

GOLDEN TRIANGLE TOUR

4 NIGHTS /5 DAYS

DAY 01

KOLKATA– DELHI

BY: FLIGHT

In time transfer you to the airport to board the flight departing for Delhi.

Departure: Kolkata at: 0620 Hours S2-4315
Arrive: Delhi at: 0830 Hours

Upon arrival at Delhi Airport a Kuoni representative will meet you & transfer you to your hotel; where you will proceed for check-in.

India's capital and a major gateway to the country, contemporary Delhi is a bustling metropolis, which successfully combines in its folds - the ancient with the modern. Amidst the fast spiralling skyscrapers the remnants of a bygone time in the form of its many monuments stand as silent reminders to the region's ancient legacy. The first impressions for any visitor travelling in from the airport are of a specious, garden city, tree-lined with a number of beautiful parks.

In afternoon you will proceed for the sightseeing tour of Delhi.



The tour to Imperial Delhi will include drive past **Red Fort**, popularly known as the Lal Qila, it extends for two kms and varies in height from 18 metres on the river side to 33 meters on the city side. Shah Jahan started construction of the massive fort in 1638 and it was completed in 1648. He was deposed and imprisoned in Agra Fort by his son Aurangzeb, before he could move his capital from Agra to Shahjahanabad in Delhi.



Drive to New Delhi visit **Humayun's Tomb** (a UNESCO World Heritage monument) built by the widow of the second Mughal Emperor, Humayun, it is an outstanding monument in the Indo-Persian style & a precursor of the Taj Mahal.

Later in evening drive past with photo opportunity of the imposing **India Gate** - the war memorial dedicated to Indian soldiers, who died during World War I. The name of many soldiers who died during

World War I is inscribed on its wall. Edward Lutyens, the man who planned and built New Delhi, designed India Gate. The eternal flame runs on gas and is a tribute to soldiers who lost their lives in the service of the nation, **the Parliament House** a circular colonnaded building that houses the two Houses of Parliament – the Lok Sabha & the Rajya Sabha; **President's House or Rashtrapati Bhawan**, the official residence of the President of India. It has a magnificent view of the Rajpath and symmetrical North and South

block Government offices. Designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens and occupied in 1929, it is set in 330 acres of land.

Return to the hotel after the sightseeing.

Overnight at hotel.

DAY 02

DELHI-AGRA

BY: ROAD (200 KMS/ 5 HOURS)

Morning after breakfast you will be driven to Agra. Upon arrival proceed for check-in at hotel.

Agra in terms of ambiance is still associated with its Mughal period. The Mughals besides being great rulers were also great builders and they preserved their best architectural wonders for Agra & its neighbourhood. It has many wonderful monuments and the Taj Mahal, the greatest of them all, is a masterpiece of Mughal architecture at its best. The massive but elegant Agra Fort, the delicate artistry of Itimad-ud-daulah's tomb, the magnificent Taj and Akbar's deserted capital, Fatehpur Sikri, are each unique and outstanding. Their architectural genius can also be seen in the forts, palaces and aesthetically laid out gardens - each one a silent witness to a grand style of a golden era.

Afternoon proceed for sightseeing of Taj Mahal (**Remains closed on Friday**) and Agra fort.



Taj Mahal is one of the Seven Wonders of the World. It is a UNESCO world heritage site. **Taj Mahal** is everything that has been said about it and more. Taking 22 years and 20,000 men to build, the white marble was quarried 200 miles away and was transported to the site by a fleet of 1000 elephants. Built by the Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan as an expression of his love for his wife Mumtaz Mahal, in mid-17th century, the Taj Mahal is truly one of the wonders of the world. Though the Taj appears to be amazingly perfect from almost any angle, it is the close-up marble inlay work, which is really astounding. You will have ample time to view and be mesmerized by this outstanding piece of architecture.



Agra Fort, an outstanding example of Mughal architecture. Agra Fort - the seat and the stronghold of the Mughal Empire under successive generations. This was the seat of Mughal rule and administration and the present structure owes its origins to Akbar who erected the walls and gates and the first buildings on the eastern banks of Yamuna River. Shah Jahan added the impressive quarters and the mosque while Aurangzeb added the outer ramparts. Visit its Hall of Public

Audience and its Royal Pavilions.

Overnight at hotel.

DAY 03

AGRA-JAIPUR

BY: ROAD (235 KMS/ 5 HOURS)

Breakfast at hotel.

Drive to Jaipur visiting deserted Mughal city of Fatehpur Sikri en route.



Fatehpur Sikri the deserted red sandstone city, built by the Great Mughal Emperor Akbar as his capital and palace in the late 16th century. It was abandoned soon after it was built when the local wells went dry and it remains today in much the same condition that it was over 300 years ago. It is complete with palaces and mosques and used to be a town larger than London when it was originally constructed. Now it is an extraordinary place to wander around with its buildings in near perfect condition.

Later continue drive to Jaipur. On arrival, check in at your hotel.

Jaipur, also called the Pink City, was built by Maharaja Sawai Jai Singh II in 1727. It is the only city in the world symbolizing the nine divisions of the Universe through nine rectangular sectors subdividing it. The architect who formalized the city's plans based on the Shilpa Shastra, the epic Hindu treatise on architecture, mixed it with the sublime Mughal and Jain influences of those times. Except for the busy traffic of bicycles, cars and buses, little seems to have changed.

Rest of the day at leisure.

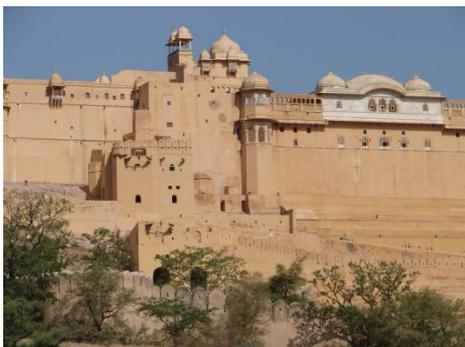
Overnight at hotel.

DAY 04

JAIPUR

BY: ROAD

After breakfast at hotel proceed for the excursion to **Amber Fort** ((by Jeeps / Elephant).



Amber is located at a distance of 11 kilometers from Jaipur and was the old fort of the Kachhwaha clan of Amber, which used to be the capital, till it was moved to Jaipur. The walls and the ceiling of the Mahal are covered with a beautiful array of mirrors, which reflect any streak of light, so as to illuminate the entire room.

After lunch proceed for city tour of Jaipur. Among the highlights to be seen while touring Jaipur include the **City Palace**, which is an overwhelming complex of exquisite palaces, gardens and courtyards, decorative art and carved doorways. The palace museum houses collections of rare manuscripts, armory, costumes, carpets and miniature paintings. Walk to the adjacent **Jantar Mantar** or Astronomical Observatory made by the Maharaja of Jaipur, built in 1726 and is one of the five such astronomical wonders built by Sawai Jai Singh and makes accurate predictions even to this day.

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Evening return back to your hotel.

Overnight at hotel.

DAY 05

JAIPUR-DELHI

BY: ROAD (260 KMS /6 HOURS)

After breakfast checkout from the hotel and depart Jaipur by surface for Delhi.

Upon arrival transfer to the International airport to board flight for onward destination.

******* END OF TOUR *******

COST PROPOSAL

<u>Hotels Category "5 star"</u>			
City	Name of the Hotel	Room Category	Nights
Delhi	Radisson Blu Dwarka or similar	Superior Room	01
Agra	Trident or similar	Deluxe Garden View	01
Jaipur	Country Inn or similar	Deluxe	02

Validity : January 2014	Tour Cost in INR
01 Paying Pax Traveling alone	INR 61500 Per Person
02 Paying pax traveling together on Twin sharing basis	INR 33700 Per Person

<u>Hotels Category "3 star"</u>			
City	Name of the Hotel	Room Category	Nights
Delhi	City Park Hotel or similar	Superior Room	01
Agra	Utkarsh Vilas or similar	Standard Room	01
Jaipur	Ramada or similar	Deluxe	02

Validity : January 2014	Tour Cost in INR
01 Paying Pax Traveling alone	INR 43852 Per Person
02 Paying pax traveling together on Twin sharing basis	INR 24755 Per Person

Inclusions & Exclusions

The above cost Includes: -

- 04 nights' accommodation on twin sharing at the hotels mentioned above or similar.
- Daily Buffet breakfast at the entire hotel mentioned above during the stay.
- All transfers, excursions and sightseeing tours will be by air-conditioned Toyota Innova.
- Entrance fee to the monuments (One time only).
- Service of local English speaking guide for sightseeing and excursion as per the itinerary.
- KUONI representative for assistance on arrival transfers.
- Tour highlights like elephant ride at Jaipur (subject to availability).
- All currently applicable taxes.

The above cost does not Include: -

- Expenses of personal nature like tipping, laundry, telephone/fax calls, alcoholic/non-alcoholic beverages, camera/video camera fee at monuments, medical expenses, airport departure tax, any insurance etc.
- Any meals other than the mentioned.
- Any Domestic airfare / International airfare.
- Any other services not mentioned in the inclusions.
- Our Cost is not valid for any period other than mentioned above.