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# GOLDEN TRIANGLE WITH ICONIC WILDLIFE

*India*

*10 Days/9 Nights*



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## *Let your imagination soar*

### About &Beyond

Established in 1991, &Beyond strives to leave our world a better place through the delivery of extraordinary travel experiences and our care of the land, wildlife and people. We are bespoke tour operators for sub-Saharan Africa, Asia, South America and Antarctica. We also own and manage 29 extraordinary lodges and camps across three continents. We positively impact 75 communities and directly conserve our footprint of 1 million acres. Our 2030 vision is to scale our impact through partnerships to support the conservation of an associated 40 million acres of key biospheres and to double our 2020 impact investment, while offering discerning travellers a rare and exclusive experience of the world as it should be.

### Welcome to India

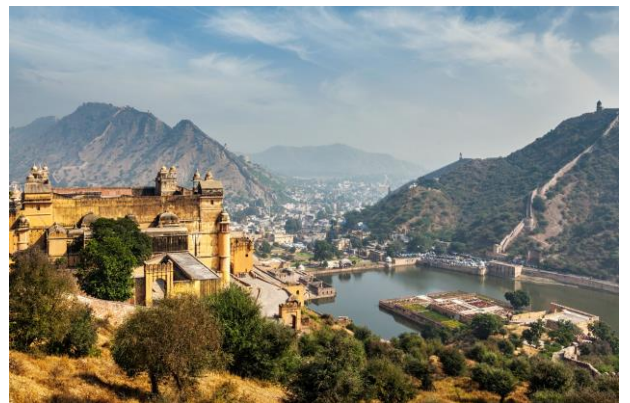
India is the world's largest democracy and covers an area of 3,287,263 km<sup>2</sup>, stretching from the high Himalayas in the north to the tropical rain forests of the southern peninsular. In the shape of a triangle, India is flanked by the Arabian Sea in west and Bay of Bengal in the east. The country's topography is varied - there are deserts and tropical jungles, fertile river plains and high plateaus, 7517 km of coastline and coral reefs. It is a vast country of over 1.4 billion people with over 470 languages, numerous religions, races and cultures. India offers the traveller a multitude of unique experiences ensuring an unforgettable visit. From the vibrant and bustling markets, contrasting cuisines, and extravagant festivals to the serenity of a mountain retreat, India is a destination that will touch your soul.

### Highlights of the Itinerary:

- Breath-taking architecture and urban vibe in Delhi
- The magnificent Taj Mahal, the world's most famous monument to love.
- Fascinating Indian wildlife on safari drives in Jawai

### Best Time to Travel:

October to April.



## At a glance



9 Nights / 10 Days

- 1- Delhi (Day 1,2)
- 2- Agra (Day 3,4)
- 3- Jaipur (5,6)
- 4- Jawai (7,8,9)

### AN & BEYOND CUSTOM-DESIGNED ITINERARY

DATE	SERVICE	ACCOMMODATION
Day 1	VVIP Meet and Greet at New Delhi's International Airport	Royal Premier Room - BB
	Transfer from Delhi airport to the hotel	
	You will be met on arrival and transferred to your hotel	
	Spend two nights at The Leela Palace, New Delhi	
Day 2	Morning start a tour of New Delhi with a visit to of Humayun's Tomb followed by visit to Sunder Nursery Heritage Park and finally, visit the Sikh Temple Gurdwara Bangla Sahib	
	After lunch visit old Delhi, and end the tour at Dharampura Haveli with high tea, kite flying experience	
Day 3	Today you will be chauffeured to Agra (3h30)	Premier Room with Balcony - BB
	On arrival, you will be met and assisted in check-in to your hotel	
	Later in the afternoon, proceed to visit the Taj Mahal before sunset	
	Spend two nights at The Oberoi Amarvilas, Agra	
Day 4	Re-visit Taj Mahal at sunrise	
	Post visit return to your hotel	
	Today after breakfast, embark on a guided tour of the Agra Fort and It-mad-ud-Daulah Tomb	
	Afternoon at leisure for independent activities	

Day 5	Today you will be chauffeured to Jaipur (4h30)	Premier Room with Private Garden - BB
	On arrival, you will be met and assisted in check-in to your hotel	
	Spend two nights at Oberoi Rajvilas	
Day 6	Today get a glimpse into the bygone lives of royals at the magnificent Amer Fort.	
	Afternoon embark on a city tour Jaipur with visit to City Palace, including the private chambers, marvelling at the ancient astronomical instruments in the Observatory Tower and admiring the Hawa Mahal	
Day 7	Today morning you will be chauffeured to Jawai (7h) Stopping en route Lakshman Sagar, Pali for lunch (on direct payment basis)	Tented Rock Suite - JP Basis
	On arrival, you will check-in to your hotel	
	Spend three nights at Sujan Jawai, Jawai Bandh	
Day 8 and 9	Embark on a scheduled early morning and afternoon wilderness drive in the Jawai Conservation Reserve	
Day 10	Today morning you will be chauffeured to Udaipur airport (3h30) in time for flight to Delhi	Deluxe Room -Room Only
	Upon arrival, you will be met and transferred to the hotel, where a day use room is booked. Late evening departure transfer from hotel to International airport.	

#### GLOSSARY

- BB = Bed and Breakfast
- FB = Full Board Basis (Cycle of 3 meals a day i.e. breakfast, lunch and dinner)
- JP = Jungle Plan Basis (Cycle of 3 meals a day i.e. breakfast, lunch and dinner and scheduled park drives)

#### **ENTRY/VISA REQUIREMENTS: INDIA**

- As for all international travel, the visitor to India is required to be in possession of a valid passport and visa. Travellers from all countries need a visa. Enquire about this from the Indian diplomatic Representatives abroad OR apply online at <https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/visa/tvoa.html>
- ***Boarding or immigration can be denied if there is a mismatch of passport details mentioned on the visa letter issued by the Government of India and the passport presented at these checks.***
- ***The Visa holder MUST carry a print out of the eTV confirmation. An electronic copy on a phone is NOT sufficient. Without a physical print out the traveler may be denied boarding on the inbound flight, and maybe denied entry***
- The passport has to be valid for a minimum of 6 months AFTER the departure date from India and at least 2 (two) clear pages available in the passport for immigration stamping.
- **SATELLITE PHONES, DRONES AND GARMIN DEVICES WITH TEXT MESSAGING ARE NOT ALLOWED IN INDIA**

The use of satellite phones in India without permits (a very complicated process) is prohibited. It is a criminal, and a jailable

offence to be in possession of an unlicensed satellite phone, or to use it. Mobile phones work well throughout most of the country and communications throughout your tour are generally good. Drones also need to be licensed and have Government of India software installed

## *Expect the extraordinary*

### **Day 1: - Arrive New Delhi**

Upon arrival at Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport, you will be met at aerobridge and escorted to the Immigration desks. Then assisted in baggage collection and transferred out of the Customs Hall to meet your &Beyond representative and chauffeured to The Leela Palace hotel.

Delhi has a long history and has been an important political centre of India as the capital of several empires. Having witnessed the rise and fall of many empires, the city today is dotted with fascinating buildings and ruins from the Slave dynasty of the 13th century, Tughlaqs of the 14th century, Lodi's of the 15th century, Mughals of the 16th century and finally the British leaving their imprint on the city.

The city is believed to have been established some 3000 years ago, named Indraprastha, and mentioned in the ancient Indian epic Mahabharata. According to legend it was the capital of the Pandava dynasty who set up their fort on the banks of river Yamuna around the present-day Purana Qila. However, most historians recognize the first modern city of Delhi as Qila Rai Pithora or Lal Kot from the 11th century.

The Leela Palace, described as 'Delhi's palace hotel', is the place to stay for those who love opulent and contemporary luxury. Located at the very heart of the capital's prestigious Diplomatic Enclave and exemplifies the magnificent architecture, grace and elegance of Lutyens's Delhi.

Spend two nights at The Leela Palace, New Delhi. Accommodation will be in a Royal Premier Room. Your stay is on bed and breakfast basis.

### **Day 2: - New Delhi**

Today start your day with a visit to the

Humayun's Tomb: This is a complex of buildings, centred on the Mughal Emperor Humayun's tomb, commissioned by Humayun's wife Hamida Banu Begum in 1562. The tomb is the first garden-tomb on the Indian subcontinent and also the first structure to use red sandstone at such a scale. In 1993 it was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site.



Adjacent to Humayun's tomb is Sunder Nursery formerly called Azim Bagh, a sixteen-century garden. In 1920's when the New Delhi was planned, trees were planted here to test their suitability to be planted in India's new capital.

Later visit

Gurudwara Bangla Sahib, a Sikh temple. Their turbans and beards make the male followers of this religion easily identifiable. Sikhism developed as an antithesis to the caste ridden and ritualistic forms of Hinduism and developed as a simple religion whose foundation was "sewa" - social responsibility and community work irrespective of a person's social standing. Thus, every Sikh Temple has a community kitchen, where it is considered a privilege to assist cooking the food and serving a simple meal to pilgrims and visitors.

Afternoon proceed on tour of old Delhi visiting Jama Masjid, the Friday congregational mosque, one of the largest and glorious mosques in India, explore the old city by rickshaw through narrow gullies and lanes, visiting the spice market, and end the tour at Dharampura Haveli with high tea, kite flying experience.

The Jama Masjid is the principal mosque of old Delhi. Commissioned by the Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan, builder of the Taj Mahal, and completed in the year 1656 AD, It is best-known mosque in India. It lies close to the very busy central street of old Delhi, Chandni Chowk.

Chandni Chowk: Once the grandest of markets in India. Even though today Chandni Chowk appears choked with congestion, it retains its historical character.

Spice Market: Known as 'Khari Baoli' a street behind Chandni Chowk known for its wholesale grocery and Asia's largest wholesale spice market selling all kinds of spices, nuts, herbs and food products including rice and tea. The market is operating since the 17th century.

End your tour with high tea at Dharampura Haveli with kite flying experience.

Haveli Dharampura gives you a feel of the Mughal era through the architectural beauty of the Haveli (mansion) matched with the amenities of the present era.



### Day 3: - Delhi - Agra

Today you will be chauffeured to Agra (3h30)

Agra, the city of Agra flourished under the patronage of the emperors Akbar, Jahangir and Shah Jahan and attracted artisans from Persia and central Asia. Agra is where Emperor Shah Jahan celebrated or memorialised his immortal love for his Empress in marble, the Taj Mahal. Agra is still famous for handicrafts products such as inlay work on marble, carpets, jewellery, zari and embroidery work.

On arrival, you will be met and assisted in check-in to your hotel Oberoi Amarvilas.

Oberoi Amarvilas, the hotel is located 600 meters from the Taj Mahal and all the rooms, suites, lobby, bar and lounge offer breath-taking views of the monument. Built in a style inspired by Moorish and Mughal architecture, the resort takes you back to an era of Emperors and Princes. An interlude at The Oberoi Amarvilas is truly unforgettable.

Later in the afternoon, proceed to visit the Taj Mahal before sunset

The Taj Mahal is a mausoleum built by the Mughal emperor Shah Jahan as a tribute for his favourite wife Arjumand Bano, better known as Mumtaz Mahal. Mumtaz Mahal died in 1631 at the age of 38, after having given birth to their 14th child, 650 km (403 mi) away from Agra in the central Indian town of Burhanpur. Shah Jahan was bereft and began building the Taj Mahal the following year on the banks of the River Yamuna, 1.7 km (1 mi) east of Agra Fort. It was a garden tomb and completed in 1643. Although it was undoubtedly a memorial to the undying love of Shah Jahan for Mumtaz Mahal, it was also a demonstration of the power, wealth and aesthetic values of the Mughal Empire as seen at its zenith.

Spend two nights at The Oberoi Amarvilas. Accommodation is in a Premier Room with Balcony. Your stay is on bed and breakfast basis.



#### Day 4: - Agra

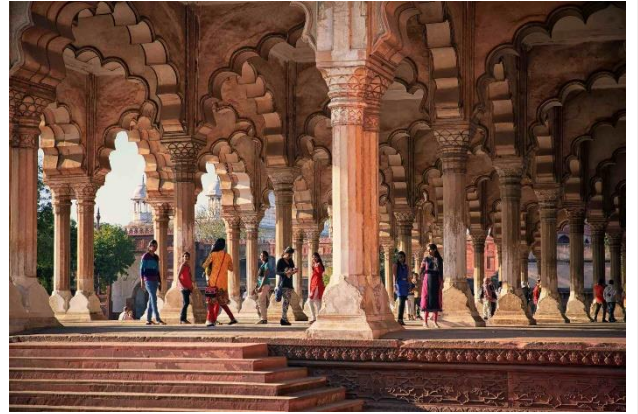
Re - visit Taj Mahal at Sunrise. Return to hotel for breakfast.

Later visit Agra fort and Itimad-Ud-Daulah's tomb

Agra Fort, for many years through the Mughal rule, especially during the period when Agra was the capital of the kingdom, Agra Fort was renovated and reworked extensively with marble and pietra dura inlay. Notable buildings in the fort include the Diwan-e-Am and Diwan-e-Khas (halls of public and private audience), Jehangir's Palace, Khas Mahal, Sheesh Mahal (mirrored palace), and Musamman Burj.

Itimad-ud-Daulah, the exquisite tomb of Mizra Ghiyas Beg should not be missed. This was the first Mughal structure built completely from marble. Created almost a decade before the Taj Mahal, this tomb was the first of its kind to be built on the banks of the Yamuna River, which until then had been a sequence of beautiful pleasure gardens. It belonged to Mizra Ghiyas Beg, the Persian nobleman who was Mumtaz's (in whose memory the Taj was built) great uncle.

Return to your hotel and rest of the afternoon at leisure.



#### Day 5: - Agra - Jaipur

Today after breakfast you will be driven to Jaipur (approximate 4h30, not counting any stops).

Jaipur: Founded in 1728 by Maharaja Sawai Jai Singh, Jaipur is where modernity and tradition exist side by side. The walled city, vibrant with colours, houses the City Palace, an astronomical observatory and a bustling bazaar where artisans fashion puppets, silver jewellery, lac bangles and other handicrafts in their workshops. At a short distance is the Amer Fort Palace at Amer.





Upon arrival in Jaipur, you will be met and assisted at Oberoi Rajvilas for check-in.

The Oberoi Rajvilas is unique amongst hotels in Jaipur; a royal resort set in a breath-taking thirty-two-acre oasis of beautiful, landscaped gardens, filled with beautiful trees and local birdlife. Built around an 18th century Shiva temple where guests can experience chanting with a Hindu priest, meditation and morning yoga, The Oberoi Rajvilas, Jaipur is a haven of mystical peace and natural serenity.

Spend two nights at Oberoi Rajvilas. Accommodation is in a Premier Room with private garden. Your stay is on bed and breakfast basis



## Day 6: - Jaipur

Today morning you will be taken for a guided tour of the Amer Fort.

The Amer Fort is located 11 km from Jaipur. It was the ancient citadel of the ruling Kachhawa clan of Amer, before the capital was shifted to present day Jaipur. Amer Fort is known for its unique artistic style, blending both Hindu and Islamic elements, and its ornate and breath-taking artistic mastery.

Afternoon proceed on a guided tour of Jaipur visiting

City Palace: A wonderful combination of Mughal and Rajput forms of architecture, it is now partly a museum housing miniature paintings, manuscripts, Mughal carpets, musical instruments, royal costumes and weapons, giving invaluable insight into Jaipur's royal past.

The Observatory or the Jantar Mantar was built between 1728 and 1734 and it houses precise instruments for measuring "the harmony of heavens". Each instrument serves a particular function and gives an accurate reading.

Hawa Mahal (photo stop only): perhaps Jaipur's most famous building; the Hawa Mahal is the pink sandstone façade of a palace built for the ladies of the harem by Sawai Pratap Singh. The façade contains 953 small casements under a huge curve, each with a balcony and crowning arch



### Day 7: - Jaipur - Jawai

Today morning you will be chauffeured to Jawai (7h). Stopping en route Lakshman Sagar, Pali for lunch (on direct payment basis)

On arrival check-in at Jawai.

Discover the rural Rajasthan at Sujan Jawai Leopard Camp. There are plenty of activities for you to get involved with including a village walk, a trek with a shepherd to Mount Baliraja, or even a cycle ride around the area surrounding the camp. The team of rangers at Sujan Jawai Leopard Camp can teach you about living in the wilderness, animal behaviour and the local Indian culture. Head out on game drives to enjoy the most of this fascinating part of India. If you are lucky, you might even catch a glimpse of a leopard.

Elsewhere, as part of Relais & Chateaux, the team of expert chefs can impart their knowledge of Indian cuisine. Feast upon delicious delicacies and take the recipes home with you.

Spend two nights at the Sujan Jawai, Jawai Bandh. Accommodation is in a Tented Rock Suite. Your stay is on bed and all meals and safaris basis.



### Day 8 and 9: - Jawai

Embark on a scheduled early morning and afternoon wilderness drive in the Jawai Conservation Reserve. Alternate visits to local nomadic communities can also be arranged.



### Day 10: - Jawai - Udaipur - Delhi

Today morning you will be chauffeured to Udaipur airport (4h) in time for flight to Delhi

Upon arrival, you will be met and transferred to the hotel, where a day use room is booked. Late evening departure transfer from hotel to the International airport.



# *Journey overview*

## Accommodation

DAY	DESTINATION	ACCOMMODATION	DETAILS
Day 1	Delhi	Leela Palace	Royal Premier Room - Bed and Breakfast
Day 2	Delhi	Leela Palace	Royal Premier Room - Bed and Breakfast
Day 3	Agra	The Oberoi Amarvilas	Premier Room with Balcony - Bed and Breakfast
Day 4	Agra	The Oberoi Amarvilas	Premier Room with Balcony - Bed and Breakfast
Day 5	Jaipur	The Oberoi Rajvilas	Premier Room with Private Garden - Bed and Breakfast
Day 6	Jaipur	The Oberoi Rajvilas	Premier Room with Private Garden - Bed and Breakfast
Day 7	Jawai	Sujan Jawai Leopard Camp	Tented Rock Suite - Jungle Plan
Day 8	Jawai	Sujan Jawai Leopard Camp	Tented Rock Suite - Jungle Plan
Day 9	Jawai	Sujan Jawai Leopard Camp	Tented Rock Suite - Jungle Plan
Day 10	Delhi	JW Marriott	Deluxe Room - Room Only Basis

