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Agra is a popular city located in North Indian state of Uttar Pradesh at the banks of holy Yamuna River. The city has great influence in Indian history and also served as capital of Mughals over long time from 1526 to 1658. It is also home of several popular Mughal period historical buildings that make it immense popular among visitors. The wonderful Taj Mahal, Agra Fort and Fatehpur Sikri are the three UNESCO World Heritage sites of the state receive vacationers from several countries all over the world. Besides these, there are numbers of interesting places also located in its vicinity that lure artistic travelers. Five most important tourist sites of the city are following.

Taj Mahal

For more than three and half centuries the masterpiece of Taj Mahal is standing as the epitome of true love. It is the most popular heritage monument of the country visited by myriad of travelers throughout the year. Made up of rich white colored marbles and precious gems the building is boasted by the exceptional architectural beauty that captivated visitors. If you want to enjoy the best sites of Taj Mahal you must visit it at the time of sunrise, sunset or in full moon light.

Agra Fort

It is a popular historical fort of the city located close to Taj Mahal. The fort was also built by Shan Jahan who built the Taj. Shan Jahan was also imprisoned in this fort at the end of their life by his son Aurangzeb. From its large windows the fort also offers wonderful views of Taj Mahal. The fort incorporates several interesting structures. Anguri Bagh, Diwan-i-Am, Diwan-i-Khas, Golden Pavilions, Jahangiri Mahal and Moti Masjid are the most impressive part of this complex.

Fatehpur Sikri

It is a town in vicinity of Agra constructed by the great Mughal emperor Akbar. Architecture of the town is based on combination of Indian, Persian and Islamic designs. Tourist will find several important historical structures in Fatehpur Sikri. Buland Darwaza (the largest gateway in the world), Jama Masjid, Tomb of Salim Chisti, House of Worship, Birbal House and Panch Mahal are the major attractions of this town.

Itmad-ud-Daulah Tomb

It is one of the most beautiful Mughal mausoleum set inside the beautiful garden at the left bank of Yamuna River. It is wonderfully carved by rich white marble with mosaic and lattice. The tomb was built about two decades before Taj Mahal and also famed as the Baby Taj. The monument is also regarded as the inspiration for the construction the most popular heritage monument of India, the Taj Mahal.

Tomb of Akbar the Great

It is the Tomb of great Mughal emperor Akbar built in starting of seventeenth century. The tomb is a wonderful example of combination of different arts and cultures. The construction of this tomb was started by Mughal emperor Akbar itself but complete by his son Jahangir after his death. It is made up of deep red colored sandstone with combination of white marble.

These are the five most interesting places to visit on tour to Agra. The city of Agra is also a major

destination of popular golden triangle of the country. Tourists can visit the city on golden triangle India tours with Delhi and Jaipur. One can take help of tour and travel service providers to plan their trip. Several reputed India Tour Operators are working in the city and offering well planned packages for Agra and surrounding tourist destinations. You can select a right package according to your vacations and budgets and explore some wonderful heritage sites.

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