GOLDEN TRIANGLE WITH GOA & MUMBAI

DAY 01 ARRIVE DELHI [BY FLIGHT]

Arrive Delhi, our representative will be waiting for you outside the EXIT gate of arrival terminal, holding a placard. Met upon arrival and transfer to hotel. (Early check in is subject to availability.)

The capital of modern India has behind it centuries of history, which has enriched its culture. Nowhere has tradition blended with modernity on a scale as evident in New Delhi. Delhi is what you want it to be – a modern city with life or a city of monuments and history.

Remainder of the day at leisure / free for independent activities.
Overnight stay at hotel.

DAY 02 IN DELHI

Breakfast at the hotel.

Morning proceed for half day combined **city tour of Old & New Delhi**. The tour will begin with a visit to **Raj Ghat**, a simple memorial to Mahatma Gandhi; **drive past the Red Fort** continuing to the **Jama Masjid**, one of Asia's largest mosques. The magnificent Red Fort, overlooking the river Jamuna was built during the years 1638 - 48 when the Mughal Empire was at its peak. The tour continues to Jama Masjid, one of Asia's largest mosques and which is viewed from the outside. People stream in and out of the mosque continuously and the presence of a nearby bazaar means that the area is rarely quiet.

The tour to Imperial Delhi will include a visit to the **Qutub Minar**, which is the tallest stone tower in India. The Qutub Minar was started in 1199 AD by Qutub-ud-Din Aibak and completed by the sultan's successor and son-in-law, Iltutmish. The building is 72.5 m high and has 379 steps from the bottom to the top. The Minar is tapering with the diameter of the base is 14.3 m while at the top floor it is2.7 m. The Qutub Minar is still the highest stone tower.The tour also includes a drive past the imposing **India Gate**, the **Parliament building** and the **Rashtrapati Bhawan**, the President's residence.

Rest of the day at leisure / free for independent activities.
Overnight stay at hotel.

DAY 03 DELHI / AGRA [BY SURFACE – 204 KM & 3 HRS.]

Breakfast at the hotel.

Later drive to Agra by surface. Arrive Agra and check in at the hotel.

Agra is one of the most famous tourist spots of the country. The city, situated on the west bank of river the Yamuna, is known world over as home to a wonder of the world, Taj Mahal.
Afternoon visit Taj Mahal & Agra Fort - The 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. (**Note: Taj Mahal is closed on Fridays for public visit.)**
Also visit 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 Jehan added the impressive quarters nd the mosque while Aurangzeb added the outer ramparts. Visit its Hall of Public Audience and its Royal Pavilions.

Rest of the day at leisure to explore the city. The vehicle will be at your disposal within city limit.
Overnight stay at hotel.

DAY 04 AGRA / JAIPUR [BY SURFACE – 235 KMS/ 05HRS]

After breakfast, leave for Jaipur by surface at 0800 Hrs.

Visit Fatehpur Sikri enroute Jaipur. **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.

After your visit, continue your drive to Jaipur and check-in at hotel.
Rest day at your leisure to explore the Pink City. The vehicle will be at your disposal within city limit.

Jaipur's past is never too far from hand. The city of victory, Jaipur presides over the fascinating desert state and its people: surrounded by rugged hills, each crowned by a formidable fort; and beautiful palaces, mansions and gardens dotted throughout its precincts. The palaces and forts of yesteryear that were witness to royal processions and splendour are now living monuments, accepted quite naturally into the lifestyles of the people of the "pink city". Except for the busy traffic of bicycles, cars and buses, little seems to have changed. There is a timeless quality to Jaipur's bazaars and its people. With its historical past, Jaipur revives legends of the ancient Rajputs. The dresses of the women and the turbans of the men add colour to this fascinating city.

Overnight stay at hotel.

DAY 05 IN JAIPUR

Breakfast at the hotel.

Morning proceed to visit the **ancient capital of Amber** to see the fabulous Amber Fort. Maharaja Mansingh, Mughal Emperor Akbar's most successful General, started the construction of Amber Fort in the 17th century.

An elephant/jeep will spare you the trouble of reaching up to the fortress. Once on top, stroll through the sprawling complex of courtyards and halls. Many of the rooms have delightful wall paintings, with precious stones and mirrors inlaid in the walls. Most fascinating, perhaps, is the Sheesh Mahal (hall of mirrors) where a single lamplight is reflected in the many mirrors, lighting up the room.

En-route to Amber you will stop and see the `**Palace of Winds'**, otherwise known as Hawa Mahal. It is really an elaborate facade behind which the ladies of the court used to watch the daily goings on in the street below. It is extremely intricate in its pink sandstone carving. The cool wind blows through its facade of windows and latticed screens through which the queens of the court once viewed the streets of the city.

Continue for sightseeing tour of Jaipur city visit the city 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, armoury, 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. You will also have the opportunity to wander about the local markets.
The vehicle will be at your disposal within city limit.
Overnight stay at hotel.

DAY 06 JAIPUR / MUMBAI/ GOA [BY FLIGHT]

Breakfast at the hotel.
You will be transferred to the Jaipur airport to board the flight for Goa via Mumbai.
Arrive Goa airport and you will be met with our representative and transferred to hotel.
Rest of the day at leisure for independent activities. **(Transport services are not included)**
Overnight stay at hotel.

DAY 07 IN GOA

Breakfast at the hotel.
Full day at your leisure. **(Transport services are not included)**
Overnight at the hotel.

DAY 08 IN GOA

Breakfast at the hotel.
Full day at your leisure. **(Transport services are not included)**
Overnight at the hotel.

DAY 09 GOA/ MUMBAI [BY FLIGHT]

Breakfast at the hotel.
You will be transferred to the Goa airport to board the flight for Mumbai.
Arrive Mumbai airport and you will be met with our representative and transferred to hotel.

Bombay, or Mumbai, is the capital of Maharashtra and the economic powerhouse of India. It's the fastest moving, most affluent and the most industrialized city in India. Yet, once upon a time, Bombay was nothing more than a group of low-lying, swampy and malarial mud flats presented to the British by its Portuguese occupiers as a wedding gift in 1661.
Overnight stay at hotel.

DAY 10 IN MUMBAI

Breakfast at the hotel.
Morning proceed for half day city tour of Mumbai visiting Mani Bhavan, the house where Mahatma Gandhi used to stay during his visits to Bombay which is now a Museum displaying photographs, letters, and personal items used by him. Visit the Prince of Wales Museum and the Jain Temple. Drive past the "Towers of Silence", Kamla Nehru Park and Hanging Gardens situated on the slope of Malabar Hill offering a panoramic view of Marine Drive and Chowpatty Beach. Drive through Crawford market, Marine Drive and commemorate the visit of King George V.
Afternoon is at leisure in Mumbai.
Overnight at the hotel.

DAY 11 DEPARTURE MUMBAI

In time you will be met by our representative and transfer to Mumbai International airport in time to board flight for onward destination. (LATE CHECK OUT IS SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY)

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