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Hollywood to Bollywood Tour

Part I: Pre-Tour

Delhi – Jaipur – Agra – return to Delhi

December 9th or 10th departure from the USA to arrive in Delhi on Dec. 11th –

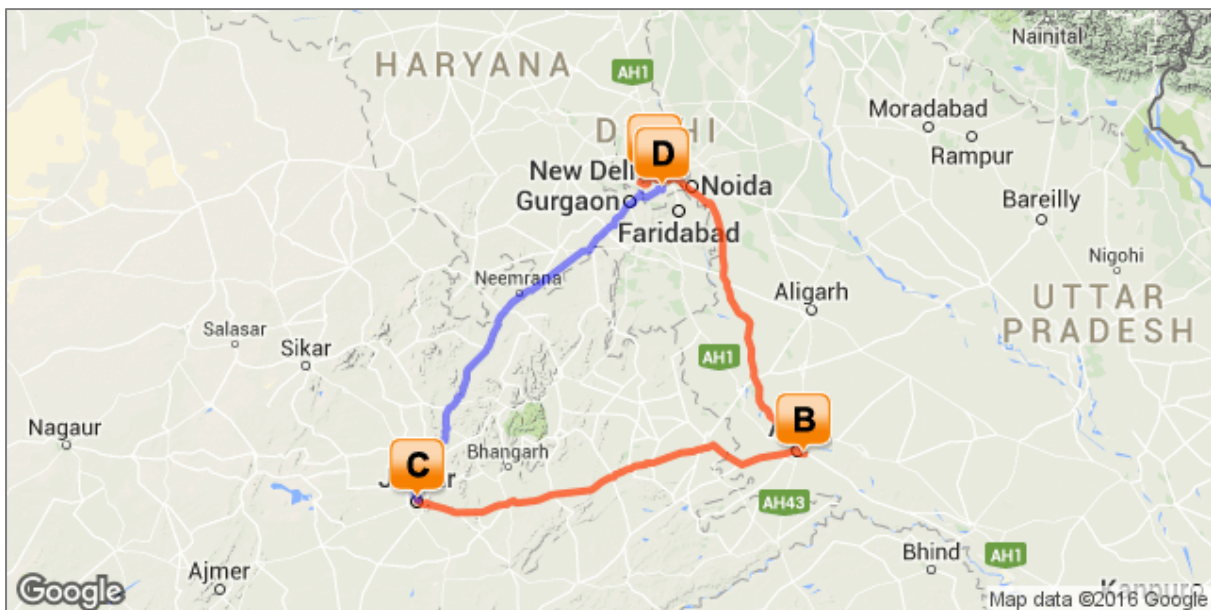
[Will vary with your original city of departure and flight time]

December 11 – 14, 2016

(not including International flight days)

4 Days / 3 Nights

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ARRIVAL DELHI - JAIPUR (FLIGHT) – AGRA – DELHI

Jaipur Pre-Tour Detailed Program

Day 1 – December 11, 2016 Arrival Delhi/ Continue flight to Jaipur

WELCOME TO INDIA!!

- On arrival in Delhi airport, you will be met by a greeter and directed to the domestic terminal for your **flight to Jaipur**.
- On arrival in Jaipur airport, you will be met at the airport and guided to your air conditioned transportation to the hotel, including a welcome with traditional Rose Garlands.
- At the hotel, you will receive the traditional welcome with Arti and Tikka (a Hindu Ritual painting a vermilion dot on your forehead and a platter of traditional lucky items).
- Use today to refresh from the long flight and to enjoy the hotel and surrounding area.
- **THIS PLAN IS DEPENDENT ON ARRIVAL TIME IN DELHI.** Travelers arriving late in the day will stay over night in Delhi, joining the group in Jaipur the next day. MGTour Company will confirm your individual arrangements when you book the tour.

Hotel: Holiday Inn Jaipur City Center - Includes Half Board (Breakfast and Dinner)



Holiday Inn Jaipur City Center is located in close proximity to the main shopping center, railway station, government houses and multinational companies of Jaipur's thriving business district. It also has convenient access to the historical monuments in Jaipur. The hotel is ideally equipped for business, leisure and transit travelers. Facilities include a choice of 3 dining outlets, a bar, round the clock room service, complimentary internet access, contemporary rooms and a range of leisure facilities such as a gym and outdoor pool. See Pricing Sheet for considerations with double or single occupancy.



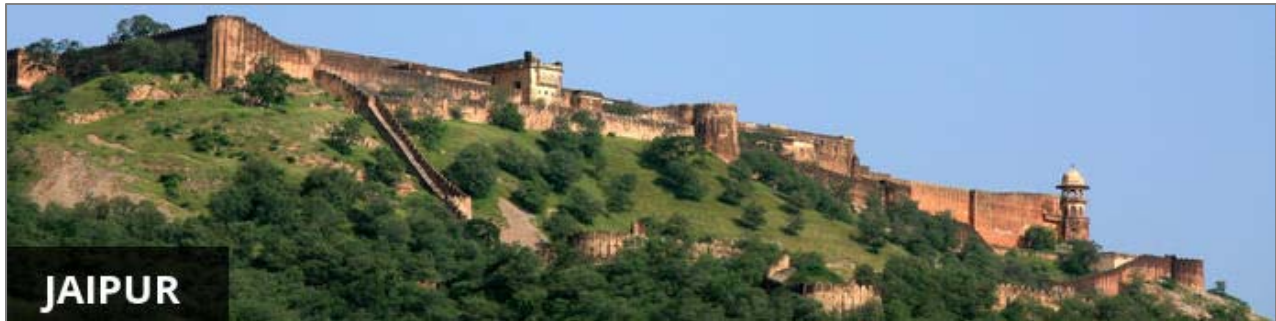
TRAVEL TIP

Be sure to bring your bathing suit and light weight flip flops. Include a plastic bag for packing. A swim is a refreshing way to revive from a busy day of touring.

Day 2 – December 12, 2016 Jaipur (Tour)

Hawa Mahal, Amer Fort, Jal Mahal, Jantar Mantar, and Jaipur City Palace

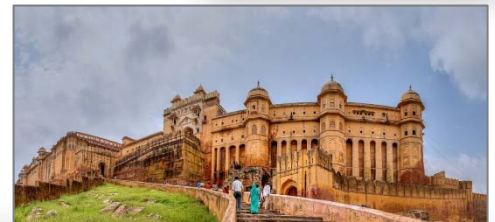
For those staying the night in Delhi, you will be transferred to the Delhi airport for your flight to Jaipur to join the tour. After the tour you will check-into the hotel.



Gateway to the state of Rajasthan, Jaipur offers a stunning mix of old and new India. It is famously known as the “Pink City.” This nickname was coined in 1876 when a visit by the Prince of Wales prompted the government to paint the Old City terracotta pink, the color of hospitality, to welcome him. Jaipur was founded in 1727 by Maharaja Sawai Jai Singh II, a soldier, ruler, and scholar in mathematics and astronomy. Jaipur is home to splendid fortresses, majestic palaces, temples and a must-see observatory.

Itinerary

- The first stop is the **Hawa Mahal**, the “Palace of the Winds” for an outside view only. This palace features a high wall of windows built as a privacy screen so the women of the royal household could observe street life unseen.
- The **Amer Palace** or Amber Fort in the nearby town of Amer. We will take a **Jeep or Elephant ride** up the hill to visit the fort, an example of Hindu architectural styling begun in 1592. One of the most famous forts of Rajasthan, it is well preserved with grand pavilions and mirrored halls opening onto gardens and courtyards.
- We will stop for outside observations and photos of the **Jal Mahal**, a palace located in the middle of Man Sagar Lake.
- Continue to **Jantar Mantar**, a UNESCO World Heritage site. This Observatory was built using principles in the ancient Sanskrit texts defining the aesthetics for every major art form. (not pictured here.)
- Our final stop will be the Jaipur **City Palace** originally began on the site of a royal hunting lodge, with the original building started in the 18th century, although additions continued up to the 20th century.
- **Evening-** refresh and recover with dinner in the hotel, included in the half board. **Hotel Holiday Inn.**



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Day 3 – December 13, 2016

Jaipur / Fatehpur Sikri / Agra

DRIVING DISTANCE: - 150 MILES; TIME: - 05 HOURS 30 MINS APPROX



Home of the world-famous **Taj Mahal**, Agra is one of India's prime tourist destinations, though its attractions also extend to an array of other impressive historical sights. These include the red-hued **Agra Fort**, the sacred **Jama Masjid mosque** and **Itmad-ud-Daulah's tomb**, with its white marble facade embellished with intricate inlaid designs and semi-precious gems. The Taj, however, is in a league of its own and needless to say is a must-see for any visitor to the city. Commissioned by the Mughal emperor Shah Jahan in the 17th century as a memorial to his beloved wife Mumtaz Mahal, it is an architectural masterpiece of exquisite craftsmanship and perfect proportions.

- We will depart Jaipur after breakfast to drive to Agra. En route, we will visit **Fatehpur Sikri** "The Ghost City." Founded in the 16th century by the famous Emperor Akbar, this complex of buildings served as the capital of the **Mughal Empire**
- Continue our drive to **Agra**, where we will check into the hotel. (see below for hotel information.)
- **Optional evening activity.** Take in a stage spectacular **Mohabbat the Taj** the story of the Taj Mahal at the Kalakriti Auditorium in Agra. We will meet some of the technical personnel, choreographer & director. The seats feature head phones with multi-lingual translation. This production is famous for the largest replica of the Taj on stage built of real marble and semi-precious stones, weighing 10,000 pounds.



OPTIONAL ACTIVITY: - Evening show, the stage spectacle **Mohabbat the Taj** at the Kalakriti Auditorium Agra. –To view a clip of this show on You Tube follow this link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XfEWUn1ByjU> (01 Hour Duration).

Additional PRICE PER PERSON @ US\$ 40.00 (includes group discount)

Hotel: Jaypee Palace - Includes Half Board

The regal Jaypee Palace Hotel and Convention Center was created of red sandstone and marble within 25 acres of elegantly landscaped luxuriant greenery. Sprinkled with enormous water bodies and endless walkways, the magical creation blends Mughal and contemporary architecture with modern amenities. The meticulously designed masterpiece provides tranquil ambiance.



Day 4 – December 14, 2016

Drive from Agra to Delhi, with a stopover in the Red Fort **DISTANCE: - 145 MILES; TIME -4 –5 HRS APPROX**



Itinerary

- Early morning we will visit The Monument of Love – **Taj Mahal**. We will take a **Battery car** from the parking facilities to the gate of Taj Mahal.
- Return to the hotel for a late breakfast and to check out.
- Return drive to Delhi, with a stop at the **Agra Fort** or Red Fort, a UNESCO World Heritage site. It is a walled city dating from 1475. The site of historic battles and political schemes, it also the site of an important battle during the Indian Rebellion of 1857 The rebellion led to the end of rule by the world's first global corporation, the **British East India Company**, forcing the British to rule India directly. The East India Company was an important source of dress, textiles, fashions, décor and food.



Hotel: Suryaa New Delhi - Includes Half Board

The Suryaa creates a warm, vibrant and lively ambiance for its guests. There is a luxurious buffet restaurant featuring cuisines from all over the world. There is a small clothing boutique on the ground floor in case you want to augment your wardrobe with lighter Indian cottons.

Here we will join the rest of our group, just arriving in Delhi to begin the rest of our adventures!



TRAVEL TIP

Driving is an excellent way to observe the daily traditions and interactions that make India truly unique. Our transportation will include a portable internet connection. This is a good opportunity to upload photos to a cloud storage site or social media. If you are using a smart phone, your photo storage will fill very quickly with so much to see!

-----**END OF JAIPUR PRE-TOUR**-----

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