



## Agra The Taj Mahal And Fatehpur Sikri

The last Lodi Sultan moved his capital to Agra in 1504, and it remained India's premier city for almost two centuries. The city's greatest days were during the reign of Akbar the Great who built Agra Fort.

In 1631 Shah Jahan chose Agra as the spot to construct the world's greatest monument to love, the Taj Mahal. This tour gives you two visits to the Taj Mahal and a look at some of Agra's other monuments.



### DAY 1 • TO AGRA • RED FORT

We will collect you from your starting point in Agra, whether hotel, railway station, or airport, and transfer you to the Jaypee Palace Hotel where you will stay for 2 nights on a half board basis. After breakfast spend the morning at leisure until lunch. In the afternoon you will take a sightseeing tour of Agra, including a visit to the Red Fort. This 16th century monument is a powerful fortress of red sandstone, and encompasses within its walls the imperial city of the Mughal rulers. Return to your hotel in time for dinner.

### DAY 2 • TAJ MAHAL • FATEHPUR SIKRI

The Taj Mahal is one of the world's most recognisable and evocative sights and a visit here does not disappoint. The Taj was built by Shah Jahan to enshrine the body of his favourite wife Mumtaz Mahal who died in child birth. Your day begins with a visit to see the Taj Mahal at sunrise, before returning to your hotel for breakfast. The rest of the morning is spent sightseeing around Agra, including a visit to the deserted city of Fatehpur Sikri. This was the capital of the Mughal empire between 1570 and 1585, and was built under the personal supervision of the Emperor Akbar. However, due to a severe shortage of water the city was abandoned after only fifteen years and the capital was relocated back to Agra. As a result Fatehpur Sikri stands untouched and perfectly preserved. After lunch at your hotel, return to the Taj Mahal and watch the colours slowly change as the sun sets.

### DAY 3 • DEPART AGRA

After breakfast transfer to your departure point from Agra, whether hotel, railway station, or airport.

### DATES

This tour is run on an individual basis, and can start any day between 1st October and 30th June except Thursday.

### COST

Please see our Price Guide at the front of the brochure.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

Accommodation and food as described; programme of events as described; all entry fees to monuments; services of English speaking guide as required; all transfers in air-conditioned cars; portage at airports and railway stations; all local taxes.

### PRICE EXCLUDES:

Flights; visas; camera fees; personal items such as drinks; laundry; phone calls; insurance; tips.

### DEPOSITS

A Standard Deposit is required for this tour as detailed in our Booking Conditions.

### **i** START OF TOUR

This tour begins upon your arrival in Agra. We can assist with your travel arrangements from other parts of India and the UK if required.

### **i** OTHER INFORMATION

This tour can link with our other itineraries to create a tailor made itinerary for you, and is particularly suitable for combining with our short break in Chambal or as an extension to our other tours. Additional nights and activities around the area are available.