

## INDIA TOUR ITINERARY Option One: 9-day tour of The Golden Triangle April 21 – 30, 2025

Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup>: Morning arrival in Delhi, go to hotel, lunch, rest and recuperate, optional personal shopping, optional evening yoga class, collective dinner for those that are awake!

Tuesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>: Yoga, breakfast, orientation session. Visit the Lotus Temple (Bahai Temple House of Worship), lunch nearby. Visit the Akshardham temple, including a boat tour, film and the evening light and sound show. Dinner on site. Back to the hotel.

Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>: Leave for Jaipur. Picnic lunch on route. Meet our local guide Debbie Winzar. Textile show room/optional tailor visit. Jewellery and gem showroom. Dinner. Optional evening activity: Visiting bazaars and other options.

Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup>: Amber Fort, lunch, followed by Jaipur blue pottery tour and visiting Jantar Mantar. Dinner, followed by Bollywood at the Art Deco Cinema.

Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup>: Block print, dyeing and embroidery workshops. Optional alternative activity for those so inclined. Lunch at a local children's home. Brief monument visit, pick up clothes and jewellery in the afternoon. Dinner. Optional evening activity.

Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>: Leave for Fatehpur Sikri. Lunch on route. Check in to the hotel. Tour of the old Fatehpur Sikri. Staying there overnight.

Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>: Visit the Taj Mahal. Picnic lunch at the Taj. Afternoon: Agra Fort. Stay the night in Agra.

Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup>: Visit the city of Mathura, birthplace of Krsna and known for its pilgrim spots, temples and beautiful architecture. Eat lunch there. Stop by the holy city of Vrndavan for a visit and some afternoon tea. Push on to Delhi by evening.

Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>: Visit old Delhi, monuments, spice bazaar, India Gate and Qutub Minar. Dinner at a special restaurant.

Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>: Breakfast at hotel, leaving for the airport. Group one returns home. Group two: Leave for West Bengal.



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## **Option Two:**

## 16-day tour of The Golden Triangle and Cultural hotspots of West Bengal April 21st to May 6th, 2025

Day 1 - 9, as above.

Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>: Fly from Delhi to Ranchi; afternoon train to Ananda Nagar rural self-development project. Staying on the farm.

Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup>: Visiting central Ananda Nagar, the charity hospital and other projects. Lunch. Visiting the Boys Home. Chance to ask questions of a local monk about India's spiritual and cultural history.

Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>: Visit Bansgarh beauty spot, then Fossil Hill to see dinosaur fossils and for meditation, then Uma Nivas Girls' High School and Women's College project for lunch, visit the children's home, and watch a music and dance performance. Return to the farm for dinner.

Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>: Morning trip up Belamu Hill; back for lunch. Then Dimdiha Hill to see the nine cakra cave. Back to the farm for dinner.

Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>: River hike and meditation, picnic lunch, visiting the local school projects. Leave 3:00 afternoon to catch the super-express Shatabdi train. Dinner on the train. Arrival 9 PM into Kolkata. Check into the hotel and sleep.

Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup>: Visiting Mother Teresa's Centre. Lunch at the local Hare Krsna restaurant. Visiting New Market and Sudder Street, dinner at a restaurant, some local night life.

Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>: Visit a Kolkata Children's home and stay for lunch. Afternoon activity options: The Marble Palace, a walk over the Vidyasagar Setu Bridge, touring the old city. Dinner at a restaurant. Departure is 21<sup>st</sup> night, for those taking a night flight. Others return to the hotel.

Wednesday, May 7th: Early breakfast and departure.