in a local restaurant.

#### Marriott Bonvoy ITC Mughal Sheraton (Mughal Chamber)

Sprawled over 23 acres of Mughal-style gardens, with the characteristic use of water channels, fruit trees, flowers, and shaded walkways, the resort is a fitting tribute to the great Mughal builders of the past. In close proximity to the Taj Mahal, this luxury resort offers 233 opulent rooms and suites, a resplendent spa, signature cuisine offerings, and a range of elaborate banqueting facilities. It recreates a paradise for the contemporary Mogul - exemplifying the splendor and perfection that was the hallmark of the Mughal Dynasty.

## Day 4 – Tuesday, November 8 – Agra (BD)

Free day at leisure. Our staff will be available to assist you with shopping ideas.

#### Optional Sunrise visit to Taj Mahal. Free if trip is booked by May 5, 2021

**Optional tour to Fatehpur Sikri Fatehpur Sikri Half day:** Visit the abandoned and nearly intact Mughal city of Fatehpur Sikri, once ruled by Emperor Akbar. Akbar the Great was only 14 years old when he became the 3rd Mughal Emperor. This ghost town is remarkably well preserved and presents a perfect synthesis of Muslim, Hindu, and Jain architecture. Here he would





host scholars from various religions: Hindus, Zoroastrians, Christians, yogis, and Muslims of other sects. He allowed the Jesuits to construct a church at Agra and discouraged the slaughter of cattle out of respect for Hindus. The sculptured columns bear mute testimony to this gallant experiment to unite Hindus and Muslims.

We will enjoy dinner in our hotel.

## Day 5 – Wednesday, November 9 – Agra / Abhaneri / Jaipur (B)

After breakfast, we depart for Jaipur. En-route visit Abhaneri is known for its 'Baori' or stepwell which was built by the natives to harvest rainwater. The Baori was used as a cool place of retreat and as a water reservoir during dry times of the year. Chand Baori remains one of India's deepest and largest stepwells. Later drive to Jaipur. Check-in upon arrival at our hotel.

Marriott ITC Rajputana (Rajputana Chamber Pool View)

Inspired by the imposing architecture of Rajasthan's traditional Havelis and located in the heart of the city, ITC Rajputana invites its guests to immerse in the romance and majesty of the royal era. The elegant red brick exterior encompasses a central atrium around which the various levels rise gracefully. Long corridors, secluded courtyards, and the tinkle of fountains recall times long past. Infused with this style is the modern uncluttered look and feel – a combination that makes the hotel a truly distinguished host in Jaipur.

#### Day 6 – Thursday, November 10 – Amber Fort Excursion & Jaipur (BD)

Visit the mountain fortress of Amber where you have a choice of ascending the fort by jeep. Amber is a superb example of Rajput architecture with its complex of palaces, temples, and ornate apartments. Later, visit Hawa Mahal, the City Palace, and the ancient observatory of Jaipur City. The afternoon is free for shopping - Jaipur is the jewelry capital of India, with budget or fine gems. We provide a group transfer to/from shopping. In the evening, enjoy a home-hosted dinner.

#### Day 7 - Friday, November 11 - Jaipur - Sanganer Ext. - Samode Palace (BLD)

Visit Sanganer which is a village near Jaipur known for its woodblock printing that dates to the 17th century and is popular in Europe. There are Saris, table linens, and bedcovers in abundance. In the afternoon we enjoy lunch at Samode Palace which is located 40 kilometers (25 mi) north of Jaipur city. Samode Palace was initially built in the sixteenth century as a Rajput fort, but in the early 19th century, under the nobleman Rawal Berisal, it was converted from a fort into an exquisitely designed palace in Rajput and Muslim architectural style. After lunch, we drive back to Jaipur. In the evening, enjoy our farewell dinner as we share memories of our time in India.





#### Day 8 – Saturday, November 12 – Jaipur/ Delhi / Depart (B)

Bid farewell to India before being transferred to Delhi International airport for your onward flight home or to your next destination. We will have a leisurely drive from Jaipur to Delhi for flights leaving shortly after midnight on November 13.

Consider adding our Silks and Spices Tour to Southern India.

Other suggestions: Ranthambhore for wildlife viewing

#### Main tour:

**Land Arrangements:** 

Minimum 6 travelers on sharing basis \$2,575 Per Person

Single Supplement add \$ 965

**Optional:** 

Taj Mahal Sunrise Visit

Minimum 2 persons \$80 Per Person

Fatehpur Sikri (half-day)

Based on minimum 2 persons \$125 Per Person

#### **COST INCLUDES:**

Accommodation on Twin sharing basis at the hotels mentioned above or similar Daily breakfast

Lunches - 02

Dinners – 04 including Welcome & Farewell dinners and Home hosted dinner in Jaipur Bottled Water at meals

Tips at group meals

All transfers by Air-Conditioned vehicle TEMPO or MINI COACH including transfer of baggage by the same vehicle (1 piece per person).

Bottled water on van/coach while traveling

Porterage at hotels

Services of English-speaking accompanying tour escort

One visit to Taj Mahal

Henna hand painting





Services of our representative at airport on arrival/departures All presently applicable government taxes.

#### **COST DOES NOT INCLUDE:**

Expenses of a personal nature such as telephone, laundry, drinks, etc.

TIPS for tour guides, tour escort, etc.

Anything not specified in the inclusions.

Camera Fees at the monuments

Any new Tax, which may be imposed by the government or increase in Monument Fees

#### **VISAS**

US Passport holders require visas for India. Please ensure that your passport has 2 blank visa pages and is valid for 6 months from your return date.

U.S. citizens seeking to enter India solely for tourist purposes, and who plan to stay no longer than 60 days, may apply for an electronic travel authorization at least four days prior to their arrival instead of applying for a tourist visa at an Indian embassy or consulate. Please visit the Indian government's website for electronic travel authorization for additional information regarding the eligibilities and requirements for this type of visa. SITA recommends a reliable visa service that will assist in obtaining visa/s for nominal fee/s. Non-U.S. Citizen/s may have different requirements. It is the passenger's responsibility to ensure that all his or her visa and passport requirements are met.

# WTG – Terms & Conditions – India

# TERMS, CONDITIONS & GENERAL INFORMATION

# COVID-19 and your personal responsibility:

Countries welcoming you and allowing open travel will have COVID-19 rules. Visitors must be familiar with these requirements and are expected to adhere to all rules. We require that you are vaccinated against COVID-19.





Travelers will be advised of and asked to adhere to recommended hygiene procedures, such as wearing a face mask and/or gloves when asked to do so, or limiting physical contact wherever possible Travelers may be required to fill out a health declaration prior to departure. Prior to departure, passengers may be asked to complete a pre-boarding questionnaire confirming they have familiarized themselves with health and safety guidelines and requirements related to their tour. It is important that you follow instructions, whether given verbally or through public announcements and signage. Requirements will differ from country to country and may also change over time. It is therefore important that all travelers are secure in their understanding of the policies that apply to their destination. Please ask your WTG - SITA Tours Consultant any questions you may have regarding specific entry requirements.

#### RESERVATIONS, DEPOSITS & FINAL PAYMENTS

A deposit of \$500 per person is due to SITA at the time of reservation. (A higher deposit may be required for some tours). Final payment is due to SITA 60 days prior to the departure date. If the reservation is made within the last 90 days of departure (and if space is still available), the entire tour price must be paid at the time of reservation.

#### **CANCELLATIONS & CHANGES**

Due to the special nature of the programs featured in this flyer, suppliers impose rigid cancellation fees; please be aware that SITA has no control over such fees and cannot make any exceptions to these charges. Note: All cancellations must be received by SITA in writing; cancellation/s will be effective when the written notice is received at SITA's offices in Encino, CA.

If a cancellation is received after SITA is in possession of the initial deposit, but more than 60 days prior to departure, the cancellation fee incurred will be \$350 per person (a higher cancellation fee may apply to some tours). If cancellation is received between 59 and 36 days prior to departure the fee incurred will be 75% of the entire tour price. No refunds whatsoever will be made for cancellations received within the last 35 days prior to departure.

**NOTE**: If you book as a share and request a change to a Single room or you request a share, are paired with a roommate, and later cancel, the penalty is \$225. Should we find a suitable match for your former roommate, the penalty will be credited back to you.





Airfares are subject to different rules and cancellation fees; some may be non-refundable. Details will be provided at the time of booking and are subject to change by the airline.

To protect against cancellation charges, we strongly recommend purchasing Cancellation Protection and Travel Interruption Insurance

#### PRICES, RATES & FARES

All tour prices for WTG/SITA tours are based on the minimum number of passengers stated on each tour's Prices page. All price rates shown are in United States Dollars and are per person sharing a twin-bedded hotel room. as of the print date above.

#### **UNUSED TOUR ITEMS**

No refund will be made for any unused accommodations, missed meals, transportation segments, cruise portions, sightseeing tours, or any other service. Such unused items are neither refundable nor exchangeable (no exceptions).

### **INSURANCE**

#### **HEALTH REQUIREMENTS**

Health regulations for some countries visited on featured tours may require proof of inoculation and/or vaccination certificates; such certificates should be in your possession throughout the entire tour. SITA strongly recommends that you consult with your personal physician or Passport Health at 888-499-7277 or via the web at <a href="https://www.passporthealthusa.com">www.passporthealthusa.com</a> regarding your itinerary and required inoculations. You may also visit the website of the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) at <a href="https://www.cdc.gov">www.cdc.gov</a>.

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