

TOUR OF TAJ, TIGERS & FORTS

ESCORTED TOURS

from
£1545
per person

28 SEPTEMBER 2024 | 8 NIGHTS

PRICE INCLUDES

- Return flights from Dublin to Delhi (via Amsterdam) with KLM
- 2 nights accommodation in 4* The Grand, Delhi
- 2 nights accommodation in 4* Ramada Hotel, Jaipur
- 2 nights accommodation in 4* Ranthambore Kothi, Ranthambore
- 2 nights accommodation in 4* Grand mercure Hotel, Agra
- Breakfast and evening meals – except Ranthambore where all meals are included
- English speaking guide tour of city as shown in itinerary
- 2 safari drives at Ranthambore National Park
- Entrance fees to monuments shown in itinerary
- Jeep ride at Amber Fort, Jaipur
- Rickshaw ride at old Delhi
- Travel by Air-Conditioned Coach
- Services of an Travel Solutions Tour Manager throughout your trip

DEPOSIT £100 PER PERSON
Full payment due 12 weeks prior to departure

ITINERARY

DAY ONE

Please make your way to Dublin Airport for your flight to Delhi, with a stopover in Amsterdam.

DAY TWO

01:55 Upon arrival at Delhi airport welcome, meet our representative who will assist you throughout before taking the transfer to your hotel.

10:30: After breakfast proceed for sightseeing of Delhi visiting – Raj Ghat which is located on the banks of the river Yamuna, Red Fort (closed on Monday) – the 17th century imposing fortress built in red sandstone is surrounded by a huge boundary wall 33m high. Later Board the 'cycle rickshaw' for a unique experience from the Red Fort, through "Chandni Chowk" or Silver Street, experiencing the sights and sounds of this very busy avenue-heading west from the Fort. Opposite the Red Fort lies Jama Masjid (Friday Mosque).

Then we will move for city tour of New Delhi visiting Humayun's Tomb, built by his wife Haji Begum in the 16th Century. The Qutab Minar – the landmark of Delhi, Proceed for drive pass tour of Rashtrapati Bhawan once the Viceroy's residence and The India Gate.

DAY THREE

After breakfast, get set for the drive towards Pink City Jaipur. Upon arrival, check in at hotel.

DAY FOUR

Today after an early breakfast proceed to visit Amber Fort that consists of four courtyards, Palaces, Halls and gardens made out of sandstone and marble. By open Jeep on return stop for photograph at Jal Mahal (meaning "Water Palace" in the middle of the ManSagar Lake in Jaipur city).

Afternoon: visit The Maharajah's City Palace – A delightful blend of Mughal and traditional Rajasthani architecture, the City Palace sprawls over one-seventh of the area in the walled city. Jantar Mantar – This is the largest and best preserved of the five observatories built by Jai Singh II in different parts of the country. Johari Bazaar – The main bazaar is in the old city for jewellery and saris.

DAY FIVE

Today after breakfast you will check out from Hotel and drive from Jaipur to Ranthambore – one of the finest tiger reserve and one of the most filmed wildlife reserves in the world. Ranthambore was declared a wildlife sanctuary in 1955 and became part of Project Tiger in 1973. This park is famous for its tigers and is one of the best places in the country to see these majestic predators in the wild. The Park, which covers an area of nearly 400 sq. km. and is set between the Aravali and Vindhya ranges. Its deciduous forests were once a part of the magnificent jungles of Central India. Check in to the hotel and enjoy the rest of your day at your leisure.

DAY SIX

Enjoy Jungle Safari by shared Canter

DAY SEVEN

After an Early breakfast drive to Agra – medieval city on the banks of the Yamuna River. It was founded by Sultan Sikandar Lodi in the year 1506. Agra achieved fame as the capital of the Mughal emperors from 1526 to 1658 and remains a major tourist destination because of its many splendid Mughal-era buildings. Most notably the Taj Mahal, Agra Fort and Fatehpur Sikri, all three of which are UNESCO World Heritage Sites. En-route visit Fatehpur Sikri – A city Predominately made of red stands stone. Today, it is perfectly preserved as a ghost city built at the height of the empire's splendor.

DAY EIGHT

Proceed to visit Taj Mahal (By Sunrise) the world-famous monument (Closed on Fridays) – Overlooking the River Yamuna, the Taj Mahal is a classic example of Mughal architecture, with the Taj itself built as a mausoleum at the northern end of an extensive formal walled garden designed in the charbagh style and structured on the Islamic theme of 'paradise'. The whole site was built by Shah Jahan between AD 1632 and 1653 as the final resting place of his favourite wife Arjumand Bann Begum (also known as Mumtaz Mahal) who died in AD 1631 shortly after giving birth to their fourteenth child. Upon his death in AD 1666, Shah Jahan was buried alongside his wife in the Taj.

After Breakfast Enjoy the sightseeing of Agra visiting Agra Fort – was originally a brick fort and the Chauhan Rajputs held it. It was mentioned for the first time in 1080 AD when a Ghaznavide force captured it. Sikandar Lodi (1487-1517) was the first Sultan of Delhi who shifted to Agra and lived in the fort. He governed the country from here and Agra assumed the importance of the second capital. He died in the fort in 1517 and his son, Ibrahim Lodi, held it for nine years until he was defeated and killed at Panipat in 1526. He built several palaces, wells and a mosque in the fort during his period.

DAY NINE

After breakfast, proceed to Delhi International Airport for your return flight home to Dublin.