

# 11 DAY GOLDEN TRIANGLE & VARANASI

## Asia Vacation Group – Authentic Asia!

Local knowledge, adventures of a lifetime.

Discover [Asia](#) with our team of experts, and a carefully selected, value-packed exploration of Asia's most iconic destinations. Our tours offer must-visit sights, rich experiences and quality inclusions all at an unbeatable prices. Your bucket list dreams are ticked off on these all-encompassing vacations.

Travel with the confidence. Your trip has been carefully crafted by [our team](#) with you in mind and it's that same team that takes you on the journey. One amazing team to help and guide you, not only as your local travel expert but also as a friend with helpfulness and sincerity.

Specialists in Asia touring since 2015, [Asia Vacation Group](#) is proud to be the people who craft your itinerary, help you at each step, plus guide and operate your tour.

<b>Relaxed Itinerary</b>	<b>7-Day Change Mind</b>	<b>Fully escorted by English-speaking guide</b>
<b>Guarantee Departure</b>		

## Day by Day Itinerary

Negombo (1 night), Sigiriya (2 nights), Kandy (1 night), Nuwara Eliya (1 night), Tissamaharama (1 night), Bentota (3 nights)

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Incredible sightseeing as per the itinerary, including bustling Delhi, the iconic Taj Mahal in Agra, Jaipur's Amber Fort and Palace of the Winds and the Abhaneri step well. Enjoy a sunrise boat ride on the Ganges River in Varanasi, walk the backlanes of Varanasi's old city.
- Small group experience, with no more than 20 people
- 4\* and 5\* hotels accommodation
- Domestic flights
- All airport transfers
- Air-conditioning vehicles
- Daily breakfast
- Professional English-speaking guide

## ITINERARY

### - Delhi

Namaskar!

Welcome to Delhi!

On arrival at Delhi airport, our representative will meet you to pick you up and transfer to your hotel. Rest of the day is at your leisure. Stay overnight at the hotel in Delhi. Check-in time is at 3.00pm.

**Meals:** On-flight meal

**Accommodation:** Hotel Crowne Plaza 4\* or Similar

Noted: Some flights may depart the night before and fly overnight, to arrive on Day 1.

### Delhi Sightseeing

After breakfast, you head to explore highlights of the Old Delhi by experiencing the Delhi Metro train. Start visiting **Jama Masjid** – another marvelous treasure of the Old City, and is the largest mosque in India. After that, you will have a rickshaw ride to explore the old part of town which includes:

**Chandni Chowk** – the Chandni Chowk (Moonlight Square) is one of the oldest and busiest markets in Old Delhi, India.

**Spice Market** – A bit west of Chandni Market you will find yourself on Khari Baoli Road in the heart of Asia's largest

wholesale spice market. Here we found hundreds of shops dealing in refined, local and exotic spices. This large market area is rich in color and photographic opportunities, and is well worth seeking out. Next to visit **Red Fort** – Delhi's most famous monument, the Red Fort, stands as a powerful reminder of the Mughal emperors who ruled India.

In the late afternoon, you return to your hotel with Delhi Metro Train. Overnight in Delhi.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Radison Dwarka 5\* or Similar

### **Delhi – Drive Jaipur (268km)**

After breakfast, proceed to Jaipur to explore the highlights of Jaipur such as: **City Palace** – situated in the heart of the old City, it occupies about one seventh of the old city area, **JantarMantar** – built in 18th century by Maharaja Sawai Jai Singh II, the huge masonry instruments were used to study the movement of constellations and stars in the sky. Enormous sun-dial still provides accurate time, which is subject to daily corrections.

**Albert Hall Museum** – situated in the Ram Niwas Garden. Late afternoon, you will check in your hotel and overnight in Jaipur.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Hotel Sarovar Premium 4\* or Similar

### **Jaipur**

Wake up! Breakfast at hotel and then proceed to sightseeing tour of Jaipur including:

**HawaMahal** – built in 1799, by Maharaja SawaiPratap Singh, is the most recognizable monument of Jaipur. Next, we drive to **Amber Fort** and experience the Jeep ride or Elephant ride from old town to reach the Courtyard of Amber Fort.

In the afternoon, you continue visiting **JalMahal** before returning to your hotel. Overnight in Jaipur.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Hotel Sarovar Premium 4\* or Similar

### **Jaipur – Agra (260km)**

After breakfast, you will spend your day to Agra (260km) and visit en-route to **Abhaneri** – a village in the Dausa district of Rajasthan state in India. It is situated at a distance of 95 km from Jaipur, on the Jaipur-Agra road. The place is popular for the Chand Baori step well and Harshat Mata Temple.

In the afternoon, you arrive in Agra. Check in your hotel and overnight in Agra.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Hotel Regal Vista 4\* or Similar

### **Agra – Overnight Train to Varanasi**

Early wake up for sunrise visit to Taj Mahal. **TajMahal** – the World Heritage Site in the year 1983.

Breakfast at your hotel and then you will continue visiting **Agra Fort** and **Itmad-ud-Daulah** – India's first tomb to be made completely out of marble, Itmad-Ud-Daulah signals the beginning of new era in Mughal architecture. Until then, it was buildings of red sandstone. It was constructed during Jahangir's period. The 21-meter high tomb was constructed in memory of MirzaGhiyas, who was the father-in-law of Jahangir. He was bestowed with the title Itmad-Ud-Daula, which means pillar of the state. Influenced by Islamic architectural style, the monument's towers display Persian touch.

In the evening, you will be transferred to Train station for night train to Varanasi. Overnight on train.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Overnight on train

Noted: Taj Mahal closed on every Friday

### **Varanasi**

Early morning arrival at Varanasi Train Station, we will meet and transfer to the hotel for breakfast. Then, start your sightseeing by experiencing the Old Town with rickshaw ride to explore **Annapoorna Devi Temple** – the Hindu Goddess of nourishment, **AssiGhat** – a favorite spot for Hindu devotees to offer their prayers to Lord Shiva after taking holy dip in the river.

**Bharat Mata Temple** – a fairly new temple built in 1936 and located at KashiVidyapeeth Campus, is a shrine dedicated to Mother India.

**DashaswamedhGhat** – a very favorite among the Hindu devotees and is considered as the main Ghat.

Evening visit **Ganges Aarti Ceremony** – a sacred and oldest city of the world located at the banks of the holy River

Gange. Where, Gange aarti is performed daily in the evening by a group of priests at the Dashashwamedh ghat. Late afternoon, we drive back to your hotel and overnight in Varanasi.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Hotel The Amaya 4\* or Similar

### Varanasi

Early wake up and enjoy the sunrise at Ganges with boat ride. Later return to your hotel for breakfast.

Today, you will spend your day to explore the highlights such as:

**Sarnath** is the main place to visit while on tour around Varanasi. A much sacred pilgrimage and tourist spot in country. Sarnath is only 10 km away from Varanasi. It is one of the four most significant Buddhist pilgrimage places in India.

**Sarnath Buddhist Temple** – A number of twentieth century Buddhist temples in Sarnath. Many of these Buddhist temples at Sarnath are built and maintained by monks from Tibet, China and Japan but the main Buddhist temple is the MulagandhakutiVihar.

**Sarnath Museum** – Sarnath has yielded a rich collection of sculptures, artifacts and edifices comprising numerous Buddha and Bodhisattva images and other ancient remains.

In the evening, you are free time to visit the local market and overnight in Varanasi.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** The Amaya Hotel 4\* or Similar

### Varanasi

Breakfast at your hotel and you will take a flight back to Delhi.

On arrival Delhi airport, meets and greets our tour guide and transfer to the hotel. Overnight in Delhi.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Radison Dwarka 5\* or Similar

### New Delhi City Tour

After breakfast, you spend your full day to explore the highlights of New Delhi such as:

**QutubMinar** – the tallest brick minaret in the world, is an incredible example of early Indo-Islamic architecture, **Humayun's Tomb, Lotus Temple** and **India Gate** – the towering archway of India Gate at the center of New Delhi is a war memorial, built in memory of the Indian soldiers who lost their lives fighting for the British Army in World War I.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Radison Dwarka 5\* or Similar

### Delhi – Departure

After breakfast, you are free time at leisure until we drive to the airport for flight home.

Meals: Breakfast

## INCLUSIONS

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- A safe and comfortable air-conditioned vehicles.
- Accommodation Double/Twin rooms
- Daily Breakfast Buffet
- Sightseeing Tours in All Cities
- Domestic Flight Ticket Varanasi/Delhi
- Train ticket Agra/Varanasi (Air-con Sleeper)
- Boat ride in Varanasi
- Jeep in Jaipur
- 1 farewell Dinner
- 1 Rickshaw Rides in Varanasi
- 1 Indian SIM Card for local use with 1 GB data everyday Optional and On Request in advance 10 Days before arrival
- English speaking tour guide
- Water bottle per day

## EXCLUSIONS

- Returned International flights
- Meals and drinks are not mentioned in the program
- Meals on Flights
- Tipping for driver and tour guide (US\$10/per person/day)
- Personal expenses
- Travel insurance (we strongly recommend you hold a valid travel insurance policy for all domestic and overseas travel)
- Trip delay or interruption by airline schedule change
- Extra cost or missing tour caused by flight delay or cancel
- Any service not clearly mentioned in the program

## DEPARTURE DATES: PRICE IS QUOTED IN US\$ PER PERSON

DEPART AU	RETURN DATE	PRICE	NOTE	RESERVE YOUR SEAT
<b>Wednesday</b> 03 Apr 2024	<b>Saturday</b> 13 Apr 2024	US\$3,401	School Holiday	<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Wednesday</b> 17 Apr 2024	<b>Saturday</b> 27 Apr 2024	US\$3,401	High Season	<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Wednesday</b> 01 May 2024	<b>Saturday</b> 11 May 2024	US\$3,001		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Friday</b> 17 May 2024	<b>Monday</b> 27 May 2024	US\$3,001		<a href="#">Book</a>

## OPTIONAL TOURS

## FINE PRINT

### FLIGHT INFORMATION

This package excludes international flights from USA.

If you would like to book your international flights with us, please contact or request in the booking form when you make a booking.

- Once ticketed, flights are non-refundable. Any changes will be subject to the airline rules, Airline change fees and an Asia Vacation Group change fee of US\$250 per person.
- Full names as per passport (including all middle names) are required. Any error in the names submitted will be subject to an Asia Vacation Group name change fee of US\$150 plus any applicable fees charged by the airline, or the ticket may be non-refundable with the purchase of a new ticket required.
- Any airline schedule changes or cancellations are beyond our control. It is important that you, as the customer, stay up-to-date with the latest airline schedule information prior to your departure. If a schedule change results in extended transits or an earlier/later departure from your destination, any additional accommodation or alternative arrangements will be at the traveler's expense.
- Any airline 'extras' such as pre-allocated seating is at your own arrangement (additional charges apply)
- After booking, the price payable may be subject to change as a result of factors beyond the control of Asia Vacation Group. Asia Vacation Group reserves the right to increase the price payable and this will be reflected on the customer's invoice. Increases may be in relation to, but not limited to, currency fluctuations, airline taxes, airfare increases and fuel surcharges.

- Internal airfares (where applicable and included in the itinerary) will be using a local carrier and may include low-cost carriers without meals or entertainment. Checked baggage will still be included for each passenger. Any additional baggage required is payable at time of check-in.
- If you are travelling with another party on a separate booking, we cannot guarantee that the same flights will be booked for all parties, as this strictly depends on availability.
- You will be responsible for handling your luggage at all times as the services of porters are not included. If travelling over the recommended amount, you will be liable for any excess baggage fees enforced by the airline, payable directly.
- In the event of that you no-show on your scheduled flight, please be aware the airline will require you to pay a no show fee, Airline reissue fee plus any additional airfare and taxes. Asia Vacation Group will also charge a US\$250 admin fee to assist re accommodating you on the next available flight. Please note that depending on the airline's policy, purchasing a new ticket may be required.

#### **Flight requests, amendments or preferences**

We understand customers may wish to request changes to their included airfares. If you wish to fly with a certain airline, land at a certain time or change your flight in other ways we will gladly provide you with a personalized quote tailored to your specific requirements.

We would be more than happy to provide you with a quote for the following requests:

Airline Preferences – You may wish to fly with a particular airline

Cabin Preferences – These include upgrading to premium economy or business class

Extensions (start and end cities must remain the same) – You may request to extend your stay pre or post tour.

Meal Requests – You may request a specific meal for dietary requirements.

Seat Requests – If you would like to request particular seating. However please note, not all airlines allow the selection of pre-purchased seat arrangements.

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

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##### **Physical Requirements**

A reasonable level of fitness is required but it's more about spending time on your feet rather than covering large distances. You'll be getting on and off coaches and boats, walking around the sights and climbing some steps.

##### **Tipping**

A friendly reminder that tipping is not included in your package. Please be advised that tipping for tour guides, drivers and bellmen are required and will be collected by your travel consultant 7 days before you depart. A gratuity of US\$10 per person/day can make a big difference to locals employed in the tourism industry as they have done an impeccable job to serve you through your holiday.

##### **Accommodation**

The accommodation listed is subject to change. Any changes will be of an equal or higher standard. Bedding configurations (double or twin) are requests only. All efforts will be made to meet your preferences however any changes are beyond our control.

##### **Single Supplement**

Single supplement is **US\$     per person** in addition to the twin share price.

##### **Paired Solo Traveler**

Not available.

##### **Group size:**

15-30 pax

##### **Triple Share**

Upon your request except for cruises

##### **Travel Insurance**

Travel insurance is required to protect yourself against the unexpected.

##### **Visa & Passport information**

It is the traveler's responsibility to ensure they have a valid passport. The passport must be valid for a minimum of six months from the intended date of return and must have more than 2 blank pages.

A visa is required for travel to Vietnam. The visa is easiest to complete with Asia Vacation Group and just need to pay US\$160 for single entry for Vietnam Visa.

**Tour Documentation**

Final documentation, including e-tickets and hotel details, will be provided approximately 30 days prior to travel.

**Children**

Children must be 2 years old or over and share a room with parents at all times. Children are the same price as adults.

**Tour Length**

The total length of the tour in days includes time spent in flight and is subject to change depending on the flight schedule, please refer to the day by day itinerary for the time spent on land.

**HOW TO EXTEND YOUR STAY**

You can enhance your holiday by arriving or departing before or after the tour. On this tour you can pay extra for arriving early or extension your trip.

**Pre-tour night:** US\$ /room/night

**Post-tour night:** US\$ /room/night

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