

BIG APPLE GOLDEN TRIANGLE TOUR

11-Aug: Arrive In Delhi (By Flight)

Arrive at Delhi Airport.

On arrival transfer to a hotel.

Delhi: Perhaps there is no other capital city in the world so steeped in history and legend as the Indian capital Delhi. It was the magnet, which drew the Mongols, Turks, Persians, Afghans, Mughals and the British, all of whom contributed to its glorious but turbulent past. The fascination with Delhi was such that even though it was abandoned many times, its rulers returned to it again and again rebuilding it at least seven times. Today, the twin cities of Old and New Delhi still intrigue Indians and tourists alike as the cultural and political capital of the largest democracy in the world.



Afternoon proceed for Half day sightseeing Old Delhi . Visit the 17th century Jama Masjid, the largest mosque in India. See Chandni Chowk, the shopping center of old Delhi and drive past the Red Fort for a photo stop. Visit Raj Ghat where Mahatma Gandhi (the father of our nation) was cremated. **Overnight at The Hotel .**

12-Aug: Delhi – Mandawa (By Surface 260 Kms/8 hrs)

Post breakfast check-out from the Hotel. Visit New Delhi include , Qutab Minar , India gate and Drive pass from Government buildings .

New Delhi is built in a typically British colonial style with tree-lined avenues and colonial bungalows. See the *Laxmi Narayan Temple*, a modern Hindu temple, and *India Gate*, the 42 m high War Memorial Arch. Drive past the *Parliament House*, the *Secretariat* buildings and the Vice Regal Palace, now the official residence of the President of India. You will also visit *Qutab Minar* – what was intended to be the most glorious tower of victory in the world and was to be the prototype of all minars in India.



Later Drive to Mandawa on arrival check in hotel .

Mandawa: The compact and busy little market of Mandawa was established in the 18th century and was fortified by some dominant merchant families. Today, it has some of the finest painted Havelis in the region and is a perfect place for wandering at random. You can visit the *Medieval Fort* which has a magnificent view of the entire town. Overnight at the hotel. Overnight at the hotel .



13-Aug: Mandawa– Jaipur (By Surface 160 Kms/3 hrs)

Post breakfast, check-out from hotel and proceed for sightseeing of Mandawa Visit Haveli. Later drive to Jaipur. on arrival check-in at the hotel.

Overnight at the hotel.

14-Aug: Jaipur

Post breakfast proceed for full-day Jaipur sightseeing tour visiting the ancient Rajput capital of *Amber*, 11 km from the city. This fort-palace was begun by Raja Man Singh and used by the Rajputs as their stronghold until Sawai Jai Singh II moved to the newly created Jaipur. See the Diwan-i-Aam or hall of public audience, Kali temple, Jai Mandir or hall of victory with its inlaid panels and mirror ceiling, and Sukh Niwas. En-route to Amber Fort, you will have a brief photography stop at *Hawa Mahal* - the Palace of Winds.



Also visit the Maharaja's *City Palace* and *Jantar Mantar* (the Observatory). Jaipur's walled City Palace (1732 AD) occupies one-seventh of the city's area. See the Mubarak Mahal, museums of textiles and armoury etc, and the Diwan-i-Khas and Diwan-I-Aam. Jantar Mantar, literally meaning "instruments for measuring the harmony of the heavens" is the oldest in India. Each instrument has a specific purpose and gives an accurate reading. Also drive past the rose-pink residential and business areas of Jaipur.

Overnight at the hotel.

15-Aug: Jaipur – Fatehpur Sikri – Agra (By Surface 240kms/6 hrs)

Post breakfast check-out and drive to Agra enroute visit Fatehpur Sikri, On arrival check in hotel

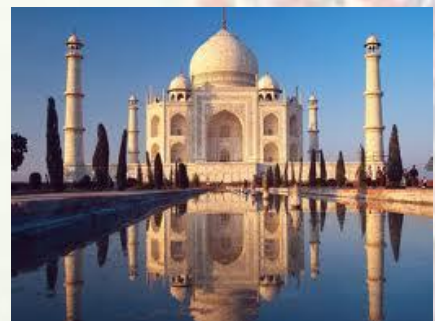
Fatehpur Sikri:- The magnificent fortified ghost city of Fatehpur Sikri was built by Emperor Akbar in 1569 as his capital and abandoned 15 years later, allegedly due to a severe scarcity of water. You will visit the graceful buildings within such as the Jami Masjid, the tomb of Salim Chisti, the Panch Mahal, Diwan I Khas and other palaces. It is a place where Islamic architecture fuses with Hindu and Jain decorative art.



Agra: Agra came into limelight during the rule of Afghan King Sikandar Lodhi - who had made it the capital of his empire. Later in 1526 A.D., the Mughal Emperor Babar took upon himself the task for rendering Agra, a unique character and beauty of its own. The next few hundred years of Agra witnessed the rise of the pomp and pageantry of three great Mughal monarchs - Emperor Akbar, Jehangir and Shahjahan. **Overnight at The Hotel .**

16-Aug: Agra

Post breakfast proceed for sightseeing of Agra visiting *Taj Mahal & Agra Fort*. About **Taj Mahal:** In 1628 AD, Khurram became king after a bloody battle of succession, took the name Shahjahan or King of the World and showered his beloved begum Mumtaz Mahal with the highest titles. In 1631 AD, she died in childbirth. Shahjahan, who was a passionate builder, now decided to erect a memorial marble that the world would never forget. The site was also chosen because it was located on a bend in the river, and so could be seen from Shahjahan's personal palace in Agra Fort, further upstream.



The Agra Fort: The construction of the Agra Fort was begun by Emperor Akbar in 1565 AD. Its massive walls stretch for 2½ km and surrounded by a moat over 10 metres wide. The fort is really a city within a city, which embraces the Moti Masjid, the Diwan-i-Aam or the Hall of Public Audiences, the Diwan-i-Khas or the Hall of Private Audiences, the Octagonal Tower, Jehangir's Palace and many more monuments.

Overnight at the Hotel

17-Aug: Agra – Delhi (by Surface 215 Kms 5hrs)

Post breakfast Check out from the hotel And drive to Delhi.
On arrival check in hotel . Overnight at hotel.

18 Aug: Delhi Departure

In time transfer to airport to board on flight for onward destination

TOUR END

