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Sri Lanka and India Tour Route

This tour combines 3 tours, Sri Lanka, South India and Golden Triangle India
Route Colombo – Negombo – Sigiriya – Giritale –Polonnaruwa – Dambulla – Kandy –
Nuwara Eliya – Ella – Yala - Ahangama – Galle – Colombo - Chennai - Mahabalipuram -
Pondicherry - Chidambaram - Kumbhakonam - Thanjavur - Karaikudi - Madurai - Delhi -
Jaipur - Agra - Delhi.



Trip Overview

Unlike the regular Seat-In-Coach Tour – that covers interesting places of a particular destination – this is an experience which stitches nature, culture and the landscape of the island paradise together. Hence, ‘mingling with locals’ is a certain highlight of this tour which has been drawn up to offer you the ‘real taste’ through the Sri Lankan way of life. In fact, this will be a main reason why you will take home not just memories of picturesque places, but a bouquet of recollections that will ink delightful memories of the Wonder of Asia in times to come!

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Sri Lanka Trip Highlights

- Wella In Negombo
- Sigiriya Rock Fortress – **Optional**
- Cycle ride through Villages in Giritale
- Polonnaruwa Medieval Capital - UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Visit the World’s largest open art gallery – Dambulla Cave Temple
- Spice Garden visit, where the world class spices produce in Matale
- Kandy Temple of The Tooth Relic - UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Royal Botanic Gardens
- Tea factory visit with tea plucking session
- Scenic Train journey through lush green mountains.
- Yoga session
- Walking tour in Galle Dutch fort - UNESCO world Heritage Site

Tour Route

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Duration 07 Nights / 08 Days

Season Year – Around

Return economy airfares from ALL Australian Capital cities to Colombo, Chennai and Delhi

- Accommodation on Bed and Breakfast basis sharing on a twin share basis.
- Lunch at a village house on day 3
- Transportation by air-conditioned vehicle
- Services of a English Speaking chauffeur guide up to 7 Pax, from 8 Pax onwards

English

Speaking National Guide

- Entrance fee for below attractions:

ü Polonnaruwa Medieval Capital

ü Dambulla Cave Temple

ü Royal Botanic Gardens

ü Kandy Temple of the Tooth Relic

ü Yala National Park

- Safari Jeep hire cost at Yala National Park.

- Cycle hire cost in Giritale

- Train Ticket (Nanu Oya to Ella & Ahangama to Galle)

- airport to hotel transfers

- **South India Tour Inclusions**

- 7 nights Accommodation on twin sharing basis at the hotels

- 01 Night stay at Chennai @ hotel the Accord Metropolitan/Green Park on Twin sharing basis

- 02 Night stay at Pondicherry @ hotel The Promanede/ Shenbaga International on Twin sharing basis

- 01 Night stay at Kumbhakonam @ Paradise Resort/ Mantra Koodam by CGH on Twin sharing basis

- 01 Night stay at Karaikudi @ the Chidambaram Vilas/ The Visalam by CGH or similar on Twin sharing basis

- 02 Night stay at Madurai @ hotel Sangam/ Fortune Pandiyan on Twin sharing basis

- Traditional Indian welcome on arrival

- Breakfast at all the hotels

- All Transfers and sight seeing by Air conditioned Innova car

- Madurai – Chennai Economy class Air fare

- English Speaking Guide service at Respective monuments and Temples.

- **Golden Triangle tour inclusions**

- Traditional welcome on arrival with garlanding at airport

- 7 nights accommodation on twin sharing basis as per the hotels mentioned in the itinerary or similar

- Daily Breakfast at all the hotels mentioned above

- All transfers, excursions and sightseeing tours by air-conditioned Toyota Innova Car

- Representative for assistance on all arrival and departure transfers

- English speaking local guide for sightseeing & Excursions

- Complimentary mineral water during the long drives

- All presently applicable taxes

Day 01// ARRIVE COLOMBO

Arrive Colombo airport and transfer to Negombo hotel

Day 02//NEGOMBO-KURUNEGALA - SIGIRIYA

Pick up from the Negombo hotel and transfer to Wella.

Visit Wella in Negombo. Wake up to the tropical sunrise and head out to **Wella** to observe the fishermen's way of life. Watch how they spread out their nets with care hoping for that 'big catch'. Then simply take few steps towards the busy fishermen pulling fishing nets ashore. After all, a little help wouldn't mind, would it? Preserve the fresh catch in cold boxes to take them across for your evening BBQ at the resort you stay over. Then proceed to Sigiriya while experiencing how busy roads change gradually to a flat terrain spreading miles ahead as the climate gets warmer. Surely, it will be fascinating to observe how the road starts to get carpeted between lush green paddy fields. As the journey begins, you will witness coconut cultivations and while you drive towards Sigiriya, you will see vast areas of paddy fields. It is really an

amazing thing to see how the environment changes from the coastal line to paddy fields. As your journey deepens into the northern part of the island you will be able to witness exotic birds, Monitor Lizards, grey Buffalos and overly friendly Monkeys. On your way you will also witness beautiful pineapple plantations. Stop near a pineapple plantation and enjoy the fresh and tasty pineapple. It will open your taste buds and you will feel refreshed after a long drive. Once you have reached Sigiriya, you will feel the warm tropical weather, but the constant breeze will make you feel tireless.

Optional: Visit Sigiriya Lion Rock (Entrance fee USD 30 per person)

Hop off your vehicle at the base of the fresco-covered rock fortress sitting calm in the Central Province of Sri Lanka. As you walk through its well-trodden pathways do not be surprised to witness its symmetrical landscape which is still kept alive. Then take the stairway towards the gigantic paws of a resting lion and walk through its perfectly preserved frescoes and wonderful mirror wall to observe the brilliance of the ancient Sri Lankan artist. At the top you will be presented with nothing less than a mesmerizing living specimen of King Kasyapa's 5th century citadel which will surely tempt you to explore the summit even more. Do not be surprised.... After all you are at the Eighth Wonder of the World! Proceed to the Hotel and check in. Refresh and line up to your own BBQ with the fresh fish you brought from the fishing village the very day, then learn the art of marinating and make your own BBQ meal by the pool side while enjoying a typical Sri Lankan Arak cocktails. It will be a nice experience to make your own BBQ.

Accommodation Hotel Sigiriya <https://www.serendibleisure.com/hotelsigiriya/>

Transfer Time Negombo – Sigiriya: approx. 3 ½ hrs.

Meals Breakfast

Activity Time Negombo Wella visit: *approx. 30 minutes.*

Sigiriya Rock Fortress - Optional: *approx. 2 hrs.*

Altitude Negombo : 2 Meters above mean sea level

Sigiriya : 187 Meters above mean sea level



Day 03//SIGIRIYA – GIRITALE – POLONNARUWA – SIGIRIYA

Sunrise in the morning will stay as an unforgettable picture. As you get up you will hear birds singing and it will be a different waking up experience. After breakfast sit in the comfort of your vehicle as your chauffeur takes you to the Giritale tank, one of the finest landmarks in the Kingdom of Lakes! The tank is an initiative taken few centuries ago with the primary objective of cooling the environment while providing much needed water

for agricultural lands which today administers itself as one of the finest spoken attractions in

Polonnaruwa. This is where you get to hop on a bicycle and take a slow ride through scattered local villages. School children who run through the paddy fields will make this beautiful morning more colourful. Being captivated by the subtle beauty of the feathered – Egrets, Brahminy Kites and Bulbuls – while observing a Kingfisher making a nose-dive into sparkling water can never be a bad idea after all! Proceed to Polonnaruwa. Stop at a village market place and you can buy vegetables for your today's lunch. You can bargain with the local vendors with the help of your tour guide and purchase vegetables on your own. Then transfer to a close by village house. You will have the opportunity to blend with the local family and prepare food jointly with the group. It will be an interactive cooking experience for the guests. Whilst sharing the Sri Lankan cookery secrets, the tour guide will introduce the village family to the group. After the joint preparation of the food clients can enjoy the typical Sri Lankan rice and curry lunch with the local family. For sure this will be another unforgettable experience for all of the guests.

Visit Polonnaruwa ancient city.

Do not let the heat absorb your interest as you have just stepped into a mine of cultural and religious extravaganza. Stamping a remarkable era from the 11th century until 1310 CE.

Polonnaruwa, represents one of the most important milestones in the history of Sri Lanka. Take a walk across this UNESCO World Heritage Site – a kingdom of the greatest kings that ruled the island – and witness how stone-carved Buddha statues as well as architectural and historic Monuments add value to Polonnaruwa. Observe the glamour of Gal Viharaya, Lankatilaka, Rankot Vehera, Thivanka Image House as well as Thuparama before heading out from a remarkable royal capital of Sri Lanka!

Back to the hotel

Accommodation Hotel Sigiriya <https://www.serendibleisure.com/hotelsigiriya/>

Transfer Time Sigiriya - Giritale: approx. 1 hr.

Giritale – Polonnaruwa: approx. 45 minutes.

Meals Breakfast

Activity Time Giritale Village Tour: approx. 3 hrs.

Polonnaruwa ancient city: approx. 1 ½ hrs.

Altitude Giritale : 113 Meters above mean sea level

Polonnaruwa : 187 Meters above mean sea level

Day 04//SIGIRIYA – DAMBULLA – MATALE- KANDY

Breakfast at the hotel.

Visit Dambulla Cave Temple

Leave your hotel and make a quick stop in Dambulla in the morning to witness the religious and cultural landmark embedded in Dambulla Cave Temples. Tracing its footsteps back to the 2nd century BC, the cave temple in Dambulla form an important pick in anyone's bucket-list merely due to its magnificently carved 153 Buddha statues nestled in five caves. Step through the gateways trodden by millions of devotees and take a slow climb right to its summit to observe Over 80 caves which were prime meditating grounds for Buddhist monks throughout phases of history. Then leave the premises with nothing less than ripe memories. You will feel the

climate change of the dry zone to wet zone as you pass by Dambulla and reach Kandy via Matale. You will witness how the flat paddy fields change into step down paddy fields beside the road. You will be reaching the up country surrounded with lot of greenery and mountains. When you pass by, either sides of the road there will be local vegetable sellers who will stop your vehicle to sell fresh vegetables. This is their day today income to look after their families. Proceed to Kandy via Matale.

Stop in Matale – the cradle of spices in Sri Lanka – on your way to the Hill Capital to observe how Sri Lanka’s world-class spices are grown and processed. Start your spice garden tour under the watchful eyes of an in-house specialist who will take you through a journey entwining with spices and their herbal values. Finally, enjoy a cup of herbal tea – something unique for a Sri Lankan at heart – before heading out to the all-important last royal capital of Sri Lanka, Kandy. Feel the coolness of the surrounding climate as you drive into the limits of a city which is 500 meters above the sea level and that last-witnessed Royalty. Welcome to the Colosseum of Heritage! Take a walk through streets of Kandy and observe how life unfolds under the shades of Heritage. Pass the clock tower that stands tall for decades under the sun and rain before walking around the shady banks of the Kandy Lake. Check in to your hotel. In the evening, take part in a city tour in Kandy before witnessing a cultural show featuring traditional Sri Lankan dances. A drive around the Kandy Lake built by the last Sinhala king Sri Wickrama Rajasinghe in 1798 will give you a nice feeling about the culture in Kandy. Then proceed to explore the town, Bazaar area and the market place where locals come and buy their day to day goods.

Optional: For those who are interested in visiting a Gem Museum and Art & Craft center can visit those places as an option. Kandy is a great place for souvenir shopping and to learn about its rich culture. As you walk through the doorways of a cultural center, stay prepared to be mesmerized by the beats of rattling drums and spinning dancers that spell out the Kandyan heritage to supremacy! Sit back in the comfort of your seat and applaud to a series of performances unfolding before your eyes featuring traditional Sri Lankan dances.

After the cultural show transfer to the hotel and refresh and come back to the Kandy city to taste the Sri Lankan street food. You may taste the nice Kottu Roti, hoppers, egg hoppers & roti. After the dinner do not forget to taste the Masala Tea. (Clients pay direct) After the dinner visit a local pub in Kandy to have some wine and beer there. This will be a very

nice experience as you will witness the local way of socializing in the evenings.

(Clients pay direct)

Return to the hotel.

Accommodation Kaya Residence <http://www.kayasrilanka.com/>

Transfer Time Sigiriya – Dambulla: approx. ½ hrs.

Dambulla - Matale: approx. 1 ½ hrs.

Matale – Kandy: approx. 1 ½ hrs.

Meals Breakfast

Activity Time Dambulla Cave Temple: approx. 1 ½ hrs.

Matale Spice Gardens: approx. 1 hr.

Altitude Dambulla : 164 Meters above mean sea level

Matale : 364 Meters above mean sea level

Kandy : 500 Meters above mean sea level

Day 05//KANDY – NUWARA ELIYA

If passionate towards local cuisine? Then learn it from those who know it by heart! Watch how locals garnish their culinary experience – the traditional way at the resort you stayed over. You may even lend a hand to prepare your signature Sri Lankan breakfast, an experience that will last a lifetime! You will experience this lovely breakfast in the morning room open to the garden with the pool view. Your chef will demonstrate, how to prepare typical Sri Lankan food such as Pol roti, Milk Rice, Pittu or a curry. You also get an opportunity to get yourself involved in making this lovely dish.

Breakfast at the hotel.

Optional: Visit the Temple of the Tooth Relic

Leave your hotel and walk into the most sacred temple that enshrines the tooth relic of Lord

Buddha where you will be able to witness Pooja – twice a day – showered by the blessings of devotees that account to few hundreds on any given day. After paying homage to the gods, visit the Kandy Museum which houses a tale of Kings and Queens entwined between the pillars of heritage. (When you visit the temple of tooth relic please make sure that you wear the proper dress code to avoid any inconvenience at the entrance. You are not allowed to wear, shorts, Short Skirts, skinnies or sleeveless blouses)

Visit Peradeniya Botanical Garden

Head towards Peradeniya and walk through the gateways of the Royal Botanical Garden which enshrines an abundance of flora. Walk through the giant palms and be enchanted by rare orchids, spices and herbs which are sometimes found nowhere else across the island. In fact, this is not only a habitat for beautiful flowers, but also a library for an enthusiast of historic plants which date back across few decades. The origins of the Botanical Gardens date as far back as 1371 when King Wickramabahu III ascended the throne and kept court at Peradeniya near Mahaweli River. This was followed by King Kirti Sri and King Rajadhi Rajasinghe. A temple was built on this location by King Wimala Dharma, but it was destroyed by the British when they were given control over the Kingdom of Kandy. Thereafter, the groundwork for a botanical garden was formed by Alexandar Moon in

1821. The Botanical Garden at Peradeniya was formally established in 1843 with plants brought from Kew Garden, Slave Island, Colombo, and the Kalutara Garden in Kalutara. The Royal Botanic Garden, Peradeniya was made more independent and expanded under George Gardner as superintendent in 1844. On his death in 1849 George Henry Kendrick Thwaites became superintendent. He served until 1879, when he was succeeded by Henry Trimen, who served until 1895. The Garden came under the administration of the Department of Agriculture when it was established in 1912. After visiting the Botanical Garden you may have your lunch under a shady tree on the mats. You will enjoy the picnic lunch inside the Botanical Garden. (Clients Pay Direct) Proceed to Nuwara Eliya. En-route **Visit Ramboda Falls**. Leave Peradeniya and take a winding road uphill into the heart of the tea country. Observe the surroundings and how the climate around you changes as busy roads studded with towns transform into pine-covered narrow roads that snake their way through lush green blankets of Ceylon Tea. Don't be surprised if you pass a.... waterfall crashing down by the road as this is a common sight amidst the hills. *Nuwara Eliya is situated 1868m above the sea level*. When you pass by the mountains you will see village children selling wild flowers besides the road. You may stop for a moment

and purchase beautiful flowers from them. It will not cost you a lot. But for them that income will help them to go to school and study for their future. As you approach Nuwara Eliya you will find out why it is called a visitor's bliss. The misty hill country town is vastly renowned for unending acres of high-grown Ceylon Tea and suddenly springs out to light during its April season when golfers, horse-racers, motor racers and holiday makers flock into Nuwara Eliya to spend the best season of the year amidst Old-English style cottages and a heritage that dates back into Colonial Ceylon!

Visit Tea Factory.

Walk into a traditional factory processing fine Ceylon Tea, a world class brand which boasts of millions of servings each day across the globe. Be mesmerized by the process extending from plucking to processing and be guided by a team of experts who know it by heart! You can enjoy tea plucking session at the tea factory with the tea bucket hanging on your neck. After the tea plucking session enjoy the finest Ceylon tea at the tea lounge. Checking into your cozy hotel room will not end your experience as more awaits at this Traditional Hunters' Club of the Hill Country! You will definitely experience the British culture as you have checked in to the hotel.

Accommodation Hill Club Hotel <https://www.hillclubsrilanka.lk/>

Transfer Time Kandy – Nuwara Eliya: approx. 2 ½ hrs.

Meals Breakfast

Activity Time Royal Botanic Garden: approx. 2 hrs.

Tea Factory: approx. 1 hr.

Altitude Nuwara Eliya : 1868 Meters above mean sea level

Day 06//NUWARA ELIYA – ELLA - YALA

Breakfast at the hotel with the typical colonial style. Proceed to Ella.

Leave your hotel in the morning and head out to Nanu-Oya Railway Station. Catch a local train that will rattle its way to Ella and be mesmerized by the breathtaking views that will swish pass your window. This train will be stopped at the Pattipola railway station during your fascinating train journey, it is the highest station in Sri Lanka with an elevation of 1,897.5 m above the sea level. The Pattipola Station has that unique feeling of a British Village Station as you pass by you will feel that you are away from it all. You will witness the scenic beauty of cool up country. Once you reach Ella climb up to the top of the mountain to view the unforgettable Ella-Gap. Then climb down and proceed to Yala. Observe how the steep roads flatten into a speed-friendly terrain that stretches past acres across Wellawaya into the heart of wilderness, Yala National Park. Welcome to leopard country! Yala National Park has the highest density of leopards in the world. In the land overlooked by the spotted and clawed, you will be in for a treat that blends well with wildlife and local smiles. Check into your hotel and take a good rest as the following day promises a bumpy ride in the island's largest national park that often lives up to its promise of a lifetime experience.

You will enjoy the Garden BBQ Dinner near the camp site.

Accommodation Wild Panthera Camp Site <http://wildpanthera.lk/>

Transfer Time Nuwara Eliya – Ella: approx. 3 ½ hrs. train ride.

Ella – Yala: approx. 1 ½ hrs.

Meals Breakfast

Altitude Ella : 1,041 Meters above mean sea level

Yala : 30 Meters above mean sea level



Day 06/YALA – AHANGAMA

Take a snack breakfast and transfer to do the Yala Safari.

Leave to Yala National Park for Morning Safari by private Jeep.

Wake up early in the morning to the chirps of birds announcing the dawn and find a comfortable seat in your safari jeep.... Ladies and gentlemen, you are about to enter the holy land of Sri Lankan wildlife! Enter the park and head inside through its bumpy roads and wide open plains to witness an abundance of peacock, crocodiles, wild boar and spotted deer grazing across the scrub forest. But, keep your eyes wide open as a roaring leopard, a fuzzy sloth bear or a colossal tusker may be just few feet away. Spanning across 978km² Yala is home to a large number of mammals and birds. So, do not be surprised even if you are presented with a spine-tingling cry of a deer, as A Hunt may be just seconds away! After the safari return back to the camp site and have the brunch outside the camp. It will be really nice to have a meal outside the camp admiring the nature at its best. The birds will be singing and you may spot the funny monkeys jumping over the trees. After brunch proceed to Ahangama where sky meets the sea under the sun (horizon).

Check in to the hotel.

It is a place to relax, rejuvenate and experience a tropical beach resort that will offer where you will enjoy sun, sea, sand and the way of life in the remote south of Sri Lanka. A resort located in an area where you can also surf, dive and view the movement of Whales and Dolphins off Mirissa.

(Depending on the season)

The long quiet stretch of beach offers you peace in abundance and a dip in the warm Indian

Ocean is rejuvenating. Lie under a palm tree and relax on this unpolluted stretch. Learn the art of stilt fishing – a mastery passed down from generation to generation and experience the insight of the only village of stilt fishing in the world. If it's the season you can make a quite walk in the night to watch the turtles coming ashore to lay eggs.

If you are lucky enough a surprise will await in your room after the dinner. We like to be your bedtime story teller.

Accommodation Insight Resort & Spa <http://insightresortsrilanka.com/>

Transfer Time Yala - Ahangama: approx. 3 ½ hrs.

Meals Breakfast

Activity Time Yala National Park: approx. 3 ½ hrs.

Altitude Ahangama : 16 Meters above mean sea level

Day 08//AHANGAMA – GALLE - AHANGAMA

Breakfast at the hotel and transfer to Galle to do a city tour.

Catch a public bus from Ahangama to Galle to get the hang of the local lifestyle. Experience how the locals get along with their daily means of transport as the bus will take you along the coastline to Galle. Simply act local and pay attention to the busy conductor who yells at the top of his voice at every halting place while your driver will steer the bus through coastline until you bid adieu to them in Galle. In public transport be vigilant of your pockets, valuables. For sure no one will attempt to take anything away from you by forcefully and it will also be an experience to go through.

Do a walking city tour in Galle

Walk through the Galle city, living museum of the Dutch architecture, which still boasts of its

colonial heritage and historic fort. Walk into the gigantic gateways of the fort – first built by

Portuguese and refined later by the Dutch and then later by the British– and observe how life goes by living inside a Dutch monument. You will be surprised to see how well the roads within the fort are aligned parallel to the fort's ramparts. Take a walk along the well-paved roads of this UNESCO World Heritage Site that has remarkably held its ground throughout years of its living style by itself. After walking through the Galle Fort you'll then step in to a nice restaurant with the colonial touch inside the Galle Fort to have lunch. (Clients Pay Direct) After exploring the Galle City take a walk up to the train station and catch a public train to Ahangama. Hence it's a nice feeling to witness typical southern Sri Lanka villages occasionally experiencing the train to the southern coastal line. Walk back to the hotel through the little Ahangama village town.

Optional: After a fun filled exciting tour you will enjoy the nice Fare well dinner on the beach. (If weather permits)

Accommodation Insight Resort & Spa <http://insightresortsrilanka.com/>

Transfer Time Ahangama - Galle: approx. 30 minutes.

Meals Breakfast

Activity Time Galle UNESCO world heritage site: approx. 2 hrs.

Altitude Galle : 9 Meters above mean sea level

Day 09//AHANGAMA – AIRPORT. DEPART COLOMBO FOR CHENNAI.

Enjoy your mind, body and soul with a Yoga session early in the morning which is guaranteed to seal your holiday with a stamp of perfection!

Breakfast at the hotel.

Transfer to Airport to connect the departure flight to Chennai. *(Only for the People departure after breakfast airport transfer will be provided, for the rest they need to book separately.)*

Start South India Tour

Day 09, Arrival / Chennai

Arrive Chennai, meet and transfer to hotel. Refresh and proceed for half day City tour covering Kapaleeswhwarar Temple, Fort St. George museum, War Memorial and Marina Beach. Overnight stay at Chennai.

Day 10, Chennai / Mahabalipuram / Pondicherry

After breakfast, Check out hotel and proceed to Mahabalipuram Enroute visit to Dakshin Chitra. On arrival visit the Arjuna's Penance, Pancha Rathas and Shore Temple. Then drive to Pondicherry. Check in hotel. Overnight stay at Pondicherry.

Day 11, Pondicherry

Breakfast at hotel. Proceed to visit the Auroville International Village and back. Post Lunch proceed to visit Manakula Vinayagar Temple, Shri Arubindo Ashram, French Colonial town and Gandhi Beach. Overnight stay at Pondicherry.

**Day 12, Pondicherry / Chidambaram / Kumbhakonam**

After breakfast, Check out hotel and proceed to visit Chidambaram Natarajar Temple. Then drive to Kumbhakonam - Enroute visit the Gangaikonda Cholapuram (UNESCO). On Arrival Check in hotel. Refresh and proceed to visit the Dharasuram Arivateswarar Temple (UNESCO) and Kumbeshwarar Temples. Overnight stay at Kumbhakonam

Day 13, Kumbhakonam / Thanjavur / Karaikudi

Breakfast at hotel. Check out hotel and proceed to Thanjavur. On arrival visit the Lord Brahadeeshwarar Temple. Then proceed to Karaikudi. On arrival Check in

Chettinad Heritage bungalow. Rest of the free to Explore the Rustic country side of Chettinad. Overnight stay at Karaikudi.

Day 14, Karaikudi / Madurai

After breakfast, Check out hotel and proceed to Madurai. On arrival Check in hotel. Refresh and proceed to visit the Samanar Malai(Jain Ruins). Overnight stay at Madurai.

Day 15, Madurai

Breakfast at hotel, Proceed to visit the Alagar Kovil and Thiruparakundram Temple. Post Lunch proceed to visit the Thirumalai Naicker Palace, 1000 Pillar hall and Meenakshi Amman Temple. Overnight stay at Madurai.



Day 16, Madurai / Chennai / Departure

Drop at Airport to board flight to Chennai by Indigo Airlines @ 1330 hrs. Arrive Chennai @ 1435 hrs.

On arrival at Chennai board connecting flight to onward destination.

Tour Ends Fly from Chennai to Delhi for Golden Triangle Northern India Tour or fly from to Australia for those who to leave the tour at this point.

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We will be staying at these hotels in Southern India or those of a similar standard.

01 Night stay at Chennai @ hotel the Accord Metropolitan/Green

02 Night stay at Pondicherry @ hotel The Promanede/ Shenbaga International

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All Transfers and sight seeing by Air conditioned Innova car

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Start Golden Triangle tour of Northern India

07 nights / 08 Days



Descriptive Itinerary

Day 16: Arrival / Delhi

Delhi, Capital City of independent India rewards the determined sightseer with more than a thousand monuments and two old capital buildings complexes-including the present seat of Government, designed by the British architect Sir Edwin Lutyens. Cosmopolitan hotels, shopping, and fine restaurants abound. Delhi also offers a glimpse into the real India: the labyrinthine street bazaars of Old Delhi, and the temples and monuments of Indian's chequered colonial past. In the deepest sense, from Old Delhi's Red fort and Jama Masjid mosque to New Delhi's chic art galleries and nightclubs, Delhi is profoundly Indian city.

Day 17: Delhi

Morning visit Raj Ghat - the cremation sites of Mahatma Gandhi, Jama Masjid and drive past Red Fort and Chandni Chowk. Afternoon visit Qutub Minar built by Qutub-ud-Din Aibek in 1199, Humayun's Tomb, India Gate (War Memorial Arch), Lakshminarayan Temple - a modern Hindu Temple. Also drive past President's House, Parliament-House, Government Secretariat Buildings and Connaught Place shopping centre. Overnight stay at Hotel
Overnight stay at hotel

Day 18: Delhi / Jaipur

After breakfast drive 5 hrs to Jaipur.

Jaipur, or the City of Victory, was founded in 1727 by Maharaja Sawai Jai Singh II. Jaipur is a marvellous synthesis of architectural influences - Hindu, Jain, Mughal. It is a well planned city of yore, built from rose-coloured terra cotta. - that has given it the name 'Pink City'. On arrival check into your hotel for overnight stay.

Day 19: Jaipur

Morning excursion to Amber Fort, the ancient capital of the region. Amber was the ancient capital of the region. Now a deserted complex, it however still recalls its heydays in the

majestic ramparts rising steeply along the contoured hillsides. Here elephants still carry visitors in stately splendours to the main Palace, through unusually high gateways, obviously designed to accommodate this archaic mode of transport. In the afternoon weave through the lively streets of the Jaipur City and visit the pink sandstone Palace of Winds, City Palace with its museum and Jantar Mantar (18 century observatory).
Overnight stay at Hotel

Day 20: Jaipur / Agra

Morning after breakfast drive to Agra enroute visiting Fatehpur Sikri. After having breakfast leisurely at the hotel drive 4 to 5 hrs to Agra. Agra is the home of the Taj Mahal - one of the Seven Wonders of the World. A mausoleum for Empress Mumtaz Mahal, built by her beloved husband Shah Jehan, the Taj Mahal is often described as a 'dream in marble'. The city of Agra, the quintessence of the grand Mughal era, reigns to this day in the public mind as the embodiment of royal grace, imposing architecture and power. **Optional 6 Pm - Evening performance of Mohabbat-e-Taj, a series of plays that portrays the intense love of Shah Jahan for his wife and depicts the lavish lifestyle of the Mughal era.** On arrival check into your hotel.

Day 21: Agra

Early morning visit to Taj Mahal at sunset. The Taj Mahal To the Poet Tagore it was "a tear on the face of eternity", a building to echo the cry "I have not forgotten, I have not forgotten, O beloved". The Taj Mahal is an enduring monument to love, with a continually fulfilling beauty. After breakfast visit to Agra Fort & Itmaduallah. Agra Fort on the Western bank of the River Yamuna, Akbar's magnificent fort dominates the centre of the city. The site was originally used by the son of Sher Shah, but the present structure owes its origins to Akbar who erected the walls and gates and the first building inside. I'timad-ud-Daulah The tomb was built for Ghiyas Beg, a Persian who had obtained service in Akbar's court, and his wife. On Jehangir's succession in 1605 he became *Wazir* (Chief Minister) and received the title of I'timad-ud-Daulah (Pillar of Government). Overnight stay at Hotel.

Day 22: Jaipur / Delhi

Spend the morning at leisure. Later drive to Delhi. On arrival check into your hotel for overnight stay.

Day 23: Delhi / Departure

After breakfast transfer to airport for flight to onward destination. Tour Concludes – Memories Begin.

Hotels envisaged for the tour

City	Deluxe	
Delhi	The Maidens Hotel	
Jaipur	Four Points by Sheraton or similar	
Agra	Ramada Hotel	
Delhi	The Maidens Hotel	

*****END OF THE TOUR*****

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