



# GOLDEN TRIANGLE EXTENSION (FOLLOWING KERALA TREK)

## ABOUT THE CHALLENGE

The famous Golden Triangle of Delhi, Jaipur and Agra in northwest India is home to some of the most iconic buildings in India, with ornate palaces and ancient forts contrasted by modern buildings and busy street scenes. These cities are the most-visited places in India for a reason!

Trip highlights include the iconic Taj Mahal – without doubt the most famous and recognisable monument in India – and Jaipur's magnificent Amber Fort, but there are plenty of other incredible sights and experiences as we travel between these wonderful cities. Visiting these monuments allows a wonderful insight into the rich history and culture of India, and a greater understanding of this fascinating country.

**Min 3 pax - £50 supplement for 2 pax**

- **4 DAYS**

## Day 1: Fly to Delhi - Agra

(main group departs Cochin International Airport same day)

After our flight, we head out to enjoy some of the impressive sights of New Delhi, including India Gate, Delhi's answer to the Arc de Triomphe, Gandhi's memorial, and the impressive government buildings. New Delhi was designed with the spacious boulevards of Paris in mind, and forms quite a contrast to the busy narrow streets of older parts of the city. We then drive to Agra (approx 4 hours) where, if time allows, we'll visit Agra Fort, an impressive complex of white marble palaces, halls and courtyards contained within red sandstone walls.

*Breakfast, lunch & dinner provided; hotel accommodation*

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**Day 2: Taj Mahal & Fatehpur Sikri** The undisputed highlight of Agra is the Taj Mahal, one of the New Seven Wonders of the World, and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We get up early to appreciate it at sunrise / early morning (depending on the conditions), before the site gets crowded – the light is also wonderful for photos at this time. Regarded as a symbol of eternal love, it was built by Mughal emperor Shah Jahan in memory of his third wife, Mumtaz Mahal, who died in 1631. Construction started a year later and took 22 years to complete, using materials from all over India and Asia. No matter how many pictures you have seen of the Taj Mahal, nothing can quite prepare you for the reality – every angle provides a different experience, and the fine detail demands a close-up look, with intricate carvings, and semi-precious stones inlaid into the white marble. The grounds are also beautiful and serene, in sharp contrast to the city outside!

After breakfast back at the hotel, we set off for Jaipur, breaking our journey at the impressive deserted city of Fatehpur Sikri. Capital of the Mughal Empire, it was built in the 16th Century and abandoned only 14 years later due to lack of water. Its buildings are almost perfectly-preserved and include mosques, palaces and living areas; it's a fascinating place to explore. We continue our journey (approx 4 hours) to Jaipur, famously called the Pink City because of its many terracotta-coloured buildings. We'll have time in the evening to explore some of the colourful bazaars.

*Breakfast, lunch and dinner provided; hotel accommodation*

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## Day 3: Jaipur

We start our day with a trip to the Amber Fort, a hill-top fort perched above the city. From a distance it's impressive, and close-up the intricacy of the decorated rooms and courtyards is magnificent. You may see monkeys playing on the fort walls and there are wonderful views over the surrounding area. From here we return to Jaipur and proceed to the City Palace, a beautiful blend of Rajasthani and Mughal architecture. We can also explore the famous Observatory, or Jantar Mantar – a UNESCO World Heritage Site – as well as seeing the striking Hawa Mahal, or 'Palace of the Winds,' which is actually a five-storey-high façade. Jaipur is also a great city to wander around and soak up the fascinating culture: you are likely to see camels pulling carts laden with produce, reminding us of the city's proximity to the desert.

*Breakfast and lunch and dinner provided; hotel accommodation*

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## Day 4: Fly Jaipur – Delhi – UK

Transfer to the airport for our flight to Delhi and connecting international flight home.

*Breakfast provided*

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**Important Information**

Extension requires a minimum of 3 people to operate

To operate this for 2 people a supplement of £75 pp will be payable.

What's included?

- Internal flight to Delhi International Airport
- Hotel accommodation (3\* equivalent) on twin-share basis:  
Hotel Pushpvilla, Agra; Chandragpupt Fort , Jaipur
- Meals as indicated in itinerary; expect them to be fairly local in style
- Entrance fees to monuments visited in itinerary
- All transportation in private vehicles
- Local English-speaking guide

NB: If usual accommodation is unavailable a similar alternative may be offered

What's not included?

- Meals as noted in itinerary
  - Any entrance fees to optional sites or activities
  - Any personal spending, extra drinks, snacks or souvenirs
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Please note: This document was downloaded on 23 Feb 2019, and the challenge is subject to change.