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1. Geographical location

One of the most populated cities of Uttar Pradesh; Agra is situated in the farthest south-west corner of Uttar Pradesh. The city sits prettily on the banks of River Yamuna. The flora and fauna of the area is lined with restricted forest trees of Babul, Ber, Neem and Peepal. In terms of climatic conditions, Agra's temperatures are extreme in summers as well as in winters.



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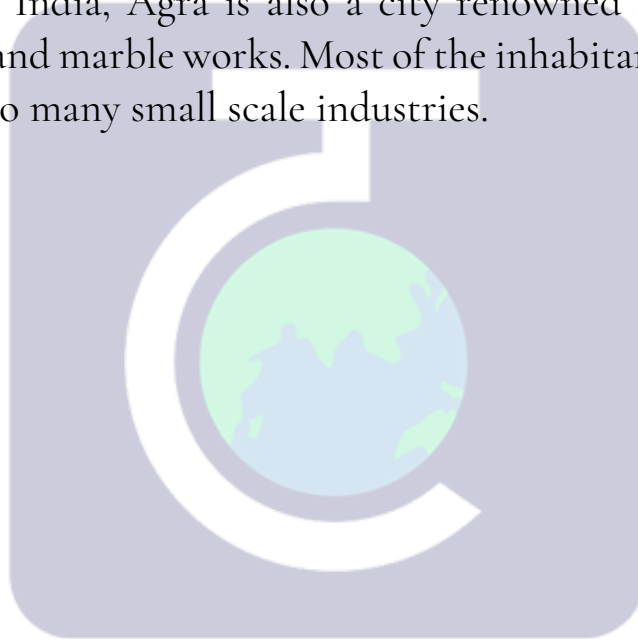
2. Neighbouring cities/countries

Agra Is Basically A City District Which Is Bounded By Four Districts In All Of Its Four Directions. In The South, Agra Is Bordered By The Dhaulpur District, Whereas In The North, The City Is Bounded By The Mathura District, And Firozabad District And Bharatpur District In The East And West Directions Respectively. The State Capital Of Lucknow Is 363kms West Of Agra, Whereas The National Capital, New Delhi, Is Located 200kms South Of The City.



3. Significance

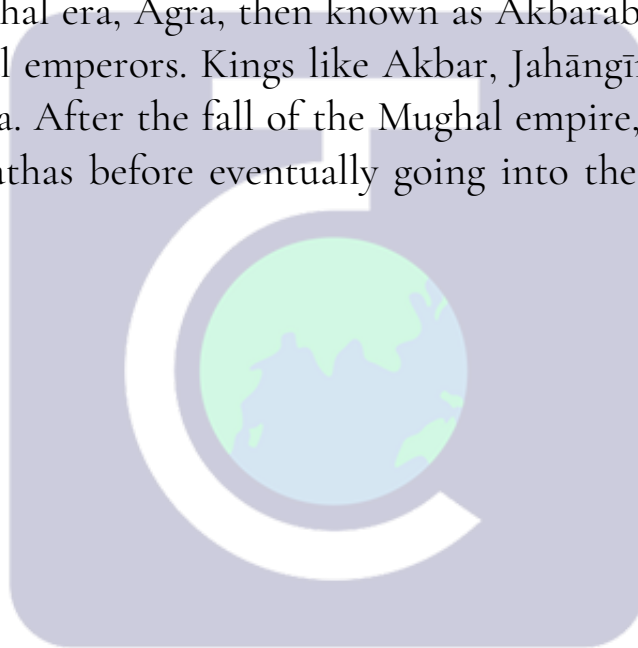
Agra is the land of one of the Seven Wonders of the World, the Taj Mahal. Along with Agra Fort, and Fatehpur Sikri, the Taj Mahal forms the three UNESCO World Heritage Sites in the city. Once an important city of the Mughal Empire, Agra still has the remnants of its glorious past in the Mughal-era buildings, gardens and monuments form the main tourist attractions in the city. Though a major tourist city in India, Agra is also a city renowned for its leather goods, carpets, handicrafts, and marble works. Most of the inhabitants of the city are self-employed and are into many small scale industries.



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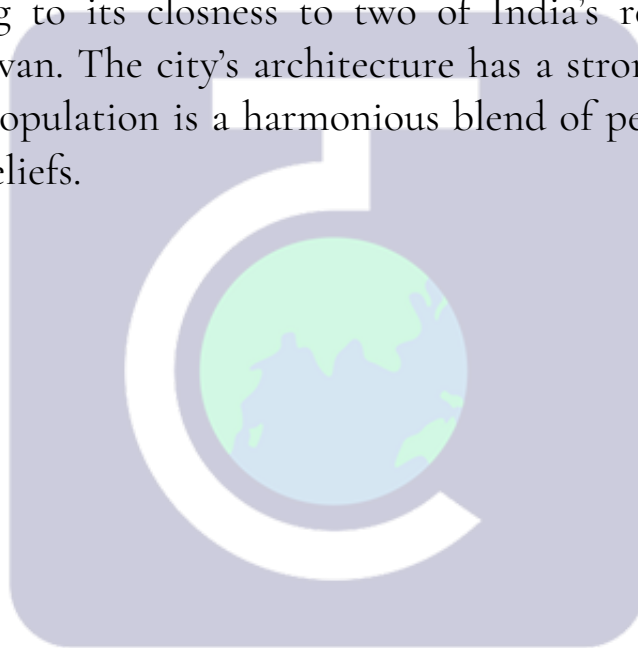
4. History

Although Agra's history is thought to be synonymous with the Mughal era, the location of Agra, had been established since the time of the Mahabharat period. Historians and popular research indicates that Agra's discovery was made by Sikandar Lodī, the Ruler of the Delhi Sultanate in 1504. Soon after his demise, the reins of the city were passed on to his succeeding son Sultan Ibrāhīm Lodī. After the onset of the Mughal era, Agra, then known as Akbarabād, was christened as the capital of Mughal emperors. Kings like Akbar, Jahāngīr and Shāh Jahān ran their reign from Agra. After the fall of the Mughal empire, the city of Agra was handled by the Marathas before eventually going into the hands of the British rule in 1803.



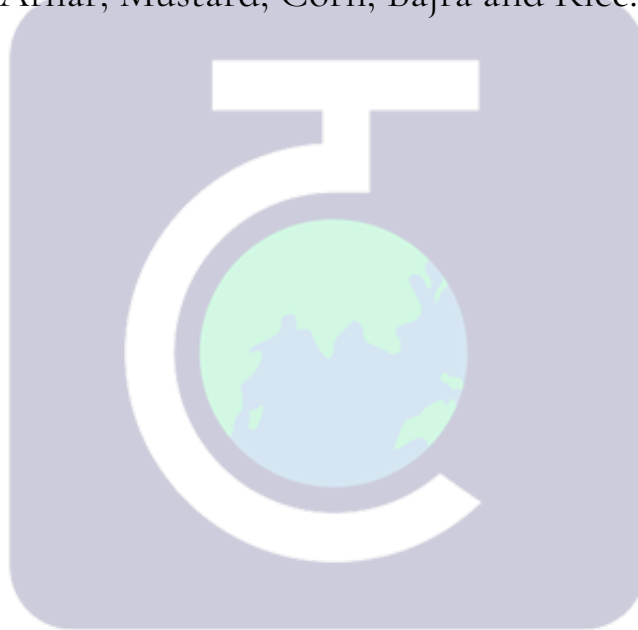
5. Cultural identity

Agra is by far the most important and famous tourist destination in the North of India. For a city that has watched the rise and fall of so many emperors, dynasties and reigns, Agra's cultural fabric is etched with the ethos of each of them in varying capacities. Agra holds tremendous historical value owing to the royal legacies attached with its identity. Also Agra has strong traditional values rooted in its culture, owing to its closeness to two of India's religious epicenters – Mathura and Vrindavan. The city's architecture has a strong mix of Indian and Islamic designs. Its population is a harmonious blend of people belonging to all kinds of faiths and beliefs.



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Agra has a very dense forest cover as the city has the moist as well as hot climate and receives quite heavy rainfall. The city is well known for the Marble carving and cuttings and also that treasure the city with wealth. The city has the abundance of crops and the reason, it is situated near the Yamuna River and where the agriculture is highly in practice. The major crops are: wheat, Barley, Gram, Peas, Masoor, Arhar, Mustard, Corn, Bajra and Rice.



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7. Key site seeing places (paid and free)

7.1. Paid

7.1.1. Taj Mahal

Taj Mahal is a brilliant piece of architecture in white marble, a mausoleum created by Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan in memory of his deceased wife, Mumtaz. Located on the banks of river Yamuna, Taj Mahal is one of eight wonders of the world and has been declared as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Address : Agra, Uttar Pradesh 282001, India

Zipcode : 282001

Location : 27.175009, 78.04209059999994

Contact : +562-2226431

Website : <http://www.tajmahal.gov.in/>

Nearest Public Transport : Agra Local Bus Stand

Entry Fee : Indian Tourist – INR 20 Foreign Tourist – INR 750

Open & Close Timing : Monday-Sunday 06:00hrs-18:00hrs; Friday Closed

Time Required : 3

Expected Wait Time : 30 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.2. Agra Fort

A few kilometres away from its sister monument Taj Mahal, lies the Agra Fort. The initial construction was started by Emperor Akbar in red sandstone but was later completed by Emperor Shah Jahan in white marble. The fort was built primarily as a military structure, but late it was made into a palace, until it served as Emperor Shah Jahan's prison for 8 years when his son Aurangzeb seized power in 1658.

Address : Rakabganj, Agra, Uttar Pradesh 282003

Zipcode : 282003

Location : 27.1795328, 78.02111200000002

Contact : +562-2226431

Website : <http://www.asiagracitycircle.in/agra-fort.html>

Nearest Public Transport : Agra Fort Railway Station

Entry Fee : Indian - INR 20 Foreigner – INR 300

Open & Close Timing : Daily 07:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 3

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.3. Fatehpur Sikri

Fatehpur Sikri was built by Emperor Akbar in honor of the Sufi Saint Salim Chisti. The buildings exuberate a melange of Islamic and Hindu architecture. Located 40 kilometers to the west of Agra, this picturesque city served as a capital of the Mughal empire between the years 1572 and 1585, during the reign of the great Mughal Emperor, Akbar. Akbar visited the village of Sikri to seek help from the Sufi saint Shaikh Salim Chishti, who accurately predicted the birth of an heir to the Mughal throne. When the prophecy came true, Akbar named this place as his new capital.

Address : State Highway 39, Moti Bagh, Etmadpur, Agra, Uttar Pradesh 283110

Zipcode : 283110

Location : 27.0945291, 77.6679292

Contact : +562-2080030

Nearest Public Transport : Fatehpur Sikri Railway Station

Entry Fee : Indian – INR 15 Foreigner – INR 250

Open & Close Timing : Daily 09:00hrs-19:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 5 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.4. Itmad-ud-Daula

Itmad-ud Daulah is a Mughal mausoleum built in Agra by Noorjehan (wife of emperor Jehangir), in memory of her father. Mirza Ghiyas Beg Itmad-ud-Daulah's tomb is a highly ornate structure, which is looked upon as a replica of Taj Mahal as far as elaborate carvings and inlay work are concerned.

Address : State Highway 39, Moti Bagh, Etmadpur, Agra, Uttar Pradesh 282001

Zipcode : 282001

Location : 27.1928873, 78.03098079999995

Contact : +562-2080030

Nearest Public Transport : Yamuna Bridge Railway Station

Entry Fee : Indian – INR 15 Foreigner – INR 110

Open & Close Timing : Daily 08:30hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.5. Mehtab Bagh

The Mehtab Bagh also known as the "moonlight gardens", is the last of the Mughal gardens on the banks of the river Yamuna. The garden was originally conceptualized by emperor Babur and has the best view of Taj Mahal.

Address : Near Taj Mahal, Nagla Devjit, Agra, Uttar Pradesh 282001

Zipcode : 282001

Location : 27.1799495, 78.04168789999994

Contact : +91-5622227261

Nearest Public Transport : Yamuna Bridge Railway Station (NR)

Entry Fee : Indian – INR 10 Foreigner – INR 100

Open & Close Timing : Daily 06:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 5 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.6. Kalakriti Cultural And Convention Centre

This cultural centre is famous for its theatrical opus "Mohabbat-The Taj Show", in both Urdu and Hindi. Depicted with a 12"x12" replica of Taj Mahal in the background paired with dramatic light and sound effects, this show is highly recommended.

Address : 41/142, A/1, Fatehabad Road, VIP Road to Taj Mahal, Agra, Uttar Pradesh 282001

Zipcode : 282001

Location : 27.161951199999999, 78.059755

Contact : 0562 404 5370

Website : <http://kalakritionline.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Taj East Gate Road

Entry Fee : INR 90

Open & Close Timing : Daily 11:00hrs-21:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.7. Tomb of Akbar the Great

The tomb of the great Mughal emperor, Akbar is located in Sikandra. Built in red sandstone and marble, this tomb has attractive designs in geometric, floral and calligraphic patterns with inlaid panels made of black slate.

Address : Sikandra, Agra, Uttar Pradesh 282007

Zipcode : 282007

Location : 27.2205556, 77.95050859999992

Contact : +91-41586631

Entry Fee : Indian – INR 15 Foreigner – INR 110

Open & Close Timing : Monday–Sunday 09:00hrs-18:00hrs; Friday Closed

Time Required : 3

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.8. Mariam Tomb

The tomb of Mariam-Uz-Zamani is kept in this mausoleum, commemorating her. She was originally Heer Kunwari, a Rajput princess. It contains three tombstones with one being the grave of Mariam-Uz-Zamani itself. The frontages were later rebuilt with red sandstone.

Address : Mathura Delhi Highway, Near Delhi Highway, Sikandra, Agra, Uttar Pradesh 282007

Zipcode : 282007

Location : 27.2153084, 77.94271409999999

Entry Fee : Indian – INR 15 Foreigner – INR 200

Open & Close Timing : Daily 06:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

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7.2. Free

7.2.1. Jama Masjid

Jama Masjid is one of the last architectural reminiscences of Mughal emperor Shah Jahan, built in redstone and marble. The masjid can accommodate up to 25000 visitors.

Address : State Highway 39, Moti Bagh, Etmadpur, Agra, Uttar Pradesh 282003

Zipcode : 282003

Location : 27.1819487, 78.01579279999999

Contact : 011 2336 5358

Website

http://www.delhitourism.gov.in/delhitourism/tourist_place/jama_masjid.jsp

Nearest Public Transport : Agra Fort Railway Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 05:00hrs-21:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.2. Guru ka Talab

Guru ka Tal, devoted to the reminiscence of Sri Bahadar Ji is a religious crusade setting for Sikhs. This gurudwara was earlier a taal, i.e. reservoir in Hindi, built in 1610 AD to collect and store water for drinking.

Address : Delhi-Agra Highway, Between Transport Nagar and Sikandra, Agra, India 282007

Zipcode : 282007

Location : 25.1161811, 82.27954550000004

Contact : +91-5622601717

Website : <http://www.gurdwaragurukataal.com/>

Open & Close Timing : Daily 06:30hrs-19:30hrs

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.3. Shri Mankameshwar Mandir

The Mankameshwar Temple is a Hindu temple devoted to Lord Shiva, with a Shivalinga that is draped in silver. Legend says that the swaroop form of

Shivalinga was founded by Lord Shiva himself when Lord Krishna's birth took place in Mathura.

Address : Lahor Gali, Daresi Rd, Near Jama Masjid, Sita Ram Colony, Sheb Bazar, Mantola, Agra, Uttar Pradesh 282003

Zipcode : 282003

Location : 27.1836638, 78.01753429999997

Contact : +91-5322557321

Nearest Public Transport : Agra Fort Railway Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 05:00hrs-21:30hrs

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.4. Marble Emporium

The exquisite emporium unravels a marvellous array of stones like mother of pearl, carnelian and lapis lazuli to name a few. It comprises of the elaborate pietra dura stonework which originated in Italy during the Renaissance.

Address : A Block No. 4, Taj Nagri Phase-2, Fatehabad Rd., Agra, Uttar Pradesh, 282001, India

Zipcode : 282001

Location : 27.162705, 78.01437699999997

Contact : +91-5623260605

Website : <http://www.marbleemporium.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Buddh Vihar Bus Stop (NR)

Open & Close Timing : Daily 10:00hrs-19:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.5. Chini Ka Rauza

Chini Ka Rauza is a mausoleum with intricate Persian-style architecture, designed in 1639 where the prime minister of Shah Jahan's court, Afzal Khan was buried.

Address : Ram Bagh, Agra, Uttar Pradesh 282007

Zipcode : 282007

Location : 27.200886399999999, 78.03429140000003

Nearest Public Transport : Yamuna Bridge Railway Station (NR)

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.6. Kinari Bazar

The Kinari Bazaar is a market in Agra dotted with shops which sell clothing, spices, fabrics, jewelry, intricate hand crafted merchandise and several food stalls to satiate your hunger.

Address : Kinari Bazar, Hing ki Mandi, Mantola Agra, Uttar Pradesh 282003

Zipcode : 282003

Location : 27.1686267, 78.04193659999999

Nearest Public Transport : Agra Fort Railway Station

Open & Close Timing : Monday-Saturday 11:30hrs-18:00hrs; Sunday Closed

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.7. Anguri Bagh

The Anguri Bagh is a well-conserved garden built by Shah Jahan, with a marble-crafted basin displayed in the centre. A variety of grapes were cultivated here to produce wine in small sections, while roses decked these grape gardens.

Address : Agra Fort, Rakabganj, Agra, Uttar Pradesh 282001

Zipcode : 282001

Location : 27.1784295, 78.02301579999999

Nearest Public Transport : Agra Fort Railway Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 06:00hrs-17:30hrs

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.8. Soami Bagh Temple

This spectacular temple is a marble-made masterpiece still under construction since the year 1901. The walls are carved with unique floral designs. The interior is designed with fabulous geometric shapes and patterns that are equally intricate.

Address : Dayalbagh, Agra, Uttar Pradesh, 282005, India

Zipcode : 282005

Location : 27.2229094, 78.00923190000003

Contact : +91-5622570196

Nearest Public Transport : Sultangunj Crossing Bus Stop (NR)

Open & Close Timing : Daily 04:00hrs-19:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.9. Ashok Cosmos Mall

The mall has everything you need to live a luxurious life. This is a 10-storey mall which is constructed on a land of 2.5 lakh sq.ft., with multiplexes to cater to your entertainment needs. The mall has a plethora of branded apparel stores, hypermarkets, fashion boutiques, fitness and beauty centers, and so on.

Address : 119/8-120/8, Wazirpura Rd Sanjay Palace, Sanjay Place, Civil Lines Agra, Uttar Pradesh 282002

Zipcode : 282002

Location : 27.2011, 78.008513

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.10. Sadar Bazaar

If you love street shopping, the alleys and by-lanes of Agra are exactly where you should be. Brimming with budget-friendly buys, Sadar Bazaar is famous for its handicrafts, leather goods and a huge variety of shops.

Address : Agra Cantt, Idgah Colony Agra, Uttar Pradesh 282001

Zipcode : 282001

Location : 27.1587371, 78.01001240000005

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.11. Shilpgram Crafts Village

The Shilpgram Crafts Village is not only famous in India but across the world for its handicraft products, which are not easily available. You will find a fine range of shops selling beautiful rugs, carpets, brassware, sarees and a lot more.

Address : Telipara, Tajganj, Agra, Uttar Pradesh 282001

Zipcode : 282001

Location : 27.166122, 78.05271140000002

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.12. Omaxe SRK Mall

Zipcode : 0

Location : 27.210604, 77.99973729999999

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No



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8. Adventure sports, Local sports, stadiums

Though, predominantly a tourist destination with historical buildings and monuments, Agra has its own fair share of sports and sports facilities. The main sports activity of the city is golf. The lush green landscape is ideal for golf course and thousands of visitors come to the city to enjoy the game. The Agra Golf Club has a nine-hole golf course and is frequented by professionals, amateurs, and visitors on a tour. The Agra Sports Club also offers many modern games to the tourists as well as the local people like table tennis, lawn tennis, squash, billiards, snooker, swimming, etc. Some hotels offer facilities for outdoor activities for their guests like croquet lawns, jogging tracks, and so on.

- **Eklavya Stadium:**

Address : Saudagar Lines Rd, Near Shahzadi Mandi, Sadar Bazar, Agra Cantt, Idgah Colony, Agra, Uttar Pradesh 282001

Location : 27.160254899,78.009905099

Contact No : 0562 222 5648

9. Spas and relaxation

- **Empire Luxury Salon And Spa:**

Address : Hall No. 11, Second Floor, Shanti City Centre, Bhagirathi Devi Marg, Khandari, Agra, Uttar Pradesh 282002

Location : 27.20724,77.994719000

Contact No : 088812 20220

- **Makeover:**

Address : Near Syndicate Bank, New Agra Colony, Agra, Uttar Pradesh 282005

Location : 27.2110235,78.0068943

Contact No : 090127 00021

Website : <http://www.makeoveragra.com/>

- **Tattva Spa:**

Address : Four Points by Sheraton Agra, C-1 & C-2, Taj Nagari Phase 1, Four Points by Sheraton, Fatehabad Road, Agra, 282004

Location : 27.158373,78.05343700000003

Contact No : 099998 35852

Website : <http://tattvaspa.com/>

10. Events calendar

Month

Events

Pongai festival @ Agra

A festival that lasts four days with Agra residents celebrating more on the second day to give thanks for a good harvest.

Taj Mahotsav @ Shilpgram, near the Taj Mahal

A festival that exhibits cuisine, culture, craft, art, music and dance of Agra residents.

Holi (The Festival of Colours) @ Agra

It is a very colourful festival celebrated with bonfires and water antics to mark the beginning of spring.

Rath Ka Mela @ Rangaji temple in Vrindavan

At this festival, devotees of Lord Rangaji take out his chariot out of the temple to the nearby gardens.

Buddha Purnima @ Agra

This festival is celebrated by the Buddhists all over in Agra in

various temples to mark the birth and death of Buddha.

Ganga Dussehra

As Ganga is considered a holy river, River Ganges is worshipped as Goddess on the event of Ganga Dussehra. It is believed that on this day the Suryavanshi king brought the river on to the earth.

Guru Purnima @ Soami Bagh

A festival that Hindus celebrate the birthday of Krishna-dwaipayana Vyasa, the guru that wrote the Mahabharata.

Kailash Fair @ Kailash temple

This fair is held in honor of Lord Shiva who is believed to have appeared here in form of a stone lingam.

Ram Lila (Ramlila) @ Ramnagar

This is a festival that is held to celebrate the life of Lord Rama with lots of music and folk dances.

Ram Barat @ various places

A festival where the Hindus celebrate the marriage of Lord Rama with marriage procession

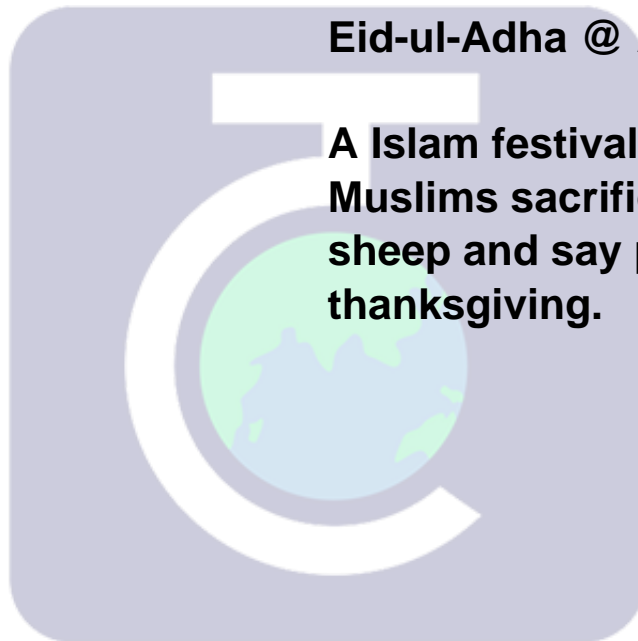
of Sri Ram with locals dressing like Lord Rama.

Bateshwar Fair @ Bateshwar

It is a very important fair to the Hindus where they worship and honor Lord Shiva, take holy dips at river Yamuna and sell and buy livestock.

Eid-ul-Adha @ Agra

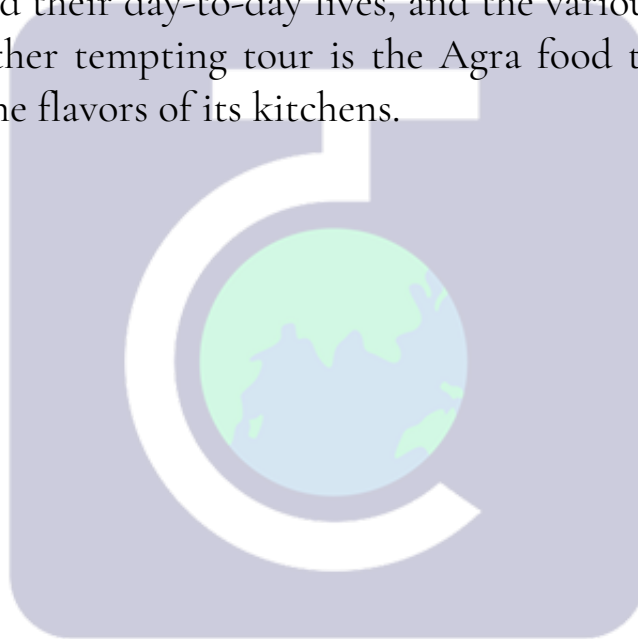
A Islam festival whereby the Muslims sacrifice goats and sheep and say prayers of thanksgiving.



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11. Key local guides and tours

Agra is a city of sights. There is no dearth of attractions in this historical city. Since the place is thronged by visitors all the time, government approved and private tour guides are plenty in the area. Taj Mahal, Agra Fort, Fatehpur Sikri tours are the obvious choices, followed by a tour to the nearby destinations. Agra discovery tours on battery powered rickshaws offer a closer peek into the city's culture, its people and their day-to-day lives, and the various monuments spread across the city. Another tempting tour is the Agra food tour. It combines the sights of Agra with the flavors of its kitchens.



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Visitors come to Agra mainly from Mumbai and Delhi by road. The city is served by the Agra Airport which is a military airbase as well as public airport. Flights arrive from Mumbai and Delhi. The airport lies 12.5 km away from the city center. Airport taxi services are available at the airport to reach the city. The rates start from 450 rupees and can go up to 1100 rupees depending on the type of car. The main railway station is the Agra Cantonment Railway Station . The city also has main bus depots – Idgah Bus Stand , Foundary Nagar Depot , and Inter State Bus Terminal (ISBT) .

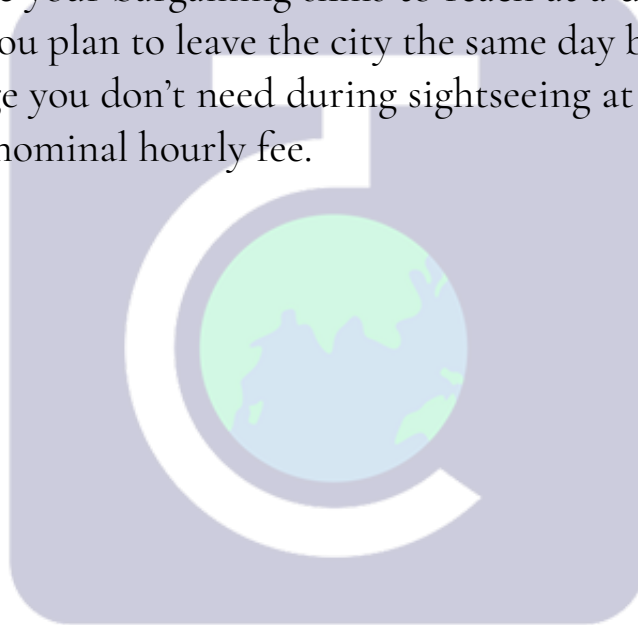


13. Transportation cost

It is fairly easy and convenient to get around visiting tourist spots in Agra city. If you wish to wheel around on your own, you can rent a bike or car at varying prices (make sure you possess a valid International Driver's License.) If you'd like to ply around the local mode of public transport, the city's Tongas, electric buses and electric tempos can be easily hired. You could also hop on a cycle-rickshaw. Piece of advice: to bargain in Agra is a must. You can negotiate the rates of public transport and if you're really good, the drivers will take you around the city for much lesser than what they had quoted originally. Getting around in Agra is easier and convenient if you hire taxis for a full day. The fare can be anywhere around 1200 rupees for an air conditioned taxi. Auto-rickshaws and cycle-rickshaws are available in plenty. Travelers should know the art of bargaining to get the best rates as the drivers are notorious for quoting hefty rates at the beginning. A one way ticket by a bus can cost around 10 rupees and a monthly pass shall charge 400 rupees. Try to get to at least 40% of the initial rates. Auto-rickshaw charges from the railway station to the Taj Mahal are usually 80 rupees, and cycle-rickshaws cost around 40 rupees to travel from the Taj Mahal to Agra Fort.

14. Baggage allowance

Taxi services usually do not charge extra for luggage. However, expect to pay some extra hundreds if you have heavy or more number of luggage pieces. The drivers also expect tips for carrying luggage. It is not possible to travel in auto-rickshaws and cycle-rickshaws with a lot of bags. When they see a foreigner with heavy luggage, the drivers immediately quote exorbitant rates as extra charges to carry the luggage. Use your bargaining skills to reach at a decent fare before you start the journey. If you plan to leave the city the same day by train, it is better to keep the extra luggage you don't need during sightseeing at the cloakroom of the railway station for a nominal hourly fee.



15. Restaurant & Nightlife

Most of the restaurants are located on Fatehabad Road.

Food -

Most of the restaurants are located on Fatehabad Road.

- **Dasaprakash Restaurant:**

Address : 1, Meher Cinema Complex, Gwalior Rd, Agra Cantt, Rakabganj, Nai basti, Rakabganj, Agra, Uttar Pradesh 282001

Location : 27.1607573,78.035983900

Contact No : 081713 90066

Website : <http://www.dasaprakashgroup.com/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 07:00hrs-23:30hrs

- **GMB Sweets & Food Plaza:**

Address : Crystal Tower, Fatehabad Rd, Bagichi, Tajganj, Agra, Uttar Pradesh 282001

Location : 27.1619924,78.037969299

Contact No : 0562 404 0031

Open / Close Time : Daily 10:00hrs-23:00hrs

- **Ram Babu Parathe Wale:**

Address : Mathura Rd, Sikandra, Agra, UP 282007

Location : 27.217859,77.943549500

Contact No : 0562 264 1536

Website : <http://www.rambabuparatha.com/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 09:00hrs-23:00hrs

- **Panchi Petha Store:**

Address : Main Market, Sadar Bazaar, saudagar Line, Inside Pawan Hotel, next to Lakshmi jewellers, Agra, Uttar Pradesh 282004

Location : 27.1593135,78.011640100

Contact No : +91 7055500774

Website : <http://www.panchhipetha.com/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 10:00hrs-22:30hrs

- **Pinch Of Spice:**

Address : 23/453, Mahatma Gandhi Rd, Wazirpura Road, Opp. Sanjay Cinema, Sanjay Palace, Agra, Uttar Pradesh 282002

Location : 27.1598204,78.042840999

Contact No : 0562 400 9004

Website : <http://www.pinchofspice.in/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 12:00hrs-16:00hrs; 19:00hrs-23:30hrs

- **Pind Balluchi:**

Address : 30/17, Dinesh Nagar, Opposite Saga Emporium, Fatehabad Road, Taj Ganj, Agra, Uttar Pradesh 282001

Location : 27.157743,78.046569999

Contact No : 0562 653 4777

Website : <http://www.pindballuchi.com/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 12:00hrs-00:00hrs

- **Jahanpanah:**

Address : E-23, Shopping Arcade, Sadar Bazar, Agra, Uttar Pradesh 282006

Location : 27.161773,78.011510700

Contact No : 099179 99170

Website : <http://www.jahanpanahrestaurants.com/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 12:30hrs-23:30hrs

- **Baaz Lounge:**

Address : Taj Nagari Crossing Phase 1, Near Police Chowki, Taj Nagri Rd, Tajganj, Agra, Uttar Pradesh 282001

Location : 27.158442999,78.053084300

Contact No : 075359 16666

Open / Close Time : Daily 10:30hrs-20:30hrs

- **Rush Lounge Bar Kitchen:**

Address : FF45, TDI Mall, Fatehabad Rd, Tajganj, Agra, Uttar Pradesh 282001

Location : 27.1588445,78.057636699

Contact No : 097588 88880

Open / Close Time : Daily 11:00hrs-21:00hrs

- **Terrace Grill:**

Address : Hotel Howard Plaza, Fatehabad Road, Agra, Uttar Pradesh 282001

Location : 27.162962,78.036853999

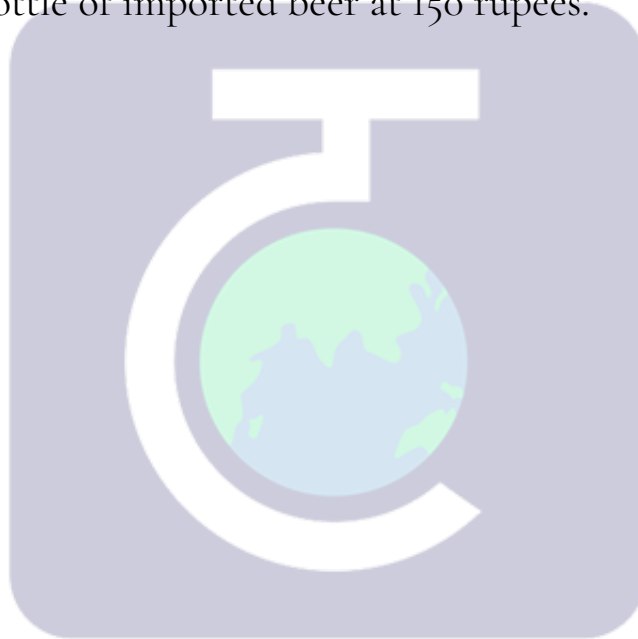
Contact No : 0562 404 8600

Open / Close Time : Daily 16:00hrs-00:00hrs



Index**16. Average meal cost**

At an inexpensive restaurant a normal meal costs 200 rupees and that of three-course meal for two people at a mid-range restaurant is available at 700 rupees. A combo meal at McDonald's is available at 200 rupees. You can have a fresh cappuccino at 100 rupees. A 11.2 oz small bottle of water is available at 13.67 rupees. 1-pint draught of domestic beer is available at 100 rupees and you can have a 11.2 oz small bottle of imported beer at 150 rupees.



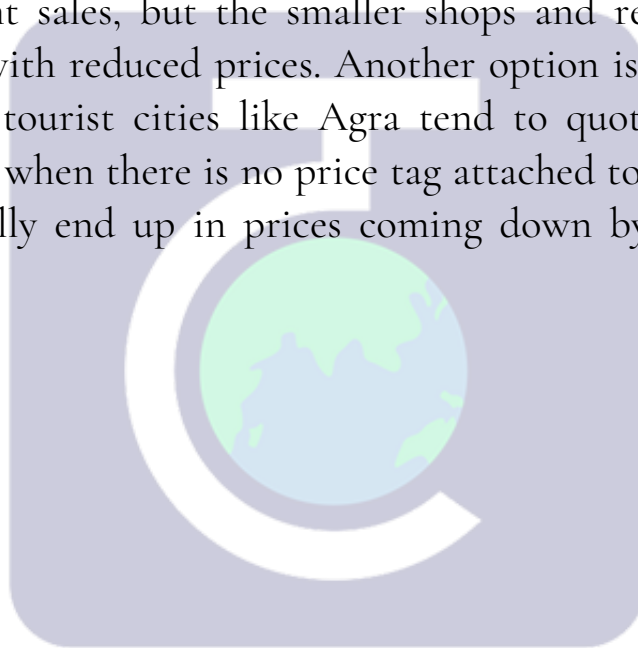
Index**17. Shopping**

Agra has much to offer to its tourists in terms of shopping. The city boasts of strong lineup of street stalls, markets and malls. For travelers who are attracted to malls, they can go to Ashok Cosmos Mall , Omaxe Wedding Mall and TDI Mall . If you love street side shopping, the alleys and by lanes of Agra are brimming with budget-friendly buys. Go to Sadar Bazaar to shop handicrafts, leather goods and much more from a variety of shops, Munro Road to enjoy various shopping markets together and Kinari Bazaar for the finest choice of jewelry and traditional items. For interesting handicrafts, and metal wares, Gangotri Emporium for stoneware and marblecraft, Shilpagram Crafts Village for unique artefacts are the best places!



18. Tourist benefits

India is yet to come up with tax refund schemes for international tourists for the purchases during their stay in the country. But, there are many other discount offers and deals available for the visitors in each state. These offers are mostly available during tourist or festival seasons when every shop and company has some deal or other to attract customers. Large shopping centers or malls may not have regular discount sales, but the smaller shops and regional markets have special sale seasons with reduced prices. Another option is to bargain for lower rates. Sellers in big tourist cities like Agra tend to quote high prices to the foreigners, especially when there is no price tag attached to the product. A good bargaining will usually end up in prices coming down by at least 40% of the original price.



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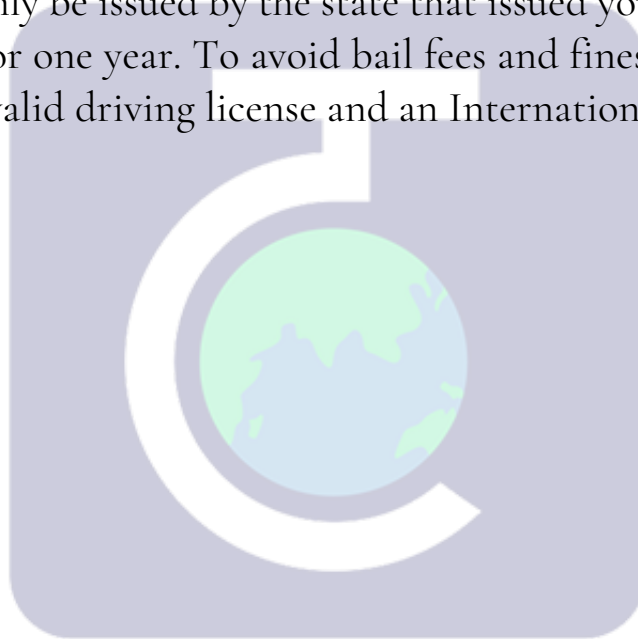
19. Essential local apps

Download the Tourist Attractions Agra in your mobile phone device. This app will list out all the tourist attractions that are a must-see in the city of Agra. The app has user-friendly interface and it lined with simple features. The app also provided updated information about city weather, best time to visit, etc. The app will also acquaint with the necessary details about the hotel and shopping locations which are worth going to. If you like to indulge in local street delights, the app will generate info about that too! Savaari App is a 24/7 taxi-hire app which lets tourists book and hire cabs.



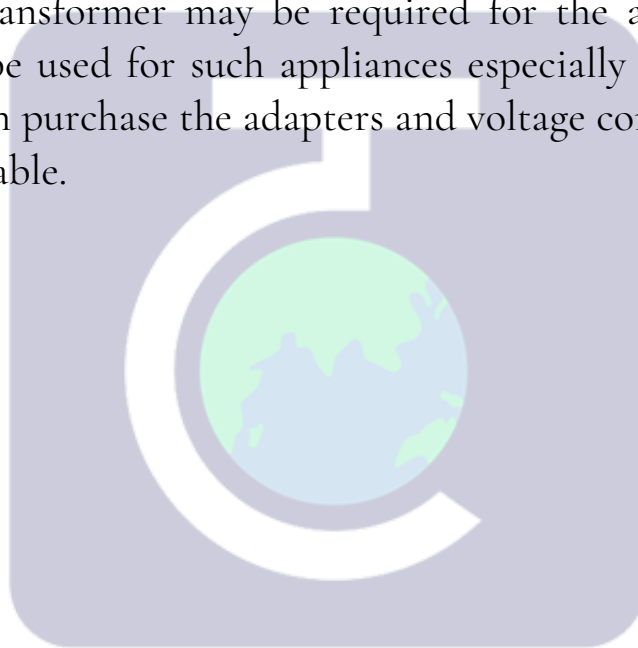
20. Driving

For visitors and tourists to legally drive in Agra, an international driving permit and a valid foreign driving license are required. To rent a car in this city, the minimum age required is 18 to 25 years. However, for those tourists below 25 years and above 65 years old, an extra fee is usually charged. You must also have a valid driving license and an international driving permit. This international driving permit can only be issued by the state that issued you your driving license and is usually valid for one year. To avoid bail fees and fines always remember to carry with you your valid driving license and an International Driving Permit.



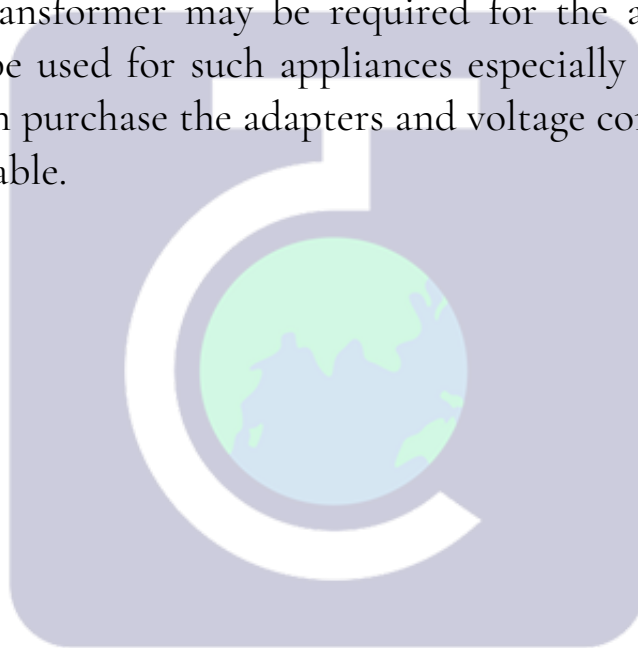
21. Travel essentials

Agra has a standard voltage of 220 volts with a frequency of 50 hertz. Many sockets found in this city are the two pin plugs and so an adapter is recommended to fit the different types of plugs you might find in the city. Most of the electrical gadgets from UK will work well in this city as the standard voltage in UK is the same with that of the city. However places with very low voltage, a fuse or transformer may be required for the appliances. A voltage converter may also be used for such appliances especially the ones with no in-built voltage. You can purchase the adapters and voltage converters in the city as they are readily available.



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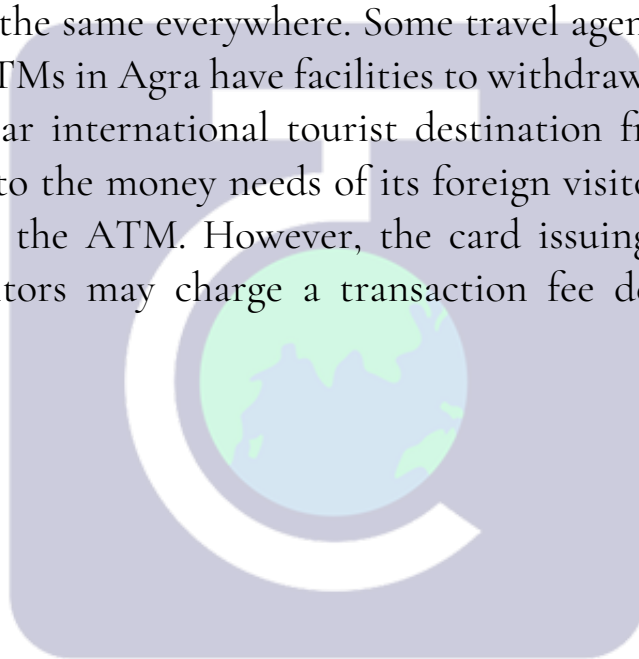
23. Local currency

The local currency of the city of Agra is Indian Rupee. It is denoted as INR. 1 USD = INR 66.91.



24. Change vendor's commission, ATM charges

There are many currency exchange agencies in Agra where the travelers can change their foreign currencies into Indian rupees. Banks also provide exchange services for a commission of 1% of the amount. Exchange agencies may have a slightly higher commission. Tourists arriving from Delhi or Mumbai can exchange their currencies at the numerous exchange agencies in these cities also. The rates are almost the same everywhere. Some travel agencies also provide this service. Almost all ATMs in Agra have facilities to withdraw money using foreign cards. Being a popular international tourist destination frequented by foreign visitors, Agra caters to the money needs of its foreign visitors. There are usually no charges for using the ATM. However, the card issuing banks in the home countries of the visitors may charge a transaction fee depending upon their policies.



25. Staying connected

Mobile SIM cards are easy to get in mobile and telecom stores in Agra. Travelers can get them more easily at the city's airport – if they're coming into the city via air. Display of ID-proof documents is deemed as a must for verification purposes. SIM cards of all the major telecom providers are available in Agra. The cost of a SIM card is between INR 50 and INR 200. For Internet connection on your device, you will have to purchase a data pack separately. Most public places in Agra are wired with Wi-Fi connectivity.



26. Time Zone

Agra follows Indian Standard Time Zone with UTC + 05:30 hours.



27. Languages

Urdu and Hindi are the most widely spoken languages here.



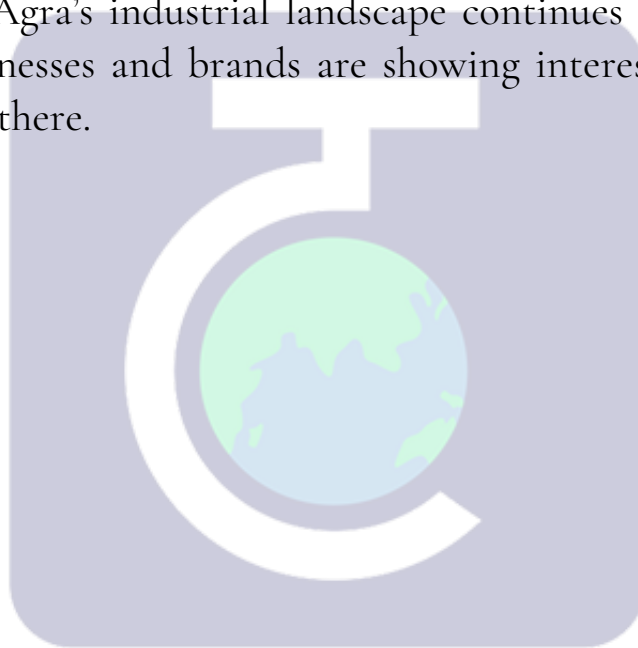
28. Political Scenario

The district of Agra is one of the most crucial political domains of Uttar Pradesh. It is a Lok Sabha constituency. At present the reins of Agra are in the hands of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) which is the ruling party at the Centre and in the constituency.



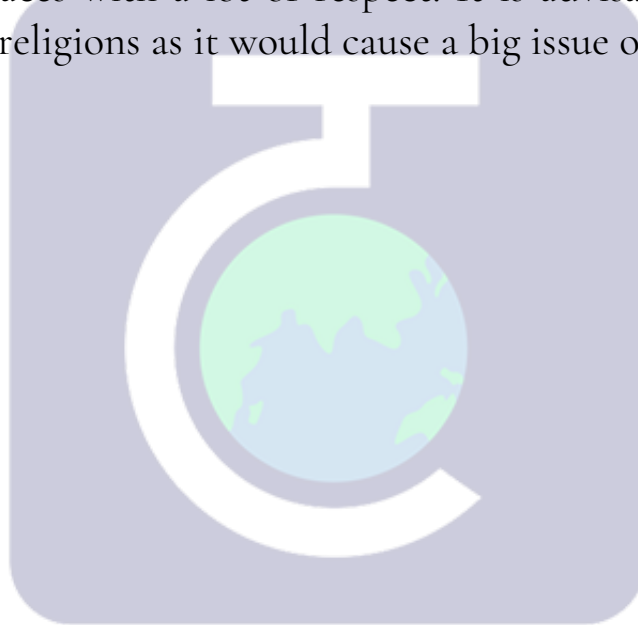
29. Economic Scenario

The presence of the world-famous Taj Mahal monument is obviously the city's largest tourist draw. Apart from that, a host of other key historic venues and structures lend value to the city's tourism industry, which obviously earns maximum revenue. Other industries which play a supporting role in Agra's flourishing economy are: agriculture, handicrafts, real estate, leather, footwear, and iron foundries. Agra's industrial landscape continues to get a big boost as more and more businesses and brands are showing interest in setting up their manufacturing units there.



30. Religious belief

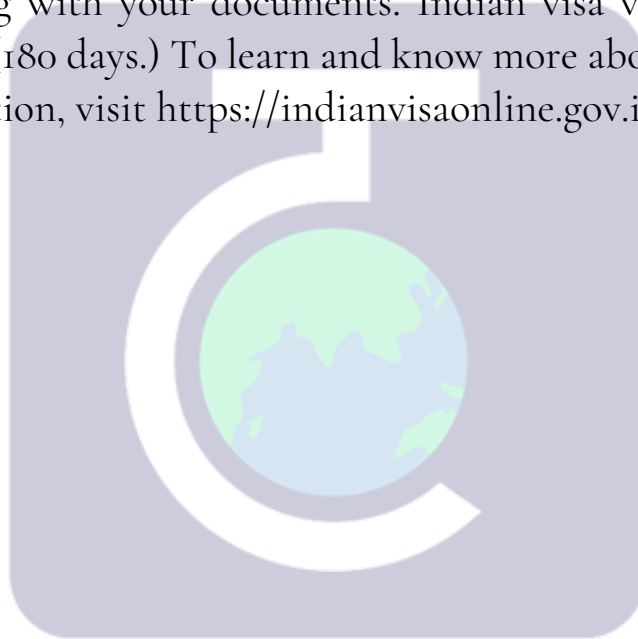
The major religion in Agra is Hinduism with 80% followed by Islam with 15%, Jainism has 1% Sikhism (0.62%), Buddhism (0.61%), Christianity (0.42%) and other smaller religions. Although many residents in this city are religious, 1.6% do not identify with a specific religion. Many festivals in this city revolve around the various religions. So religion in this city is very important to the people and they treat the religious places with a lot of respect. It is advisable not to make bad comments about the religions as it would cause a big issue or even worse, fights.



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31. Visa requirements

To go to Agra, travelers need to have a passport which has a validity of at least six months. For visa application purposes, travelers need to submit their Visa Application Form along with other relevant required documentation. The visa application needs to be put in at the Indian Visa Application Center (IVAC). The authorities will follow-up and allocate an interview date for which applicants need to appear along with your documents. Indian visa validity for foreigners lasts up to 6 months (180 days.) To learn and know more about the guidelines and rules for visa application, visit <https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/visa/index.html>



32. Essential vaccination

When travelling to Agra, the following vaccines will be required: polio, measles, mumps, rubella, tetanus and diphtheria. Due to the high risk of some diseases in this city, the following vaccines are also recommended hepatitis A, typhoid, hepatitis B, cholera and Japanese encephalitis.



Index**33. Theft and Safety**

Agra is neither so safe nor so unsafe. The chances of being robbed and mugged are quite high. Tourist has nothing to worry about the physical attacks because of their skin color or ethnic religion or that of origin. Violent crime such as assault or armed robbery is been recorded in the past years. Foreign visitors have been easy targets of cheats and touts masquerading as guides. Property crime such as vandalism and theft is quite high in the city.



34. Embassy/Consulate

There are no foreign embassies and consulates in the city of Agra. However, you can have more information of the same in the nearby cities at <http://embassy.goabroad.com/embassies-in/india>.



35. Accessibility

Agra city tries to take care of the needs of the disabled though not fully. For the wheelchair bound persons, it would be advisable to get the motorized type of wheelchairs when travelling to this city. Some hotels are wheelchair accessible and have automatic doors, automatics lightning, ramps and elevators that help the disabled. It is advisable however to call these hotels before travelling and make early bookings.



36. Emergencies

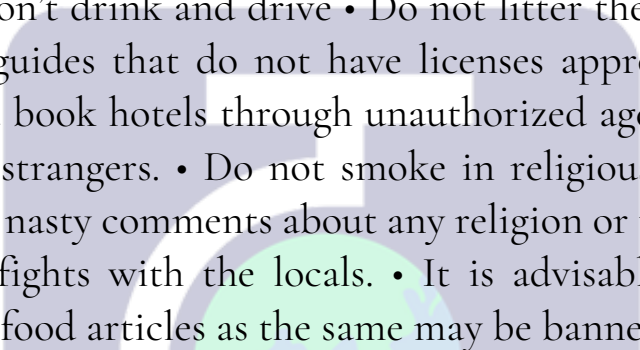
In case of a fire while in Agra, call 101, for ambulance services call 102 and for police services call 100. Amit Jaggi Memorial Hospital is a great hospital in this city that offers emergency services. It has great modern facilities and accepts travel medical insurance. There are also other many great hospitals in the city.



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37. Do's and Don'ts

Do's - • Wear conservative clothing when visiting religious places. • Take travel insurance for loss, theft and medical emergencies. • It is advisable to carry a certified doctor's prescription along with the medicines to ensure hassle free import clearance. • Exchange money at official counters and ask for certificate of the same. • Show some respect to the culture and traditions of the residents of this city. Don'ts - • Don't drink and drive • Do not litter the city, keep it clean. • Do not hire tourist guides that do not have licenses approved by the tourism department. • Do not book hotels through unauthorized agents. • Do not accept or ask for lifts from strangers. • Do not smoke in religious places or in public places. • Do not make nasty comments about any religion or traditions of this city or risk getting into fights with the locals. • It is advisable that do not carry unsealed/ unbranded food articles as the same may be banned for import.



Index**38.Tipping basics**

Tipping in Agra is quite uncommon and it is not expected in most places. Most hotels and restaurants in this city include a service charge in the bills which means you don't have to tip. For the few that do not include the service charge, a 10% of the total bill tip is acceptable. It is not mandatory to tip but it is good mannerism to tip the service providers as most earn very little wages.



39.Pet info

Agra is pet friendly and the tourist can easily travel with their pets in the city. The travelling with your pets in public transport is also allowed. You just need to have all those necessary documents that are related with your pet and it is mandatory that all the required vaccination of your pet has been taken. The Rabies Vaccination and Certificate must be supported with Vet Health Certificate. Several pet friendly hotels are easily available in the city that can provide all the facilities needed by your pet. For importing your pets to the city of Agra, you need to make sure that they are chipped as chipping is the only way for identification.



Conclusion – Why to select this destination

Why choose Agra ? The presence of Taj Mahal, the symbol of eternal love, is the primary reason why people visit Agra. You have to see it in person to realize its magnificence and architectural mastery. It is not just a tomb in white marble. The structure reflects the passion, dedication, hard work, and artistry of thousands of craftsmen who had worked day and night for years to erect the most wonderful ode to love. Agra Fort is another architectural marvel you cannot miss in Agra. Also a World Heritage Site, this fort provides an insight into how the royalty had lived and ruled in the Mughal Empire. Equally magnificent is Fatehpur Sikri that has many historical buildings from the Mughal era. The city also has several tombs of the prominent Mughal Emperors and Empresses. All these buildings have stood the test of time and show to the world how the masters of the past eras were inimitable champions in their craft. The city has many Mughal style gardens, mostly inside forts. Some old temples are also present, proclaiming the cultural diversity of the land even from the past. The food in Agra is a delectable mix of the cuisine of Uttar Pradesh and traditional Mughlai culinary art. For chaat lovers, Agra is the place to visit. The city is dotted with endless chaat stalls which are crowded all the time. Another popular snack is Dal Moth, a lentil mix drenched in spices. But, it is the Agra Petha that remains the signature food of the city. This sweet is so popular that tourists often buy them as souvenirs.

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