

9 DAY CULTURAL TOUR

FIVE STAR INDIA

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TWIN
SHARE

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DELHI • AGRA • JAIPUR

THE OFFER

India is a destination of unique beauty and diversity, of stunning landscapes and jaw-dropping man-made wonders. Above all, however, it's the people that really make the country. On this nine-day journey through India's illustrious Golden Triangle, you have a chance to immerse yourself in the sights, sounds, cities and culture of magical India - with a hearty dose of luxury for good measure.

Experience the vibrant street life of Delhi; see highlights such as Chandni Chowk market, the impressive Bahai Lotus Temple, Red Fort and more. Tick off the bucket list with a visit to the Taj Mahal, an immortal symbol of love, and continue on to beautiful Jaipur - capital of Rajasthan. Witness the honey-coloured Royal Amber Fort, perched high on a hill overlooking the city; visit the gorgeous City Palace; see Hawa Mahal, the palace of the winds, and more! Package includes return international flights, seven nights in five-star accommodation, daily breakfast and more.

If you long to experience India, this is an opportunity you simply cannot afford to miss!

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THE ITINERARY

Day 1 Australia - Delhi, India

Today depart from either Sydney, Melbourne, *Brisbane, *Adelaide or *Perth for Delhi, India. Fly with either Singapore Airlines, Cathay Pacific or China Southern Airlines to name a few (subject to availability). Upon arrival be met by a representative at the airport and receive a welcome garland. The representative will escort you by private chauffeur car to the hotel. Whilst room keys and check in is organised, you will receive the 'Welcome Folder' documents and be briefed on the tour programme.

Please note: due to flight scheduling and availability, some departures may occur on day 0. Affected customers must be at the airport the night before. Flight times will be indicated on your final documentation which you will receive prior to departure.

Overnight: Crowne Plaza New Delhi Okhla or similar, Delhi
Meals included: In-Flight

Day 2 Delhi City Tour

The capital of India, Delhi is a major gateway city for international visitors. It's a fascinating metropolis offering an intriguing mix of ancient sites and modern wonders, and also serves as the headquarters of Indian politics. Many of the heads of the Indian government, as well as other political parties, reside in the city, including the Prime Minister and President of India.

After breakfast, enjoy a city tour of old and new Delhi. The tour will take in Raj Ghat (where Mahatma Gandhi was cremated); Red Fort (made famous by Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan); and Jama Masjid (the largest mosque in India) which has three great gateways, four angle towers and two minarets

constructed of alternating vertical strips of red sandstone and white marble. Also enjoy a rickshaw tour through Chandni Chowk, a colourful shopping bazaar in Old Delhi.

Travel to Laxminarayan Temple, a site dedicated to Lakshmi, the goddess of prosperity and good fortune. You'll also witness the India Gate, a 42m high war memorial and stone of triumph. The tour continues with a visit to Rashtrapati Bhawan, the palace-like building home to the President of India. Also visit the beautiful Lotus Temple, also known as the Bhai Temple, where adherents of any faith can visit, pray or meditate at this dazzling architectural temple.

Overnight: Crowne Plaza New Delhi Okhla or similar, Delhi
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 3 Delhi - Jaipur 'The Pink City' (approx. 265km day)

After breakfast at the hotel, you will travel to Jaipur - the capital of Rajasthan. On arrival in Jaipur you will check into the hotel, where you will also enjoy dinner this evening. Jaipur is instantly recognisable for its pink-washed buildings, a colour associated with hospitality in Rajput culture. This beautiful city, along with Agra and Delhi, form what is known as the Golden Triangle of India's tourist circuit.

Jaipur is a city where royalty still lives in the grandeur of its palaces, where fighting for the honour of the clan has never been a need but a way of life, and where treating guests as gods has been a tradition from time immemorial. There is a timeless appeal to Jaipur's colourful bazaars, where you can shop for Rajasthani textiles and trinkets. The beautifully laid out gardens and parks, attractive monuments and heritage hotels, once the residence of Maharajas, are all worth a look. In the evening take in an orientation tour of the city, visiting Birla

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temple and Indian costume tying demonstration

Overnight: Jaipur Marriott Hotel or similar, Jaipur
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 4 Jaipur City Tour & Amber Fort

After breakfast, enjoy a full day sightseeing tour of Jaipur. Begin with a morning excursion to Amber Fort. Located 11km from Jaipur, it was the old fort of the Kachwaha clan of Amber. The fort is built with white marble and red sandstone and looks even more attractive because of the Maota Lake in the foreground. The fort itself is a beautiful sight to behold.

This afternoon take part in a city tour visiting the City Palace, the former royal residence built in a blend of the Rajasthani and Mughal styles. Jantar Mantar, is the largest of the five observatories built by Sawai Jai Singh. The Hawa Mahal or the Palace of Winds was constructed for the royal ladies to watch royal processions without being seen. Enjoy an Indian costume tying demonstration and also visit Lakshmi Narayan Temple.

Overnight: Jaipur Marriott Hotel or similar, Jaipur
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 5 Jaipur Free Day

Today take the day to enjoy this heritage city at leisure or choose from two optional activities.

Optional Activity: Pushkar Full Day Tour - \$60 per person
Home of the world famous Pushkar Camel Fair. Pushkar is renowned for its scenic beauty. Enjoy time to take in the sights and local markets.

Optional Activity: Culinary Delight Tour - \$40 per person
Learn the secrets of Indian cuisine and try your hand at cooking local dishes, with lunch included.

Overnight: Jaipur Marriott Hotel or similar, Jaipur
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 6 Jaipur - Chand Baori Step Well - Agra (approx. 245km day)

After breakfast, you will depart for Agra. On the way, you will visit Chand Baori Step Well, located opposite a temple known as Harshat Mata Temple. It is believed that the Chand Baori step well has a religious connection and that's the reason it was built in front of the temple.

On arrival to Agra, check into the hotel. Agra is the quintessential Mughal City, where the world marvels at the epitome of love, beauty and sacrifice, the Taj Mahal one of the wonders of the world. So awe-inspiring is the monument that Agra has been immortalised as the City of the Taj. As visitors walk down the narrow bustling streets, they cannot help but wonder, if the man contentedly smoking a hookah is a direct descendent of some bygone Mughal.

This afternoon enjoy a visit to Agra Fort (Red Fort). A fascinating sight, it showcases a high level of ornamentation and the Kohinoor diamond was reportedly part of the furnishings. The fort's artwork mixes Persian, European and Indian art, resulting in a unique Shahjahani style rich in form, expression and colour. Red Fort is one of the building complexes of India encapsulating a long period of history, arts and its innovative architectural style, including its garden design which influenced later buildings and gardens in Delhi. In 2007, it was designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site as part of the Red Fort Complex.

Overnight: Courtyard by Marriott Agra or similar, Agra
Meals included: Breakfast

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Day 7 Agra - Taj Mahal - Delhi

Today you will have an option to rise early and visit the Taj Mahal just after sunrise at approx. 6:00am and return to the hotel for breakfast or you can visit just after breakfast at 9:00am.

The world famous Taj Mahal is where you will see the undeniable beauty that incorporates and expands on design traditions of Persian and earlier Mughal architecture. While earlier Mughal buildings were primarily constructed of red sandstone, Shah Jahan promoted the use of white marble inlaid with semi-precious stones. The Taj Mahal was commissioned by Shah Jahan in 1631, to be built in memory of his wife Mumtaz Mahal. Construction of the Taj Mahal began in 1632, the principal mausoleum was completed in 1643 and the surrounding buildings and garden were finished about five years later.

At approximately 12 noon checkout of the hotel and travel back to Delhi, on arrival check into the hotel.

Overnight: Crowne Plaza New Delhi Okhla or similar, Delhi
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 8 Delhi, India - Australia

Today at the appropriate time you will be transferred to the airport for your return flight back to Australia.

Meals included: Breakfast;In-Flight

Day 9 Arrive in Australia

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TOUR INCLUSIONS

HIGHLIGHTS

Tour the Golden Triangle: Delhi, Jaipur and Agra

Witness the awe-inspiring Taj Mahal and Agra Fort

Experience the sights and sounds of vibrant Delhi

See Jama Masjid Mosque, Red Fort and Raj Ghat

Visit the beautiful Lotus Temple in New Delhi

See colourful Chandni Chowk Market by rickshaw

Enjoy a day at leisure in Jaipur, capital of Rajasthan

Marvel at Jthe Royal Amber Fort, Jantar Mantar, City Palace and more

See Hawa Mahal, also known as Palace of Winds

Visit Chand Baori, one of the world's deepest step wells

Enjoy an Indian costume tying demonstration

FLIGHTS

Return international flights (economy class) ex SYD/
MEL/*BNE/*ADL/*PER

ACCOMMODATION

7 nights 5-star hotel accommodation

DINING

Enjoy daily breakfast

TOUR ESSENTIALS

English-speaking local guides

Welcome garland on arrival

Sightseeing and monument entry fees

Airlines taxes and surcharges

TRANSPORT

Transportation by private A/C vehicles

TRANSFERS

Return airport transfers with meet and assist

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Valid for sale from the 1st April 2019 until the 1st June 2019.

Full payment is required at the time of booking due to this offer being heavily discounted and available for a limited time only.

**Please note: All information provided in this brochure is subject to both change and availability. Prior to purchase please check the current deal for up-to-date information. If you have already purchased this deal, the terms and conditions on your Purchase Confirmation apply and take precedence over the information in this brochure.*

BOOKING INFORMATION

After purchase, you will receive a receipt and a Purchase Confirmation, directing you to an online Passenger Information Form. The Passenger Information Form must be completed within 72 hours of purchase.

Any special requests, preferences and optional extras MUST be clearly stated in your Passenger Information Form. Any change requested after submitting your Passenger Information Form cannot be guaranteed, is strictly subject to availability and will incur surcharges as outlined in the Schedule of Fees below.

On purchasing this Travel Offer you are bound by the General Terms and Conditions, in addition to the specific terms and conditions outlined in this Important Information.

Please note: all additional charges are payable direct to your Travel Consultant in AUD (unless otherwise stated).

OFFER ESSENTIALS

Travel offer is valid for travel on selected dates until the 23rd of April 2020.

This travel offer is priced for one person based on twin share.

Single Traveller Supplement

For solo travellers a mandatory single supplement of \$500 applies.

Departure Dates

2019

August: 20, 27

September: 3, 9, 12

October: 8, 12, 16

November: 6, 13, 20

December: *2

2020

January: *7

February: 11, 18, 25

March: 3, 10, 17

April: 21, 23

Surcharges

*Please note: dates/months with a * incur a flight high season surcharge of \$300 per person.*

Departure Cities

Sydney, Melbourne, *Brisbane, *Adelaide or *Perth

Interstate Surcharges

*Brisbane, *Adelaide or *Perth: \$200 per person

FLIGHTS

Full Service Airline(s) Used

Singapore Airlines, Malaysia Airlines, Cathay Pacific, Emirates, Virgin Australia, Malindo Air, Korean Airlines, Japan Airlines, China Southern Airlines, China Airlines, Bangkok Airways plus any codeshare partners (subject to availability)

Please note: One way flights can not be accommodated. Travellers must take all included flights within the package, and any flights intentionally forfeited will result in later flights being subject to cancellation.

Arrive early in Delhi, India

\$200 per person, subject to availability

Please note:

- This fee does not include extra nights accommodation, meals or airport transfers.
- No flight booking changes or cancellations permitted after air tickets have been issued.
- Flight changes are subject to availability at the time of booking.
- Blackout Dates:
 - * 20 September 2019 - 13 October 2019
 - * 14 December 2019 - 20 January 2019
 - * 28 March 2020 - 27 April 2020
 - * 20 June 2020 - 19 July 2020
 - * 17 September 2020 - 11 October 2020
 - * 10 December 2020 - 20 January 2021

Stay behind in Delhi, India

\$200 per person, subject to availability

Please note:

- This fee does not include extra nights accommodation, meals or airport transfers.
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Stopover Packages

Not Available

Flight Class Upgrades

- Premium Economy: Not Available
- Business Class (International Sectors Only): \$4999 per person

Please note:

- All Premium Economy and Business Class upgrades are subject to availability (if we are not able to

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fulfill your business class request the upgrade cost will be refunded).

- On any upgrade purchase, short haul flights and domestic flight sectors are not guaranteed in a Premium or Business cabin; subject to aircraft configuration.

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation Used

5-Star (self rated)

- Delhi: Crowne Plaza New Delhi Okhla or similar
- Agra: Courtyard by Marriott Agra or similar
- Jaipur: Jaipur Marriott Hotel or similar

Please note: Accommodation/rooms offered are based on a lead-in room type, and are subject to availability based on seasonality. Properties will be confirmed, no later than two weeks prior to travel.

Extra Nights

Delhi (Pre & Post Tour): \$170 per room including transfer and breakfast

Please note: extra nights are subject to availability until the time of booking.

Maximum Room Capacity

3 people (subject to availability).

Child Policy

- No child discounts. Full price applies for all children travelling with their parents.
- Valid for Children 10 years old and over.

Please note: Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult 18 years old and over to travel. No unaccompanied minors allowed.

Triple Share

No discounts apply for 3rd person travelling. Full price applies, subject to availability.

Please note: Triple shares may be required to share existing bedding.

Bedding Configuration

Twin or Double bedding (subject to availability).

Adjoining / Interconnecting Rooms

Subject to availability and at the hotels discretion. Please enquire on booking if you require this option.

GENERAL TOUR INFORMATION

Minimum group size 6, maximum group size 20 per vehicle.

Optional Tours / Activities

- Day 5: Pushkar Full Day Tour - \$60 per person
- Day 5: Culinary Delight Tour - \$40 per person

Please note:

- Prices are based on per person, are subject to availability, time permitting and weather conditions
- The optional tours listed above must be purchased on checkout or over the phone prior to submitting your passenger information form (subject to availability)
- Some tours require minimum numbers to operate.

EXCLUSIONS

Visa fees and requirements (A visa is a strict requirement if travelling on an Australian passport)

Meals/beverages not stated in the itinerary

Recommended gratuities/tipping: 300 rupees (approx. \$6 AUD) per person/day.

Optional activities/tours

Personal expenses

Travel insurance (Mandatory)

Please note: A comprehensive travel Insurance policy must be organised BEFORE all details can be finalised.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

TOUR GUIDE VS. TOUR LEADER

Tour Guide:

Often locals with intimate knowledge of an area, its culture, and history. Their role entails providing commentary, routing the tour, and seeing that people have a good time. They are a licensed, qualified expert who supplies specific information on history, art, architecture and culture of the city/village/attraction in which he or she is guiding the tour. The guide meets the group at the required place and leaves the group at the end of the tour, they do not travel with the group.

Tour Leader:

An experienced person tasked with ensuring the smooth operation of tours, as well as providing practical support to passengers throughout the whole trip. Their role primarily includes assisting with accommodation, transportation between locations, and communication with tour guides in each stop. A tour leader may provide general guidance around a city or village, and offer information on the place visited on the bus, however they are not required to have specific knowledge on art, architecture, or history. They are not allowed to provide a guided tour or commentary of a city/village/attraction once there and if caught doing so, can be fined.

Please note: Tour leaders/guides are not a standard inclusion in all travel offers. Tour leaders/guides will only be made available when particularly required to enhance the experience of the destination featured.

CLIMATE & AVERAGE TEMPERATURES

Summer: April, May, June; Hot; Very low to moderate humidity; Low precipitation

Autumn: October, November; Warm days, Cool nights, Pleasant; Low humidity; Low precipitation

Winter: December, January; Cool to Cold; Moderate humidity; Low precipitation

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Spring: February, March; Warm days, Cool nights, Pleasant; Low to moderate humidity; Moderate precipitation

FLIGHTS

Seat Selection & Frequent Flyer Points:

At TripADeal we do not arrange seat selection. It is important to highlight that some Airlines do not allow pre-selected seats. We strongly suggest you contact the Airline directly with seating allocation requirements and or arrive at the airport earlier to arrange your seating. While we do not add frequent flyer member details to bookings, you can do this directly with the Airline once you have your flight information.

Passport Validity:

Customers are required to provide valid passport details either at the time of purchase, or no later than 45 days prior to departure date. Failure to do so may result in cancellation of the booking. In this instance customers will be responsible for any costs and fees incurred.

COACH TOUR

Meals:

Daily breakfast is included in the tour, for all other meals; lunches and dinners the tour leader (when available) will offer assistance with reservations, suggestions and directions to local restaurants. It is your responsibility to notify TripADeal of any dietary requests/requirements. Please note; we will do our best to meet your requests/requirements, however cannot guarantee that we will always be able to.

Luggage:

You will be responsible for all your personal belongings whilst on the tour. With regards to luggage, you must carry your own luggage from the coach to

the hotel room and back to the coach. The driver will assist with the uploading and off-loading of the luggage from the coach.

OTHER

Fitness Level Required / Mobility:

Our vehicles are not equipped with wheelchair access, so unfortunately our tours are currently not suitable for wheelchair users and those less mobile.

Please note: a general level of fitness will be required. If you have any concerns please consult your healthcare provider prior to purchase/travel.

Yellow Fever:

A valid international certificate of vaccination against Yellow Fever is required in many countries. You may need to present this on arrival at the airport or border crossing. Some countries will refuse entry if you are unable to present your certificate. It's also quite common for your home country to request a Yellow Fever certificate on your arrival back home. It is your responsibility to check with your doctor well in advance of leaving home about the Yellow Fever requirements for the countries you'll be visiting.

Gratuities / Tipping:

Gratuities (tips) are not included in the tour price for services of the tour leader (when available) and driver throughout the tour. The recommended tip is 300 rupees (\$6 AUD) per person per day, which will be collected whilst on tour. This covers the tour leader/guide and driver.

Sightseeing:

Please note: In the event entrance to a site is affected by changes in operating hours or public holiday closures, your itinerary will be adjusted to ensure you do not miss out on the experience.

Shopping:

Shopping overseas can be a daunting and confusing experience, especially when there is a language barrier. Please be very cautious when foreign currencies and prices are involved. If paying by credit card, please pay close attention to the amount you are being charged and keep all of your receipts.

Do not make any purchases you are not comfortable with or feel pressured into. If you are uncertain or need assistance with the language barrier, please seek assistance from your Tour Guide/Leader.

Please refer to our Terms and Conditions in regards to shopping for further information.

VISAS

A Tourist Visa for India is a strict requirement if travelling on an Australian Passport. You will be able to start your Visa application process once you receive your final travel documentation approximately 6 weeks prior to departure.

TripADeal offers a fast, secure and easy service to obtain a Visa for this country - This visa can take approximately 5 business days to complete.

Important: Please start arranging your visa at least 3 weeks prior to departure to account for any delays due to consulate operating hours.

Please note: Passengers who are not Australian citizens must check with the respective consulate or visa agency to determine what their visa requirements are and what personal identification is required. It is also important to note, some areas of employment such as journalism, government authorities and charity organisations may have additional restrictions in applying for Visas. This may in turn affect the type of application required.

INSURANCE

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insurance products - please ask your Travel Consultant for more information.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

Voluntary Changes

This includes booking changes requested by you, including but not limited to those changes requiring an airline ticket or a Purchase Confirmation reissue.

- 1st Change - \$100.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel provider.
- 2nd Change - \$150.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel provider.
- Subsequent changes - \$250.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel provider.
- Changes within 30 days of departure \$350.00 person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel provider.
- Changes within 14 days of departure \$500.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel provider.

Name Changes Due To Passenger Error

If the incorrect name has been advised to TripADeal, charges of \$150.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel provider.

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