

# TAJ MAHAL

## DETAILED ITINERARY

## EXTENSION

Jan 12/26



Travel back to the days of India's Mughal Empire on this journey from Delhi to Agra where you will visit 2 incredible World Heritage sites—Agra Fort and the Taj Mahal. Admire the 16th and 17th century architecture of the enormous Agra Fort, Fatepur Sikri and the Tomb of L'Timba-ud Daulah and gaze in wonder at the exterior and interior grandeur of the Taj Mahal, one of the New 7 Wonders of the World.

This 2 day extension is offered exclusively for those participating in ElderTreks Lions and Tigers of India, and Mountains and Monasteries of India itineraries and may be taken either before or after the tour.

Please note that the Taj Mahal is closed on Fridays.

Extensions may not be exclusive to ElderTreks participants only. In few cases, these extensions may not adhere to ElderTreks' maximum size restrictions of our tours.

### FACTS & HIGHLIGHTS

- 2 land days • Pick up and return to your hotel in Delhi • Included meals - Lunch and dinner on Day 1, breakfast on Day 2 • Entrances to Taj Mahal, Agra Fort, Fatepur Sikri and the Tomb of l'Timba-ud-Daulah all included • Round trip transport by air-conditioned vehicle included to/from Dehli • 1 night hotel in Agra included • Visit two of India's UNESCO World Heritage-listed sites: the Taj Mahal and the Agra Fort • Get an in-depth tour of the iconic Taj Mahal • Visit Fatepur Sikri and the Tomb of l'Timba-ud Daulah • Enjoy a traditional Indian lunch at a popular restaurant • Transport by air-conditioned vehicle included

### DEPARTURE DATES & PRICE

Please Note: Extensions may not have an ElderTreks tour leader. Not all members from the main trip will be participating.

**\$995 US per person on departures with 2+. \$1295 for solo traveler.**

Based on double-occupancy.  
Single Supplement \$250 USD

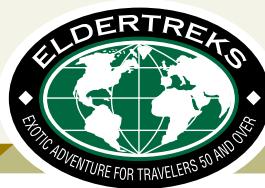
A non-refundable deposit of \$100 USD is required at time of booking.

### Activity Level: 1

### ACCOMMODATIONS

Comfortable hotel in Agra with private washroom.

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## DAY 1 DELHI TO AGRA - FATEPUR SIKRI

You are picked up at your hotel (or airport) in Delhi for the 4 hour drive to Agra. Your first stop is the Tomb of I'timba-ud-Daulah, which was also known as the mini Taj Mahal. We will learn why this tomb pre-dates the Taj Mahal as we marvel in the lace design that makes this tomb so unique.

Next, enjoy a lunch of Indian dishes at a local restaurant before continuing your tour to Fatehpur Sikri.

This town was built by the Mughal Emperor, Akbar. He had planned this city as his capital but a shortage of water compelled him to abandon the city. After this, within 20 years, the capital of the Mughals was shifted to Lahore. Fatehpur Sikri was built between 1571 and 1585. Today this ghost city has a population of about 30,000. This deserted city has retained many of the old structures, because of the efforts of the Archaeological department. Fatehpur Sikri is one of the finest examples of Mughal architectural splendour at its height.

Dinner and overnight in Agra

## DAY 2 TAJ MAHAL, AGRA FORT - DELHI

Rise early to catch the World Heritage site at sunrise. This is perhaps India's most iconic landmark, the Taj Mahal. Built in the mid-1600s, this white marble mausoleum was commissioned by Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan in dedication to his wife. Learn about the Turkish, Indian and Persian architectural styles as you admire the detailed interior and exterior décor, the beautiful garden and the general magnificence of the place with your guide.

You will go back to the hotel for breakfast and check out. Drive back to Delhi stopping to visit Agra Fort.

Agra Fort, another UNESCO heritage site built and added to between the 16th and 17th centuries by successive rulers of the Mughal Dynasty. The fort was built primarily as a military structure, but Shah Jahan upgraded it to a palace and later it became his gilded prison for 8 years after his son Aurangzeb seized power. The elegant building inside reflects an interesting synthesis of Hindu and Central Asian architectural styles.

Upon arrival in Delhi, you make take a drop at your self-booked hotel or Delhi International Airport.

