

Tour Name: Golden Triangle with Lucknow & Varanasi

Tour Duration: 9 Nights/ 10 Days

Tour Map: <https://tinyurl.com/3dxt7j3>

Tour Overview

Experience the grandeur of North India on our "Golden Triangle with Lucknow & Varanasi." Begin in Delhi, where you'll marvel at iconic landmarks like Jama Masjid and Humayun's Tomb. Journey to Jaipur, the "Pink City," to explore the majestic Amber Fort and City Palace. In Agra, witness the breathtaking Taj Mahal at sunrise and delve into Mughal history at Agra Fort. Discover the cultural richness of Lucknow through Bara Imambara and Chota Imambara's intricate architecture. Finally, immerse yourself in spiritual Varanasi, with its ancient temples and mesmerizing Ganga Aarti ceremony. This itinerary promises a blend of history, architecture, and spirituality across North India's most iconic cities.

Tour Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Delhi

- Arrive in Delhi and transfer to your hotel. Check-in time is 2 PM (early check-in subject to room availability).
- Rest and relax after your journey.

Day 2: Delhi

- Start with breakfast at the hotel.
- Visit Jama Masjid, one of the largest mosques in India, known for its stunning architecture and panoramic views from its minarets.
- Enjoy a rickshaw ride through Chandni Chowk, a bustling market offering a wide array of goods, street food, and traditional wares.
- Explore Red Fort (Lal Qila), a UNESCO World Heritage site and a majestic fort complex showcasing Mughal architecture and historic significance.
- Drive past Rajpath and see Rashtrapati Bhavan (President's House), Parliament House, and India Gate, iconic symbols of India's democracy and heritage.
- Visit Humayun's Tomb, a UNESCO World Heritage site, featuring Persian-style architecture, lush gardens, and intricate mausoleums.
- Explore Qutub Minar, the tallest brick minaret in the world, built in the 12th century, with intricate carvings and inscriptions.

- Optional visit to Gurudwara Bangla Sahib, a prominent Sikh gurdwara known for its holy pond and community kitchen serving free meals.

Day 3: Delhi - Jaipur (265kms)

- After breakfast, travel to Jaipur, the "Pink City" of India.
- Optional visit to Albert Hall Museum, housing a vast collection of artifacts, including paintings, sculptures, and decorative arts.

Day 4: Jaipur

- Begin with breakfast at the hotel.
- Visit Amber Fort, a magnificent fort complex known for its artistic Hindu-style architecture, royal palaces, and panoramic views of Maota Lake.
- Explore City Palace, a royal residence with a blend of Rajput, Mughal, and European architectural styles, housing museums with artifacts and textiles.
- Discover Jantar Mantar, an astronomical observatory built by Maharaja Jai Singh II, featuring precise instruments for celestial measurements.
- Visit Hawa Mahal, an iconic five-story palace with honeycomb-like windows, built for royal women to observe street festivals and daily life.
- Enjoy a shopping experience in Jaipur, exploring local markets known for handicrafts, textiles, and traditional Rajasthani cuisine.
- Discover Galtaji Temple, an ancient Hindu pilgrimage site with natural springs, sacred kunds (water tanks), and intricately carved pavilions.
- Explore Birla Mandir, a modern Hindu temple made of white marble, dedicated to Lord Vishnu and Goddess Lakshmi, renowned for its peaceful ambiance.
- Visit Nahargarh Fort, offering stunning views of Jaipur and housing Madhavendra Bhawan, a royal residence with frescoes and scenic landscapes.

Day 5: Jaipur - Agra (245kms)

- Travel to Agra after breakfast, known for the iconic Taj Mahal.
- Enroute, visit Abhaneri Stepwell (Chand Baori), an ancient stepwell known for its intricate architecture and historical significance.
- Visit Fatehpur Sikri, a UNESCO World Heritage site and former Mughal capital known for its well-preserved red sandstone architecture.

Day 6: Agra - Lucknow (335kms)

- After breakfast, visit Taj Mahal at sunrise, a UNESCO World Heritage site and an architectural marvel in white marble, built by Emperor Shah Jahan in memory of his wife Mumtaz Mahal.
- Return to the hotel for breakfast.
- Explore Agra Fort, a UNESCO World Heritage site showcasing Mughal architecture, with royal palaces, courtyards, and views of the Taj Mahal.
- Visit Mehtab Bagh, a Mughal Garden offering panoramic views of the Taj Mahal from across the Yamuna River, especially during sunset.
- Drive to Lucknow, the cultural capital of Uttar Pradesh.

Day 7: Lucknow

- Start with breakfast at the hotel.
- Visit Bara Imambara, an architectural marvel with the Bhool Bhulaiya (maze) and Asafi Mosque, showcasing Indo-Islamic architecture and historical significance.
- Explore Chota Imambara, known for its ornate interiors, chandeliers, and a stunning golden dome, built as a congregation hall for Shia Muslims.
- Discover Rumi Darwaza, an iconic gateway and architectural symbol of Lucknow.
- Stroll through Hazratganj, Lucknow's commercial hub known for its colonial-era buildings, shopping complexes, and culinary delights.
- Visit The Residency, a historic site and museum depicting the Siege of Lucknow during the Indian Rebellion of 1857.
- Explore State Museum, showcasing artifacts and exhibits related to Lucknow's history, art, and culture.
- Optional heritage walks in Hazratganj to explore its historical and architectural landmarks.

Day 8: Lucknow - Varanasi (330kms)

- After breakfast, travel to Varanasi, one of the oldest living cities in the world and a spiritual hub for Hindus.
- Witness the evening Ganga Aarti ceremony at Dashashwamedh Ghat, a mesmerizing ritual involving fire offerings, chants, and music on the banks of the Ganges River.

Day 9: Varanasi

- Begin with an early morning boat ride on the Ganges to witness sunrise and rituals performed by devotees along the ghats.
- Visit Kashi Vishwanath Temple, dedicated to Lord Shiva and one of the holiest Hindu temples in India, known for its religious significance and architectural beauty.
- Explore Varanasi's old city, known as the "City of Temples", and discover hidden temples, traditional markets, and local eateries offering authentic Banarasi cuisine.
- Visit Banaras Hindu University (BHU), known for its academic excellence and sprawling campus.
- Visit Sarnath, where Buddha delivered his first sermon, exploring Dhamek Stupa, Chaukhandi Stupa, and the Archaeological Museum showcasing ancient artifacts.
- Visit Ramnagar Fort and Museum, a historic fort overlooking the Ganges, housing a museum with artifacts, manuscripts, and vintage cars belonging to the royal family.

Day 10: Varanasi - Delhi/ Departure

- After breakfast, transfer to Varanasi airport for your flight back to Delhi or onward journey.

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Package Price (USD Per Person Sharing Double/Twin Room)**Valid for Travel: 01 October 2026 – 15 April 2027**

Persons	Solo	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
3★ Standard	2,903	1,624	1,421	1,500	1,347	1,308	1,227	1,165
4★ Deluxe	3,489	1,920	1,717	1,796	1,644	1,605	1,523	1,462
5★ Luxury	4,237	2,436	2,094	2,173	2,021	1,982	1,900	1,839

Valid for Travel: 16 April 2027 to 20 September 2027

Persons	Solo	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
3★ Standard	2,792	1,534	1,331	1,410	1,258	1,218	1,137	1,076
4★ Deluxe	3,102	1,716	1,513	1,592	1,439	1,400	1,319	1,258
5★ Luxury	3,799	2,188	1,846	1,925	1,773	1,734	1,652	1,591

Single Room Supplement

3★ Standard: USD 393 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 682 | 5★ Luxury: USD 1,053

Triple Sharing Discount (Per Person)

3★ Standard: USD 46 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 81 | 5★ Luxury: USD 130

Price Includes:

- Assistance on arrival at airport.
- 9 Nights' accommodation in selected price category hotels.
- Daily breakfast at hotels.
- Private AC car/van for airport transfers, sightseeing, and excursions as per the program.
- English speaking tour guide on sightseeing days (local guide in each city), as per program.
- Monument entrances and activities charges mentioned in the itinerary.
- Bottled drinking water in car.
- Government taxes.

Price Does Not Include:

- Varanasi - Delhi flight fare approx INR 5, 500 per person in economy class.
- Camera charges at monuments if any.
- Meals other than mentioned in the inclusions.
- Expenses of personal nature like liquor, laundry, tips, telephone, fax, internet etc.
- Gratuities and optional activities.
- Anything not mentioned in inclusions.

Hotels used or similar for 9 nights' accommodation

3 Star Hotels

- Delhi x 2 nights: Dee Marks Hotel & Resorts/ Emerald Hotel
- Jaipur x 2 nights: ZONE By THE Park/ The Fern Residency
- Agra x 1 night: Howard Plaza the Fern/ Hotel Atulyaa Taj
- Lucknow x 2 nights: La Place Sarovar Portico/ Golden Tulip
- Varanasi x 2 nights: Meraden Grand/ Hotel Tridev

4 Star Hotels

- Delhi x 2 nights: The Hans/ The Royal Plaza
- Jaipur x 2 nights: Lemon Tree Premier/ The Fern An Ecotel Hotel
- Agra x 1 night: Radisson Hotel/ Holiday Inn
- Lucknow x 2 nights: Lemon Tree Hotel/ Fortune Park BBD
- Varanasi x 2 nights: Rivatas by Ideal/ The Amayaa

5 Star Hotels

- Delhi x 2 nights: Le Meridien/ The Grand New Delhi
- Jaipur x 2 nights: Hilton Jaipur/ Radisson City Center
- Agra x 1 night: Courtyard by Marriott/ Trident Hotel
- Lucknow x 2 nights: The Centrum/ Renaissance Lucknow

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- Varanasi x 2 nights: Ramada JHV/ Radisson Hotel

Payment Policy:

- Deposit of 25% of the package cost at the time of booking.
- Deposit of 50% of the package cost, 30 days prior to arrival date
- Deposit of 100% of the package cost, 10 days prior to arrival date

Cancellation policy:

- Note: Written cancellation will be accepted on all working days, except Sundays. Any cancellation sent on Sundays will be considered on the next working day (Monday).
- X-mas and New Year Period (20 Dec to 05 Jan): The payment is non-refundable during this period.
- After Trip Commencement: If you cancel the trip after it has commenced, the refund will be limited to the amount we are able to recover from hoteliers/contractors. We are not responsible for refunds on unused hotel accommodations, chartered transportation, or missed meals.
- 61 days or more before the tour: No cancellation charges.
- Between 60 to 30 days before the tour: Cancellation charges equal to 20% of the full tour booking value.
- Between 30 to 15 days before the tour: Cancellation charges equal to 50% of the full tour booking value.
- Within 5 days before the tour or no show: Cancellation charges equal to 90% of the full tour booking value.

Our Liabilities & Limitations:

- Price Changes: After the finalization of the tour/service cost, if there are any hikes in entrance fees, taxes, fuel costs, or guide charges by the Government of India, these will be charged as extra.
- Role as Agent: Agora Voyages acts only as an agent for hotels, airlines, transporters, railways, and contractors providing services. All receipts, contracts, and tickets issued by us are subject to terms and conditions of the service providers.

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- **Itinerary Changes:** All itineraries are sample itineraries intended to provide a general idea. We reserve the right to change the schedule based on factors such as weather, road conditions, or the physical ability of participants to ensure safety, comfort, and well-being.
- **Rate Modifications:** Our rates are based on negotiated rates with hotels and airlines. If the rates are modified by these service providers, we reserve the right to adjust the quoted rates accordingly. Hotel bookings are based on usual check-in and check-out times, unless otherwise indicated.
- **Liability Disclaimer:** We are not responsible for delays, alterations, or expenses incurred due to natural hazards, flight cancellations, accidents, weather, sickness, political closures, or any unforeseen incidents.
- **Damage, Loss, or Injury:** We are not responsible for any loss, injury, or damage to persons, property, or otherwise, caused by acts of God, fire, accidents, machinery breakdowns, political disturbances, theft, epidemics, or other factors beyond our control.
- **Insurance:** We do not offer insurance for accidents, sickness, theft, or other unforeseen circumstances. We recommend travelers arrange for insurance in their home country. All personal property and baggage are at the client's risk at all times.
- **Unforeseen Circumstances:** We are not responsible for costs arising from landslides, roadblocks, bad weather, or similar unforeseen circumstances.

Tipping

- Tipping is not included in our price. It is optional but often expected in the travel industry. There is no limit on the amount you can tip, though the average guideline is around \$10-15 per day for guides, drivers, and other crew members.

Trip Comments

- After your trip, we would love to hear your experience. Any photos, suggestions, or feedback will be greatly appreciated. While we strive to make every trip perfect, we acknowledge that there is always room for improvement. Your comments, whether positive or constructive, are invaluable to us.