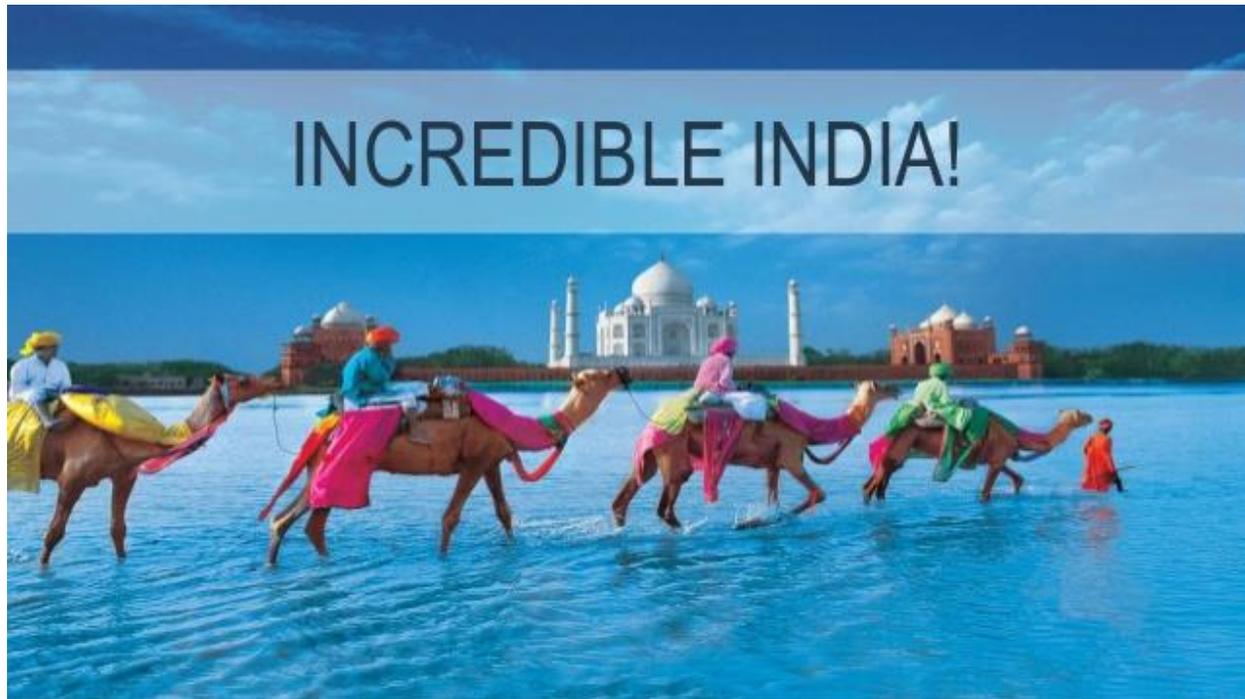




CHAMBER OF COMMERCE'S GOLDEN TRIANGLE WITH RANTHAMBORE TOUR September 24 – October 04, 2017



2017 ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 01: Sun September 24:	Depart Vancouver for New Delhi
Day 02: Mon September 25:	Arrive Delhi
Day 03: Tue September 26:	Delhi (B, D)
Day 04: Wed September 27:	Delhi - Agra (Drive) (B)
Day 05: Thu September 28:	Agra (B)
Day 06: Fri September 29:	Agra-Fatehpur Sikri - Jaipur (Drive) (B)
Day 07: Sat September 30:	Jaipur (B)
Day 08: Sun October 01:	Jaipur- Ranthambore (Drive) (B,L, D)
Day 09: Mon October 02:	Ranthambore (B, L, D)
Day 10: Tue October 03:	Ranthambore- Delhi By Train (B, D)
Day 11: Wed October 04:	Delhi – Home. Arrival same day.



DETAILED ITINERARY

Day 01: Sunday, 24th Sep 2017, Depart Vancouver for New Delhi

Day 02: Monday, 25th Sep 2017, Arrive Delhi

Arrival. Namaste! We are warmly welcomed the traditional Indian way with hands clapped together at the airport and transferred to our 5* hotel.

Overnight: Jaypee Vasant Continental/The Suryaa, New Delhi (2 Nights)

Day 03: Tuesday, 26th Sep 2017, Delhi

The capital of India is a true reflection of the old and new of India. We explore Old Delhi, starting with the Red Fort Complex*. Named for its massive enclosing walls of red sandstone, it is adjacent to an older fort, the Salimgarh, built by Islam Shah Suri in 1546, with which it forms the Red Fort Complex. The Red Fort is considered to represent the zenith of Mughal creativity which, under the Shah Jahan, was brought to a new level of refinement and each pavilion reveals architectural elements typical of Mughal building, reflecting a fusion of Persian, Timurid and Hindu traditions. After visiting the Red fort, we embark on a captivating journey on a Rickshaw passing through the narrow lanes of the famous Chandni Chowk Bazaar, it was originally built by Mughal Emperor Shah Jehan for his daughter Jahan Ara in 17th Century since then many changes have taken place however it remains Old Delhi's one of the Oldest and busiest markets in Delhi. Finally end our rickshaw ride at Jama Masjid, Mughal majesty, and India's largest mosque. After visiting the mosque, we proceed to Raj Ghat, the cremation site of Mahatma Gandhi. We next visit New Delhi, visiting the famous India Gate followed by the Houses of Parliament, Connaught Place. Thereafter we continue to Qutb Minar and its Monuments* Built in the early 13th century the red sandstone tower of Qutb Minar is 72.5 m high. The surrounding archaeological area contains funerary buildings, notably the magnificent Alai-Darwaza Gate, a masterpiece of Indo-Muslim art and two mosques. We end our day with a welcome dinner at a local Indian restaurant before returning to our hotel. **(Breakfast, Dinner)**

Day 04: Wednesday, 27th Sep 2017, Delhi / Agra (Drive: 220 Km/ 5 Hours)

After breakfast, we check out from our hotel and visit Birla House, the Former Residence of Mahatma Gandhi before he was assassinated by Nathu Ram Godse on January 30, 1948. Next visit Humayun's Tomb*, the first garden-tomb on the Indian subcontinent, built in 1570. Thereafter, we drive to Agra and check in our hotel.

Overnight: Jaypee Palace, Agra (2 Nights) (Breakfast)

Day 05: Thursday, 28th Sep 2017, Agra:

We start our day with a sunrise visit to one of the most well-known wonders of the world, the Taj Mahal*. An immense mausoleum of white marble, built in Agra between 1631 and 1648 by order of the Mughal emperor Shah Jahan in memory of his favourite wife, the Taj Mahal is the jewel of Muslim art in India and one of the universally admired masterpieces of the world's heritage. Situated on the right bank of the Yamuna in a vast Mogul garden, this funerary monument combines elements and styles of Persian, Central Asian and Islamic architecture. After visiting Taj Mahal, we return to our hotel for breakfast. Post breakfast we visit Agra Fort*. This powerful fortress of red sandstone encompasses, within its 2.5-km-long enclosure walls, the imperial city of the Mughal rulers.



It comprises many fairy-tale palaces, such as the Jahangir Palace and the Khas Mahal, built by Shah Jahan; audience halls, such as the Diwan-i-Khas; and two very beautiful mosques. We end our tour with a visit to some of the local factories famous for inlay work on marbles and witness the complex art inlaying precious and semiprecious stones on the world-famous Marbles for the mines of Makrana.

(Breakfast)

Day 06: Friday, 29th Sep 2017, Agra/ Fatehpur Sikri / Jaipur (Drive: 245 Km/ 6 Hours)

A short drive gets us to Fatehpur Sikri*. Built during the second half of the 16th century by the Emperor Akbar, the City of Victory was the capital of the Mughal Empire for only some 10 years. The complex of monuments and temples, all in a uniform architectural style, includes one of the largest mosques in India, the Jama Masjid and the artistically designed mausoleum of the revered Sufi saint, Salim Chisty. From here we drive to Jaipur, the rose-pink capital of Rajasthan, since most of the buildings in the old city are made of pink sandstone. On arrival in Jaipur, we check in at our hotel. Thereafter, we leave for a walking tour of the local bazaar. After the tour of the local bazaar, we witness the traditional art of block printing on textile, an art which is passed on from one generation to another. Later we return to our hotel.

Overnight: Hilton, Jaipur (2 Nights) (Breakfast)

Day 07: Saturday, 30th Sep 2017, Jaipur

This morning we visit the beautiful Hawa Mahal, the Palace of Winds, where the ladies of the royal harem used to watch the city from behind the intricately carved facade. From here we drive to Amber Fort and take a jeep ride up to the Amber Fort, located in a valley formed by a range of Aravallis known as Kalikho hills. The Palace and Fort are located on top of the hill with the city on slopes, and the valley protected by fort walls with four gates in the four cardinal directions. The construction of the fort began in 1592. It shows the evolution from the purely defensive fort settlements of the early medieval period to the palace fortress type of architecture typified in the 16th century. This palace fortress was never attacked or invaded. The fort comprises of number of gardens, courtyards and palatial spaces derived from Mughal architecture and are a distinguished example of 17th Century Rajput architecture. Later we visit the majestic City Palace, which houses a rare collection of Indian art and We also visit the Jantar Mantar*, an astronomical observation site built in the early 18th century that includes a set of some 20 main fixed instruments designed for the observation of astronomical positions with the naked eye. It is an expression of the astronomical skills and cosmological concepts of the court of a scholarly prince at the end of the Mughal period.

Jaipur is a hub of gem stones and is one of the world's most noted gem producers. We visit some of the local stores where we witness the art of gem cutting and polishing. After the tour of Jaipur, we return to our hotel. **(Breakfast)**

Day 08: Sunday, 01st Oct 2017, Jaipur / Ranthambore: (Drive: 180 Km/ 3 ½ Hours)

After breakfast, we check out and drive to Ranthambore. On arrival and check in it our hotel. Lunch & Dinner at hotel.

Overnight: Ranthambore Regency (2 Nights) (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)



Day 09: Monday, 02nd Oct 2017, Ranthambore

Ranthambhor was established as the Sawai Madhopur Game Sanctuary in 1955 by the Government of India, and was declared one of the Project Tiger reserves in 1973. Ranthambore is famous for the famous Royal Bengal Tigers and spotting the big cat in its natural habitat can be an experience. In the morning, we take a safari through the National Park. On our journey, we might see various indigenous animals, such as tiger, nilgai, chausingha, chital, chinkara, wild boar, jungle cat, ratel, hyena, porcupine, the Rhesus Macaque and the black-faced Langur. About 150 bird species can be found here including migratory birds that arrive in winter. In the afternoon, we take another safari through the park. If we are lucky enough we may be able to spot tigers in their natural environment.

(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 10: Tuesday, 03rd Oct 2017: Ranthambore - Delhi by Train. Departure: 07:05 Hrs, Arrival: 12:30 Hrs

We will see India's countryside in the comforts of our train as well as have an opportunity to meet local folks on the train. Upon arrival at Delhi we are transferred to Vivanta By Taj Dwarka New Delhi. Balance of the day is free for personal activities and shopping. We have a late check out at 8PM. Farewell dinner is followed by transfer to the airport. **Vivanta By Taj Dweaker Hotel (Cold Breakfast, Dinner).**

Day 11: Wednesday, 04th Oct 2017: Delhi - Home

Early morning flight to Vancouver arriving the same day back home.

*** Denotes a UNESCO World Heritage Site**

UNESCO World Heritage Sites visited on this tour:

- Agra Fort
- Amber Fort- Jaipur
- Fatehpur Sikri
- Humayun's Tomb, Delhi
- Qutb Minar and its Monuments, Delhi
- Red Fort Complex
- Taj Mahal
- The Jantar Mantar, Jaipur

14 meals included

B = Breakfast Total 8 Breakfasts

L = Lunch Total 2 Lunches

D = Dinner Total 4 Dinners



TOUR SERVICES AND COSTS

Services Include:

- Airfare Vancouver/Delhi/Vancouver on specially negotiated airfare
- Taxes and airline surcharges
- Overnight at hotels as mentioned or similar
- 14 meals as mentioned
- Entrance fees to museums and sites mentioned in the tour itinerary
- Services of an accompanying local English speaking tour guide within India
- Bottled water during sightseeing
- Rickshaw ride in Delhi
- Elephant ride at Amber Fort, Jaipur
- 2 half day game safaris using Canter 20 seater open safari vehicles (subject to availability)
- Train fare in Chair-car class from Sawai Madhopur to Delhi Railway Station

Not included:

- India visa fees
- Travel insurance (highly recommended)
- Tips/gratuities and services not included above

TOUR COST \$2895CAD* per person sharing room. CHAMBER MEMBER RATE
ADD \$200 for NON-Member Rate
Single Supplement \$ 450