



# 7 Nights / 8 Days Golden Triangle and Wildlife Tour



**This itinerary combines a Colonial-style stay, with ancient forts and palaces and the three cities of the Golden Triangle without any of the long drives usually involved in this journey. It gives you all the sightseeing you need plus some time to relax at some beautiful and lesser known locations, and to discover the wild life in Ranthambore. See the Taj Mahal, the imperial elegance of Lutyen's New Delhi, and the splendor of the desert city of Jaipur. Every city offers its unique blend of sights, sounds and experiences.**



**Please enquire for prices for this tailor-made tour.**

**DAY 01:** Arrival Delhi. Welcome at the airport and transfer to your hotel. Overnight at hotel.



**DAY 02:** Delhi. After breakfast visit Raj Ghat and Shanti Vana - the cremation sites of Mahatma Gandhi and Jawaharlal Nehru, Jama Masjid, drive past the Red Fort and Chandni Chowk. In the afternoon visit Qutub Minar, Humayun's Tomb, India Gate (War Memorial Arch) and Lakshminarayan Temple.

**Day 03:** Delhi - Jaipur (5h 280 km). After breakfast drive to Jaipur - the fabled "pink city" of the desert named after Jai Singh, the former Maharaja of Jaipur. The ancient palaces and forts which were witnesses to the royal processions and splendors are now living monuments. Transfer to your hotel on arrival in Jaipur. Overnight at the hotel.

The astronomical observatory at Jaipur, built by Jai Singh, is on a huge scale. There are fourteen major geometric devices for measuring aspects of the heavens. They are built from stone and marble, the largest being over 25 metres high. The observatory is still used today by students of astronomy and Vedic astrology, and for predicting the

**Day 04:** Jaipur. After breakfast take an excursion to the Amber Fort Where you can take an elephant ride to ascend to the fort. Visit the various palaces within the fort. The City Palace houses the Chandra Mahal, Shri Govind Dev Temple and the City Palace Museum. The largest and the best preserved of the five observatories built by Jai Singh II is in Jaipur. This observatory, which consists of outsized astronomical instruments is still in use. The evening is free for leisure.

**DAY 05:** Jaipur – Ranthambore ( 4h 170 Km). In the morning drive to Ranthambore, famous for the wildlife sanctuary which is said to have India's friendliest tigers and the best place to photograph them in the wild. This is also a wonderful place for bird watching.

**Day 06:** Ranthambhore. In the morning set out on a 3 hour Jungle safari in an open-topped jeep and enjoy some great game viewing in the national park. After lunch go for your second visit to the jungle and enjoy game viewing again.

**DAY 07:** Ranthambore – Agra (6h 290 Km). After breakfast drive to Agra. Enroute visit Fatehpur Sikri. Fatehpur Sikri was founded after the Mughal Emperor Babur defeated Rana Sanga in a battle at Khanwa (about 40 KM from Agra). Then the Mughal Emperor Akbar wanted to make Fatehpur Sikri his headquarters and built this majestic fort. After noon visit Agra Fort and and the Taj Mahal . Overnight stay at hotel.

**DAY 08:** Agra –Delhi (4 1/2 h 260 Km ). After breakfast drive to Delhi and depart as per flight schedule

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