



One-Day Itinerary: Delhi → Agra → Fatehpur Sikri → Mathura–Vrindavan → Delhi

05:00 AM – Depart Delhi

- Leave early (around 5 am) by car via **Yamuna Expressway** (fastest route, ~3.5 hrs to Agra).
 - Carry some breakfast or stop at a highway food court.
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08:30 AM – Taj Mahal (Agra)

- Visit the **Taj Mahal** at its most beautiful in the morning light.
 - Spend ~1.5 hours here.
 - Entry Fee: ₹50 (Indians), ₹1,100 (foreigners).
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10:30 AM – Agra Fort

- Drive (15 min) to **Agra Fort**, a UNESCO site and Mughal stronghold.
 - Explore its palaces, mosques, and views of the Taj.
 - Spend ~1 hr here.
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12:00 PM – Early Lunch in Agra

- Options: **Pinch of Spice, ITC Mughal, or local Mughlai dhabas.**
 - Try Mughlai dishes like kebabs, biryani, or petha sweets.
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01:00 PM – Depart for Fatehpur Sikri

- Drive ~1 hr (40 km) to **Fatehpur Sikri**, Akbar's abandoned capital.
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02:00 PM – Fatehpur Sikri

- Explore **Buland Darwaza, Jama Masjid, Panch Mahal, and Diwan-i-Khas.**
 - Allow ~1.5 hrs here.
 - (Note: battery rickshaws take you from parking to the main complex).
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04:00 PM – Depart for Mathura

- Drive ~2 hrs (115 km) from Fatehpur Sikri to Mathura.
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06:00 PM – Mathura & Vrindavan

- Quick darshan at **Shri Krishna Janmabhoomi Temple (Mathura).**
 - Head to **Vrindavan ISKCON Temple / Banke Bihari Temple** for evening aarti (~7 pm).
 - Soak in the spiritual atmosphere.
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08:00 PM – Dinner Stop

- Light vegetarian dinner at a local restaurant in Mathura/Vrindavan (many offer thalis).

 **08:30–09:00 PM – Depart for Delhi**

- Return journey via Yamuna Expressway (~3 hrs).

 **12:00 Midnight – Arrive in Delhi**

- Long but fulfilling day covering Mughal grandeur and Krishna's land.

 **Tips for tourists:**

- Best to hire a **private cab for the day**
- Carry water, sunscreen, and light snacks.
- Wear comfortable shoes (lots of walking).
- Taj Mahal closed on **Fridays**.

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