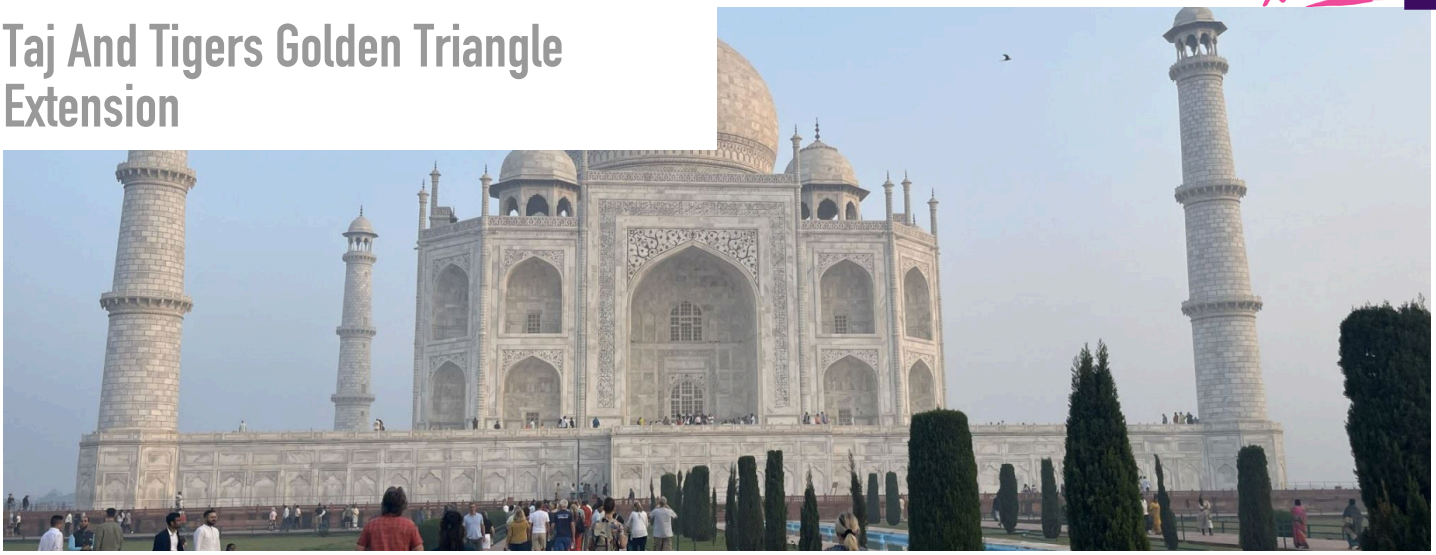
Taj And Tigers Golden Triangle Extension



DURATION:

5 days

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.

Even greater contrast is provided by the serene forests of Ranthambore National Park, famous for its magnificent tigers and the Project Tiger conservation project. Our jeep safari here will be an undisputed highlight of the trip, along with Jaipur's magnificent Amber Fort, and the iconic Taj Mahal – without doubt the most famous and recognisable monument in India.

There are plenty of other unforgettable sights and experiences as we explore the triangle between these cities, gaining a wonderful insight into some of India's rich history, culture and wildlife – all in just a few extra days after your main trip!

DETAILED ITINERARY

Day 1: Delhi - Agra

(main group departs Delhi same day)

We head out to enjoy some of the sights of New Delhi, including the impressive government buildings, Gandhi's memorial, and India Gate, Delhi's answer to the Arc de Triomphe. 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 where, if time allows, we'll visit Agra Fort – once the capital of the Mughal emperors – an impressive complex of white marble palaces, halls and courtyards contained within red sandstone walls.

Lunch & dinner provided; hotel accommodation

Drive approx 4 hours

Day 2: Taj Mahal – Ranthambore National Park

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 soft morning light is also wonderful for photos. 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 beautifully serene, in sharp contrast to the streets outside!

After breakfast back at the hotel, we'll make time to visit Agra Fort if we couldn't yesterday, and then drive to Ranthambore National Park. Our journey takes us into the heart of rural India, witnessing life in the small villages we pass, before reaching our beautiful hotel on the edge of Ranthambore.

Drive approx. 6 hours total

Breakfast, lunch and dinner provided; hotel accommodation

Day 3: Ranthambore National Park – Jaipur

An early start sees us heading into the National Park in canters (open minibuses). Formerly a hunting ground for Maharajas, the vast Ranthambore National Park is diverse, with open bush, forest, grassland and jungle; we enjoy the views while keeping alert for signs of wildlife. Larger mammals here include sambar and gazelle, wild boar, leopard, sloth bear, jackal and hyena – and if we are very lucky, we may see a tiger basking in the sun or ambling down a track. There are also over two hundred different bird species, while larger reptiles include mugger crocodiles and pythons.

We return to our hotel for a late breakfast, and continue our journey to Jaipur, famously called the Pink City because of its many terracotta-coloured buildings. It's a fascinating city with plenty to see: look out for camels pulling carts laden with produce, reminding us of the city's proximity to the desert. We'll head first to the incredible 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. In the evening, you can relax at the hotel, or you may wish to head out and explore some of Jaipur's colourful bazaars.

Drive approx. 3-4 hours total

Breakfast, lunch and dinner provided; hotel accommodation

Day 4 - 5: Jaipur; Return flight to UK

We start our day by visiting 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 the striking Hawa Mahal, or 'Palace of the Winds,' which is actually a five-storey-high façade. Depending on flight times, you may have more time to soak up the atmosphere of the city streets, before heading to the airport and linking with our international flight home. Arrival into UK may be same or next-day, dependent on flight times.

Breakfast provided

Extension requires a minimum of 3 people to operate (it may be possible to operate this for 2 people but a supplement will be payable).

Contact the office for pricing and availability.

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- Hotel accommodation (4* equivalent) on twin-share basis
- Meals as indicated in itinerary; expect them to be fairly local in style
- Entrance fees to monuments visited in itinerary
- Ranthambore park entry fees and game-drive in shared canter
- All transportation in private vehicles
- Local English-speaking guide

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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