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## India's Golden Triangle

Day by Day Itinerary – 6 Nights (7Days)  
Tour begins in New Delhi on Monday Jan 17<sup>th</sup> 2011  
Tour Ends in New Delhi on Sunday, Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> 2011

### Day 1 New Delhi – Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> January 2011

A meet and assist service awaits your group arrival at IGI airport to escort you to your hotel in the city center.

After breakfast, start the day with sightseeing of Old Delhi which includes **Red Fort** a beautiful monument built in 1648. **Chandni Chowk** a colorful old market, **Jama Masjid** a magnificent architectural gift by Emperor Shah Jahan and other historical monuments.

The evening is free to explore “**Dilli Haat**” a beautiful food and crafts bazaar in South Delhi which is like a treasure house of Indian culture, handicrafts and ethnic cuisine. Alternatively, near your hotel browse the shops of Janpath, Palika Bazaar, the various State Emporiums and Connaught Place. Tara will gladly advise you on all your shopping & bargaining needs.

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*Later this evening, perhaps join Tara for a delicious vegetarian South Indian meal or enjoy a gourmet dining experience at several local restaurants.*

**Meals:** Breakfast

### **Day 2 New Delhi – Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> January 2011**

After breakfast we begin sightseeing of New Delhi with the war memorial, **India Gate**, the impressive palatial size buildings of **Rajpath** and **President's House** which was designed and built by the British in the 1920's. Next we will halt at **Qutab Minar**, a world heritage site, an excellent example of Afghan architecture. We will also see the **Lotus temple** (Bahai temple) which signifies purity and equality of all religions.

In the evening visit the **Akshardham temple** where you can enjoy a leisurely walk through the grounds with its musical fountain light show.

*This evening perhaps join Tara for a delicious vegetarian street food (Chaat) meal at Bengali Market or experience dinner time with the students of the National School of Drama. .*

**Meals:** Breakfast

### **Day 3 New Delhi to Agra - Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> January 2011**

In the early morning we depart for Agra by motor coach (260 kms) en-route visiting Sikandra Fort. Check in to your hotel and then head directly to see the world famous **Taj Mahal**, a beautiful memorial built by Emperor Shah Jahan in memory of his wife. Next we visit the Agra Fort situated on the banks of river Yamuna. Inside this massive red sandstone Agra Fort. Later that evening we enjoy a rickshaw ride through the city and see the hustle bustle of the city and old markets.

*This evening, with suggestions from your tour escort, perhaps enjoy a relaxed dinner at a restaurant of your choice or at your hotel. Later perhaps view the Taj Mahal under the light of the full moon –additional charges apply.*

**Meals:** Breakfast

### **Day 4 Agra to Jaipur – Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> January 2011**

Early risers may perhaps want to visit the Taj Mahal one last time at sunrise. It's a short cab ride to Nature Walk or Mehtab Bagh, two good vantage points to see the Taj at sunrise.

After breakfast drive to Fatehpur Sikri – a perfectly preserved red sandstone "ghost town" which was the estranged capital of Mughal Emperor Akbar, built in 1569 and deserted when its water supply failed.

Then we drive to Jaipur – the fabled "pink city" of the desert. Upon your arrival in Jaipur, check into Hotel. The city tour starts with a visit to the **City Palace** a blend of Rajput and Mughal architecture. We visit the **Palace Museum** to see its fabulous displays of miniature paintings and traditional Rajasthani royal costumes. Next see **Hawa Mahal**, also known as Palace of Winds.

*In the evening you have time to relax at your resort or perhaps take a "free" optional tour to a gem and jewelry factory followed by shopping in the bazaars for colorful Jaipuri fabrics, artwork, handicrafts, jewelry and artwork.*

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Tonight we capture the spirit of Rajasthan at our Hotel **Chokhi Dhani** where you can enjoy the dances, cultural performances, local Rajasthani cuisine, magic shows, puppet shows, fortune telling parrots or perhaps enjoy a camel or bullock cart ride. A traditional Rajasthani Dinner (floor seating) is included.

For a nominal charge you have the option to upgrade to a western table dining experience of traditional Rajasthani Cuisine or private dining at the resort's restaurant.

**Meals:** Breakfast

### **Day 5 Jaipur to Samode – Friday, 21<sup>st</sup>, January 2011**

After breakfast, today we visit the famous Amber Fort. We see the massive gateways and pillared pavilions of Amber Fort and tour Amber Palace, with its magnificent domes and hall of mirrors.

Then we proceed to Samode Palace, a luxurious resort just outside Jaipur. Tonight you stay at this exquisite palace now converted to a Heritage Hotel. The evening is at leisure. *Perhaps indulge in a relaxing spa treatment, enjoy a Camel Cart Safari or a Jeep Safari around the village and nearby Samode Bagh resort or simply soak in the ambience of this ancient palace.*

**Meals:** Breakfast

### **Day 6 Samode to New Delhi – Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup>, January 2011**

After breakfast we head back to Delhi, the last leg of our journey. Celebrate an end to this fascinating journey with fellow travelers over cocktails and a farewell.

**Meals:** Breakfast & Dinner

### **Day 7 New Delhi – Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>, January 2011**

Your day is at leisure. For those departing today, transfer to IGI airport for your onward journey is included.

If you are spending a few more days, continue to explore this exciting city on your own or with Tara. Please arrange your "insider experiences" with Tara at the time of reservations so she can make all necessary arrangements. There are several "insider's visits" to select from. Some examples include:

- Visit temples of Delhi: Sikh and Hindu or Catholic/ Protestant Church for Mass
- Visit a local government run and/or private school
- Collect your custom tailored clothes from Tailor Master
- Shop or explore the bustling shopping areas near your hotel, of Delhi Haat or old Delhi's spice bazaars, silver bazaars and whole-sale markets.
- Visit a local family for Tea or a meal
- Ask for other exciting options to get an insiders view of India and its people

**Meals:** Breakfast

**On a Journey with Tara, the Possibilities are Endless & the Discoveries Magical!**

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