



Discover India: Golden Triangle & Varanasi

A private 9 nights – 10 days journey through Mughal splendor, Rajput royalty and timeless spiritual India.

A view of the trip

Begin with a warm garland welcome on arrival in Delhi and step into a land of contrasts — bustling bazaars, imperial monuments and quiet spiritual rituals. This carefully curated, private tour pairs the iconic **Taj Mahal, Jaipur's royal palaces** and the colonial grandeur of New Delhi with an intimate, soul-stirring stay in **Varanasi (Benaras)** — one of the world's oldest living cities. Travel in a personalized, chauffeur-driven vehicle with professional English-speaking guides, fly on included domestic sectors, stay in handpicked hotels chosen for character and comfort, and enjoy private moments that transform sightseeing into meaningful memories.

What you'll experience

- **Mughal masterpieces & British-era avenues:** Walk the lanes of Old Delhi, ride a rickshaw through Chandni Chowk's spice markets, and explore the planned boulevards and monuments of New Delhi.
 - **The Taj Mahal at sunset (or sunrise option):** Witness the Taj's changing light — an unforgettable, photogenic moment that captures the monument's romance and artistry.
 - **Pink City grandeur:** Explore Jaipur's **Amber Fort, City Palace**, and vibrant bazaars; ascend to the fort by **elephant or jeep** and discover the living traditions of the Maharajas.
 - **Hands-on culture:** Join a **Jaipur cooking class** to learn regional recipes and spices from a local chef — a delicious, memorable cultural exchange.
 - **The spiritual heart — Varanasi:** Float on the Ganges at dawn during a private **sunrise boat ride**, witness the evening **Ganga Aarti** of lamps and chanting on the ghats, and visit the serene Buddhist shrines at **Sarnath**.
 - **Authentic, handpicked hotels:** Sleep in properties chosen for character and comfort — colonial charm in Delhi, heritage stays in Jaipur, and a river-front hotel in Varanasi when possible.
 - **Private & personalized:** Tailor your pace, add special experiences, and travel with a dedicated chauffeur and expert guides who bring every site to life.
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Highlights at a glance

- Old Delhi rickshaw ride & spice-market stroll
- Taj Mahal (sunrise or sunset) and Agra Fort guided visit
- Amber Fort ascent (elephant or jeep) + City Palace & Hawa Mahal
- Jaipur cooking class with local chef
- Varanasi dawn boat ride on the Ganges + evening Aarti at Dashashwamedh Ghat
- Visit to **Sarnath** — cradle of Buddhist teachings
- Domestic flights: Delhi ⇌ Varanasi (included)
- Airport meet & greet and all airport transfers

What's included (sample — ready to use in confirmation docs)

- Warm **garland welcome** on arrival in Delhi
- All **domestic flights** as per itinerary (Delhi ⇌ Varanasi)
- All **airport transfers** and private chauffeur-driven vehicle for road sections
- Professional **English-speaking local guides** at each destination
- **Entrance fees** to listed monuments (Taj Mahal, Amber Fort, etc.)
- **Old Delhi rickshaw ride** through Chandni Chowk and spice market stroll
- **Elephant ride or jeep ascent** at Amber Fort (subject to availability & local regulations — see note below)
- **Jaipur cooking class** with local chef (hands-on session + tasting)
- **Sunrise boat ride** on the Ganges and evening **Ganga Aarti** visit in Varanasi
- Accommodation in **handpicked hotels** with daily breakfast
- All taxes, local government fees, and service charges as per the itinerary

What's not included

- International airfare, visas, travel insurance, visa fees, gratuities, personal expenses, and optional activities not specified above.

Note on elephant experiences (ethical & safety note)

Elephant ascents at Amber Fort are a long-standing tradition but animal-welfare practices vary. We offer the **elephant ride as an option** where it is available and licensed; guests who prefer an ethical alternative can choose a **jeep ascent** or visit a certified elephant-care



centre instead. We prioritize responsible suppliers and ask clients to opt for humane experiences.

Practical details (quick)

- **Duration:** 9 Nights-10 days (flexible)
- **Pace:** Comfortable — private vehicle, short flights to save time, and leisurely sightseeing with free time for exploration
- **Group:** Private departures / small groups available
- **Best time to travel:** October – March (cooler, clear weather)

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Golden Triangle + Varanasi — Detailed Tour Itineraries & Descriptions

Duration: 8 nights-9 days

Destinations: Delhi → Agra → Jaipur → Varanasi

Best for: First-time US/EU visitors who want the “classics” — Mughal monuments, Rajput palaces, and a soulful spiritual experience on the Ganges.



Experience India's most iconic sights at a comfortable pace: witness the **Taj Mahal at sunrise**, ride a rickshaw through **Old Delhi**, wander Jaipur's palaces and colourful bazaars, and end with the moving **Ganga Aarti and sunrise boat in Varanasi**.

Day 1 — Arrival Delhi

Arrive at Delhi International Airport with garland welcome and transfer to hotel. Take rest as you will arriving after a long journey. Overnight in hotel.

Overnight: Delhi

Why: Recover from jetlag and get a soft introduction to India's capital.

Day 02: Exploring Old Delhi

Morning after breakfast we will proceed to **Old Delhi** with the magnificent **Jama Masjid**, rickshaw ride through Chandni Chowk's spice and silk bazaars, and a photo stop at the **Red Fort**. Continue to **Raj Ghat**, Mahatma Gandhi's memorial. Later proceed back to hotel. Relax at the hotel. A Short and sweet day to explore old part of Delhi.

Day 03: New Delhi

Morning after breakfast visit the grandeur of **New Delhi** – the colonial avenues of **India Gate**, **Rashtrapati Bhavan**, and **Parliament House**. Conclude with two UNESCO World Heritage Sites: **Qutub Minar** and **Humayun's Tomb**, precursors to the Taj Mahal.

Overnight in Delhi

Day 04: Delhi – Agra

Board the early express train to **Agra**, home of the Taj Mahal. On arrival in Agra meet and transfer to hotel. Freshen up at the hotel. Afternoon proceed to Visit the imposing **Agra Fort**, a former royal residence of the Mughal emperors. Later proceed to visit the most photographed monument in the world **The Taj Mahal** it took more than 22 years to make Taj Mahal, Emperor Shahjahan made to monument of Love in memory of his beloved wife Mumtaz. Enjoy your evening at the hotel.

Day 5 — Agra: Taj Mahal at Sunrise → Drive to Jaipur (via Fatehpur Sikri)



Pre-dawn visit to the **Taj Mahal** for sunrise light and fewer crowds. Return to hotel for breakfast. Drive to Jaipur (approx. 4–5 hrs) with stop at **Fatehpur Sikri** (UNESCO) — Mughal ghost city. Arrive Jaipur late afternoon.

Overnight: Jaipur

Highlight: Best photography lighting and quiet moment at the Taj; Mughal history en route.

Day 6 — Jaipur: Amber Fort, City Palace & Markets

Morning: **Amber Fort** (elephant or jeep ascent available), explore Sheesh Mahal and fort courtyards. Afternoon: **City Palace, Jantar Mantar** observatory and photo stop at **Hawa Mahal**. Evening: stroll bazaars for textiles and jewelry.

Overnight: Jaipur

Why it matters: Jaipur's royal heritage and crafts make for vivid cultural experiences and shopping.

Day 7 — Jaipur-Delhi → Fly to Varanasi (Travel Day)

Morning after breakfast proceed to Delhi airport and fly to **Varanasi**. Transfer to hotel; short evening orientation. Attend the **Ganga Aarti** at Dashashwamedh Ghat — a moving ritual of lights and music.

Overnight: Varanasi (river-front if possible)

Highlight: First encounter with the spiritual intensity of Varanasi at night.

Day 8 — Varanasi: Sunrise Boat & Spiritual Walks

Pre-dawn proceed to holy Ghats of Holy Ganges and enjoy the **boat ride on the Ganges** to watch sunrise and rituals on the ghats. Return for breakfast. Walking tour through narrow lanes, visit silk workshops, and **Sarnath** (Buddhist site where Buddha first taught) — optional afternoon. Evening free or revisit ghats.

Overnight: Varanasi

Why: The boat ride is the emotional high point — ancient rituals, morning life, and unforgettable atmosphere.



Day 9 — Varanasi → Delhi (Flight) — Final Delhi Evening

Morning after breakfast Fly to Delhi. Afternoon at leisure for last-minute shopping, spa, or a final cultural visit. **Overnight:** Delhi

Day 10 — Departure or Buffer Day

Check out from the hotel at around 12:00pm, Transfer to International Airport for onward flight. If international flights are late or next day, use this day as buffer for shopping or additional tours. **End of tour.**

CITY NAME	HOTEL NAME
DELHI	PRIDE PLAZA/THE LALIT/ITC DWARKA OR SIMILAR
AGRA	COURTYARD OR SIMILAR
JAIPUR	NARAIN NIWAS OR SIMILAR
VARANASI	RADISSON HOTEL OR SIMILAR