

## **GOLDEN TRIANGLE, LAKE PALACE & TIGERS ▪ 12 DAYS/11 NIGHTS ▪ PRIVATE TOUR**



A great journey which introduces you not only to the classic sights of India's 'Golden Triangle', but also adds on visits to the stunning Lake Palace in the charming city of Udaipur and Ranthambore National Park where you will have the chance to track tigers. This tour strikes the perfect balance between cities, monuments, scenery and the natural world.

**India's capital, Delhi ▪ Visit to the Taj Mahal ▪ Explore the 'Pink City' of Jaipur  
Chance to see tigers ▪ See the beautiful Lake Palace**

### **Day 1 – Delhi**

On arrival in the capital you will be met for your private transfer to your hotel. Relax and enjoy some fantastic Indian cuisine at the hotel and perhaps explore this vibrant city for the rest of the day.

### **Day 2 – Delhi**

After breakfast enjoy the contrast between New and Old Delhi with a tour that takes in the best the British left behind in New Delhi and the much more ancient temples and monuments from Indian history. The evening is free to choose one of the superb restaurants that Delhi has to offer.

### **Day 3 – Delhi to Agra**

Your driver will take you from Delhi through the countryside to Agra, home of the Taj Mahal. The trip is fascinating as you pass through villages, slow down for cows and see the general organised chaos that characterises Indian life.

### **Day 4 – Agra**

This is the day to double check the camera! The Taj Mahal is brought alive by the story behind it so enjoy the sense of history and romance and wonder at the stunning setting. Afterwards visit the Agra Fort. Very impressive in its own right, it also gives wonderful views of the river and the Taj in the distance.

### **Day 5 – Agra to Ranthambore**

Set off early to get on the road to Ranthambore, home of the world famous tiger reserve. After a visit to the abandoned city of Fatehpur Sikri keep an eye out for the Aravalli Hills on the horizon as this is where the national park is hidden. In the afternoon check in to your jungle accommodation and prepare to blend in to the foliage so that you have a better chance of spotting a tiger on your first game drive.

### **Day 6 - Ranthambore**

It's up at the crack of dawn to give yourself the best chance of starting day two's tiger tracking on the right foot. Of course there is plenty more to see in the jungle – see if you can spot sambar, chital, boar, mongoose, Indian hare, monitor lizards and a wide range of birdlife. After lunch it's time to pick up the binoculars once more and keep those eyes peeled!

### **Day 7 – Ranthambore to Jaipur**

Leave the jungle behind and head out over the desert of Rajasthan towards the Pink City. Jaipur is a vibrant town and it is well worth heading out to explore in the evening.

### **Day 8 - Jaipur**

Practise your mahouting skills with an elephant ride up to the Amber Fort above Jaipur. The spectacular yellow building contrasts brilliantly with the azure sky, and while an elephant may not be the fastest way to the top, it makes for a stylish arrival! Discover the rest of Jaipur's historical treasures with a city tour and perhaps later hone your haggling at the market.

### **Day 9 – Jaipur to Udaipur**

Catch a short flight to the lakeside city of Udaipur. Home to the stunning and romantic Lake Palace, Udaipur is a beautiful place built around three lakes that are just perfect to kick back by and watch a few sunsets. The Lake Palace is now a luxury hotel (please ask for details) and when the waters of Lake Pichhola are high, this has to be one of the most atmospheric places to stay or enjoy a dinner in the world. For film buffs it has the added bonus of being the setting for the finale of the James Bond film 'Octopussy'. Udaipur is a friendly and interesting city with a wealth of attractions, but it is also fun to relax in.

### **Day 10 - Udaipur**

Explore the city and its various lakes.

### **Day 11 - Udaipur to Delhi**

Fly back to Delhi and transfer to your hotel to enjoy a day at leisure in the capital.

### **Day 12 - Delhi**

A private transfer will be on hand to help you connect to your next destination.

**Inclusions:** 11 nights' accommodation (choose from an average of 3\*, 4\*, 4+\* or 5\*) – transfers and transport in an air-conditioned car – internal flights between Jaipur, Udaipur and Delhi - tours, entry fees and a local English speaking guide – 11 breakfasts.

**Extras:** tips.

**Departs:** daily.

**Price:** average 3\* from £1,572 per person, average 5\* from £3,857 per person.