

## Jim White: Itinerary for Golden Triangle (6 nights / 7 days)



*The very images that Rajasthan conjures up are steeped in romance and beauty. A line of supercilious camels silhouetted against a magnificent desert sunset, a blur of swirling color as a Rajasthani belle dances to hypnotic music, the unyielding façade of a splendid fort, or the delicate kiosks and balconies embellishing a palace wall. Rajasthan is a land of sparkling images, once seen never forgotten...*

### Day 1: Arrive Delhi from Trivandrum – 10<sup>th</sup> Jan '14 (3 nights in Delhi)

Fly from Trivandrum to Delhi by Jet Airways. Arrive Delhi at **1830 hrs.**

On arrival in Delhi, transfer to **The Park Hotel (4 star+)** for a stay of 3 nights.

Overnight in Delhi.

### Day 2: Delhi – 11<sup>th</sup> Jan '14

After breakfast, you will be taken on a sightseeing tour of Old Delhi. Your tour will include a visit to the **Red Fort** which was built in 1548 by Mughal Emperor Shahjehan and is laid out along the river Yamuna as an irregular octagon. It is surrounded by a wall of about 2.4 km in circumference & is built of red sandstone. The **Lahore Gate** is the imposing gateway and main entrance to the Red Fort. You will also visit the **Jama Masjid**, one of the largest mosques in India, **Raj Ghat** and **Shanti Vana**-the cremation sites of Mahatma Gandhi and Jawaharlal Nehru. Also visit **Humayuns Tomb** and **Chandni Chowk**, the shopping centre of Old Delhi and its bazaars.

Early evening, you can enjoy a panoramic sightseeing tour of New Delhi including **India Gate**, **Rashtrapati Bhawan** and **Parliament House** as well as the **Qutab Minar**.

*Later you can visit the **Connought Circus** area in Central Delhi which is the hub for restaurants, night life and branded shopping.*

Overnight in Delhi.

**Day 3: Delhi – 12<sup>th</sup> Jan '14**

After breakfast, enjoy sightseeing of Akshardham Temple & shopping (Khan Market, Dilli Haat).

Overnight in Delhi.

**Day 4: Delhi - Agra – 13<sup>th</sup> Jan '14 (1 night in Agra)**

Drive to Agra via Yamuna Expressway (2.5 hrs). On arrival, check in at **Hotel Man Singh Shiraz (4 star)** for a stay of 1 night.

Later this afternoon, visit Agra Fort

*The Fort in Agra is one of the earliest surviving Mughal buildings in the city. Agra Fort also represents the first major building project of Emperor Akbar, though remains of only a few buildings built by him now survive.*

Visit the world famous Taj Mahal in the evening (allow 2-3 hrs to enjoy this breathtaking monument)

*Steeped in romance, the Taj Mahal is a dream etched in milky white pristine marble, a peerless monument portraying the beauty of eternal love! A commemoration of the memory of Shahjahan's beloved wife, Mumtaz. Taj Mahal is indeed India's rich tribute to womanhood. Renowned for its aesthetic beauty, this extravagant building of timeless beauty is the outcome of a unique combination of passion and architectural exuberance*

Overnight at the hotel.

**Day 5: Agra – Jaipur – 14<sup>th</sup> Jan '14 (2 nights in Jaipur)**

After breakfast, drive to the pink city of Jaipur (4.5 hrs) via Fatehpur Sikri and Bharatpur Bird Sanctuary.

*Fatehpur Sikri was Akbar's capital for approximately 12 years. Akbar selected Sikri as the seat of his government believing it to be auspicious for himself. He experimented both with architecture and art and built a city expressing his ideals and vision. Today, Fatehpur Sikri is a deserted, phantom city. But the inner citadel is immaculately preserved. The finest monuments within this area are the Diwan-i-Am, Diwan-i-Khas, Panch Mahal, Buland Darwaza and the tomb of Saint Sheikh Salim Chishti, and the Jama Masjid (one of the largest mosques In India).*

Thereafter, drive to Bharatpur and visit the Keoladeo National Park.

*The Keoladeo National Park, a UNESCO world heritage site is a famous avifauna sanctuary that plays host to thousands of birds especially during the winter season.*

Thereafter, drive to Jaipur. On arrival at the Pink City of Jaipur, you will be booked at **Jai Mahal Palace (5 star)** for stay of 2 nights.

*The historic Pink City of Jaipur is an absolute must on the itinerary of any visitor to India. Together with Delhi and Agra, it is known as India's "Golden Triangle of Tourism." Jaipur – the capital of Rajasthan is a picturesque city, a symphony in pink that symbolizes hospitality in Rajput culture. Jaipur is surrounded on all sides by rugged hills, crowned with forts & enclosed by embattled walls. Houses with latticed windows line the streets with their rose pink colour, lending enchantment to the scene, which is almost magical at sunset.*

Evening at Leisure. Overnight at Hotel.

### **Day 6 – Jaipur - 15th Jan '14**

After breakfast, enjoy a morning excursion to **Amber Fort** - One of the finest example of Rajput architecture, situated on a hillside and overlooking a lake which reflects the fort's ramparts and terraces. Make your ascent to the palace fortress on the gaily-caparisoned elephant back. Tour the chamber & hallways of the palace, which are famous for the excellence of their design & decoration.

You will then visit the unique **Jantar Mantar Observatory**, which was built in 1700's, yet even today still looks futuristic or almost surrealistic: **The City Palace** & its museum, which houses a rare combination of the finest blends of Rajasthani & Mughal architecture with a collection of Royal costumes, armoury with arms & old paintings and the **Hawa Mahal** or the palace of winds.

Evening at Leisure. Overnight at Hotel.

### **Day 7 – Jaipur - Delhi - 16th Jan '14 (1 night Delhi)**

Morning at leisure. Drive to Delhi (5 hours).

Check in at The **Park Hotel (4 star+)** for a stay of 1 night. Overnight at Hotel.

***Come Home with Wonderful Memories of your tour!***

#### **Hotel Inclusions:**

- ❖ **04 Night** accommodation in a luxury double room at **The Park, Delhi** –Includes 04 Breakfasts and hotel luxury taxes
- ❖ **01 Nights** accommodation in a standard double room at **Hotel Mansingh Shiraz, Agra** – Includes 01 Breakfast and hotel luxury taxes
- ❖ **02 Nights** accommodation in a luxury double room at **Hotel Jai Mahal Palace, Jaipur**– Includes 02 Breakfasts and hotel luxury taxes

#### **Transportation Inclusions:**

- ❖ Transportation in an **ACToyota Innova** for the above itinerary (including airport transfers and sightseeing) from Day 01 – Day 07 ending with drop to Delhi hotel on Day 07
- ❖ Fuel, drivers allowance, toll & parking charges
- ❖ Interstate taxes as per itinerary
- ❖ Permit fees



**Tour Exclusions:**

- Air Fare/Train fare
- **Guides**
- **Any entrance fees / camera fees** (if applicable) / any other rides not specified in inclusions at any cities which will be extra
- Personal Expenses such as Laundry, telephone calls, tips, Liquor, Mineral water etc.
- Additional sightseeing or usages of vehicle not mention in the itinerary.
- Any cost arising due to natural calamities like, landslides, road blocks etc (to be paid directly)
- The given package quote is subject to change in case of further revision in rates, tax structure, hike in fuel cost or any other variable components.
- Any other costs **NOT** mentioned under “Hotel Includes” header

**OTHER NOTES:**

- Check in/ out at the hotels is 1200 noon

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