Tour to Agra â€“ Explore the Rich Heritage of Mughals

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Agra is a well-known city of India located in North Indian state Uttar Pradesh at the bank of holy Yamuna River, about 200 km away from national capital, Delhi. The city has long history. It has reference in the great Indian epic Mahabharata as well. The modern Agra was established by Sikander Lodhi in 16th century. Later it was declared as the capital Mughals in sixteenth century. The city was served as the Mughalsâ€™ capital from 1526 to 1658. It was the golden era of Agra. Many world-famous heritage monuments were built by the Mughal rulers during this time period. If you want to explore the best of Mughal heritage in India, Agra would be the ideal place. Major highlights of Agra sightseeing are following.

Agra is the home of three UNESCO World Heritage Sites including the masterpiece of Taj Mahal, one of the Seven Wonders of the World. Taj Mahal is the most important and must visit heritage site in the city. It was built by the Mughal ruler Shan Jahan in memory of his beloved wife Mumtaz after her death about more than three and half centuries ago. The monument gained popularity as the epitome of true love around the world. Its eye-catching design is based on the fusion of Persian, Turkish and Indian architectures. Its construction was completed after the hard work of more than twenty thousand workers over more than twenty years long time period. It is also one of the most visited heritage sites in India.

Located just 2 km away from Taj Mahal, Agra Fort is another UNESCO World Heritage Site in Agra. It is a grand fort complex built with red sandstone. There are many beautiful structures located inside this fort complex. Anguri Bagh, Diwan-i-Am, Peacock Throne, Diwan-i-Khas Jahangiri Mahal and Moti Masjid are the most impressive parts of Agra Fort. Fatehpur Sikri is a popular town in vicinity of Agra. It is the third UNECSO World Heritage Site to explore on tour to Agra and known for its Mughal era historical monuments. Buland Darwaza, the largest gateway around the world is the prime attraction of Fatehpur Sikri. Jama Masjid, Tomb of Salim Chishti, Panch Mahal and Birbal's House are the other must watch structures of the town.

Agra is also a major destination of popular Golden Triangle Tour Packages with national capital Delhi and Jaipur. It is very well connected with both of these cities. Tourists can explore Agra on their golden triangle tours as well. One can take help of any reputed Delhi travel agent to plan their trip of Agra with golden triangle. Many reputed travel agencies working in Agra and Delhi, they offer good quality services according to the budgets.

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