Taj Mahal Extension

Agra's Wonder March 10 to 13, 2026





Taj Mahal © Cheesemans' Ecology Safaris

SAFARI OVERVIEW

Discover the **historic city of Agra**, home to the world-renowned **Taj Mahal** and a legacy of Mughal grandeur. Founded in 1475 AD, Agra has been a cultural and architectural treasure for centuries. Experience an evening at Sheroes Hangout Café, an inspiring social enterprise run by resilient woman where you'll enjoy tea, coffee, and inspiration. Capture breathtaking views of the **Taj Mahal at sunset** from a scenic riverside garden, then wake early to witness its awe-inspiring beauty at **sunrise**. Explore the **UNESCO-listed Agra Fort**, a masterpiece of Mughal architecture, before concluding your journey in Delhi.

WHY CHOOSE THIS EXTENSION?

- Capture the Taj Mahal at Sunrise & Sunset: Experience breathtaking golden-hour photography of one of the New Seven Wonders of the World, with the best lighting for stunning visuals.
- **Support Women Empowerment at Sheroes Hangout Café**: Visit a social enterprise run by acid attack survivors, enjoy locally brewed tea and coffee, and support ethical tourism in Agra.

• **Explore the UNESCO-Listed Agra Fort**: Walk through centuries-old Mughal palaces, courtyards, and mosques, uncovering the rich history of the Mughal Empire.

TRIP OPTION: This is a post-trip extension to our <u>India 2026 trip</u> from February 22 to March 11, 2026.

LEADER: Expert local guides.

DAYS: 4, including estimated travel time.

GROUP SIZE: 12.

COST: \$675 per person, double occupancy, not including airfare, singles extra. See the *Costs* section on page 3.

Date	Description	Accommodation	Meals
Mar 10	Arrive in Agra from our India 2026 trip & Sunset	Tajview, Agra	L, D
	at the Taj Mahal. Visit Sheroes Hangout Café and		
	enjoy a stunning sunset view of the Taj Mahal		
	from Mehtab Bagh.		
Mar 11	Sunrise at the Taj Mahal & Agra Fort. Experience	Andaz, Delhi	B, L, D
	the Taj Mahal at dawn, explore the UNESCO-listed		
	Agra Fort, then return to Delhi.		
Mar 12	Depart for Home. Transfer to Indira Gandhi		В
	International Airport for your international flight		
	home.		
Mar 13	Arrive home.		

ENHANCE YOUR TRIP

• Begin your journey on our <u>India 2026 trip</u> from February 22 to March 11, 2026.

LEADER TBD

Cheesemans' Ecology Safaris carefully selects leaders who are experts in their field to ensure that your experience is the best it can be.

DETAILED ITINERARY

Mar 10 ~ Travel to Agra, India from our India 2026 trip

After breakfast, embark on a scenic four-hour drive to Agra, a city renowned for its rich Mughal heritage and architectural wonders. In the afternoon, visit Sheroes Hangout Café, an inspiring community space run by acid attack survivors, where you can enjoy tea, coffee, and handcrafted souvenirs while supporting **women empowerment initiatives**.

Cheesemans' Ecology Safaris Updated: March 2025 Later, head to Mehtab Bagh, a tranquil Mughal garden offering a breathtaking sunset view of the Taj Mahal across the Yamuna River. Designed by Persian architect Ustad Isa, the **Taj Mahal** is a **UNESCO World Heritage Site** and one of the New Seven Wonders of the World. Built by Emperor Shah Jahan as a tribute to his beloved wife Mumtaz Mahal, this white marble masterpiece took 22 years to complete and is celebrated for its intricate inlay work, symmetrical domes, and exquisite calligraphy.

Mar 11 ~ Taj Mahal and Agra Fort

Rise early to witness the **Taj Mahal at sunrise**, when the first light casts a golden glow over its white marble façade—a bucket-list experience for photographers and travelers alike. After breakfast, explore the Agra Fort, an imposing red sandstone fortress that served as the seat of Mughal power for generations. Enclosed by 70-foot-high walls spanning 1.5 miles, the fort houses ornate palaces, grand audience halls, and intricately designed mosques, offering a deep dive into Mughal history and architecture.

In the afternoon, return to Delhi for your final night in India, reflecting on the awe-inspiring history and beauty of Agra.



Taj Mahal © Exotic Heritage Group



Agra Fort
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Mar 12 ~ Depart for home

Transfer to the airport in Delhi for your international flight home.

Mar 13 ~ Arrive home

Conclude your journey with unforgettable memories of India's most iconic landmarks.

COSTS (ALL COSTS ARE IN US DOLLARS)

Cost

Туре	Cost per Person
Trip Cost, double occupancy	\$675
Single Supplement	\$300

If you are a single traveler, we will try to find a roommate for you, but if we cannot pair you with a roommate, we may charge you a single supplement.

Payment Schedule

Payment is due with your main trip's final payment; see its <u>itinerary</u> for details.

Included

- Carbon offsets for the duration of this trip.
- All leaders, transport, park entry fees, and permits for all activities unless described as optional.
- Accommodations (double occupancy) for the nights of March 10 through March 11.
- Meals from lunch on March 10 through breakfast on March 12.
- Trip Planning Materials information about entry requirements, flights, packing, gratuities, etc.

Not Included

- Carbon offsets for your flights to/from this trip.
- All airfare airport and departure taxes, and excess baggage fees. Round-trip airfare is approximately \$1,200 to \$1,400 between the US and Delhi.
- Passport and visa fees.
- Divergent airport transfers (arranged by us) and extra hotel nights.
- Gratuities tipping is always discretionary. However, we suggest budgeting about \$30 participant per day for 3 days with our leaders. (\$90 total per participant).
- Optional trip cancellation insurance.
- Items of a personal nature such as laundry, telephone calls, medical costs or hospitalization, room service, alcoholic and other beverages, items not on the regular menu, etc. If you have special dietary needs, please indicate them on your Traveler Form.

SIGN UP

Please contact us first to check availability, reserve your space, and obtain a Traveler Form. To confirm your reservation, we require a deposit and signed form from each participant.

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OTHER DETAILS

Climate

Temperatures generally range from around 59°F at night to 89°F during the day. Although it is the dry season, rain is possible.

Fitness Level

This trip requires good energy levels but no rigorous exercise. Please contact us if you have any health concerns that may make this trip challenging.

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Flights

Detailed logistical information is included in the Trip Planning Materials we will send you.

Flights you book

- Arrive in Delhi, India (DEL) by 11:59pm on Feb 24 for your India 2026 trip.
- Depart from Delhi, India (DEL) after 12:00am on Mar 12.

Terms and Conditions

Read our current Terms and Conditions.

Conservation

Our company ethos has always regarded conservation as inseparable from responsible tourism. We struggle with the dilemma that traveling worldwide expends climate-changing carbon. However, we wholeheartedly believe that traveling with us will cultivate your passion for conserving our beautiful world while stimulating each destination's local economy. We encourage you to explore the various ways in which Cheesemans' operates within this context:

- Cheesemans' Trips are Carbon Neutral.
- Offsetting your Travel to/from our Trip: We ask you to pledge to offset the carbon emissions for your travel to and from our trips. You can purchase offsets with most airlines (Delta includes them automatically), use our handy carbon calculator and donate to Sustainable Travel International, or contribute to your favorite offsetting organization.

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