

The Golden Triangle with Cultural Rajasthan

15 Nights / 16 Days

2N Delhi – 1N Mandawa – 1N Bikaner – 2N Jaisalmer – 2N Jodhpur
– 2 Udaipur -1N Ajmer – 2N Jaipur – 1N Agra – 1N Delhi

PACKAGE HIGHLIGHTS:

- Visit in Delhi – Jama Masjid, Qutub Minar, Humayun Tomb
- Drive past in Delhi - Red Fort, Rajghat, President House & India Gate
- Rickshaw ride in Chandni Chowk
- Visit in Mandawa – Painted Havelis (mansions with frescoes)
- Visit in Bikaner – Junagadh Fort & Camel breeding farm
- Visit in Jaisalmer - Jaisalmer Fort, Drive past to Gadisar Lake & Sam Sand Dunes.
- In Jodhpur, visit Mehrangarh Fort & Jaswant Thada
- Visit of Hazrat Khwaja Moinuddin Hasan Chisti Dargah in Ajmer
- In Udaipur, visit Lake Pichola, City Palace and Jagdish Temple
- Boat Ride in Lake Pichola
- Visit in Jaipur – Amber Fort, City Palace, Jantar Mantar Observatory & Hawa Mahal
- Elephant ride at Amber Fort
- Visit in Agra – Taj Mahal, Agra Fort & Fateh-pur Sikri
- Assistance at airport and sightseeing tours by private air-conditioned vehicle
- Start and End in Delhi



ITINERARY:

Day 01 Arrival in Delhi

Meet our representative upon arrival in Delhi and check-in at the hotel. India's capital & a major gateway to the country, Delhi is contemporary and a bustling metropolis which successfully combines in its fold the ancient & the modern. Its strategic location was one of the prime reasons why successive dynasties chose it as their seat of power. New Delhi also reflects the legacy the British left behind. Overnight in Delhi.

Day 02: Sightseeing in Delhi

After breakfast, proceed for a full-day tour of Old and New Delhi. This fascinating city has been in existence since the 6th century BC and has seen ups and downs from the rule of the Pandavas right up to the British Raj. Visit Jama Masjid, which is the largest mosque in India, commissioned by Emperor Shah Jahan. The courtyard of the mosque can hold about 25,000 worshippers. Enjoy a rickshaw ride in Chandni Chowk, the busiest market in Old Delhi...noisy, chaotic and uniquely Indian. You will then drive past to the Red Fort, which was constructed during the rule of Emperor Shah Jahan and served as the residence for the Mughal royal family. It continues to be significant till date, as every Independence Day, the Prime Minister makes a speech from its ramparts as the Indian flag is hoisted. Later, drive past President House and several other government buildings in Edwin Lutyen's Delhi before you head toward Rajghat, the memorial to Mahatma Gandhi. This simple memorial marks the spot where Mahatma Gandhi was cremated in 1948. Thereafter, visit Humayun's Tomb, commissioned by Humayun's wife Hamida Banu Begum in 1562. It was the first garden tomb built in the Indian sub-continent where the Persian architect used red sandstone on a large scale. Later in the evening

visit the Qutab Minar, which is the tallest brick minaret in the world; it was commissioned by Qutbuddin Aibak, the first Muslim ruler of Delhi. Overnight in Delhi.

Day 03: Delhi – Mandawa (260 km/approx. 6 hours)

This morning after breakfast proceed to Mandawa. Arrive Mandawa and check in to your hotel. Later, enjoy a half day sightseeing tour of Mandawa. The entire Shekhawati region is well known for its painted havelis (mansions with frescoes). Mandawa in particular is central to this beautiful form of art. Some of the notable haveli's are the Hanuman Prasad Goenka Haveli, Murmuria Haveli, Goenka Double Haveli, Jhunjhunwala Haveli and Mohan Lal Saraf Haveli. Not surprisingly, the entire town is referred to as an Open Art Gallery. Rest of the day at leisure. Overnight in Mandawa.

Day 04: Mandawa – Bikaner (195 km/approx. 4 and half hours)

This morning after breakfast proceed to Bikaner. If ever beauty has bloomed in a desert, it has been at Bikaner it comprises imposing palaces and beautiful, richly sculptured temples of red and yellow sandstone. Arrive Bikaner and check in to your hotel. Later proceed for a half day tour. Visit Junagadh Fort... an unassailable fortress, it never been conquered. Inside the fort are some magnificent palaces like Anup Mahal, Ganga Niwas and Rang Mahal or palace of pleasure. The Har Mandir is the majestic temple for the royal family. Later, visit a camel breeding farm...here; professional camel breeders research how to breed the best camels. Rest of the day at leisure. Overnight in Bikaner.

Day 05: Bikaner – Jaisalmer (330 km/approx. 8 hours)

This morning after breakfast proceed to Jaisalmer. Jaisalmer, which lies in the heart of the Thar Desert...a city, seeped in color and rich tradition; it was once a major centre on the trading route between India and the west. Arrive Jaisalmer and check in to your hotel. Rest of the day at leisure. Overnight in Jaisalmer.

Day 06: Jaisalmer

This morning after breakfast proceed for half day tour of Jaisalmer. Visit Jaisalmer Fort, which is the only living fort of India and houses the entire township within its ramparts. Visit Salim Singh ki Haveli, built around 300 years ago, and Patwon-ki-Haveli which is the largest and most elaborate mansion of its kind in Jaisalmer, followed by a visit to Nathmal Ji ki Haveli, a grand mansion that blends Rajput and Islamic architecture. Later, drive past the beautiful Gadisar Lake and Badal Vilas, the present residence of erstwhile royal family. Later, visit Sam Sand Dunes, around 42 kms from Jaisalmer, is the closest place from where you can lose yourself in 'The Great Thar Desert'. Rest of the day at leisure. Overnight in Jaisalmer.

Day 07 Jaisalmer - Jodhpur (310 km/approx. 7 hours)

This morning after breakfast proceed to Jodhpur. Arrive Jodhpur and check in to your hotel. Rest of the day at leisure. Overnight in Jodhpur.

Day 08 Sightseeing of Jodhpur

This morning after breakfast proceed for a half-day sightseeing trip of Jodhpur, which is the second largest city in Rajasthan and also called the 'Sun City'. Visit the Mehrangarh Fort. This spectacular fort made from red sandstone stands on a perpendicular cliff above the skyline of Jodhpur. Also visit Jaswant Thada, a marble cenotaph built to commemorate Maharaja Jaswant Singh II. Later, drive past the Mandore garden, which showcases cenotaphs of Jodhpur's former rulers; instead of the usual umbrella-shaped cenotaphs these are built along the lines of a Hindu temple. Rest of the day at leisure. Overnight in Jodhpur.

Day 09 Jodhpur – Udaipur (250 km/approx. 5 hours)

This morning after breakfast proceed to Udaipur. Enroute, visit the Ranakpur Temples, acclaimed worldwide for their intricate and superb architectural style. These temples form one of the five major pilgrimages of the Jain's. Arrive Udaipur and check in to your hotel. Rest of the day at leisure. Overnight in Udaipur.

Day 10 Sightseeing of Udaipur

After breakfast, proceed for full-day tour of Udaipur. Visit the City Palace, standing on the east bank of Lake Pichola. The complex is a massive series of palaces built at different times from 1559. The balconies of the palace provide panoramic views of the Lake Palace Hotel and Jag Mandir on one side, and the city of Udaipur on the other. The paintings, mosaics, intricately carved 'chhatris' and the architecturally brilliant facade all contribute to making your visit to the City Palace a truly memorable experience. Thereafter, visit

a picturesque garden, Sahelion ki Bari. You will visit also visit Jagdish Temple, which is raised on a tall terrace and was completed in 1651. It attaches a double-storey Mandapa (hall) to a double-storey saandhara (with a covered ambulatory) sanctum. In the evening, enjoy a boat ride on Lake Pichola (depending upon the water level of lake), which is an artificial fresh water lake, created in the year 1362 AD. Rest of the day at leisure. Overnight in Udaipur.

Day 11 Udaipur – Ajmer (270 km/approx. 5.5 hours)

This morning after breakfast proceed to Ajmer. Arrive Ajmer and check in to your hotel. Rest of the day at leisure. Overnight in Ajmer.

Day 12 Ajmer – Jaipur (135 km/approx. 2.5 hours)

This morning, enjoy a half day sightseeing tour of Ajmer. The city of Ajmer houses the Dargah or tomb of the popular 13th-century Sufi Saint Hazrat Khwaja Moinuddin Hasan Chisti. The Dargah is one of the holiest places of worship in India not only for Muslims but also for people of other faiths who hold the saint the high esteem. Its main attraction is the mausoleum containing the tomb of the saint, which is the sanctum of the Dargah. Among its other prominent attractions are the two mighty Buland Darwazas. The Dargah includes many other attractive buildings, tombs, courtyards and Daalaans, some of which are exquisite specimens of the Moghul architecture. After visiting the Dargah, proceed for Jaipur, also known as the 'Pink City'. The city of Jaipur is capital to the state of Rajasthan, famous for its colorful culture, forts, palaces, and lakes. Jaipur owes its name to the founder of the city, warrior king Sawai Jai Singh II. Rest of the day at leisure. Arrive and check-in at your hotel. Overnight in Jaipur.

Day 13 Sightseeing of Jaipur

This morning after breakfast proceed for an excursion to Visit the Amber Fort. The best way to explore the fort is to ride up to it on Elephant back. Prominent structures inside the fort are the Diwan-i-Aam, adorned with latticed galleries, the Ganesh Pol, with a beautiful painted image of Lord Ganesh, and the stunning Sheesh Mahal, a hall decorated with thousands of tiny mirrors. Later, stop to photograph the beautiful Hawa Mahal, also known as the "Palace of the Winds." This beautiful façade with its ornately carved latticework windows was designed so the ladies of the palace could look out onto the streets unobserved. Later you will visit the City Palace... again, a synthesis of Rajasthani and Mughal styles. The museums here showcase rare and ancient manuscripts, arms dating back to the 15th century, and costumes of erstwhile royalty. Later, visit the Jantar Mantar Observatory, comprising geometric devices for measuring time, and tracking stars in their orbits. Overnight in Jaipur.

Day 14 Jaipur – Agra (230 km/approx. 5 hours)

After breakfast, drive to Agra and enroute visit Fatehpur Sikri, which was built by Emperor Akbar and is home to many historical buildings. Akbar wanted to make Fatehpur Sikri his headquarters; however, he had to abandon it due to shortage of water. The Tomb of Sheikh Salim Chishti enshrines the burial place of the Sufi saint who lived a religious life here. Today, Fatehpur Sikri is a UNESCO World heritage site. Further drive to Agra and check into your Hotel. Overnight in Agra.

Day 15 Agra – Delhi (210 kms/ approx. 4 hours)

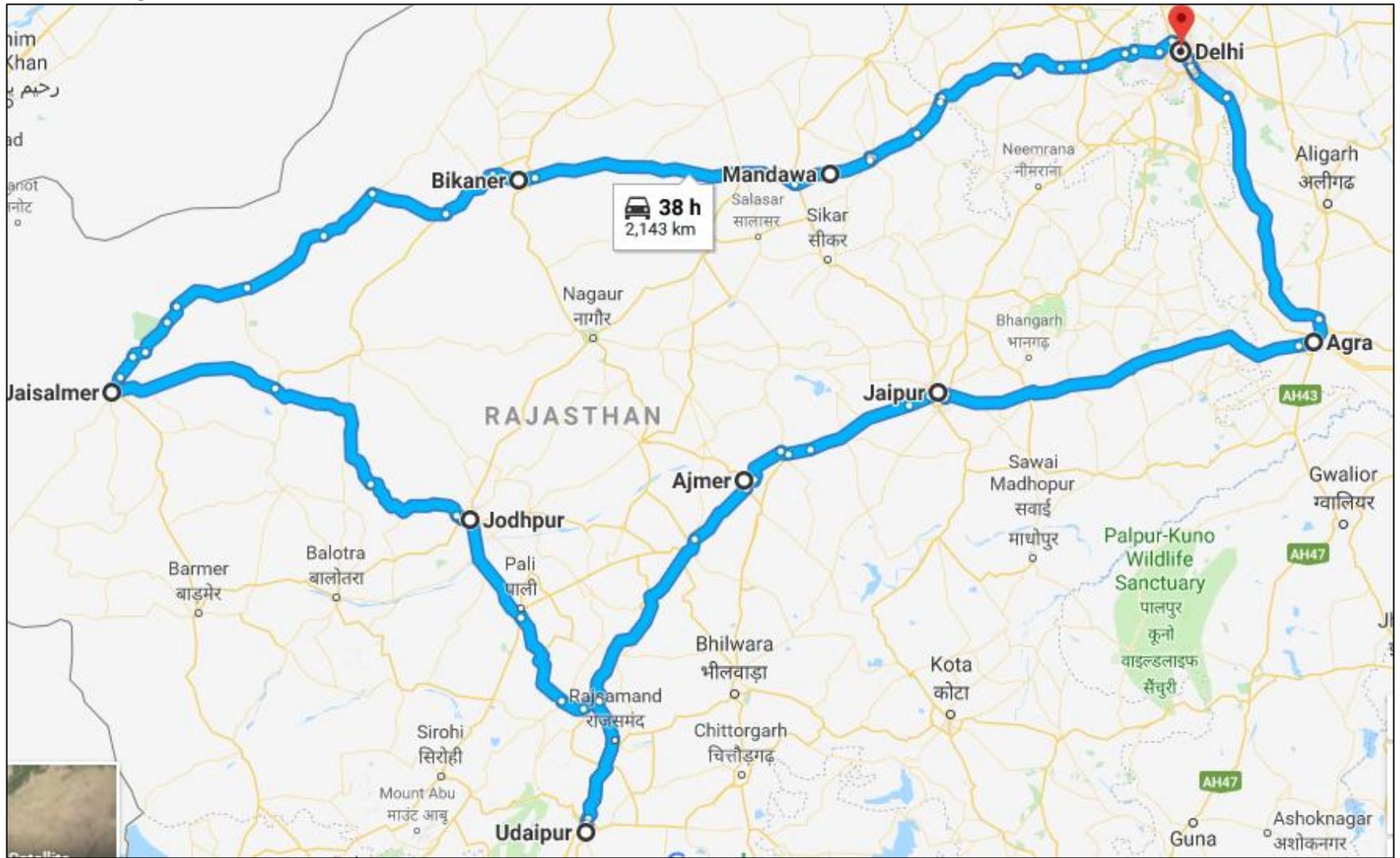
This morning after breakfast proceed for half day tour of Agra. Visit the Red Fort, which was commissioned in 1565 by The Mughal Emperor, Akbar. The beautiful yet forbidding structure is a handsome example of Mughal architecture. Later, visit the Taj Mahal ... a mausoleum built as a symbol of Emperor Shah Jehan's devotion to his beloved queen Mumtaz Mahal. Considered an architectural marvel, its construction took thousands of workers over 21 years to complete. Overnight in Delhi.

Day 16 Departure from Delhi:

This morning after breakfast proceed to the airport to board the flight for your onward destination.

End of Services

Route Map:



HOTELS OFFERED:

City	Nights	Category A	Category B	Category C	Meal Plan
Delhi	3	Crowne Plaza Mayur Vihar	SK Premium	Surya International	Breakfast
Mandawa	1	Castle Mandawa	The Desert Resort	The Desert Resort	Breakfast
Bikaner	1	Narendra Bhawan	Vesta Bikaner Palace	Chirag	Breakfast
Jaisalmer	2	WH Mandir Palace	Rang Mahal	Golden Haveli	Breakfast
Jodhpur	2	Welcom Hotel	Park Plaza	Bijolai Palace	Breakfast
Udaipur	2	Ramada Resort	Golden Tulip	Crimson Park	Breakfast
Ajmer	1	Mansingh Palace	Bijay Niwas Palace	The Royal Melange	Breakfast
Jaipur	2	Holiday Inn City Centre	Park Regis	Vesta Maurya	Breakfast
Agra	1	Crystal Sarovar Premiere	Howard Plaza - The Fern	Taj Vilas	Breakfast

PACKAGE COST IN INR	Category A	Category B	Category C
Cost Per Person when 2 Pax Travelling	71662	57540	50865
Cost Per Person when 4 Pax Travelling	62722	48600	41925
Cost for Extra Adult / Child with Bed (Hotel cost only)	38469	24035	19684

SUPPLEMENTS APPLICABLE FOR THE BELOW DATES/DAYS AND BELOW MENTIONED HOTEL (PER PERSON / PER NIGHT) IN INR

Category	Hotel	DATES/ DAYS	1 Pax	2 Pax	3 Pax	4 Pax
A	Ramada - Udaipur	14 Aug to 18 Aug & 23 to 25 Aug'19	4248	2124	1416	2124

PACKAGE INCLUSIONS:

- 15 night accommodation in well-appointed rooms as mentioned above hotels or equivalent
- Assistance at the airport
- Meal plan as mentioned above
- Elephant / Jeep ride at Amber
- Boat Ride in Lake Pichola on shared basis, Udaipur
- Sightseeing as per itinerary by private tourist vehicle
- Drivers allowances, toll taxes and Govt. Service Tax

PACAKAGE EXCLUSIONS:

- Air tickets and airport taxes
- Rickshaw ride in Chandni Chowk
- Audio Guide at Ranakpur
- Camel ride and other activities at Sam Sand Dunes
- Entry Fee at the Monuments
- Services of English-speaking guide during sightseeing tours
- Items of personal nature like laundry, phone calls, tips to guides / drivers etc.
- Camera / Video camera fees applicable at monuments

NOTE:

MONUMENTS CLOSED ON

Delhi - Red fort is closed on every Monday

Agra - Taj Mahal on every Friday

Jaipur – Elephant ride at Amber Fort will not be operational during Eid /Navrataras Festivals

Hotel Check in 1400hrs and check out 1200hrs

Medium vehicle will be provided for 1-3 travelers and Innova will be provided for 4-5 travelers

Package cost will not be valid during public holidays, festivals, exhibitions and long-weekends

A surcharge will be levied and will be advised at the time of booking

