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| **India’s Golden Triangle 6D/5N**  A special offer from ICS Travel Group |  |
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| **At a Glance** | |
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# Day 1: Arrive Delhi

Upon arrival you will be met by our representative at airport and escorted to your hotel.

Delhi, the Empress of Indian cities has a fascinating history and a stimulating present. She has often been sacked and left naked and desolate. But she could not be despoiled of the incomparable situation that marks her for the metropolis of a Great Empire. The capital of India, Delhi has been the seat of power of a number of dynasties – the Rajput, the Afghans, the Turks and the Mughals who continued their imperial line until the British. Scattered over are surviving ruins, remnants of mighty edifices, tombs of warriors and saints, which in an impressive sense of magnificence are memorials not of a single city but of supplanted nations.

Overnight at hotel.

**Day 2: Delhi-Mandawa (approx 280 Kms/ 5-6 Hrs drive)**

After breakfast visit the stunning Jama Masjid in Old Delhi. This elegant mosque is India’s largest and was built by Shah Jahan, the Mughal emperor, between the years of 1644 and 1656.

Afterwards, travel to New Delhi and visit the new capital designed by Sir Edward Lutyens. Drive past the Presidential Palace, the Rashtrapati Bhawan, the centre of all government activity, and down the main avenue, past the India Gate, the High Court Building and the Old Fort. Visit Qutab Minar, 72 meters high and the ruins of Quwat-ul-Eslam (Light of Islam) Mosque. See Delhi’s most curious antique, the uncorroded Iron Pillar, which dates back to the 4th century AD.

In the afternoon, drive to Mandawa. A medieval fort (dated around 1750) gradually rises on the horizon. The Mandawa bazaar has many painted houses, parts of which have now been turned into curio shops. The havelis of the Chokanis, the Goenkas and the Sarafs have extravagantly painted frescos.

Upon arrival check in at hotel.

Overnight at hotel.

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**Day 3: Mandawa-Jaipur (approx 180 Kms/ 3-4 Hrs drive)**

Following breakfast pay a visit to the Havelis of Mandawa. In the afternoon drive to Jaipur, where the enduring charisma of the past blends with the throbbing vitality of today. Where a colorful cast of characters, from printers and potters to artists and antique dealers, present a fascinating picture of a city that is alive to both tradition and change. Raja Jai Singh, the founder of Jaipur was no ordinary man. He was a scholar and an astronomer, keenly sensitive to beauty, a formidable general, who tempered power with wisdom. In building Jaipur, Jai Singh's vision took him beyond architectural beauty for in the sprawling, barren plains beneath Amber, the former capital; he gave India its first planned city, which has remained unique in two and a half centuries. Jai Singh made Jaipur a haven and it became a center of commerce and religion.

Overnight at hotel.

**Day 4: Jaipur**

After breakfast visit the Amber Fort, a marvelous example of Rajput architecture with its terraces and ramparts reflected in the Mata Lake below. The ascent to the Fort is on gaily caparisoned elephants. The Fort interior has various royal halls decorated with intricate ivory work, exquisite wall paintings and tiny mirror chips.

In the afternoon visit Hawa-Mahal and the City Palace. The City Palace is a delightful blend of Mughals and traditional Rajasthani architecture, and sprawls over one-seventh of the area in the walled city. It houses the Chandra Mahal, Shri Govind Dev Temple and the City Palace Museum. The Hawa Mahal, also known as the "Palace of Winds", is a prominent landmark in Jaipur. It is a five-storey structure of pink sandstone with fine trelliswork and elaborate balconies.

Overnight at Hotel.

**Day 5: Jaipur-Agra (approx 240 Kms/ 4-5 drive)**

In the morning drive to Agra, enroute visiting Fatehpur Sikri, the abandoned red sandstone city built in the 16th century by the Mughals Emperor Akbar, one of India's greatest rulers. Remarkably broadminded for his time, this Muslim king married a Rajput princess in order to win over his Hindu subjects. The architecture at Fatehpur Sikri is a combination of Hindu and Muslim styles, expressing Akbar's vision of synthesizing the cultures.

Continue onwards to Agra, the city known for the famous monument of love - the Taj Mahal. The Mughals Emperor, Shah Jehan, constructed Taj Mahal. It is said he built this monument in the memory of his beloved wife Mumtaj Mahal. The Taj Mahal is ethereal at any part of day blushing in the rosy glow of dawn or sunset, appearing like a pearly mirage in moonlight or reflected in the pools of the garden. Perhaps the most moving view of Taj is from an octagonal tower in the Agra Fort further along the river Yamuna. There are very few cities in the world that can match the history and heritage of Agra. Located at a distance of 204 km south of Delhi, Agra is the single most famous tourist destination of India.

Situated on the west bank of River Yamuna, Agra is a part of the great Northern Indian plains. The architectural splendor of the city is reflected in the glorious monuments of medieval India built by great Mughals who ruled India for more than 300 years. In the mid-16th century and earlier 17th century Agra witnessed a frenzied building activity and it was during this time when the symbol of love, Taj Mahal, was built. The buildings made during this era were purely in the contemporary Mughal style and of very high quality, which is still reflected in whatever monuments remain in Agra.

Overnight at hotel.

**Day 6: Agra-Delhi (approx 210 Kms/ 3-4 Hrs drive)**

In the norming visit Taj Mahal & Agra Fort. Taj Mahal, with its incredible white grandeur, is perhaps the most perfect architectural monument in the world. To the poet Tagore it was a “tear on the face of eternity”. In memory of his wife, and his love for her, the great Mughals emperor Shah Jehan constructed this most extravagant and incomparable monument. Amazingly graceful from any angle, it is the close up detail which is really astounding.

Agra Fort is situated on the banks of the river Yamuna, another monumental mission accomplished by the great Mughals visionary Emperor Akbar. His son Jehangir and grandson Shah Jehan added to this imposing structure during their rule. The palaces, mosques and audience halls contained within its massive wall of red sandstone are perfect examples of blending Islamic and Hindu traditions.

In the afternoon drive to Delhi. After a farewell dinner in Delhi transfer to International Airport to connect flight to onwards destination.

\*Note – Taj Mahal is closed on Fridays

**End of services provided by ICS travel Group**

**Rates**

Net rate on basis of programme above valid until 30 Sept 2015 will be:

Each of 02 & above paying EURO 299 per person

Single room supplement EURO 99 per single

Supplement for Entrance fee to monuments as per programme will be EURO 48 per person including elephant ride at Amber fort.

Supplement for German speaking local guide (separate locally appointed guide in each city) will be Euro 23 per person.

\* Net rate on basis of programme above valid 01 Oct 2015 to 31 Mar 2016 will be EURO 334 per person.

**Hotels**

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| **City** | **Hotel** | **Category** | **Nights** |
| Delhi | Piccadilly | 5\* | 01 |
| Mandawa | Desert Dunes | 4\* | 01 |
| Jaipur | Mansingh Palace | 4\* | 02 |
| Agra | Mansingh Palace | 4\* | 01 |

**Included Services**

* Hotel accommodations based on twin share for 5 nights on half-board basis
* All transfers, sightseeing tours and land transportation using A/C vehicle
* Meeting and Assistance services at all airports
* Service of English-speaking local guide during city tour
* All currently prevailing taxes on hotels, transport and government service tax

**Excluded Services**

* Airfares
* Any early check in late check- out will be subject to room occupancy of the day, at any of the Hotel.
* Entrance fee to monuments
* Any personal expenses - telephone calls, laundry, shopping, table drinks.
* Any additional expenses caused by or liability for disturbance in the trip due to circumstances beyond our control such as airline & railway delays, roadblocks, vehicle malfunctions (mechanical breakdown) and other conditions like sickness, natural disasters, wars etc.
* Liability for insurance against injury, loss of life, accidents, damage or loss of goods.
* Gratuities for guides and drivers.
* Entrance Fees at all monuments as per the program.
* Services of English speaking local guide during sightseeing as per programme.

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