

# INDIA'S GOLDEN TRIANGLE & TIGER SAFARI

## Delhi Return

11 Days

Humayun's Tomb ■ Agra Fort  
Taj Mahal ■ Ranthambore National Park  
Pink City of Jaipur ■ Amber Fort



### YOUR HOLIDAY PRICE INCLUDES

- ✓ 10 nights in premium accommodation
- ✓ Services of a Great Rail Journeys Tour Escort
- ✓ 22 meals – 10 breakfasts (B), 3 lunches (L) and 9 dinners (D)
- ✓ Airport transfers and tipping

### INSIDER EXPERIENCES ☆

- ☆ Take a fascinating rickshaw tour in Delhi
- ☆ Be captivated by the colours of the Taj Mahal at sunset
- ☆ Search for the elusive tiger on morning and afternoon game drives in Ranthambore National Park
- ☆ Visit the Pink City of Jaipur
- ☆ Experience Amber Fort on a Jeep ride
- ☆ Enjoy a camel cart ride in Patan
- ☆ Be treated to a gala dinner at Patan Mahal Palace Hotel

### HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Enjoy a sightseeing tour of New Delhi
- ✓ Witness Qutab Minar – India's tallest stone tower
- ✓ Visit the 16th-century city of Fatehpur Sikri
- ✓ Learn about the fascinating history of the 'Palace of the Winds' in Jaipur

#### Day 1. Arrive Delhi

Upon arrival at the airport, you'll be transferred into the heart of India's bustling capital, home to around 25 million people. Here, you will spend three incredible nights.

Three Nights: Delhi, Maidens Hotel.

#### Day 2. Delhi

Enjoy a free day to settle in and explore Delhi at your own pace. Perhaps explore Chandni Chowk, one of the city's oldest and busiest markets, filled with food carts, sweet shops and spice stalls. This evening, meet your Great Rail Journeys Tour Escort and fellow travellers at a Welcome Dinner. BD

#### Day 3. Delhi ☆

Today you will further explore Delhi, India's vibrant, hectic, awe-inspiring capital city. Visit Jama Masjid, a 17th-century mosque, before taking a fascinating rickshaw ride through the narrow streets of Delhi's lively bazaar, winding through a sea of pedestrians going about their everyday lives. Leave the enticing aromas of street food behind and move on to New Delhi, where you'll see Humayun's Tomb and Qutab Minar – India's tallest stone tower. Other highlights include the triumphal India Gate, the Parliament Building and Rashtrapati Bhawan, the home of India's president. BD

#### Day 4. Delhi, Agra ☆

Today you will have your first taste of rail travel in India as you board the Gatimaan Express to Agra, home to the truly magical Taj Mahal. On arrival, head to the enormous Agra Fort, an impressive maze of buildings constructed in 1565 under Emperor Akbar. Afterwards it's time to see the iconic Taj Mahal. The sunset visit ensures you experience the magical aura as the sun's final rays catch the natural pink and red hues of the white marble. Stay: Agra, The Trident Hotel. BD

#### Day 5. Agra, Fatehpur Sikri, Ranthambore

Your day begins with an excursion to Fatehpur Sikri. Built in the 16th century as the brand new capital city of India, Fatehpur Sikri was abandoned after only 14 years of rule. The deserted city has been preserved in almost the exact state it was left in 400 years ago, and provides a fascinating glimpse into life during the time of the Mughal Empire. After time to explore, continue to Bharatpur to have lunch together at a local restaurant. Later, travel by train to Sawai Madhopur, then transfer to your hotel.

Two Nights: Ranthambore Kothi. BLD



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**\$1,000**  
per couple\*  
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for details

India's Golden Triangle &amp; Tiger Safari

**Day 6. Ranthambore** ☆

Rise early and head into Ranthambore National Park for an early morning game drive. Many rare creatures can be found here including leopards, panthers, hyenas, marsh crocodiles and sloth bears. The park's most popular resident and its star attraction is the elusive Bengal tiger. Ranthambore is one of the only places in India where the incredible tiger can still be found in the wild. To increase your chances of seeing all of the magnificent animals at the park, you will embark on a second game drive in the afternoon. BLD

**Day 7. Ranthambore, Jaipur**

Start your day with free time to explore. You'll then travel to Jaipur, the capital of Rajasthan, known as the Pink City. In 1876, the reigning Maharaja ordered the entire city to be painted pink, the colour of hospitality, to celebrate a visit by Queen Victoria and the Prince of Wales. The tradition has been followed by the residents of the old town, who are now obliged by law to maintain the pink colour. On arrival, check in to the Hilton Hotel in Jaipur, your home for the next three nights.

Three Nights: Jaipur, Hilton Hotel.

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**Day 8. Jaipur** ☆

This morning embark on an exciting sightseeing tour of Jaipur. First, head to the grand City Palace, which is home to the current Maharaja of Jaipur, visit the early 18th-century Astronomical Observatory, a splendid complex featuring a number of early geometric devices for tracking locations of planets. Next, have your camera at the ready to capture the spectacular 'Palace of the Winds', an opulent red and pink sandstone building. The afternoon is yours to spend at leisure. BD

**Day 9. Jaipur, Amber Fort** ☆

Today, head to the ancient village of Amer, to visit the remarkable Amber Fort. Located high on a hillside, the fort traditionally served as the royal stronghold, before Rajasthan's capital relocated to Jaipur. After ascending to Amber Fort by Jeep, you are free to stroll through the sprawling complex of courtyards and halls. Bask in the incredible views of the fortifications on the surrounding mountains. The imposing exterior of the Amber Fort contrasts with its intricate and detailed interior. Many of the rooms have elaborately painted walls inlaid with decadent mirrors and precious stones. The rest of the afternoon is at leisure. BD

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**Day 10. Jaipur, Patan** ☆

Travel to Patan after breakfast. On arrival, be transferred by camel cart to the Patan Mahal Palace Hotel. Built around 1790, the Patan Mahal Palace has been turned into a heritage hotel. This afternoon, enjoy a guided walking tour of Patan town. There is then the opportunity to continue to Badal Mahal, an 800-year old palace, here you can admire views of the town and the surrounding mountains.

Tonight, enjoy a gala Farewell Dinner on the grounds of the palace hotel, a fitting end to our Indian odyssey.

Stay: Patan Mahal Palace Hotel. BD

**Day 11. Patan, Depart Delhi**

This morning after breakfast, we bid farewell to Patan and drive to Delhi airport for your onward flight.

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1. Search for the elusive tiger in Ranthambore National Park

**2019/20 Dates & Prices (A\$)****11 Days – Delhi Return (RJTGSC11)**

| 2019 Per Person, twin share         | Saving Price# | Standard Price |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Sept. 16.                           | \$2,495       | \$2,995        |
| Oct. 7, 14, 21; Nov. 4, 11; Dec. 2. | \$2,895       | \$3,395        |
| 2020 Per Person, twin share         | EB Price™     | Standard Price |
| Jan. 20, 27; Feb. 10, 24; Mar. 9.   | \$2,695       | \$3,395        |
| Mar. 30; Sept. 14.                  | \$2,295       | \$2,995        |
| Oct. 5, 19.                         | \$2,695       | \$3,395        |
| Nov. 2, 9, 23.                      | \$2,695       | \$3,395        |

#Saving Price – includes dollar saving.

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Solo travellers add from \$950, enquire for details.

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**Tour Notes**

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