

India's Golden Triangle Itinerary Example

11 Day Itinerary

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Customer Review



I always dreamt of seeing India, I wasn't sure where to start which is why Not in the Guidebooks were so amazing! With their local host and some great advice we worked to create this incredible itinerary for me, I truly loved every second of it and feel like I got to see everything I could've ever imagined! If you want to see India, there is no better way.

Overview

This is a classic tour of some of the most iconic places in India... with a twist. Delhi with its frenetic modern life style and wonderful Mughal and Colonial architecture. If you're also fascinated by the king-sized lifestyle of India's erstwhile royalty, then here is your once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to explore India like a true Indian maharaja. The Maharajas' Express journey beautifully captures the essence of royal Rajasthan through Indian Splendour handcrafted itinerary. This bespoke journey brings together priceless experiences that represent the true wealth of India, it's art, culture, history, traditions and more; offering a truly once-in-a-lifetime experience. what makes this journey so extraordinary is the kind of luxury that is offered on wheels. This is a truly epic journey that will enrich your soul and mind with serenity and benevolence.

Daily Itinerary

Day 1 | Arrive in Delhi

Arrive Delhi at Indira Gandhi International airport. Meeting, assistance on arrival and transfer to hotel by a private chauffeur-driven air-conditioned car (Toyota Innova). Check-in at Haveli Dharampura.

After short rest you will visit to Humayun's Tomb and also you will be taken for the Street art walk tour followed with visit to Lodhi Garden.



Day 2 & 3 | Explore Old & New Delhi

With an early morning start you will take a truly breath-taking ride down Delhi's more recent history.

Ride through Connaught Palace to have the view of the old imperial markets, constructed in the 1930s and now one of the most happening markets in New Delhi. Stop at Jantar Mantar, an astronomical observatory built in the 18th century. Designed to measure time, predict eclipses, and track celestial bodies. Ride to The President's House, known as Rashtrapati Bhavan, is the official residence of the President of India, which combines Mughal and colonial architectural styles. Continue to India Gate – the road representing power & freedom. Widest avenue road in Delhi, giving you the real feeling of riding a cycle in world's biggest democracy. You will end the ride at Agrasen Ki Baoli – 400 years old historical stepwell for water conservation and now an interesting example of our ancient practices.

The next day after breakfast you will enjoy sightseeing tour of old Delhi including an exhilarating cycle rickshaw ride to the Jama Masjid through the bustling Chandni Chowk, Red Fort and its back roads, which were the centre of the city Shah Jehanabad in the Mughal times. You will also be taken for the tour visiting the havelis / mansions in Old Delhi followed by the lunch.

Finally conclude day three at Raj Ghat-Mahatma Gandhi's cremation site.



Day 4 | Board the Maharajas' Express - Delhi to Agra

This morning, assemble at Delhi Safdarjung station at approximately 0600 hours and complete your registration and check in formalities, sipping into your welcome drink and enjoying the instrumental music. The Maharajas' Express departs Delhi at 0700 hours for Agra. Enjoy breakfast and lunch on-board as you arrive into Agra. Join us for a session on the train for a tour brief and meet your facilitators during this exciting journey.

As you reach the 'City of Mughal Splendour', visit the world famous Taj Mahal (one of the Seven Wonders of the World), built by the Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan as the mausoleum for his favourite queen Mumtaz Mahal. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, this incomparable marvel is constructed entirely out of white marble and is an architectural masterpiece with beautiful inlay work and marble screens. Return to the Maharajas' Express. You may choose optional activities such as spa at a five star hotel or Mohabbat the Taj show or explore the city in your private car with guide.



Day 5 | Agra - Ranthambore

Early this morning, disembark to visit the exquisite Agra Fort. Later, enjoy relaxed breakfast on-board as you travel to your next destination Ranthambore. Lunch shall be served onboard. Arrive into Ranthambore and proceed for an exciting game drive in the Ranthambore National Park. Originally the private hunting ground of the Maharajas of Jaipur, Ranthambore was declared a National Park in 1973. The park is famous for its open sightings of tigers, sambar, chital, nilgai, chinkara, wild boar, sloth bear, hyena, jackal and leopard. The safari is truly one of a kind and if you are lucky you might spot the elusive tiger or the shy leopard



Day 6 | In Jaipur

After breakfast on-board you will be dropped off and begin your exciting tour of the pink city with a visit to Amber Fort at 0800 hrs. The Amber Fort, set in picturesque and rugged hills is a fascinating blend of Hindu and Mughal architecture. Constructed by Raja Man Singh I in 1592 and completed by Mirja Raja Jai Singh, the fort was made in red sand stone and white marble. The rugged forbidding exterior belies an inner paradise with a beautiful fusion of art and architecture. Amber is the classic and romantic fort-palace with a magnificent aura.

A short jeep ride takes you up to the fort where you will enjoy a tour of the royal apartments, with striking views of the gorge. Step back into the Mughal era as you enter the Chamber of Mirrors (Sheesh Mahal), and the Hall of Victory. Return to the train for a leisurely lunch on-board.

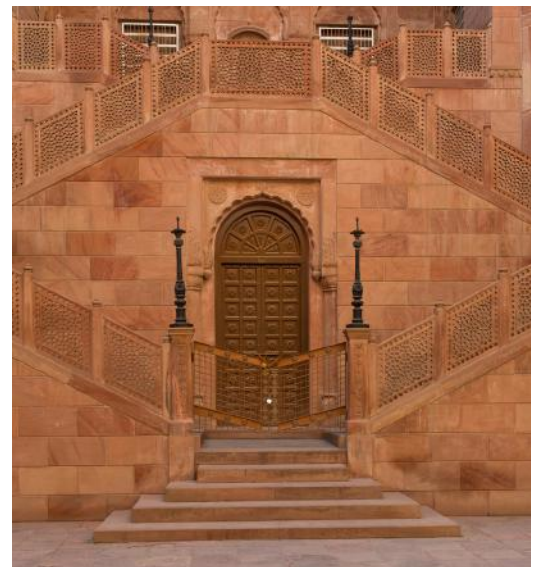
You can explore at your leisure in the evening, before enjoying an incredible dinner experience at Rambagh Palace Hotel. The Palace built in 1835 AD was the residence of the Maharaja of Jaipur from 1925 to 1957, when it was converted into a luxury hotel.



Day 7 | Bikaner

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast as the train arrives in the desert city of Bikaner. You may choose to relax on board or join an optional visit to the Lalgarh Palace Museum, showcasing artefacts and photographs from the region's royal past.

After lunch, disembark to visit Junagarh Fort, an imposing structure surrounded by a moat yet filled with exquisitely decorated interiors. Explore its ornate palaces, including the Phool Mahal, Anup Mahal and Diwan-i-Khas. Later, experience a magical desert sundowner as camel carts escort you to the sand dunes. Enjoy cocktails, a traditional barbecue dinner and lively folk performances beneath the open sky. Return to the train in the evening as it continues onward to Jodhpur.





Expert Tips

- **Pack light layers for changing conditions.**

India's climate can shift quickly, from warm days to cooler evenings, especially when travelling between regions. Breathable fabrics, comfortable shoes and sun protection are essential, with a light jacket or shawl for air-conditioned interiors and evenings. Fun fact: traditional Rajasthani clothing was designed to keep the body cool in desert heat.

- **Treat food as part of the experience.**

Indian cuisine is highly regional, with each destination offering distinct flavours and techniques. Meals are often social and unhurried, whether dining in historic palaces or on board the Maharajas' Express. Fun fact: royal spice blends were once closely guarded secrets, passed down through generations.

Day 8 | Jodhpur

Wake to views of the Marwar region and enjoy a relaxed breakfast on board. The morning is free to unwind or join optional excursions, such as visiting rural Bishnoi villages, touring Umaid Bhawan Palace, or indulging in spa facilities at a luxury hotel.

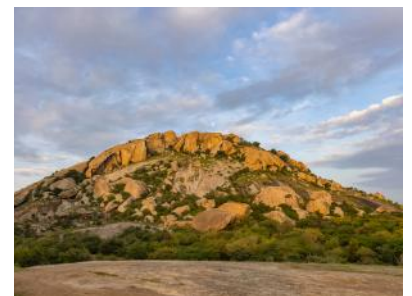
After lunch, visit the magnificent Mehrangarh Fort, towering above the city on a rocky outcrop. Wander through its richly decorated rooms, latticed windows and grand courtyards before heading into the old city by tuk tuk. Explore the bustling Clock Tower Market, where spices, textiles and local life create a vibrant atmosphere. In the evening, enjoy an exclusive cocktail dinner featuring Marwar cuisine at a private heritage venue. Return to the train as it journeys overnight to Udaipur.



Day 9 | Udaipur

Arrive in Udaipur, the romantic City of Lakes, surrounded by the Aravalli Hills. After breakfast, disembark and enjoy a scenic boat ride on Lake Pichola, passing palaces that appear to float on the water. Continue to the City Palace, the largest palace complex in Rajasthan, where scalloped arches, mirrored halls and mosaic courtyards tell the story of Mewar's royal legacy.

Visit Mor Chowk, Moti Mahal and the Crystal Gallery before enjoying a regal lunch at the Satkar Hall of Fateh Prakash Palace. In the afternoon, return to the train for a relaxed journey towards Mumbai. Celebrate your final evening on board with an Indian-themed dinner and farewell festivities.



Day 10 | Onboard to Mumbai

Enjoy a slow morning on board as the Maharajas' Express makes its way towards Mumbai. This is a day to relax, reflect and savour the last moments of life on the train. Indulge in leisurely meals, take in the changing scenery, or simply enjoy the refined comfort of your cabin and lounges. The atmosphere is celebratory yet unhurried, offering time to reminisce about the forts, palaces and unforgettable experiences of the past days. Overnight on board.



Day 11 | Mumbai and Departure

Arrive in Mumbai and disembark at Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus in the late afternoon. Bid farewell to the Maharajas' Express as your journey through royal India comes to an end. You'll be met and transferred to the international airport for your onward flight home, carrying with you lasting memories of an extraordinary journey through India's most iconic destinations.



Thank you!

Enjoy your trip and we look forward to hearing all about it!