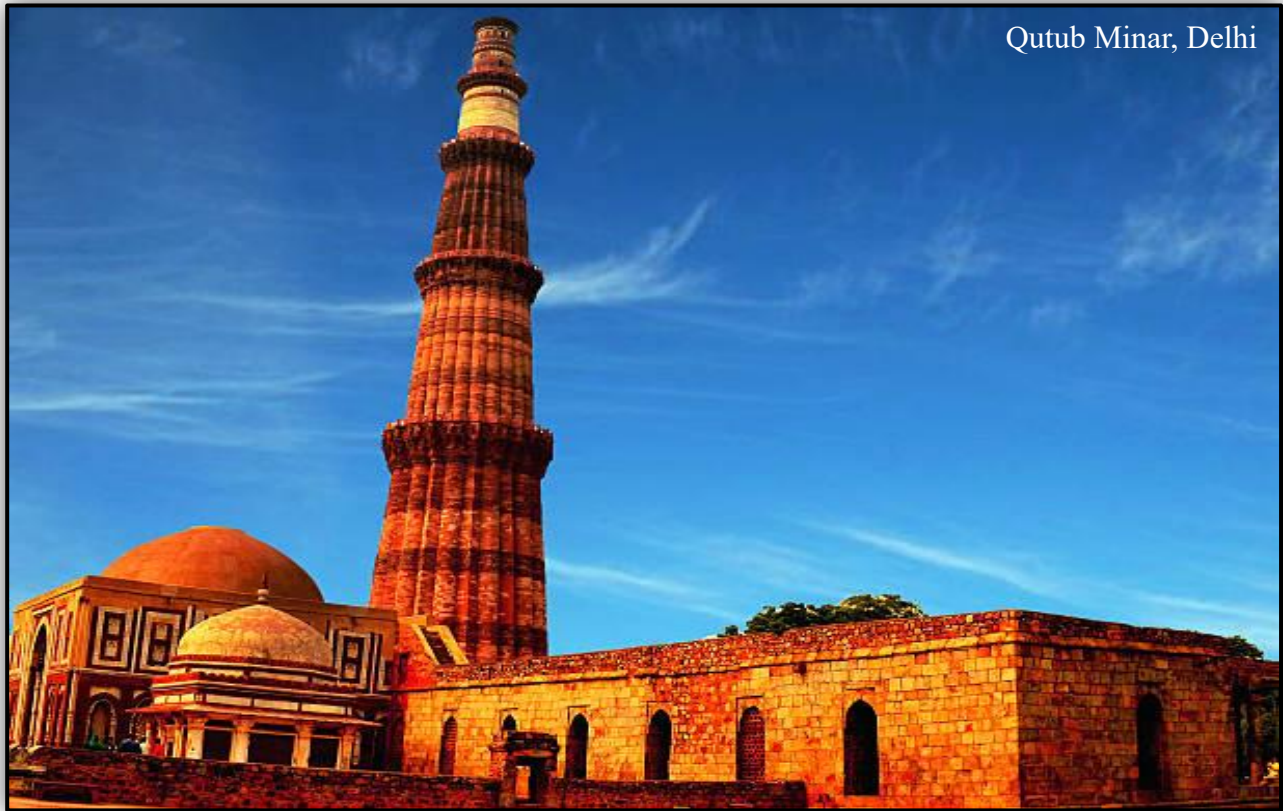




## THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE TOUR

**Delhi – Agra - Jaipur**



Qutub Minar, Delhi

### **Day 1: Arrive Delhi and Sightseeing**

Pick up from airport/hotel and we will take you to a guided excursion to **Delhi**. we will take you for a **Heritage Tour** through the narrow lanes of **Old Delhi**. Your leader would be your guide who would unfold the colourful history of Old Delhi which goes back thousands of years. Visit **Chandni Chowk**---Silver Square (Once the centre of Delhi), to the various places of interest- just as the Royal Mughals would have done centuries ago. To name a few are Maulana Azad Tomb, **Jama Masjid**- India's largest mosque, **Dariba Kalan** (The Silver Bazaar), **Kinari Bazaar**, **Parantha-wallaGali**. Also enjoy **Rikshaw Ride** in old Delhi.

You will also drive past the **The Red Fort** (Delhi's most magnificent monument was built by Emperor Shah Jehan. After that continue drive to **Humayun's Tomb** Humayun's tomb (Maqbaera e Humayun) is the tomb of the Mughal Emperor Humayun. The tomb was commissioned by Humayun's first wife and chief consort, Empress Bega Begum (also known as Haji Begum), in 1569-70, and designed by Mirak Mirza Ghiyas and his son, Sayyid Muhammad, Persian architects chosen by her.



Later will visit **The Qutab Minar** (The 72.5m high tower dates back to the 13th century and is one of the greatest bequests of the Islamic culture).  
After tour ends transfer to hotel for check in for overnight stay.



**Day 2: Delhi - Agra**

**Distance: (230 kms | 4 ½ hrs)**

Morning after breakfast check out from hotel and continue drive to Agra.

**Agra** (Agra was once the capital of the Mughal empire and even today it seems to linger in the past. Not surprising, for the Mughal emperors with their passion for building, endowed the city with some of the finest structures in the world. It is very easy to slip away here through the centuries into the grandeur and intrigues of the Mughal court. Agra is an old city and it is said that its name was derived from Agrabana, a forest that's finds mention in the epic. In more recent times Agra came into prominence when Sikandar Lodi made it his capital city in 1501. The Lodi rule was to end very soon and Agra passed into the possession of the Mughals. It was during the time of the third emperor Akbar that Agra came into its own).

On arrival, proceed to your hotel for check-in and freshen-up.

Later on, after lunch (on your own), you will proceed to visit **Agra Fort** (Near the gardens of the Taj Mahal stands the important 16th-century Mughal monument known as the Red Fort of Agra. Often, the Agra Fort is overshadowed by the pristine beauty of the Taj, but for those looking for something beyond romance, the Agra Fort is worth seeing. Built in red stone, the Agra fort

stretches almost two kilometers on the bank of the Yamuna. A huge wall that stands 69 ft in height encircles the crescent shaped fort).

In the evening **Taj Mahal**. The Taj Mahal is the jewel of Muslim art in India and one of the universally admired masterpieces of the world's heritage. Defined as "A Tear on the Face of Eternity", this white splended tomb was built by Emperor Shah Jahan in the memory of his favourite wife, Arjumand Banu Begum, better known as Mumtaz Mahal ("Chosen of the Palace").

**Meal:** Breakfast



Fatehpur Sikri, Agra

**Day 3:      Agra - Fatehpur Sikri – Jaipur:      Distance (254 kms | 5 ½ hrs)**

After breakfast check-out and proceed to visit **Fatehpur Sikri** (40 kms west of Agra, is built a city predominantly in Red Sandstone and is called Fatehpur Sikri, the city of Victory. It was built by



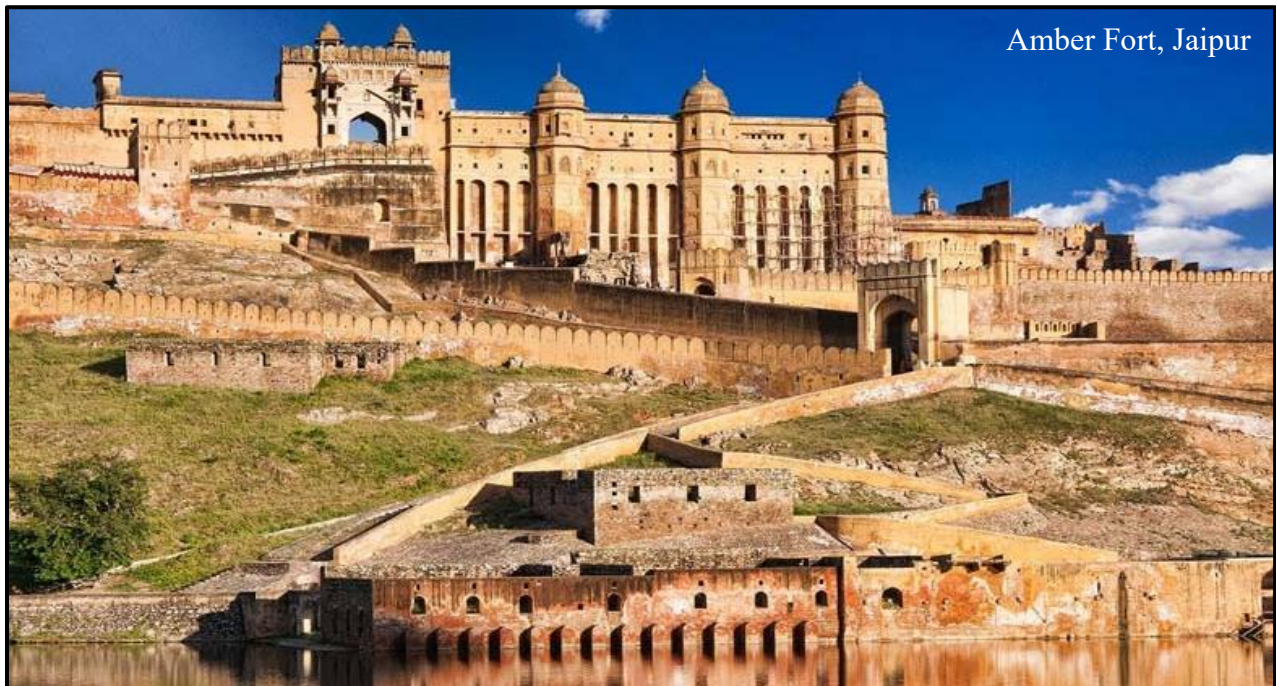
the Great Mughal Emperor Akbar during 1570 and 1585 and it was the Mughal capital for about 10 years. It is one of the finest examples of the culmination of Hindu and Muslim architecture. Fatehpur Sikri Mosque is said to be a copy of the mosque in Mecca and has designs, derived from the Persian & Hindu architecture). Later continue drive to Jaipur.

Enroute visit **Chand Baori** (Abhaneri) The Chand Baori is a step well built over a thousand years ago in the Abhaneri village of Rajasthan. It is one of the largest step wells in the world and also one of the most beautiful ones. Afterwards continue to drive to Jaipur.

**Jaipur** (Jaipur was born when Maharaja Sawai Jai Singh, a Kacchawa Rajput decided to build a royal city that would serve as the capital of his kingdom in Amber. The Mughals bestowed Jai Singh with the title of Sawai that means 'the one who knows all'. Jaipur was the first city in Rajasthan that acknowledged Mughal presence and struck a political alliance with them. Today, the city of Jaipur is the prime example of the culture and tradition of the Rajputana Empire. Being the capital of Rajasthan, the city is mirror to everything that Rajasthan signifies, be its culture, tradition, society, and, most important, the people).

Upon arrival at Jaipur check-in at hotel. Evening is free at leisure. Overnight stay at Jaipur. On arrival, check-in to hotel for an overnight stay.

**Meal:** Breakfast



**Day 4: Jaipur Sightseeing**

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Morning after breakfast we will take you to a guided excursion to **Amber Fort** (The classical romantic Rajasthan Fort palace. Enjoy **Elephant ride** to reach the fort.

Its construction was started by Man Singh I in 1592 and completed by his descendant Jai Singh I. Its rugged forbidding exterior belies an inner paradise where a beautiful fusion of Mughal and Hindu styles finds its ultimate refinement. Painted scenes of hunting and war adorn the walls with precious stones and mirrors set into the plaster. In the foreground is the Maota Lake with breath taking reflections of the magnificent Amber Palace).

Later in the day proceed for a guided tour of **Jaipur** covering **The City Palace** (In the heart of the old city, it occupies a large area divided into a series of courtyards, gardens & buildings. It's a blend of Rajasthani & Mughal architecture. A portion of which has been converted into museum housing royal artifacts art, carpets, enamelware & old weapons), **Jantar Mantar** (or observatory built by the astronomer Maharaja Jai Singh. It is the largest and the best preserved of the 5 he built) and **The Wind Palace (Hawa Mahal)**.

Spend the evening at leisure. Guests may avail the In-House Facilities of the hotel on Direct Payment.

**Meal:** Breakfast

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## **Day 5: Jaipur - Hyderabad**

Morning after breakfast (as per the flight schedule) check out from hotel and transfer to Jaipur Airport to board your flight for onward journey.

**Meal:** Breakfast

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