

HOW TO REACH AGRA

Uttar Pradesh, India | Best time: October to March

Agra is easily reached from Delhi by the Yamuna Expressway and by fast trains such as the Gatimaan and Shatabdi expresses. Agra Cantt is the principal station, while most air travellers use Delhi airport and continue by road. The compact Golden Triangle route makes Agra straightforward to combine with Delhi and Jaipur.

BY AIR

Agra Airport (Kheria) | 12 km from the Taj Mahal area | 25-40 minutes

Transfers: Prepaid taxi or hotel transfer. Taxi: Rs 500-Rs 900.

BY TRAIN

Agra Cantt Railway Station | 5 km from the Taj Mahal area | 15-25 minutes

Transfers: Prepaid taxi, auto-rickshaw or hotel pickup

ROAD ROUTES

Delhi: 230 km, 3.5-4 hours. Frequent buses and private cabs. Route: Yamuna Expressway

Jaipur: 240 km, 4-5 hours. Frequent buses. Route: NH21 via Bharatpur

Lucknow: 335 km, 4-5 hours. Frequent expressway buses. Route: Agra-Lucknow Expressway

Gwalior: 120 km, 2.5-3 hours. Regular state buses. Route: NH44

TRAVEL TIPS

1. Take an early train from Delhi to reach the Taj Mahal before crowds.
2. The Taj Mahal is closed to visitors on Fridays.
3. Use the expressway only after checking fog conditions in winter.
4. Pre-book a station pickup during holidays and weekends.
5. Carry water and sun protection from March through June.

BEST OPTION

The Gatimaan Express or a private car from Delhi is the best overall option, reaching Agra in roughly two to four hours.