

Golden Triangle Tour

◆ WEEK 2 ◆



INDIA 2022

Please note that times are subject to change. During this part of the trip, we are only organizing your accommodation, bus travel and entrance to some monuments, everything else is up to you! We'll be getting around in 3 buses, each can seat 41 people with full AC.

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Saturday 22nd October

◆ DELHI ◆

- Don't forget to hydrate after the reception as you'll be making your back to New Delhi today.
- Depending on your arrival time, please make your way to your hotel as check-in opens at 2.00pm, the hotels will let us know if people can check in earlier closer to the time.
- When you arrive, your rooms will be assigned, simply say your name and collect the keys at the front desk.
- The hotels are a 10-minute walk from one another.
- Other than having to make it to Delhi and check in, you can spend rest of you time in the city however you wish.

Check into hotels

2.00 pm onwards

Best Western Darbar
G9015-17, Desh Bandhu Gupta Rd, Bazar
Sangatrashan, Multani Dhanda, Paharganj, New Delhi,
Delhi 110055

Bloomrooms @ New Delhi Railway Station
Railway Station, 8591, Arakashan Rd, opp. New Delhi,
Arya Nagar, Paharganj, Delhi, 110055

Free time / find somewhere to eat & drink

Reservations required

- [Indian Accent](#) - Indian
- [Bukhara](#) - Indian
- [Megu Restaurant](#) - Japanese
- [Le Cirque](#) – Euro/Italian

Casual eating

- [Saravanna Bhavan](#) – South Indian
- [Juggernaut](#) – South Indian
- [Carnatic Café](#) – South Indian
- [Dhaba](#) – North Indian
- [Daryagani](#) – North Indian

Areas of interest/shopping

- [Chandi Chowk](#)
- [Street Food Recommendations](#)
- Red Fort
- Connaught Place
- India Gate
- [Cirrus 9](#) – rooftop bar
- [Warehouse Cafe](#) – rooftop bar
- [Delhi Haat](#)

Sunday 23rd October

◆ AGRA ◆

- Today we have an early start, breakfast is included at the hotel, so be sure to have some as we likely won't be stopping again before lunch.
- For lunch, we'll be stopping in an area with a few options you can choose from (see below)
- When visiting landmarks on our trip, we highly recommend getting into groups and taking up offers for a guide, it's very cheap when split between others and makes for a better experience. And don't forget to barter on the tour price a little ;).
- Tonight, we'll be staying at two separate hostels. Both hostels will be entirely for us. Whilst you will be sharing big rooms with other people, there will be more than enough space and options to stay in private rooms or smaller shared rooms –it's up to you to choose where you sleep.
- After checking in, the rest of the evening is yours to spend however you wish.
- Today is Alex and Georgia Gifford's 30th birthdays so don't forget to wish them well. We'll be having a few drinks to celebrate in the evening.

Breakfast at hotels

Best Western Darbar **7.15 am – 8.00 am**

Bloomrooms **7.30 am – 8.00 am**

Buses Depart to Agra

8.00 am

Lunch

12.00 pm

Pinch Of Spice
Pind Balluchi

Taj Majal

1.30 pm – 3.30 pm

Agra Fort

4.00 – 5:00 pm

Taj Mahal (East Gardens sunset photo-op)

5.15 – 6.00 pm

Drop-off at hostels

6.15 pm

Friends Guest House & Hostel
P-6, near Shilpgram road, Taj Nagari Phase 1, Telipara,
coloney, Agra, Uttar Pradesh 282004, India

Madpackers
40 MMIG, Shilpgram Rd, Taj Nagari Phase 1, Agra, Uttar
Pradesh 282001, India

Free time / find somewhere to eat & drink

- [Peshwari](#)
- [Mama Chicken Mama Franky house](#)
- [Sheroes Hangout](#)
- [Unplugged Courtyard](#)
- [Panchhi Petha \(Sweets\)](#)
- [Agra Chaat House](#)
- [Kinari Bazaar](#)

Monday 24th October

◆ JAIPUR ◆

- We have another early start to the day. Breakfast is included, so grab some before we depart.
- We will only be making one stop, at Fatephu Sikri, once a capital of the Mughal Empire with beautiful red sandstone buildings.
- Thereafter, we will continue on to Jaipur, where we will all check into the Hilton for two nights.
- After checking in, you may spend the rest of the day however you wish.
- Today is Diwali, which symbolises the spiritual victory of good over evil. Homes, shops, and streets are decorated with the glow of lamps and lights. [Expect a festive vibe and lots of fireworks.](#)

Breakfast at hostels

7.00 am – 8.30 am

Buses depart to Jaipur

8.30 am

Fatehpur Sikri

9.30 am – 10.30 am

Lunch

11.00 am - 12.15 pm

Laxmi Vilas Palace

Drop-off at Hotels

3:30 pm

Hilton Jaipur

42, Mangalam GeejGarh House, Hawa Sadak, Geejgarh Vihar Colony, Bais Godam, Jaipur, Rajasthan 302006

Free time / find somewhere to eat & drink

- [Laxmi Mishthan Bhandar](#)
- [Cinnamon](#)
- [Rajput Room](#)
- Thali & More Restaurant
- The Night Jar
- Galtaji Temple
- Nahargarh Fort – sunset view point
- [Suvarna Mahal](#)
- Chandpol Bazaar
- Johari Bazaar
- [Colorbar- Radisson Blu](#)
- SKYZA Rooftop Lounge
- The CapeTown roof top
- [Spice Court](#)

Tuesday 25th October

◆ JAIPUR ◆

- You guessed it, another early start to the day. Breakfast is included at the Hilton.
- Today, we'll be heading to Amber Palace, a fort situated high on a hill. Included with our entry is a jeep ride to get to the fort. There is an alternative option to take an elephant (for an extra fee ~1,000 rupees for 2 people). We appreciate some people will be sensitive to the treatment of elephants, so we leave this choice up to you.
- Next, we'll head back down to the city center to grab some lunch followed by an opportunity to explore the City Palace.
- After the City Palace, you will have the option to be taken back to the hotel by bus or stay out and continue to explore Jaipur.
- Today is the Katie Beas's birthday so don't forget to wish her well. We'll be having a few drinks to celebrate in the evening.

Breakfast at the hotel **8.00 am – 8.30 am**

Buses depart to Amber Palace **8.30 am**

Amber Palace **9.15 am – 11.00 am**

Lunch **12.30 pm – 1.15 pm**

City Palace & Hawa Mahal **1.30 pm – 2.30 pm**

Free time / find somewhere to eat & drink

[Introduction to Jaipur](#)

- [Laxmi Mishthan Bhandar](#)
- [Cinnamon](#)
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Wednesday 26th October

◆ DELHI ◆

- Rise and shine! Last time, we promise. Breakfast is included today as well!
- Today, we bid you farewell. Buses will drop people off at Delhi airport and then travel on to the final destination, Connaught Place in central Delhi.
- If you wish to stay in Jaipur, there is no obligation to take the bus back to Delhi.

Breakfast at the hotel **7.30 am – 8.00 am**

Buses depart to Delhi **8.00 am**

First drop-off - Indira Gandhi Airport **1.30 pm**

Final drop-off - Near Connaught Place **2.15 pm**

◆ USEFUL INFO ◆

Language

The main language in India is Hindi but many people speak at least basic English. In Punjab, people speak Punjabi and Hindi. Urdu is also a common language spoken across the country.

Food & Water

You should only drink bottled water in India and the general rule of thumb is to only eat street food if it's hot. Delhi belly is unfortunately pretty common, but hopefully this will help you to avoid it.

Internet & Reception

The hotels say their internet speed is 50mbs, however, you can't always trust this in India. We recommend buying sim cards or roaming as you absolutely will need to use WhatsApp during the trip.

Safety

Whilst we have never had a bad experience in India, foreigners can be a target for thieves and people who are up to no good. Women's and gay rights are not on par with what they are in Western countries. To avoid any problems we recommend travelling in pairs, not ever being drunk and alone and using your common sense – if it doesn't feel right, it probably isn't, so remove yourself from the situation.

Money

Cash is king in India. Our bank cards did not always work when purchasing things from stores, however, they worked well in restaurants. ATMs are usually easy enough to come by, however, our bank cards did not always work in them, so sometimes you need to hunt around. Don't bring all the cash for your trip with you, but we'd recommend exchanging around 5,000 rupees before you come so you have cash when you arrive. We don't expect you to need more than £10 per day on average during the wedding week (probably even less!)

◆ USEFUL INFO ◆

Transport

Auto rickshaws and cabs are cheap. In India they use Ola, not Uber. We recommend downloading the app, it's also a great way to estimate how much your journey will cost if you think someone's trying to rip you off ;)

PDA

Indians don't show affection through touch. You will rarely see a couple holding hands and it would be very unlikely to see two people kiss in public, please be mindful of this with your partners.

Weather

It will be around 25 degrees Celsius but may get colder in the evenings, so bring a jumper

Road Safety

Whilst technically Indians drive on the left, in real life they drive wherever they please, so make sure you look left, right, back, front, up and down before crossing the road. Also, Indians honk to let you know they're coming, people aren't getting angry at you, you'll get used to the noise soon enough.

Staring

Indians like to stare, particularly at foreigners, don't be perturbed by this, people are friendly and very willing to help. Some people may ask to take photos of you, we usually politely decline, but it's up to you!

Bartering

Bartering is normal in India and can be quite fun, try and offer 25% less and see what happens.

Hairdryers/straighteners/steamers

India operates on a 230V supply voltage. Check the voltage of your appliance before you come, simply having a plug adapter will not prevent the voltage from being an issue. If your appliance can't run on 230V you might break it or blow a fuse.

Thank you so much for traveling with us!

If you have questions, please ask our leaders
named on the front page.

