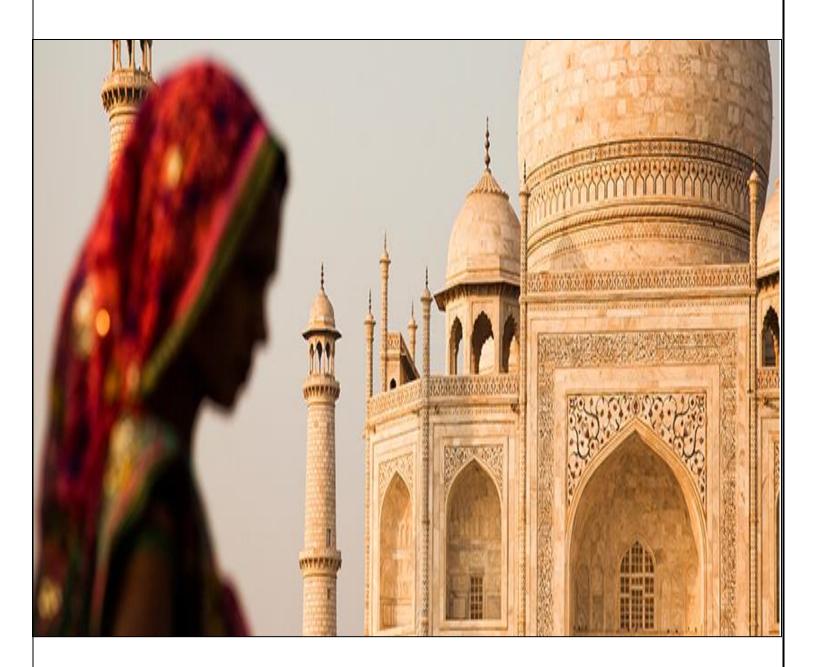


# <u>Jaipur-Agra Tour Itinerary (2 Night/3 Days)</u>





## **Jaipur (The Pink City)**

The capital of Rajasthan Jaipur - popularly known as the "Pink City" as the Pink sandstone was used to construct the buildings in Old walled city. Jaipur owes its name, its foundation and it's planning to the Great warrior astronomer Maharaja Jai Singh II (1699–1744 AD). Jaipur (City of Victory) was founded by Maharaja Sawai Jai Singh II in 1727. It is the only city in the world symbolizing the nine divisions of the Universe through nine rectangular sectors sub-dividing it. The architect who formalized the city's plans on the Shilpa Shastra, the epic Hindu treatise on architecture, mixed it with the sublimity of the Mughal and Jain influences of those times. The city was painted pink in 1853 in honour of the visit by Prince Albert. Except for the busy traffic of bicycles, cars and buses, little seems to have changed.



#### **Day 01: Jaipur Sightseeing**

In morning, post breakfast (@09:30) proceed for full day city tour of Jaipur – visiting Amer Fort located at a distance of 11 kilometers from Jaipur and was the old fort of the Kachhwaha clan of Amber, which used to be the capital, till it was moved to Jaipur. 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 in itself is a beautiful sight to behold but as one looks on the fort with its clear reflection on the lake in the front; one cannot help but wonder if it is a dream or a beautiful illusion. **An elephant [Subject to availability/Cost not included]** will spare you the trouble of reaching up to the fortress. Once on top, stroll through the sprawling complex of courtyards and halls.

Among the highlights to be seen while touring Jaipur include the City Palace, which is an overwhelming complex of exquisite palaces, gardens and courtyards, decorative art and carved doorways. The palace museum houses collections of rare manuscripts, armory, costumes, carpets and miniature paintings. Walk to the adjacent Jantar Mantar or Astronomical Observatory made by the Maharaja of Jaipur, built in 1726 and is one of the five such astronomical wonders built by Sawai Jai Singh and makes accurate predictions even to this day.

Jaipur is a shopper's paradise. Most of the bazaars are located in old city with wide range of things to buy, from jewellery (precious and semi-precious stones) to textiles to handicrafts.

Overnight stay at the hotel.

#### Day 02: Depart for Agra (Ex Jaipur) - (250Kms One Way)

Leave from Jaipur @09:30am post breakfast and drive to Agra enroute visit Fatehpur Sikri - the deserted red sandstone city was built by the Great Mughal Emperor, Akbar, as his capital and palace in the late 16th century. It was abandoned soon after it was built when the local wells went dry and it remains today in much the same condition that it was over 300 years ago. It is complete with palaces and mosques and used to be a town larger than London when it was originally constructed.



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Now it is an extraordinary place to wander around with its buildings in near perfect condition.

After sightseeing continue drive to Agra and transfer to hotel. Agra came into limelight during the rule of Afghan King Sikandar Lodhi - who had made it the capital of his empire. Later in 1526 A.D., the Mughal Emperor Babar took upon himself the task for rendering Agra, a unique character and beauty of its own. Agra - in terms of ambiance is still associated with its Mughal period. The Mughals besides being great rulers were also great builders and they preserved their best architectural wonders for Agra & its neighbourhood. It has many wonderful monuments and the Taj Mahal, the greatest of them all, is a masterpiece of Mughal architecture at its best.



Check-in in the hotel at around 1500hrs and take rest. In evening, visit local markets of marbel and handi-craft for shopping.

### Back to the hotel and rest overnight.

### Day 03: Agra Sightseeing & Back to Delhi (250Kms One Way)

Early morning @6:00am visit the beautiful **Taj Mahal (closed on Friday)** - The Taj Mahal is everything that has been said about it and more. Built by the Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan as an expression of his love for his wife Mumtaz Mahal, in mid 17th century, the Taj Mahal is truly one of the wonders of the world. Though the Taj appears to be amazingly perfect from almost any angle, it is the close-up marble inlay work, which is really astounding. Then come back to hotel @9:00a.m, have breakfast, post that get ready and check-out from the hotel.

Later visit **The Agra Fort**, an outstanding example of Mughal architecture. Agra Fort - the seat and the stronghold of the Mughal Empire under successive generations. This was the seat of Mughal rule. Shahjahan added the impressive quarters and the mosque while Aurangzeb added the outer ramparts. Visit its Hall of Public Audience and its Royal Pavilions. Besides the historical monuments, one can also explore Agra's rich heritage of handicrafts in its markets.



Drive to Delhi / transfer to Airport to board the flight for onward destination.

\*\*\*TOUR ENDS\*\*\*



# **Jaipur-Agra Tour Rates:**

Foreigner (PAX 1)	Indian (PAX 1)
INR 67000	INR 62500

#### The above tour cost includes:-

- ➤ A.C car during the tour as per the itinerary.
- Entrance fee for monuments in Jaipur and Agra.
- ➤ Accompanying guide as per the itinerary from Jaipur.
- ➤ 2 nights stay at a 4-5 star hotel in Jaipur and Agra on CPAI plan.
- ➤ All presently applicable taxes are included.

#### The above tour cost excludes:-

- ➤ Any other thing not specified in the inclusions.
- ➤ Any kind of tipping, personal expenses, shopping etc.
- ➤ The entrance fee is for one time visit only.
- ➤ No meal is included except breakfast at the hotel during stay.

#### Please note:

- ➤ Cost will change in case of any changes in taxes from Government of India.
- Monument entrance(s) and guide fee might change post cost revision in the cost.