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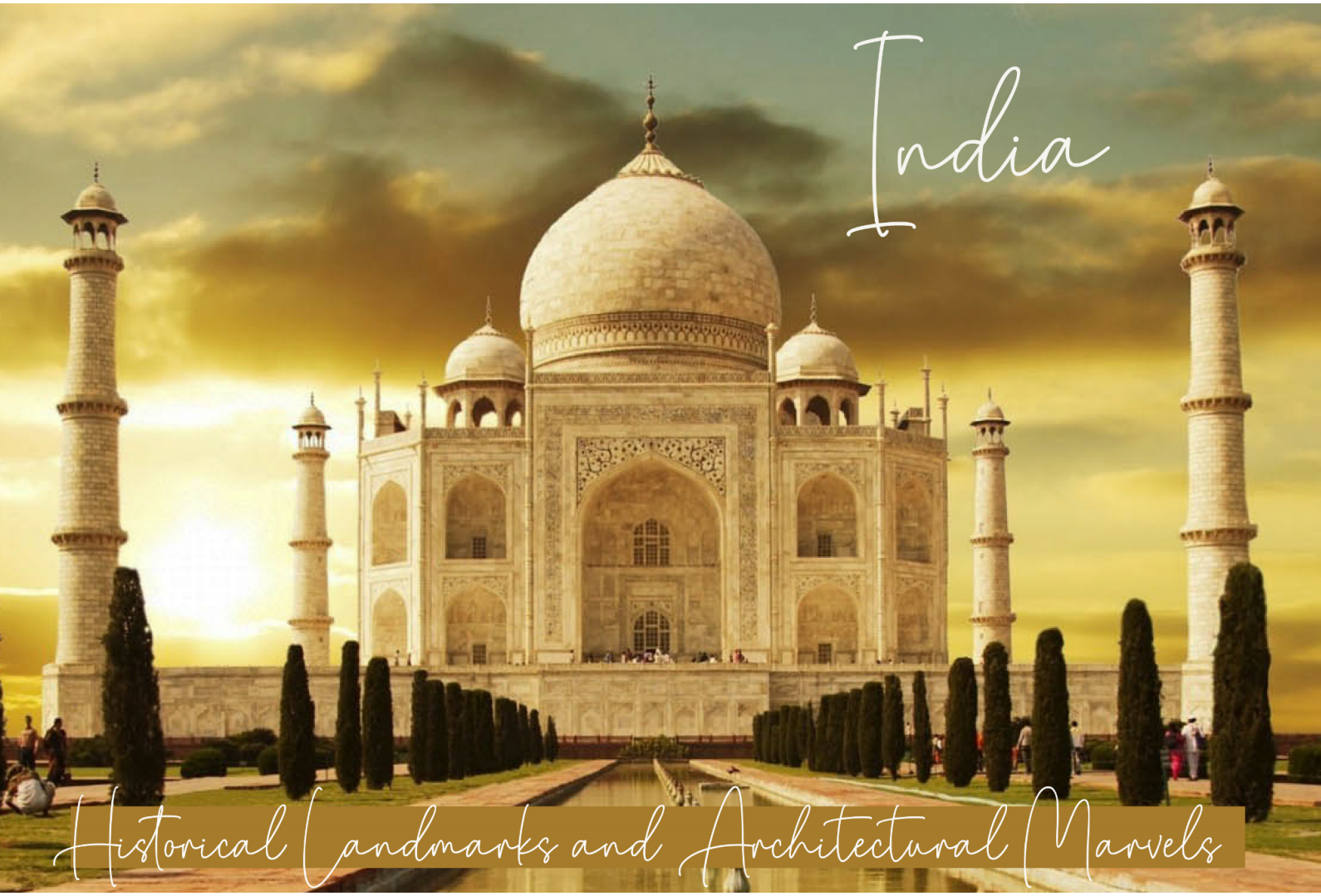
INDIA
Golden Triangle Holi
8 - Day Itinerary



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Tour overview:

A 07-night tour, Golden Triangle, takes you through the journey in India which captivates the best of culture, heritage, contemporary lifestyle as well as modern day religion. The tour includes a great celebration of Holi with an Indian family in Agra as well. You would come to know why the Golden Triangle is so famous and rightly so.

Highlights of the tour:
• Experience the contrast of India's capital with a visit to New Delhi & Old Delhi
• Enjoy Holi with sweets, snacks, music, colors & songs with Indian family & lunch in their home
• Visit the magnificent Taj Mahal & Agra Fort in Agra
• Multiple UNESCO Heritage sites in 01 tour.
• Visit to Jaipur & its romantically beautiful monuments.

Detailed Program:

Day 1 - Arrive Delhi

Mystery, magic, mayhem. ***Welcome to Delhi,*** *City of Djinns, and 25 million people. Like an eastern Rome, India's capital is littered with the relics of lost empires. A succession of armies stormed across the Indo-Gangetic plain and imprinted their identity onto the vanquished city, before vanishing into rubble and ruin like the conquerors who preceded them. Modern Delhi is a chaotic tapestry of medieval fortifications, Mughal mausoleums, dusty bazaars, colonial-era town planning, and mega malls.*

Reach at your pre-booked hotel & check in. (Check in as per hotel policy)

At 1430 hrs, meet with your guide & fellow group members at the hotel's lobby and start your tour for Old Delhi today.

First stop would be Raj Ghat, this peaceful, very well maintained park contains a simple black-marble platform marking the spot where Mahatma Gandhi was cremated following his assassination in 1948. Then visit **Jama Masjid** (one of India's biggest mosques). A **rickshaw-ride** through the narrowest lanes of Chandni Chowk (Old Delhi) will entice you, surprise you & might intimidate you, but for sure, these chaotic streets will give you an experience of a lifetime.

Cruise on your rickshaw through many small lanes, such as silver market, book market, wedding market etc. Your rickshaw will come at a halt in **'Khari Baoli' – spice marke**t, and then have a walk around in the area. Return to your vehicle by rickshaw-ride & then drive past the majestic Red Fort- where the Indian PM unfurls the flag every 15th August (Independence Day) & addresses the nation.

Return to hotel, Dinner and overnight.

Day 2 – Delhi

Breakfast at a hotel.

Proceed for sightseeing in Delhi.

Start the tour with a visit to a Sikh Temple **'Bangla Sahib'** & then drive past major government buildings such as **Presidents Palace, Parliament House, India Gate circle.** Later, stop at **Laxmi Narayan Temple**, also known as Birla Temple.

Continuing with the tour visit **Humayun's Tomb** – The tomb that inspired Taj Mahal, Lotus Temple (exterior photography stop only) & then visit a **local co-operative society** showcasing Kashmiri Arts & Crafts. Late afternoon, visit **Qutub Minar** – tallest stone minaret in India. Transfer to your hotel at the end of the tour. Dinner & overnight..

Day 3 – Delhi – Agra

Breakfast at a hotel. Later checkout from the hotel and drive to Agra (200kms,4 hours). On arrival check-in at the hotel.

Later in the afternoon visit **Agra Fort**, an exemplary example of Mughal architecture, and **Marble workshop,** a place to witness the unusual Marble Inlay work done on Taj Mahal and **Itimad-Ud-Daulah's** Tomb (also known as baby Taj).

Return to hotel, dinner and overnight.

Day 4 – Agra

Breakfast at a hotel.

Today, enjoy Holi with local Indian people with Gulaal (Powder colour), traditional snacks and sweets and dance on Holi special songs celebrated with lunch.

Holi is a Hindu spring festival, originating from India, celebrated predominantly in India but has also spread to Nepal and many other Western countries, also known as the "festival of colours" or the "festival of love".The festival signifies the victory of good over evil, the arrival of spring, end of winter, and for many a festive day to meet others, play and laugh, forget and forgive, and repair broken relationships. It is also celebrated as a thanksgiving for a good harvest

Return to the hotel. Evening is free to relax & optional activities. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

Day 5 – Agra – Fatehpur Sikri – Jaipur

Post breakfast, we start for the Jaipur city tour:

Early morning visit **Taj Mahal**, a UNESCO world heritage site constructed by the Mughal emperor Shah Jahan in memory of his wife Mumtaz Mahal that has left tourists spellbound by its beauty for years. Then return to the hotel for your breakfast.

Later checkout from hotel and drive to **Fatehpur Sikri**(50kms,1-1.5 hours), best example of the culmination of Hindu and Muslim architecture. And said to be a copy of the mosque in Mecca and has designs, derived from the Persian & Hindu architecture. Highly popular amongst them is Buland Darwaza, which is titled as the largest gateway in the world.

Continue your drive toward Jaipur(200kms,4-4.5 hours). On arrival, check-in at the hotel. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

Day 6 – Jaipur

Breakfast at a hotel. Proceed for sightseeing of Jaipur

We start with Amber Fort. Jeep ride uphill & downhill at the fort. Nostalgic Amber Fort, near Jaipur in Rajasthan, is one of the most well-known and most-visited forts in India. During downhill, visit a very heritage structure – Panna-Meena ka kund, which is a square-shaped stepwell, with adjoining stairs on all four sides and a room on the northern wall.

We will make our way back to the city, en-route we will stop at Jal Mahal, Possibly the most serene sight amidst the chaos of Jaipur is the beautiful Jal Mahal Jaipur, the Water Palace. Short stops at the Jewel & Carpet Workshops in Jaipur are a must to witness how the local artisans create marvels from raw materials.

Later in the second half of the day, visit Jantar Mantar, a large grassy enclosure containing eighteen huge stone astronomical measuring devices constructed between 1728 and 1734. City Palace, originally built by Jai Singh in the 1720s and having lost none of its original pomp and splendour. Before you start exploring the local markets, stop for photography at the one world's most famous façade Hawa Mahal.

Post your exploration in the local market. Return to hotel, dinner & overnight.

Day 7 – Jaipur - Delhi

Breakfast at a hotel.

Drive to Delhi. (275kms,5-6 hours.)

On arrival in Delhi, check-in to the hotel & then free for leisure time or optional tours. Dinner and overnight.

Day 8 – Departure

Post Breakfast at hotel. Check out as per hotel's policy.

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